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Updated ACT Overview

Category	Features
 Scoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ No changes to 1-36 scoring▪ New scores reported✓ ELA✓ STEM✓ Career Readiness✓ Text Complexity
 Math	More probability & statistics
 Reading	New paired passages

Updated ACT Overview

Category	Features
 Essay	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Now requires analysis of 3 different perspectives▪ More scores provided✓ Ideas and analysis✓ Development and support✓ Organization✓ Language use

New SAT Overview

Category	Features
 Structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Evidence-based Reading & Writing▪ Math▪ Optional Essay
 Timing	3 hours + 50 minutes with Optional Essay
 Scoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Now scored on a scale of 1600▪ New optional Essay scored separately▪ No more guessing penalty

Scoring Details

Composite Score

- Sum of the two Area Scores
- Range of 400 - 1600

Area Score

- Math
- Range of 200 - 800




Area Score

- Evidence-Based Reading + Writing
- Range of 200 - 800


Test & Cross-Test Scores

- 3 Test Scores: Math, Reading, and Writing & Language
- 2 Cross-Test Scores: Science, History/Social Studies
- Range of 10 - 40


New SAT Overview

Category	Features
 <p data-bbox="355 576 649 839">Evidence-based Reading & Writing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="819 425 1837 591">■ Reading and Writing combined into new Evidence-Based Reading and Writing Area<li data-bbox="819 611 1812 701">✓ Passage topics include US and World Literature, History/Social Studies, and Sciences<li data-bbox="819 739 1271 786">■ Reading details:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="826 811 1367 843">✓ 500 - 750 word passages<li data-bbox="826 862 1097 895">✓ 65 minutes<li data-bbox="819 929 1599 976">■ Writing and Language details:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="826 996 1367 1029">✓ 400 - 500 word passages<li data-bbox="826 1048 1097 1080">✓ 35 minutes




New SAT Overview

Category	Features
 Math	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Three areas of concentrated focus:<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Problem solving and data analysis✓ “The Heart of Algebra”✓ “Passport to Advanced Math” ▪ New enhanced grid-in (Item sets)<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Multi-step student constructed response question ▪ 80 minutes<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ 25 minutes without a calculator✓ 55 minutes with a calculator

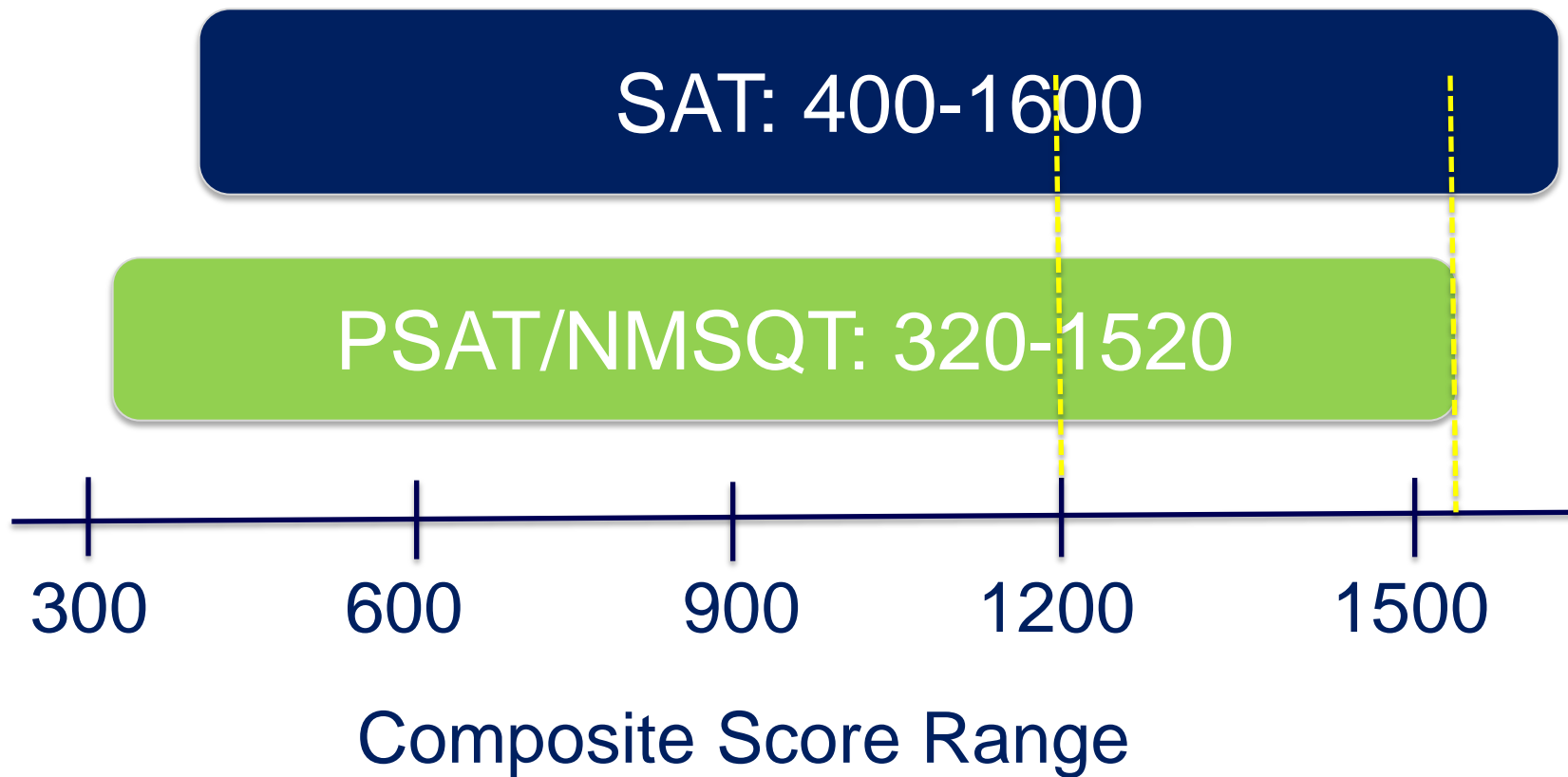
New SAT Overview

Category	Features
 Essay	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Optional▪ 50 minutes▪ Read & analyze a 650-750 word document▪ Write about how the author builds an argument▪ Tests reading, analysis, and writing skills

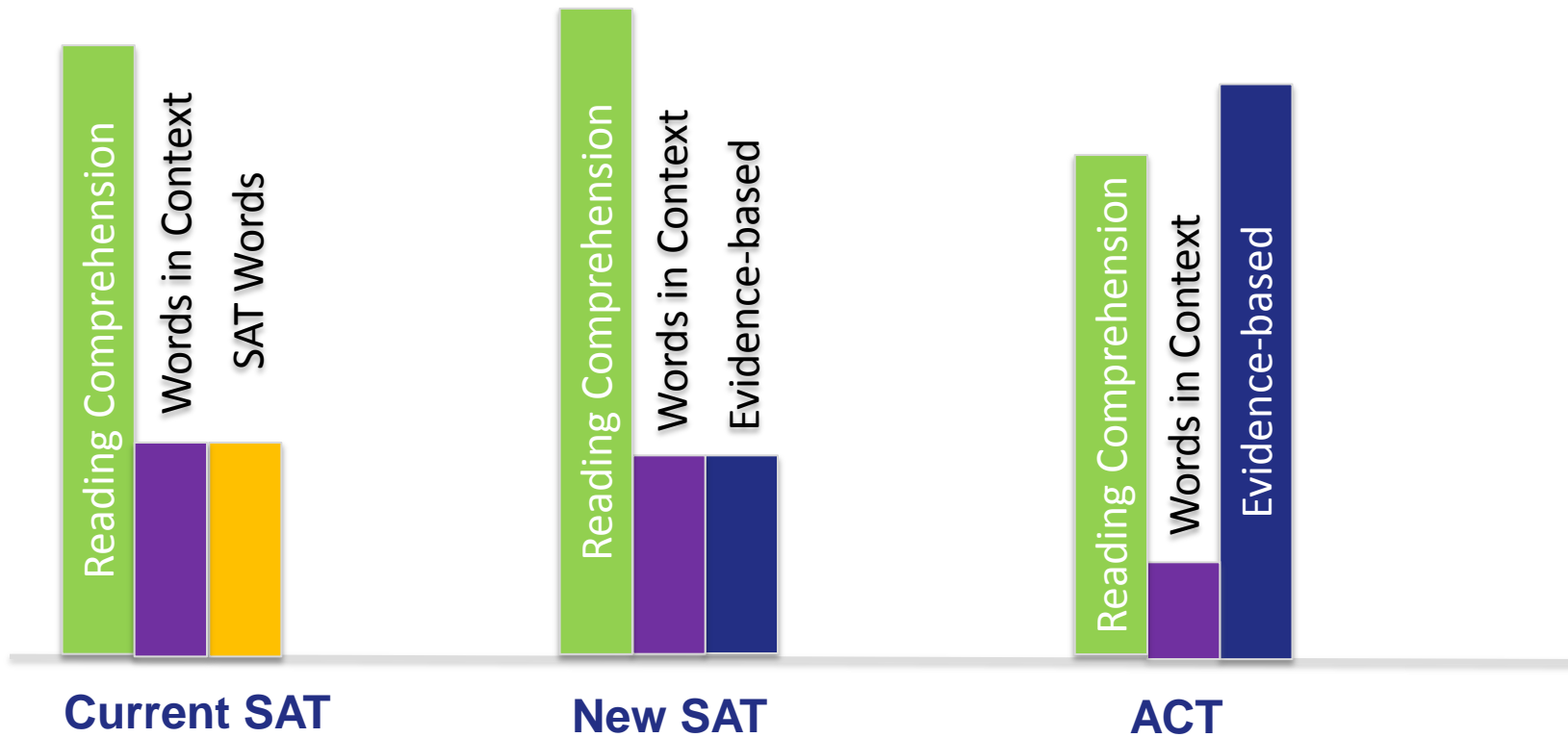
PSAT/NMSQT Overview

Category		Features
 Structure	Aligned with the New SAT, and almost the same length	
 Timing	2 hours, 45 minutes	
 Scoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Now scored on a scale of 320-1520▪ No more guessing penalty	

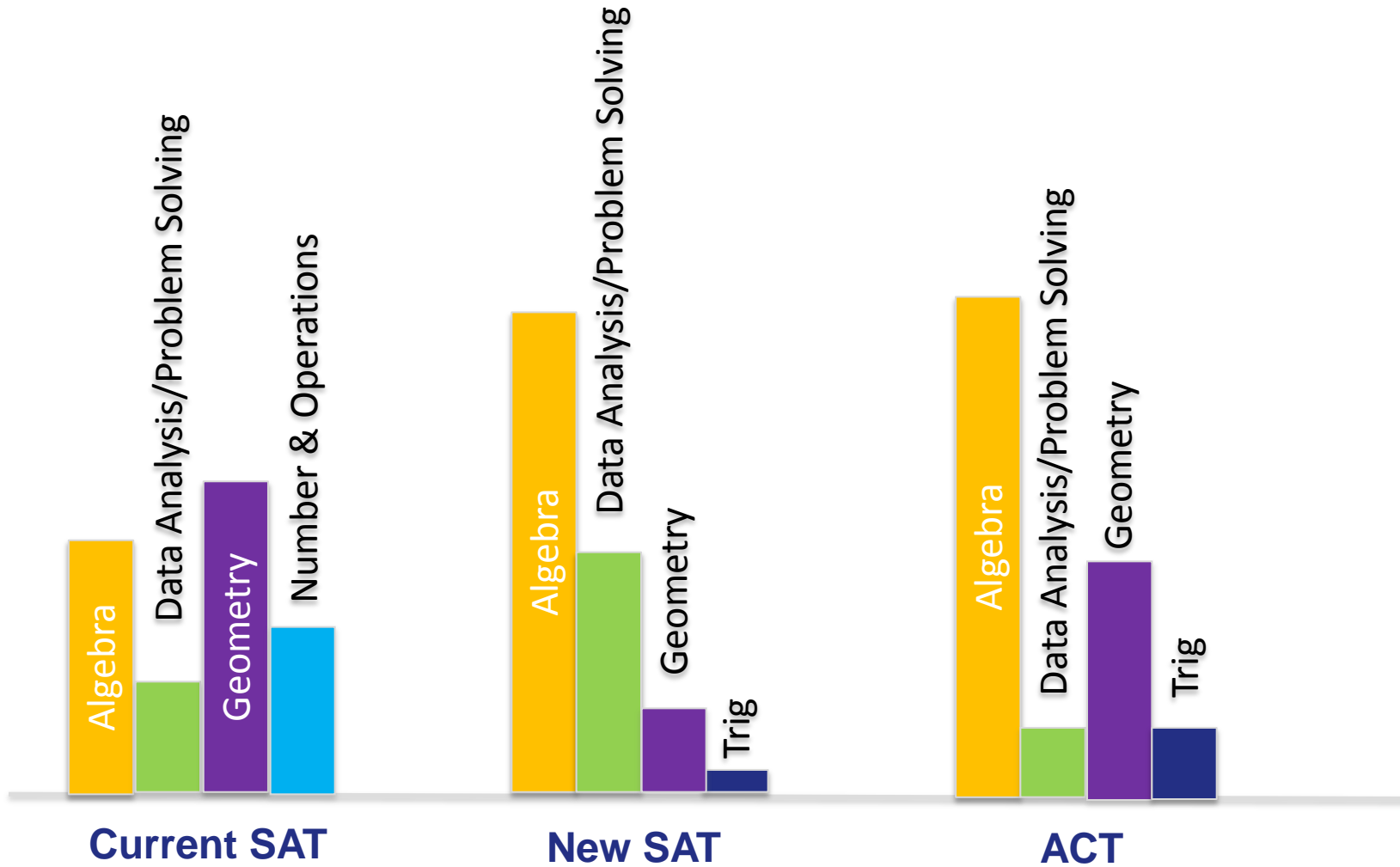
PSAT & New SAT Scoring



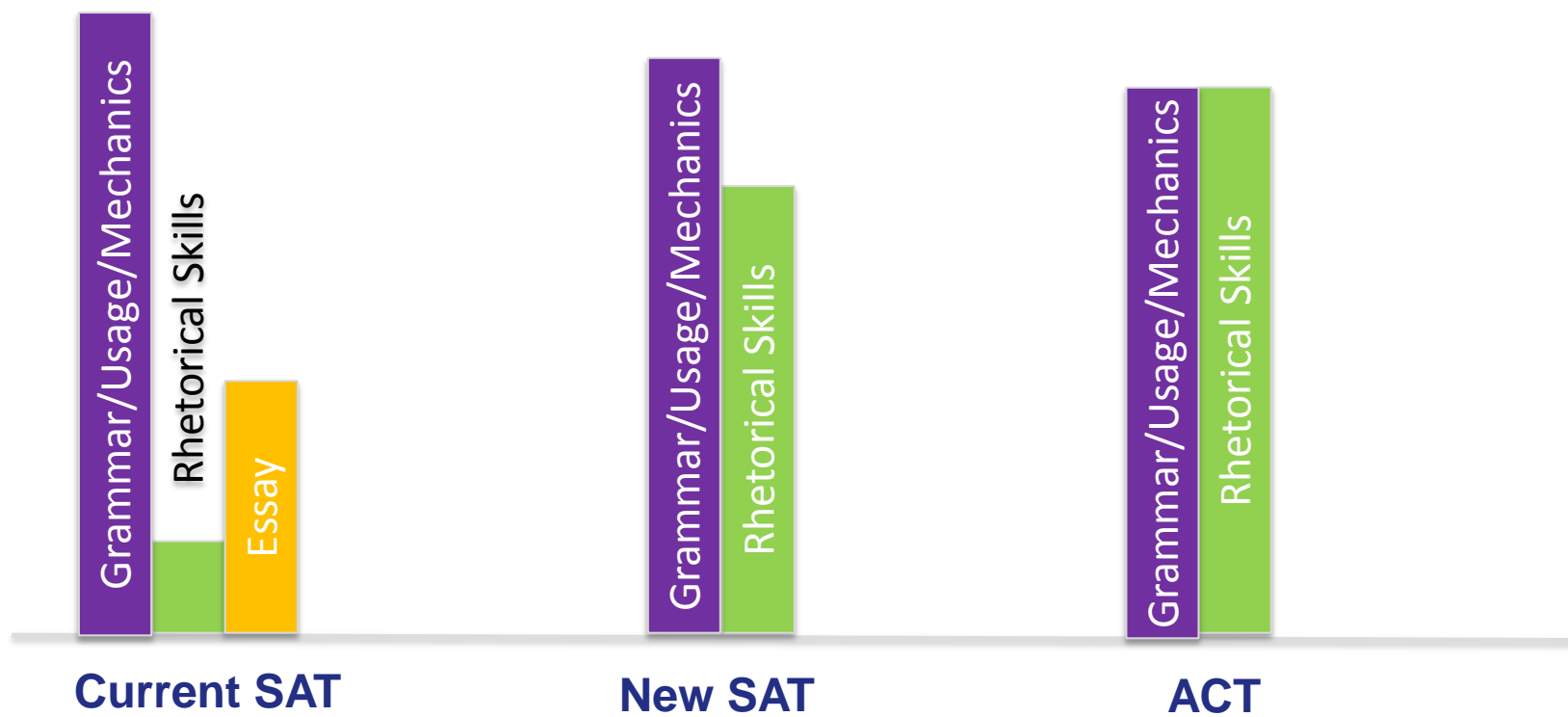
Reading Skills Tested



Math Skills Tested



Writing Skills Tested



New SAT and ACT: 5 Key Differences



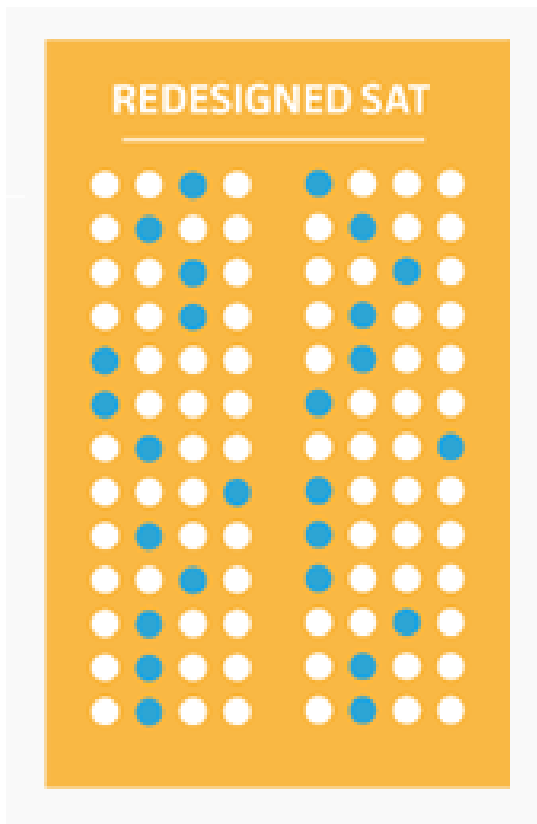
1. The New SAT has a greater focus on History & Social Studies passages
2. Both focus on Algebra, but the New SAT has a greater emphasis on Data Analysis & Problem Solving
3. The ACT requires more Science reading
4. The New SAT requires more mental math
5. The New SAT has grid-in questions, and an extended thinking grid-in question

The New SAT & College Admissions

1600
NEW!
NEW!

- First New SAT administration
- ✓ 21 days + up to 4 weeks for scores to be available
- Concordance tables
- ✓ Released in December for the PSAT and May for the SAT
- New and Old SAT scores
- ✓ Schools will accept both scores for a 3-year transition period

New SAT: To be Determined



- Will schools “Superscore” the Old & New?
 - Probably not
- Will schools require the optional Essay?
 - Likely at competitive schools
- What impact will Test and Cross-Test Scores have on admissions?
 - Depends

Test Change Timeline

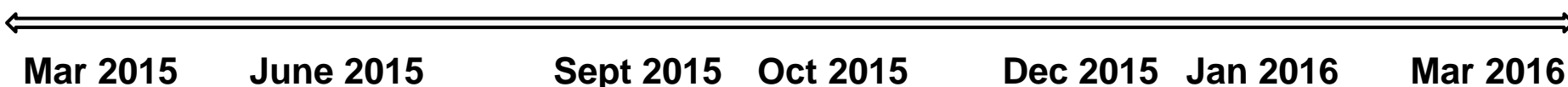
**ACT:
Enhanced
Scoring +
Writing
Test**

**PSAT:
New Test
Launches**

**SAT:
New Test
Launches**

**SAT:
2nd to
Last
Current
Test**

**SAT:
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Test Changes

Test Options

	Class of 2017	Class of 2018 and Younger
Current SAT	✓	✗
ACT	✓	✓
New SAT	✓	✓

Test Paths

Student Profile	Test Path
<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Early Decision✓ APs and Subject Tests	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ SAT or ACT
<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Regular Decision	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ New SAT or ACT
<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Great Test Taker	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ New SAT, ACT, & Current SAT
<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Anxious test taker✓ Obvious strengths with one test	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Pick one

Thank you!

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