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## A SURVEY OF AN ENHANCED ALGORITHM TO DISCOVER THE FREQUENT ITEMSET FOR ASSOCIATION RULE MINING IN E-COMMERCE

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### ABSTRACT

Web mining is the use of information mining strategies to retrieve information from Web content, structure, and usage mining. In a web based business website, e-commerce, e-marketing must assistance buyers in their buy. This requires exact information on the client's preference. This comparison is acquired when the client is visiting an e-shop on the grounds that (s)he leaves an advanced impression that can be utilized to get his/her needs, wants and requests just as to improve web presence. These information can be utilized for information mining to comprehend the e-showcasing and selling measures in a superior manner. This paper presents an examination of Association rule mining calculations (i.e) apriori and FP Growth development dependent on the correlation of the calculation to discover the successive of clients engaged with e-shopping. In the ends, a few thoughts for good e-shopping Practices identified with the purchasing conduct examination of clients are appeared.

*Keywords: E-Commerce, Web Mining, E-shopping, Data Mining*

### I. INTRODUCTION

The capability of removing important information from the Web has been very obvious. Web mining is the use of information mining strategies to remove information from Web substance, structure, and use; It is the assortment of advances to satisfy this potential. In a web based business website, e-showcasing must assistance buyers in their buy. This requires exact information on the client's inclinations. This examination is acquired when the client is visiting an e-shop on the grounds that (s)he leaves an advanced impression that can be utilized to get his/her needs, wants and requests just as to improve web presence. These information can be utilized for information mining to comprehend the e-showcasing and selling measures in a superior manner. This paper gives an examination of Association rule mining calculations (i.e) apriori and FP development dependent on the correlation of the calculation the FP development calculation is utilized to discover the successive of clients engaged with e-shopping. In the ends, a few thoughts for good e-shopping Practices identified with the purchasing conduct examination of clients are appeared. E-shopping application makes huge amount of operational and behavioral data. Applying association rule mining in e-shopping application can uncover the hidden information from these data.

### II. WEB MINING

Web mining is valuable to separate the intriguing, helpful examples and concealed data from the Web archives and Web conduct. Web mining just alludes to the disclosure of data from Web information that incorporate Web pages, media objects on the Web, Web joins, Web log information, and other information produced by the utilization of Web data. Web information mining is characterized into three classes: web content mining, web structure mining, and web use mining[12].

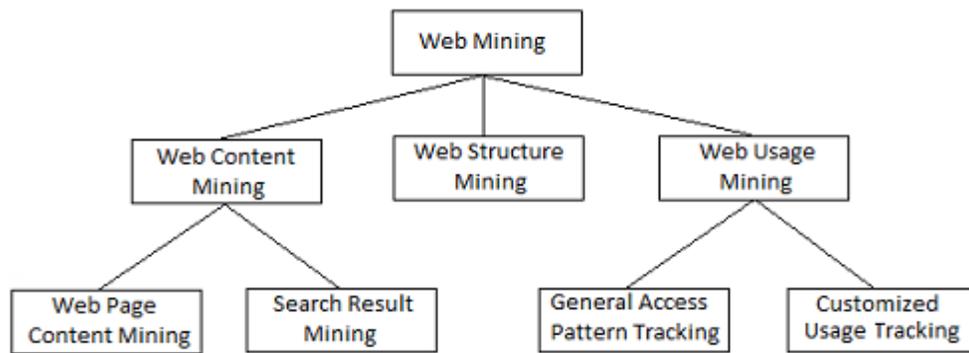


Figure 1: Classification of web mining[14]

### A.WEB CONTENT MINING:

Web content mining is the progression of discovering useful information from the content of web pages that can consist of text, image, audio or video data in the web; Content data is the group of details that a web page is designed. It can give effective and interesting patterns about user needs[10].

### B.WEB STRUCTURE MINING

Web structure mining is the application of discovering structure information from the web. The formation of the web graph consists of web pages as nodes, and hyperlinks as edges linking related pages. The structured abstract of a particular website. It identifies relationship between web pages related by information or direct link connection. To determine the connection between two business websites, Web structure mining can be extremely useful [10].

### C.WEB USAGE MINING

Web usage mining is the application of identify or discovering interesting usage patterns from huge data sets. And these patterns enable you to recognize the user behaviors or something like that. In web usage mining, user access data on the web and gather data in form of logs. So, Web usage mining is also call log mining [10]. The stage of Web Usage mining are shown in Fig 21.

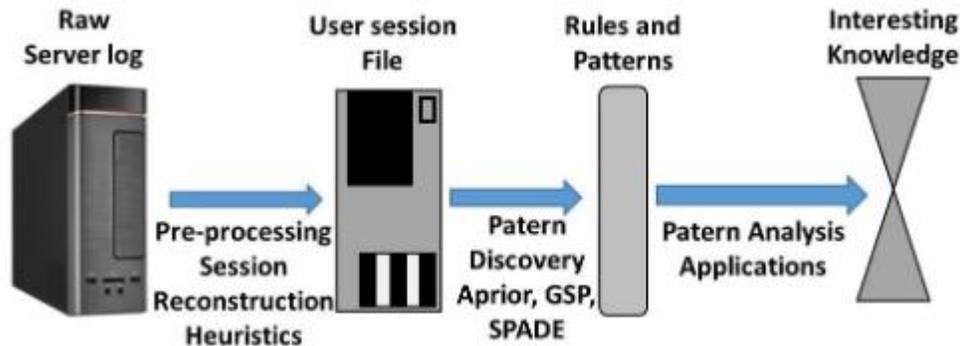


Figure 2: Phases of Web Usage Mining

### Applications of Web Mining:

1. Web mining helps to progress the power of web seek engine by classifying the web documents and identify the web pages.
2. Web mining is used to forecast user behavior.
3. Web mining is mainly useful of a particular Website and e-service.

### III. MATERIALS AND METHODS

There is direct communication between product vendors and their services as well as their clients. Bamshad Mobasher[15] explained about the various sources of web usage data collection and the methods to personalized these usage. They go with matching of the element in the each clustering and the frequent itemset in the recent as well as current active online session. He check the URL of the user, whether he go through that particular URL or not. Similarly they find out the history with some threshold which the user visited or not. They also find the length of the visited webpage path and find out the frequent usage of the user

S. Ranjith and Yang Zhenning[16] explained about the world every data generated by millions of source. It helps to enhance the customer needs and demands and also it improves the overall business and profits. Eg. Market basket analysis. Market basket analysis process of balanced data mining algorithm it gives analysis of customer buying patterns based on this it enhance the sales they are using association rule mining and frequent item set mining

Poonam Punia, Surender Jangra[17] in this paper taking some constraint to analyses data mining method: time taken to frequent no of item produce, data size minimum support, in this paper they are using Apriori, FP growth, ECLAT and ReLim Algorithm three variation data sets of dissimilar size different no's data transactions and they proved it will allow no of frequent item set with correspond to specific minimum support of the given data sets at the time of execution the algorithms in important for different data set. Algorithms in variable for different data set. The performance of these algorithms depends a lot on datasets

Dr. M. Mayilvaganan, D. Kalpanadevi [18] In this research, focuses on inference of association rules among the quantitative attributes and categorical attribute of a database employ fuzzy logic and Frequent Pattern Tree growth algorithm. In the first step, apply fuzzy partition methods and use triangular membership process of quantitative value for each iteration item. In second step, execute Frequent Pattern Tree growth for deal with the process of data mining to examine the frequent pattern item. In third stage, an experiment results shows Fuzzy FP- Tree growth algorithm is more efficient than existing methods of Apriori and FP Tree growth algorithm.

Jeff Heaton [19] In association rule mining, Apriori, Eclat, and FP-Growth are among the most common algorithms for finding frequent itemset. The research has been performed to compare the relative performance between these three algorithms, by evaluating the scalability of each algorithm as the dataset size increases. This paper explores the effects that two dataset characteristics can have on the performance of these three frequent itemset algorithms. To perform this empirical analysis, a dataset generator is created to measure the effects of frequent item density and the maximum transaction size on performance. The generated datasets contain the same number of rows.

Kuldeep Malik, Neeraj Raheja and Puneet Garg [20] A new association rule mining algorithm called Enhanced FP was presented. As the main disadvantage of FP-Growth is that it is very difficult to implement because of its complex data structure. In this FP-tree takes a lot of time to build and also needs more memory for storing the transactions. To overcome these disadvantages, I introduce Enhanced-FP, which does its work without any prefix tree and any other complex data structure. By comparing these frequent itemset mining algorithms apriori, fp-growth and Enhanced-FP, the strength of Enhanced-FP is analyzed. As the Experimental results show, Enhanced-FP clearly outperforms apriori and FP-Growth. It is faster than apriori and FP-Growth and is not expensive like FP-tree. Its Transactional database is memory resident

Deo WICAKSONO [21] Association Rules is a data mining method to find the relation between items called rules. Finding rules in the association method can be divided into two phases. The first phase is finding the frequent pattern which satisfies specified minimum frequent, and the second phase is finding strict rules from the frequent pattern which satisfy the minimum support and confidence. The main problem of Association Rules is based on the algorithm used, and this method takes a large amount of memory and time-consuming. This study aims to add preprocessing using the aggregate function on the Apriori Algorithm and therefore improve the memory and time consumption for finding a large number of rules.

#### IV. PROPOSED SYSTEM

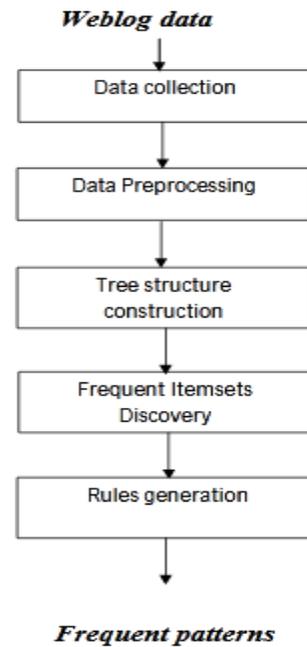
E-commerce generates huge amount of transactional data. Knowledge on the firm, its business process, customers, and surroundings details are hidden in these transactional data. Data mining may expose trends and determine patterns from these data that may lead to the high success rate of e-commerce business. with the Data mining techniques for pattern discovery, Association rule mining is the typically preferred technique because of its simplicity, intuitiveness.

To collect, preprocess and mine these communication, a structured approach is needed. That move toward must be suitable for online data in real time system. That is the motivation behind this research work. Many approaches planned earlier suggest integrated architectures that can bolt on to e-commerce web site. Also focus on the data mining part, the existing and traditional Association rule mining algorithms like Apriori undergo from severe drawbacks like extensive I/O scans for the database, high cost of computations essential for generating frequent item sets[4]. These drawbacks build these algorithms impractical in case of extremely huge databases. Other tree based algorithms like FP growth depend deeply on the memory size[9].

The new algorithm created doesn't need numerous information base outputs so it is well suitable for on the web and constant applications. Web based business is the best stage to apply this calculation for disclosure the regular crossing examples of the client.

Association rule mining is the data mining technique used in this implement work. First part of Association rule mining is discovery frequent item sets. If an item set satisfies user specified minimum support then it is called a frequent or huge item set[4]. A new and resourceful algorithm is devised to find the frequent item sets. The newly developed algorithm converts the incoming data into a memory efficient solid tree structure. This data structure is mined to discover the frequent item sets. These frequent item sets are used to create association rules resulting in frequent patterns[5][9]. The entire process is executed in a ordered manner. This ordered model consists of three interrelated modules.

Affiliation rule mining is the information mining method utilized in this execute work. Initial segment of Association rule mining is disclosure successive thing sets. In the event that a thing set fulfills client indicated least help, at that point it is known as a successive or enormous thing set[4]. Another and ingenious calculation is concocted to locate the regular thing sets. The recently evolved calculation changes over the approaching information into a memory effective strong tree structure. This information structure is mined to find the regular thing sets. These incessant thing sets are utilized to make affiliation rules bringing about successive patterns[5][9]. The whole cycle is executed in an arranged way. This arranged model comprises of three interrelated modules.



**Figure 3: Workflow Graph**

## V. COMPARISON OF ASSOCIATION RULE MINING ALGORITHM

### A. Apriori algorithm

Apriori is an algorithm that mines successive thing sets for producing Boolean affiliation rules. It utilizes an iterative level-wise inquiry strategy to discover  $(k+1)$ -thing sets from  $k$ -thing sets. An example of conditional information that comprises of item things being bought at extraordinary exchanges, the information base is filtered to recognize all the incessant 1-itemsets by tallying every one of them and catching those that fulfill the base help limit. The acknowledgment of each continuous thing set expects of checking the whole information base until not any more regular  $k$ -thing sets is conceivable to be recognized the base help edge utilized is 2. Therefore, just the records that satisfy a base help tally of 2 will be incorporated into the following pattern of calculation processing [5][9].

#### Apriori Algorithm

##### General Process

Association rule generation is usually split up into two separate steps:

1. To start with, least help is applied to locate all successive thing sets in an information base.
2. These regular thing sets and the base certainty requirement are utilized to frame rules.

#### Apriori Algorithm Pseudo code

**Step.1**  $L_1 = \text{find frequent 1-itemsets}(D)$ ;

**Step.2** for  $k = 2; L_{k-1} \neq \emptyset; k++$

$C_k = \text{apriori gen}(L_{k-1})$ ;

for each transaction  $t \in D$  // scan D for counts

$C_t = \text{subset}(C_k, t)$ ; // get the subsets of t that are candidates for each candidate

$c \in C_t; c.\text{count}++$ ;

$L_k = \{c \in C_k | c.\text{count} \geq \text{min\_sup}\}$  return  $L = \cup_k L_k$ ;

#### procedure Apriori gen( $L_{k-1}$ :frequent (k -1)-itemsets)

**Step.1** for each itemset  $l_1 \in L_{k-1}$

for each itemset  $l_2 \in L_{k-1}$

if  $(l_1[1] = l_2[1] \wedge l_1[2] = l_2[2]) \wedge \dots \wedge (l_1[k-2] = l_2[k-2]) \wedge (l_1[k-1] < l_2[k-1])$

then  $c = l_1 \otimes l_2$ ;

//generate candidate set joint step

**Step 2.** if has infrequent subset( $c, L_{k-1}$ ) then

delete  $c$ ; // prune step: remove unfruitful candidate

**Step 3.** else add  $c$  to  $C_k$ ;

**Step 4.** return  $C_k$ ;

**procedure has infrequent subset( $c$ : candidate k-itemset;  $L_{k-1}$ : frequent (k -1)- itemsets); use prior knowledge**

**Step 1.** for each (k -1)-subset  $s$  of  $c$

if  $s \notin L_{k-1}$  then

**Step 2.** return TRUE;

**Step 3.** else return FALSE;

TID	List of Items_ IDs
T100	I1, I2, I5
T200	I2 , I4
T300	I2, I3
T400	I1, I2, I4
T500	I1, I3,
T600	I2, I3
T700	I1, I3
T800	I1, I2,I3,I5
T900	I1, I2,I3,

Table 1: Sample of transactional data[13].

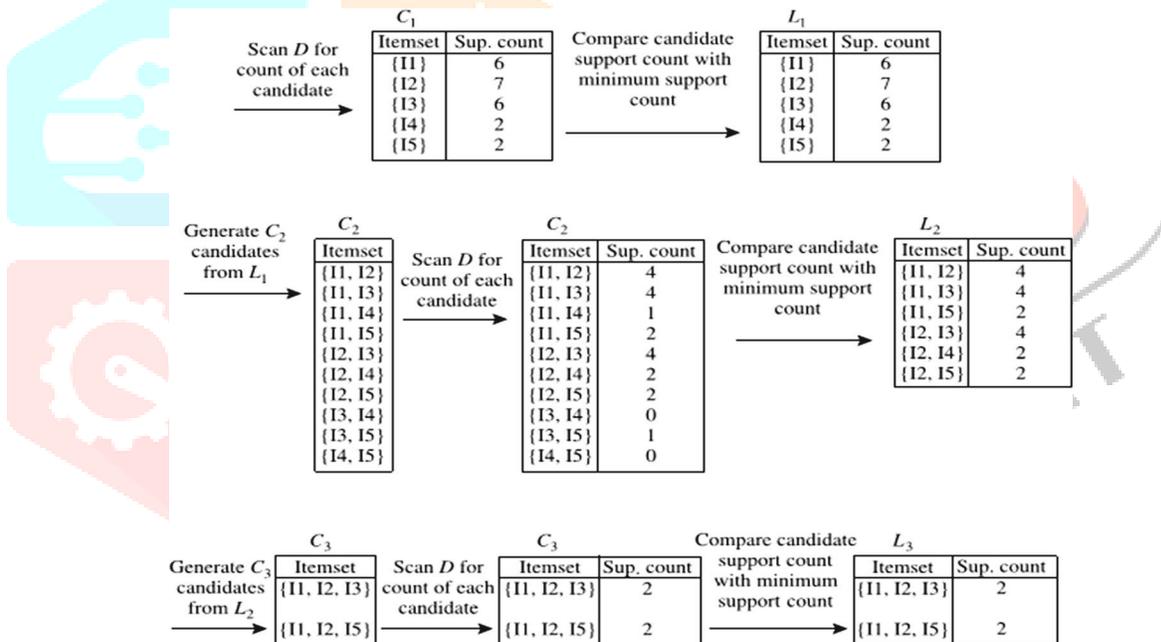


Figure 4: Generation of candidate item sets and frequent item sets[13]

Most of the time, the Apriori calculation decreases the size of applicant thing sets fundamentally and gives a decent exhibition gain. Notwithstanding, it is as yet experiencing two basic impediments (Han et al.2012). Initial, countless applicant thing sets may in any case should be created if the absolute check of a regular  $k$ -thing sets increments. At that point, the whole information base is needed to be examined consistently and an immense arrangement of applicant things are needed to be checked utilizing the method of example matching[5][9].

**B.FP-Growth algorithm**

Frequent Pattern Growth (FP-Growth) (Han et al.2000) is a calculation that mines successive thing sets without a costly up-and-comer age measure. It executes a separation and-overcome procedure to pack the regular things into a Frequent Pattern Tree (FP-Tree) that hold the affiliation data of the continuous things. The FP-Tree is additionally isolated into a lot of Conditional FP-Trees for each successive thing with the goal that they can be mined independently. A case of the FP-Tree that speak to The FP-Growth calculation fathoms the difficulty of recognizing long continuous examples via looking through littler Conditional FP-Trees consistently. A case of the Conditional FP-Tree related with hub I3, and the subtleties of the apparent multitude of Conditional FP-Trees found. The Conditional Pattern Base is a "sub-information base" which comprises of each prefix way in the FP-Tree that co-happens with each incessant length-1item. It is utilized to build the Conditional FP-Tree and produce all the incessant examples [5][9].

**Algorithm : FP-Growth**

*Input:* A database DB, represented by FP-tree constructed according to Algorithm 1, and a minimum support threshold ?.

*Output:* The complete set of frequent patterns.

*Method:* call FP-growth(FP-tree, null).

Procedure FP-growth(Tree, a) {

(01) if Tree contains a single prefix path then { // Mining single prefix-path FP-tree

(02) let P be the single prefix-path part of Tree;

(03) let Q be the multipath part with the top branching node replaced by a null root;

(04) for each combination (denoted as  $\beta$ ) of the nodes in the path P do

(05) generate pattern  $\beta \cup a$  with support = minimum support of nodes in  $\beta$ ;

(06) let freq pattern set(P) be the set of patterns so generated;

}

(07) else let Q be Tree;

(08) for each item  $a_i$  in Q do { // Mining multipath FP-tree

(09) generate pattern  $\beta = a_i \cup a$  with support =  $a_i$ .support;

(10) construct  $\beta$ 's conditional pattern-base and then  $\beta$ 's conditional FP-tree Tree  $\beta$ ;

(11) if Tree  $\beta \neq \emptyset$  then

(12) call FP-growth(Tree  $\beta$ ,  $\beta$ );

(13) let freq pattern set(Q) be the set of patterns so generated;

}

(14) return(freq pattern set(P)  $\cup$  freq pattern set(Q)  $\cup$  (freq pattern set(P)  $\times$  freq pattern set(Q)))

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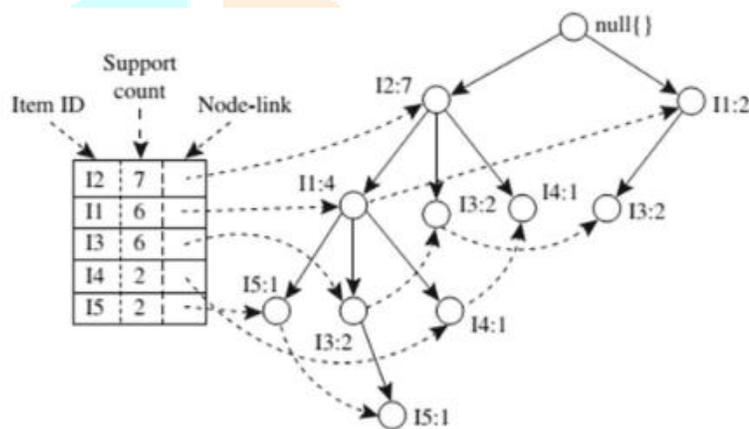


Figure 5: Frequent pattern tree (FP-Tree). Reproduced with permission[13]

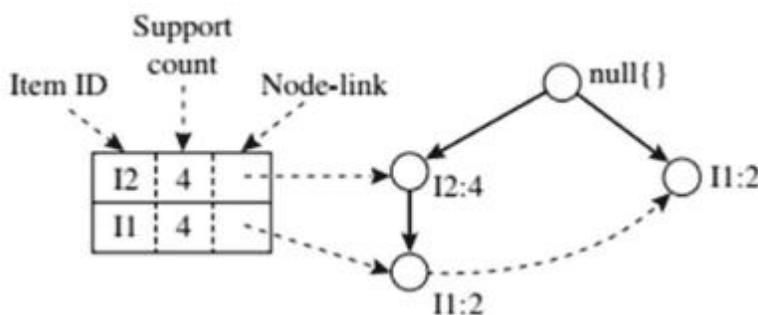


Figure 6 :Conditional FP-Tree associated with Node I3. Reproduced with permission[13]

Item	Conditional pattern base	Conditional FP-tree	Frequent patterns generated
I5	{{I2, I1: 1}, {I2, I1, I3: 1}}	{I2: 2, I1: 2}	{I2, I5: 2}, {I1, I5: 2}, {I2, I1, I5: 2}
I4	{{I2, I1: 1}, {I2: 1}}	{I2: 2}	{I2, I4: 2}
I3	{{I2, I1: 2}, {I2: 2}, {I1: 2}}	{I2: 4, I1: 2}, {I1: 2}	{I2, I3: 4}, {I1, I3: 4}, {I2, I1, I3: 2}
I1	{{I2: 4}}	{I2: 4}	{I2, I1: 4}

Table 2: Conditional Pattern Base and conditional FP-Tree[13]

**ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES OF APRIORI AND FP GROWTH**

FPM algorithm	Advantages	Disadvantages
Apriori (Agrawal and Srikant 1994)	Uses an iterative level-wise search technique to discover (k + 1)-itemsets from k-itemsets	Has to produce a lot of candidate sets if k-itemsets is more in numbers Has to scan the database repeatedly to determine the support count of the itemsets
FP-Growth (Han and Pei 2000)	Preserves the association information of all itemsets Shrinks the amount of data to be searched	Constructing the FP-Tree is time consuming if the data set is very large

*Table 3: Comparison of Frequent Pattern Mining algorithms[13]***COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS**

S.No	Parameters	Apriori	FP-growth
1	Storage Structure	Array based	Tree based
2	Search type	Breadth First Search	Divide and Conquer
3	Technique	Join and prune	Constructs conditional frequency pattern tree which satisfy minimum Support
4	Number of Database Scans	K+1 scans	2 scans
5	Memory utilization	Large memory (candidate generation)	Less memory (No candidate generation).
6	Database	Sparse/dense Datasets	Large and medium data sets
7	Run time	More time	Less time

*Table 4: Apriori and FP-growth comparisons***VI .CONCLUSION**

Apriori is an easily comprehensible frequent item set mining algorithm. Because of this, Apriori is a trendy initial point for frequent item set study. However, Apriori has serious scalability issues and exhaust available memory faster than FP-Growth. Because of this Apriori should not be used for large datasets.

Most frequent item set applications should consider using either FP-Growth. These two algorithms performed similarly for this paper's research, though FP-Growth did show slightly better performance than Apriori.

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