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Ezi-STEPII EtherCAT Driver CiA402 PP Mode with 86EVA and ArduBlock





86Duino Coding IDE 501 **EtherCAT Library**

(Version 1.0)

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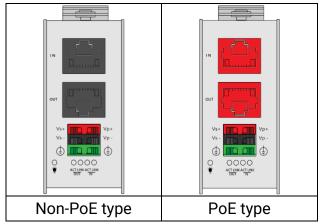
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Preface

In this guide, we will show you how to use the EtherCAT MDevice QEC-M-01 and the Ezi-STEPII (Closed-loop stepping motor Driver).

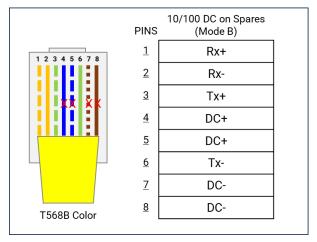
Notes QEC's PoE (Power over Ethernet)

In QEC product installations, users can easily distinguish between PoE and non-PoE: if the RJ45 house is red, it is PoE type, and if the RJ45 house is black, it is non-PoE type.



PoE (Power over Ethernet) is a function that delivers power over the network. QEC can be equipped with an optional PoE function to reduce cabling. In practice, PoE is selected based on system equipment, so please pay attention to the following points while evaluating and testing:

1. The PoE function of QEC is different and incompatible with EtherCAT P, and the PoE function of QEC is based on PoE Type B, and the pin functions are as follows:

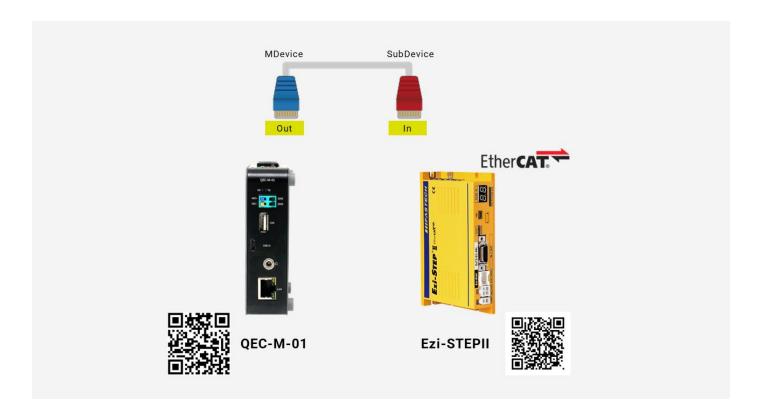


- 2. When connecting PoE and non-PoE devices, make sure to disconnect Ethernet cables at pins 4, 5, 7, and 8 (e.g., when a PoE-supported QEC EtherCAT MDevice connects with a third-party EtherCAT SubDevice).
- 3. QEC's PoE power supply is up to 24V/3A.

1. Connection and wiring hardware

The following devices are used here:

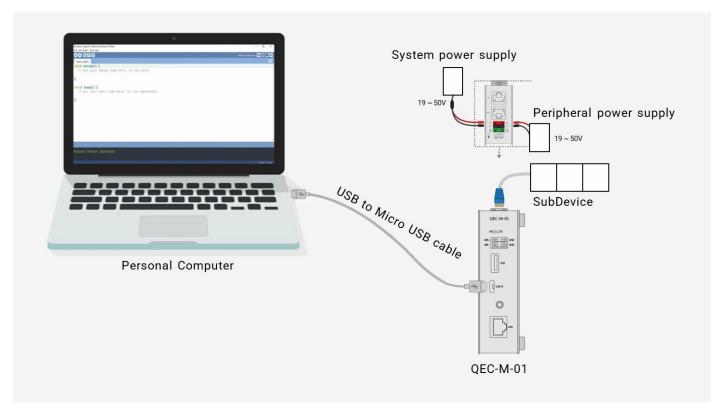
- 1. QEC-M-01 (EtherCAT MDevice)
- 2. Ezi-STEPII (Open Loop Stepping System)
- 3. 24V power supply & EU-type terminal cable & LAN cable
- 4. BM-42 series (Standard type Motor, frame size 42 mm square)



1.1 QEC-M-01

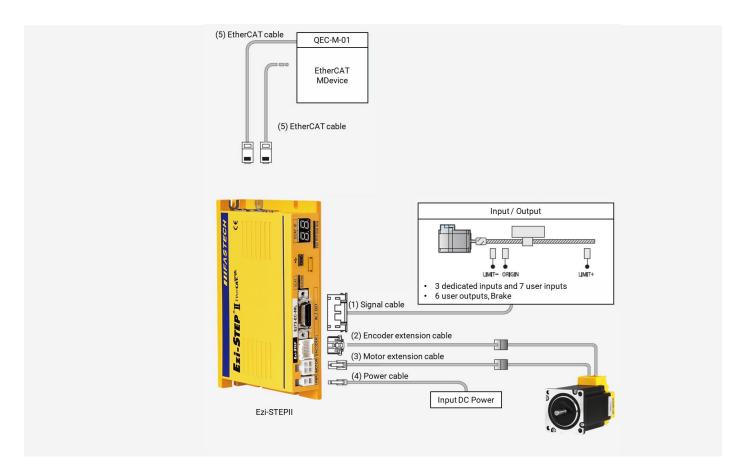
QEC EtherCAT MDevice.

- Power Supply: Connect to Vs+/Vs- and Vp+/Vp- power supplies via EU terminals for 24V power.
- 2. EtherCAT Connection: Using the EtherCAT Out port (On the top side) connected to the EtherCAT In port of EtherCAT SubDevice via RJ45 cable.



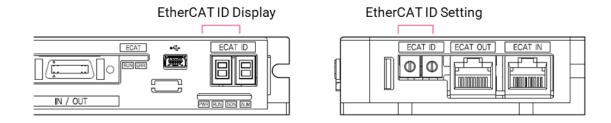
1.2 Ezi-STEPII

Ezi-STEPII, an Ezi-STEP series EtherCAT interface Open Loop Stepping System from FASTECH. This figure shows an example of when the **BM-42** series motor is connected.



- 1. EtherCAT Connectivity:
 - (5) Two EtherCAT ports for network communication.
 - EtherCAT ID setting switches for device identification.
- 2. Signal Connections:
 - (1) Signal connection for digital inputs and outputs.
 - (2) Encoder connection to track motor position.
 - (3) Motor connection for power and control.
- 3. Power Supply:
 - (4) Power input for the driver control.

ID setting for Ezi-STEPII Driver:



Change the EtherCAT ID (Configured Alias ID) value by configuring the rotary switch. The switch on the left shows 10 digits and the switch on the right shows 1 digit.

The setting range is 0 to 99.

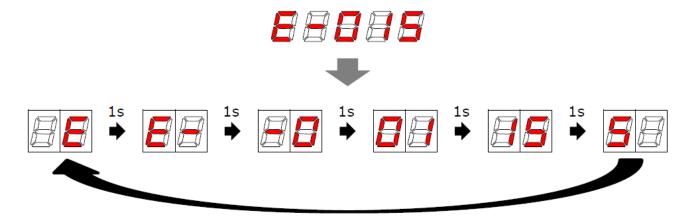
Note: The ID Value (Configured Alias ID) set on the rotary switch is applied when the product is turned ON.

ID Indication:

- The 7-segment LED indicates the Physical Address or EtherCAT ID (EtherCAT Configured Alias) value. The display value conditions are as follows:
- When all rotary switches are set to "0", the 7-segment LED indicates the EtherCAT Physical Address. Since there is no connection between the SubDeivce (this product) and the MDevice, it indicates 0 (zero) until the Physical Address is assigned. When the MDevice assigns a physical address to each SubDeivce (this product), its value is displayed.
- If the rotary switch is set to any other value other than "0", the 7-segment LED indicates the corresponding set value (EtherCAT Configured Alias).
- If the 7-segment LED of the ID is blinking, it indicates that the ID value is not set. It is set when the power is turned ON.

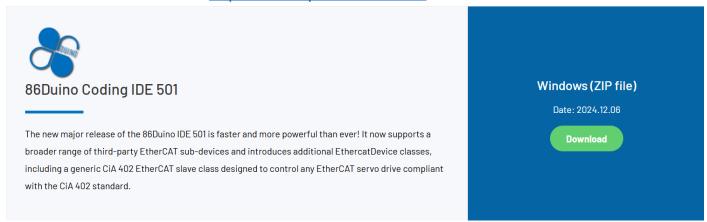
Error value indication:

If error generates from controller (Fault Status), 7-Segment indicates Error value instead of EtherCAT ID Value. Error value is E-000 types then 2 digits will be indicated at 7-Segment.



2. Software/Development Environment

Download 86duino IDE from https://www.gec.tw/software/.



After downloading, please unzip the downloaded zip file, no additional software installation is required, just double-click 86duino.exe to start the IDE.



Note:

If Windows displays a warning, click Details once and then click the Continue Run button once.

86Duino Coding IDE 501+ looks like below.



3. Connect to PC and set up the environment

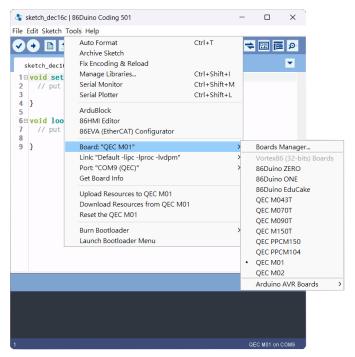
Follow the steps below to set up the environment:

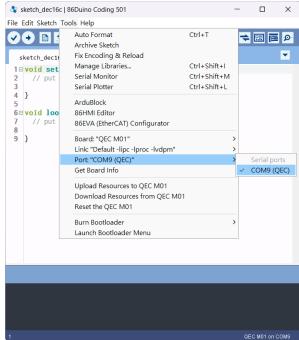
- 1. Connect the QEC-M-01 to your PC via a Micro USB to USB cable (86Duino IDE installed).
- 2. Turn on the QEC power.
- 3. Open "Device Manager" (select in the menu after pressing Win+X) ->" Ports (COM & LPT)" in your PC and expand the ports; you should see that the "Prolific PL2303GC USB Serial COM Port (COMx)" is detected; if not, you will need to install the required drivers.
 (For Windows PL2303 driver, you can download here)





- 4. Open the 86Duino IDE.
- Select the correct board: In the IDE's menu, select Tools> Board > QEC-M-01 (or the QEC MDevice model you use).
- 6. Select Port: In the IDE's menu, select Tools > Port and select the USB port to connect to the QEC MDevice (in this case, COM9 (QEC)).





4. Use 86EVA with code

This example shows how to operate the EtherCAT MDevice (QEC-M-01) and the Ezi-STEPII (Open Loop Stepping System) through the 86Duino IDE's graphical low-code programming tool, 86EVA and ArduBlock.

Software Tools Description:

86EVA (EVA, EtherCAT-Based Virtual Arduino): is a graphical EtherCAT configuration tool based on the EtherCAT Library in the 86Duino IDE and is one of the development kits for 86Duino.

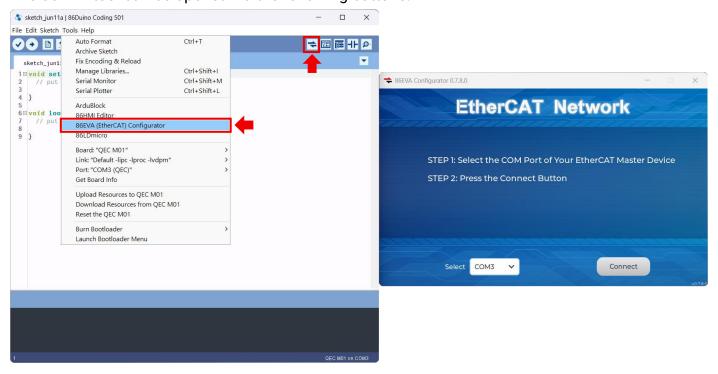
ArduBlock:

is a graphical interface for programming and IO control. It is third-party software that belongs to Arduino IDE, developed by David Li, a Shanghai-based creator, and must be attached to the IDE to operate. ArduBlock is a software that converts graphical blocks into code and eventually generates the main program to 86Duino Coding IDE, then compiles and uploads it.

This program sets the Ezi-STEPII driver to CiA402 Profile Position (PP) mode. We'll control the motor by updating its target position based on its operational state.

Step 1: Turn on 86EVA and scan

The 86EVA tool can be opened via the following buttons.



Please select the correct COM port and then click the "Connect" button.



Once you have confirmed that the correct COM port has been selected of QEC-M-01, press the Connect button to start scanning the EtherCAT network.



The connected devices will be displayed after the EtherCAT network has been scanned.



Step 2: Set the parameters

Press twice on the scanned device image to enter the corresponding parameter setting screen.

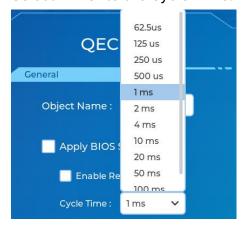
QEC-M-01

Press twice on the image of the QEC-M-01 to see the parameter settings.



Please check the following configures.

- 1. Turn off the "Apply BIOS Settings".
- 2. Select "1ms" to the Cycle Time.



Click "Back" in the upper left corner to return.



Ezi-STEPII



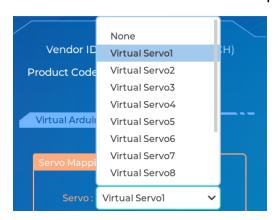


The page will show the Object Name, Alias Address, Vendor ID, Product Code, Virtual Arduino Mapping, and Virtual Servo Configuration parameters.

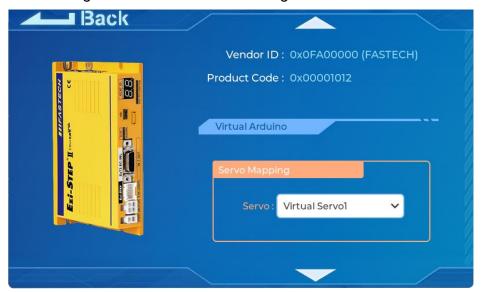
Continue down to the "Virtual Arduino" area.



We select "Virtual Servo1" in the drop-down box of "Servo" in the "Servo Mapping" area.



This setting is for ArduBlock tool configuration.



Users can also view the servo configuration parameters through the "Virtual Servo Configuration" area, including resolution, homing methods, homing velocity, and homing acceleration.



Click "Back" in the upper left corner to return.

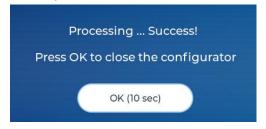


Step 3: Generate the code

Once you've set your device's parameters, go back to the home screen and press the "Code Generation" button in the bottom right corner.



When you're done, double-click the OK button to turn off 86EVA, or it will close in 10 seconds.



The generated code and files are as follows:

- sketch_sep10b: Main Project (.ino, depending on your project name)
- myeva.cpp: C++ program code of 86EVA
- myeva.h: Header file of 86EVA



Additional note:

After 86EVA generates code, the following code will be automatically generated in the main program (.ino), and any of them missing will cause 86EVA not to work.

- 1. #include "myeva.h" : Include EVA Header file
- 2. EVA.begin(); in setup(): Initialize the EVA function

The programming code from 86EVA are set as the following by default:

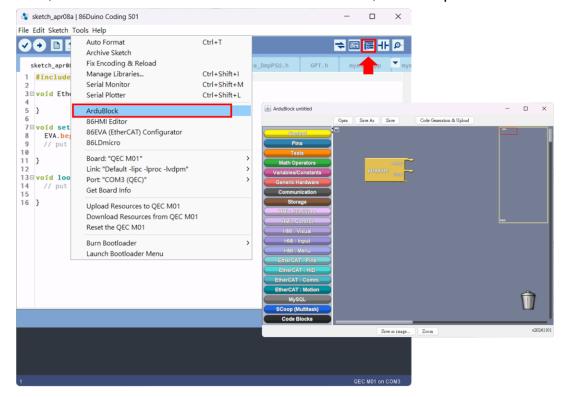
- Ezi-STEPII: EthercatDevice_CiA402 object.
- CiA402 mode: Profile Position (PP) mode.
- EtherCAT mode: ECAT_SYNC.

And here is the setting by users:

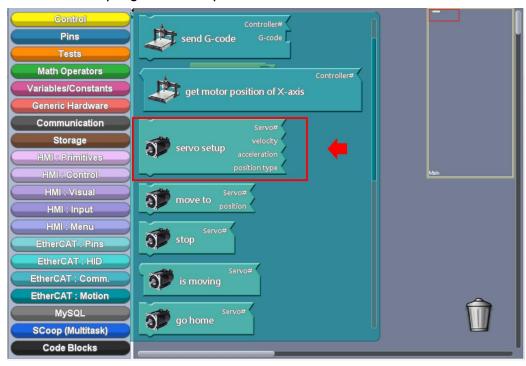
- EtherCAT Cycle time: 1 millisecond.
- Device Object Name: QEC-M-01 is "EcatMaster", and Ezi-STEPII is "Slave0".

Step 4: Turn on ArduBlock and setup

Next, after the 86EVA sets the Virtual Arduino Pins, we can open ArduBlock.



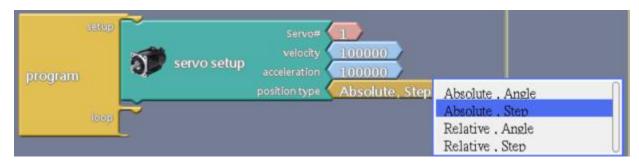
First, we need to initialize the servo parameters, including the Virtual Servo number, velocity, acceleration, and position type, so we put the "servo setup" block from the "EtherCAT: Motion" class into the program's setup area.



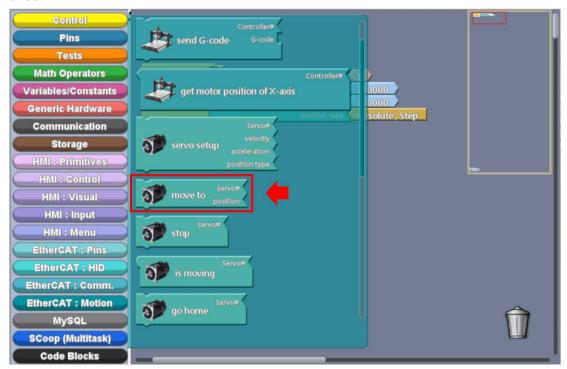
In this example, we set Servo# to "1", velocity to "100000", acceleration to "5000", and position type to "Absolute, Step".



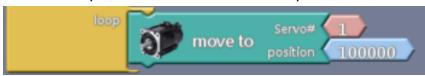
There are four types for position type: Absolute Angle, Absolute Step, Relative Angle, and Relative Step.



Second, we use the "move to" block from the "EtherCAT: Motion" class into the program's loop area.

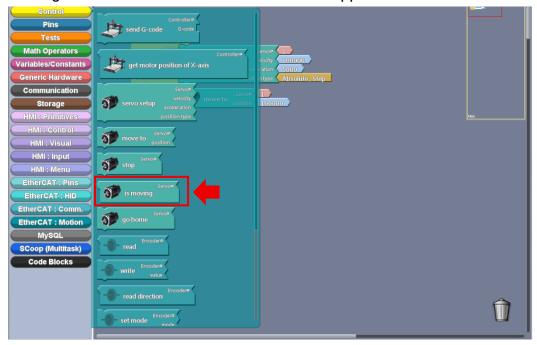


In this example, we set Servo# to "1" and position to "100000" and "-100000".

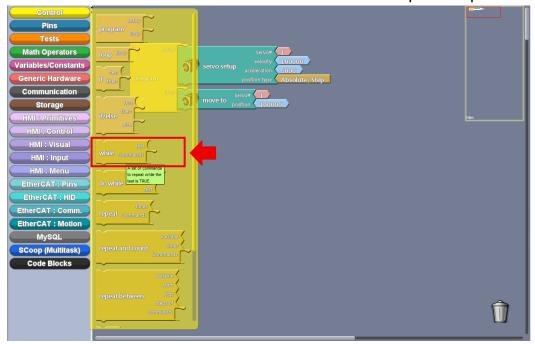


There needs to be enough moving time between the movements.

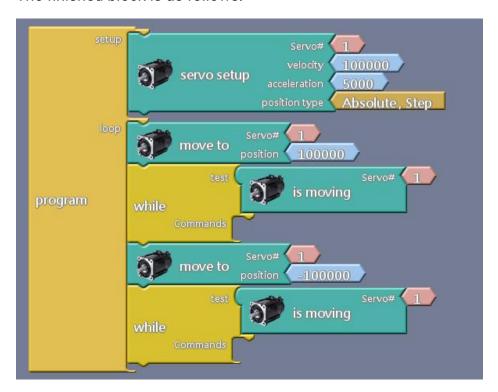
We can use the "**is moving**" block from the "**EtherCAT: Motion**" class to judge whether the motor is moving or not. It will return 0 if the motor is stopped.



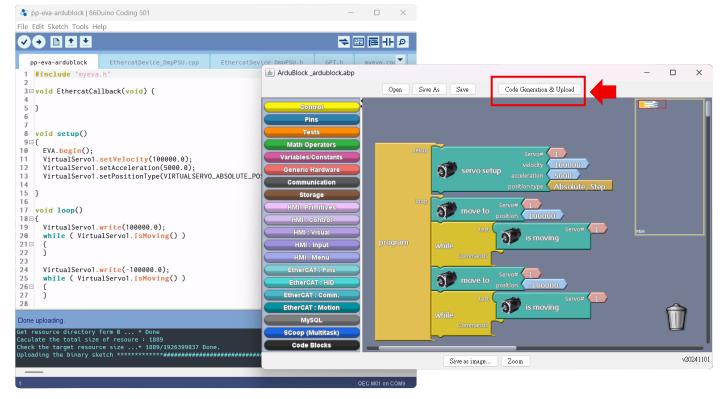
We also use "while" block from the "Control" class to keep the loop while the motor moves.



The finished block is as follows.



After finishing, you can click the "**Code Generate & Upload**" button to generate and upload the code to the QEC-M-01.



This block programming establishes EtherCAT communication, configures the Ezi-STEPII driver of velocity and acceleration, and controls the motor by updating its target position based on its operational state.

Troubleshooting

QEC-M-01 cannot successfully upload code

When you are unable to successfully upload code, please open 86EVA to check if your QEC EtherCAT MDevice's environment is abnormal. As shown in the figure below, please try updating your QEC EtherCAT MDevice's environment, which will include the following three items: Bootloader, EtherCAT firmware, and EtherCAT tool.



Now, we will further explain how to proceed with the update:

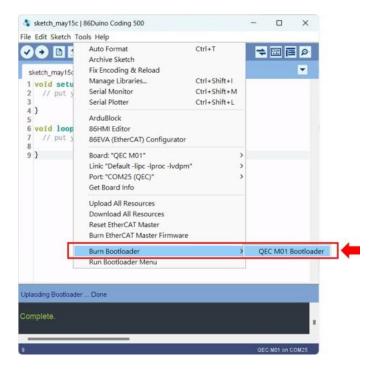
Step 1: Setting up QEC-M

- 1. Download and install 86Duino IDE 500 (or a newer version): You can download it from <u>Software</u>.
- 2. Connect the QEC-M: Use a USB cable to connect the QEC-M to your computer.
- 3. Open 86Duino IDE: After the installation is complete, open the 86Duino IDE software.
- Select Board: From the IDE menu, choose "Tools" > "Board" > "QEC-M-01" (or the specific model of QEC-M you are using).
- 5. Select Port: From the IDE menu, choose "Tools" > "Port" and select the USB port to which the QEC-M is connected.

Step 2: Click "Burn Bootloader" button

After connecting to your QEC-M product, go to "Tools"> "Burn Bootloader". The currently selected QEC-M name will appear. Clicking on it will start the update process, which will take approximately 5-20 minutes.

QEC-M-01:



Step 3: Complete the Update



After completing the above steps, your QEC-M has been successfully updated to the latest version of the development environment.

Warranty

This product is warranted to be in good working order for a period of one year from the date of purchase. Should this product fail to be in good working order at any time during this period, we will, at our option, replace or repair it at no additional charge except as set forth in the following terms. This warranty does not apply to products damaged by misuse, modifications, accident or disaster. Vendor assumes no liability for any damages, lost profits, lost savings or any other incidental or consequential damage resulting from the use, misuse of, originality to use this product. Vendor will not be liable for any claim made by any other related party. Return authorization must be obtained from the vendor before returned merchandise will be accepted. Authorization can be obtained by calling or faxing the vendor and requesting a Return Merchandise Authorization (RMA) number. Returned goods should always be accompanied by a clear problem description.

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