



Cohesity DataProtect

Reviews, tips, and advice from real users



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Product Recap

 Cohesity DataProtect

Cohesity DataProtect Recap

What is Cohesity DataProtect?

Cohesity DataProtect is a top-level, sophisticated, software-defined backup and recovery solution created for cloud environments. Cohesity DataProtect is made to hyperscale and is one of the most thorough policy-based protection solutions available on the market today.

Cohesity DataProtect melds multiple-point products into a single software that is able to be deployed as on-premise or consumed as a service.

Top Features:

Hyperscale made easy: Cohesity DataProtect improves data protection by doing away with the need for backup silos and administers backup and recovery with a single user-friendly, easy-to-understand interface. Cohesity DataProtect provides extensive 24/7 enterprise-class protection for a large, varying set of sources, including virtual and physical servers, NAS and SaaS workloads, relational and distributed databases, and traditional and containerized applications.

Super fast recovery: Cohesity DataProtect offers near-zero recovery point objectives (RPOs) and near-instant recovery time objectives (RTOs) to satisfy your business service-level agreements (SLAs). Using Cohesity Helios' unified data plane and control plane you can immediately search and recover data on any Cohesity cluster, located anywhere. DataProtect distinctively minimizes downtime by immediately mass restoring any amount of virtual machines (VMs) to any point in time, and lowers data protection costs by as much as 70% or more.

Backup as a Service: Feel free to take advantage of the elasticity of the public cloud and the cost-effective value of Cohesity DataProtect when delivered as a service. When you choose an OPEX option, you can eliminate the need for on-premises hardware. There is a SaaS option that will allow you to very simply configure your backup workloads and immediately begin protecting your vital all-important data and applications.

It's as easy as: sign-up, connect, and protect!

Ransomware protection: Cohesity DataProtect offers stellar recovery at scale. The solution is so intuitive, it has machine learning-based anomaly detection to stop incidents before they happen. Cohesity DataProtection can provide immutable backups, Datalock write once, read many (WORM), encryption, and role-based access control (RBAC).

Cohesity DataProtect integrates well with many of today's top solutions, including, but not limited to:

- **Hypervisors:** VMware vSphere (5.5 and later), Microsoft Hyper-V (2019, 2016, 2012)

R2), Nutanix AHV and RHeV

- Kubernetes-based data and application state
- Cloud: AWS EC2, Amazon RDS, Azure VM, and Google Compute
- Physical: Windows, Linux(RHEL, CentOS, OEL, Debian, Ubuntu), AIX (7.x), and Solaris
- Databases: Oracle (11g R2, 12c), Oracle RAC and SQL (2008 or later)
- Distributed Databases (NoSQL and Hadoop): MongoDB, CouchbaseDB, Apache, Cassandra, Cloudera, and Hortonworks.
- Bare Machine Recovery: Windows and Linux
- Applications: MS Exchange (2010 SP3 or later), MSFT Active Directory, Microsoft 365 (Exchange Online, SharePoint Online, OneDrive, Teams, Groups), Salesforce (SFDC), and SAP HANA
- Primary storage: Pure FlashArray, HPE Nimble, and Cisco Hyperflex
- NAS: Pure FlashBlade, NetApp, Isilon, IBM GPFS, Google EFS, Elastifile, and generic solutions*

Reviews from Real Users

One reviewer, who is head of IT infrastructure at Kampmann says, “Cohesity really is a Next-Gen Data Management Software,” and goes on to indicate that Cohesity [“works flawlessly with easy replication of backups and numerous supported backup sources.”](#)

Another user, who is a senior network engineer at a legal firm, relates that [“Cohesity is a robust and feature-rich solution”](#)

Valuable Features

Excerpts from real customer reviews on PeerSpot:



“Cohesity DataProtect is a converged solution that simplifies backup and allows use of the backed-up data.”



Stefan-Motsch

Evangelist / CTO at fgnext



“The customer service and support are fast and professional.”



Giovanni Golinelli.

Hybrid IT Architect at Quanture Spa



“Cohesity DataProtect is easily manageable, and you can see every option from the user interface.”



ManiKanta

Senior Engineer at American Express



“The tool is faster and easier to use than others. The most critical feature for our data protection needs is the accuracy of backups and restores.”



Verified user

Sr. IT Manager at a pharma/biotech company with 10,001+ employees



“Several features enable us to perform fast recovery, such as instant fast recovery. All our virtual machines protected with the product can be quickly restored to another healthy environment with minimal downtime for our main customers. These features have significantly improved our recovery time objectives.”



Vishnu Mohan

Service Delivery Manager Cloud and DCO at a healthcare company with 10,001+ employees



“Cohesity DataProtect is easy to deploy and operate.”



Mashood Atitebi

Global Core Infrastructure Engineer at Finning International Inc



“Within the system, we have rule-based access control, single sign-on, multifactor authentication, and basic identity and access management features.”



Christopher Fallon

Product Manager at Iomart

What users had to say about valuable features:

“The platform is highly customizable and adapts well to changing conditions. The snapshot features are the most valuable because they allow rapid restoration and provide dedicated space for longer snapshot retention..”

Andreas Kuncoro

Product Specialist at Mitra Sistematika Global

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Some of the most valuable features of Cohesity DataProtect for me include instant mass restore, anomaly detection, and its ability to handle large data volumes effectively. The Helios interface is quite good for monitoring all aspects of this and provides real-time monitoring capabilities.

Brian Supple

Technical Director at Procloud

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Cohesity DataProtect is a converged solution that simplifies backup and allows use of the backed-up data. It is not just a storage solution, but it enables evaluating backups for heuristics or virus traces. The platform is based on a scale-out architecture with each node having compute, RAM, SSD, and HDD. It reduces interfaces and components, making it easier to run and maintain.

Stefan-Motsch

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“Software immutability is a valuable feature, and the varying deployment options.

In addition, from a data security perspective, zero trust access is a key function. Within Helios, we have role-based access control, single sign-on, multifactor authentication, and quorum for user approvals..”

Christopher Fallon

Product Manager at Iomart

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“Cohesity DataProtect is the primary backup platform that we use for data recovery. The solution's SQL cloning is great, and its Instant Mount restoration of virtual machines is brilliant. Cohesity DataProtect's multi-factor authentication (MFA) is good. The solution's security and immutable snapshots are very good.

The solution's storage efficiency is very good. The data reduction techniques on the platform are very good..”

Alex Hart

Manager, Storage, Backup & Database Domain at Quilter

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“The product is quite simple and user-friendly, without limitations on scalability. And, it's a very good product if a customer wants to have total governance of their data.

We use Cohesity extensively, not just for a few products but in most of our SmartFile deployments. So, many of our customers use it both as a file service and a repository for DataProtect processes.

We use Cohesity to sell and implement the liquidity solution to our customers..”

Giovanni Golinelli.

Hybrid IT Architect at Quanture Spa

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Other Solutions Considered

“We were going against another option. It was between Cohesity and another vendor, a pretty big player, called Rubrik. The pricing was better with this solution..”

Nelson Sendino

Coordinator, Network Architecture & Cybersecurity at San Mateo County
Office of Education

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“I have previously worked with other solutions like Commvault Rubrik. I switched to Cohesity DataProtect because of its better performance, accessibility, maintenance, and cost..”

ManiKanta

Senior Engineer at American Express

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“Before going with Cohesity, we spoke with Pure, Commvault, and with Rubrik and Cohesity and Rubrik were identified as the two finalists and we did a proof of concept for both of those..”


David Comer

Systems Engineering Manager at a legal firm with 1,001-5,000 employees

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“Cohesity DataProtect is better than Dell EMC. I prefer working with it primarily because of its central management console, which is user-friendly and provides excellent visibility into what is being protected across different sites. Previously, everything was in silos, and I had to look at each site in isolation. With Cohesity DataProtect, I now have a consolidated view. .”

Vishnu Mohan

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Service Delivery Manager Cloud and DCO at a healthcare company with 10,001+ employees

“In some cases, a greenfield approach is a better fit for the customer's needs. The marketplace is robust. They can work as a filer and replace certain file service workloads, like user share type. You're not going to replace a NetApp or an Isilon solution necessarily, but you can do some consolidation. For example, one customer wanted to do their virus scanning right on the cluster, not their hosts. So you can run Tenable or something. One customer liked it because we could run the Christie Bare Metal Restore. They had physical systems and wanted to have BMR..”

Verified user

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Solutions Architect at a tech services company with 201-500 employees

“I am also familiar with Rubrik.

I've also worked with Commvault and find that you do have to do a lot of fine-tuning with it during implementation. This solution is easier. Commvault is also a lot more expensive. Cohesity has a simpler workflow and for people in operations, it's a blessing. .”

Verified user

Solutions Architect with self employed

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ROI

Real user quotes about their ROI:

Using Cohesity DataProtect is easier to manage, and it simplifies various components into one architecture, reducing the need for extensive human resources to manage backups. It offers a declarative approach to backups, improving efficiency.

Stefan-Motsch

Evangelist / CTO at fgnext

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“This is difficult to measure and quantify but the time saved across the regions baby-sitting the previous solution would be about eight hours per week..”

Verified user

Infrastructure Architect at a manufacturing company with 5,001-10,000 employees

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“Unfortunately, I am not privy to the business side of this decision, however, we've recovered from ransomware successfully without paying any ransom. Considering the organization wouldn't exist any longer without Cohesity, I would say it was worth it. .”

Verified user

Network Engineer at Sky Lakes Medical Center

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“I don't have an exact figure, but when you save dozens if not hundreds of hours for multiple engineers, the savings add up quickly. We've been able to focus our attention on bigger issues and some other lingering problems instead of worrying about our backups..”

StewartSJ3

Network Engineer at a healthcare company with 1,001-5,000 employees

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“It's hard to estimate a dollar value for the peace of mind in knowing that my files and backups are there and they work. In the face of ransomware and other threats, I can roll back in a few clicks. Upgrades are simple and Cohesity has a security focus. I wish we could have made the change years ago..”

Joshua Van Camp

Network Administration Supervisor at a comms service provider with 1-10 employees

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“In terms of ROI, the time of management is lower than what we were previously using so we are getting some cycles back from an engineering perspective. Also, we were able to reclaim our exchange environment in terms of resources, so there was some return there that we were able to recoup immediately, and then just the overall cost across the duration of the licensing and the hardware is expected to be lower than what we previously had..”

David Comer

Systems Engineering Manager at a legal firm with 1,001-5,000 employees

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Use Case

“We are in the banking industry and use the solution to take the backups of all Tier 0 and Tier 1 applications. The majority of the applications are hosted on virtual machines..”

ManiKanta

Senior Engineer at American Express

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“We use it in the realm of data protection. We have comprehensive coverage, including backups for all our databases, VMs, file systems, and various auxiliary components..”

Verified user

Lead HANA DBA at a manufacturing company with 11-50 employees

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“Most customers use the solution for file backups, particularly for NAS file sharing. They back up files from Microsoft Windows OS to ensure they can restore data when needed. They also perform periodic temporary restores to verify the functionality of their backups..”

Andreas Kuncoro

Product Specialist at Mitra Sistematika Global

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“We have opted for Cohesity DataProtect to protect ourselves from ransomware due to its remarkable backup capabilities. We are transitioning from our previous solution, which was the Dell EMC..”

Vishnu Mohan

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Service Delivery Manager Cloud and DCO at a healthcare company with 10,001+ employees

Our customers typically use Cohesity DataProtect for backup and restoration solutions. We are partners, not end customers, and our typical use case involves comparing Cohesity DataProtect with other backup tools, like Veeam and Rubrik. Customers often run tenders to find more modern solutions than just basic backup and restore.

Stefan-Motsch

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“We use not only DataProtect but also the platform and all the service subscriptions to manage both data protection and other services like SmartFiles.

Our customers use it to replace other data protection solutions, not only for the orchestration of the process but also for the data repository.

With Cohesity, we have one solution for managing data protection. We also have a very useful storage system to be used, not only as a static repository but also for test environments and so on..”

Giovanni Golinelli.

Hybrid IT Architect at Quanture Spa

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Setup

The setup process involves configuring and preparing the product or service for use, which may include tasks such as installation, account creation, initial configuration, and troubleshooting any issues that may arise. Below you can find real user quotes about the setup process.

“We sometimes face issues while deploying the solution, which we can fix with the help of the support team. There are no long pending issues while deploying Cohesity DataProtect..”

ManiKanta

Senior Engineer at American Express

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“The installation process requires a couple of straightforward connectors to be installed on our servers, and the setup is quite simple. It's a one-time task, and overall, we haven't encountered any issues with the setup..”

Verified user

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“The initial setup is not complex. It takes several months to install from zero because we have to define the logistical points to find space through all the network interfaces and technologies available, and it took us around four to five months. .”

Michele Fumagalli

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Backup Administrator at Bper Banca Spa

“The initial setup required some assistance to complete. However, it was not a long drawn-out process.

I rate the initial setup of Cohesity DataProtect a seven out of ten..”

Verified user

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Data Center Manager at a logistics company with 10,001+ employees

“The initial setup is relatively easy and involves configuration, integration with backup targets, and virtualization management. The deployment process usually takes about two weeks from the initial setup to installation, depending on the availability of hardware. It typically involves preparing the server, configuring it with either Linux or Windows, integrating it with the backup solution, connecting it to source storage, and managing the backup targets.

I rate the process a nine out of ten. .”

Andreas Kuncoro

Product Specialist at Mitra Sistematika Global

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“The deployment depends on the environment. Deploying on VMs is relatively simple. But for most of our customers, we implement physical clusters with at least three configured hosts using the existing model. So, it depends on the setup.


Implementing DataProtect itself wasn't particularly challenging. One key requirement for successful DataProtect deployment is proper network configuration. If the network setup isn't right, you won't achieve optimal performance.

We have developed a service for some of our customers where they implement an appliance or physical cluster of Cohesity at the customer site.

Then, we use cloud clustering to replicate, and even in production, a second copy of the protected data. And in some cases, we have developed some disaster recovery procedures using Cohesity..”

Giovanni Golinelli.

Hybrid IT Architect at Quanture Spa

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Customer Service and Support

The support from Cohesity is good, but it is not as exceptional as Nutanix. The support can depend on the region, and for larger customers, I advise having a Technical Account Manager for better assistance. However, for smaller installations, the typical support might fall short.

Stefan-Motsch

Evangelist / CTO at fgnext

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“The product's technical support is quite good. It is available 24/7 and has a high response rate, although it sometimes requires multiple communications to resolve issues fully..”

Andreas Kuncoro

Product Specialist at Mitra Sistematika Global

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“The solution's technical support team is very responsive. Their technical account managers proactively monitor the account and pitch in immediately if we need any help..”

ManiKanta

Senior Engineer at American Express

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“The customer service and support are fast and professional, and we have a dedicated support colleague who acts as a DataProtect wizard, confidently handling any issues we can't resolve ourselves..”

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Hybrid IT Architect at Quanture Spa

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“I have had a positive experience with the tech support provided by the vendor. Their ability to access the system remotely and provide insights or fix issues has been particularly helpful. It is beneficial to be involved in the support process and to observe how they resolve issues, so I can replicate the solution in the future. Fortunately, the support team is usually willing to share their expertise and help me learn, which is greatly appreciated..”

Bill Huff

Chief Technology Officer at The Collective Group, LLC

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“The support quality is commendable – upon opening a ticket, a responsive and capable team promptly assists. However, managing cases with a global team working across different time zones can pose challenges in terms of knowledge transfer and handovers between teams. Occasionally, the transition between teams for a specific case doesn't go smoothly, resulting in the need to repeat explanations for each new team member involved. I would rate it seven out of ten..”

Verified user

Lead HANA DBA at a manufacturing company with 11-50 employees

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Other Advice

Having a Technical Account Manager for the first year or two can significantly improve the support experience. I would rate Cohesity DataProtect as a nine in Europe and a ten in the US. The perception differs by region, with US users often being more optimistic. The overall product rating I give is 10.

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“Integrating the platform with the Acropolis Nutanix management solution is particularly valuable. It simplifies management by providing a unified interface for backup solutions.

Overall, I rate the solution a seven..”

Andreas Kuncoro

Product Specialist at Mitra Sistematika Global

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“I am using the latest version of Cohesity DataProtect. Most product-based companies are switching over from legacy products to Cohesity DataProtect. I would recommend Cohesity DataProtect to other users.

Overall, I rate Cohesity DataProtect a seven out of ten..”

ManiKanta

Senior Engineer at American Express

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“I am an implementor, so I've prebuilt for this scope. And I put it in your environment. Then, I will ask the configurer to check.

And then I give you the the toy to play with.

Overall, I would rate the solution a nine out of ten. .”

Giovanni Golinelli.

Hybrid IT Architect at Quanture Spa

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“My recommendation would be that if you have an intent to use all of Cohesity's feature set, then you should probably consider using Cohesity cloud services, especially if you're a service provider, and you're going to be delivering Cohesity to more than one customer as a managed service.

I rate the solution an eight out of ten. .”

Christopher Fallon

Product Manager at Iomart

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“I would recommend Cohesity DataProtect for things like Oracle backups and SQL backups. I rate the solution ten out of ten for its effectiveness in managing backups across multiple environments or clouds.

We chose Cohesity DataProtect because its SQL Clones and SQL backups were very good. The solution's instant restoration of virtual machines is very quick. The solution's integration with Azure is very good, and it uses cloud block storage for long-term retention.

Overall, I rate Cohesity DataProtect a nine out of ten..”

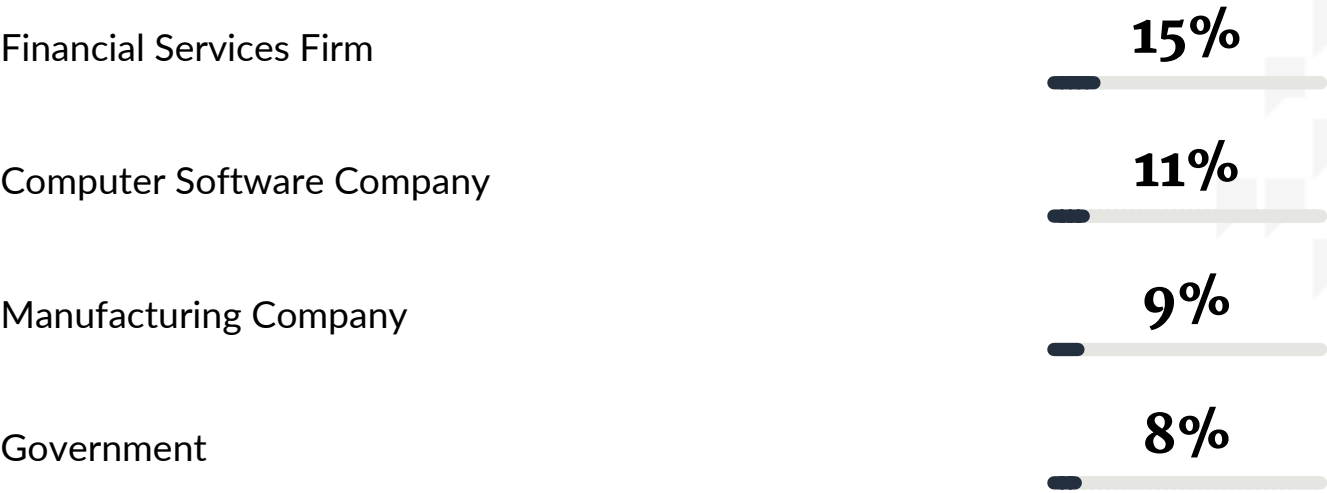
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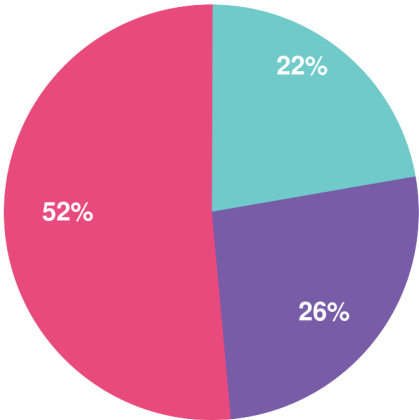
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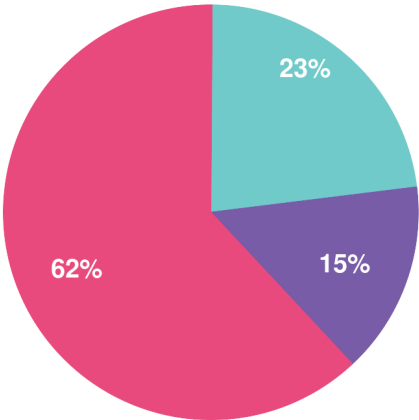


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