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**AUDIT**

**SECURITY ASSESSMENT**

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## Introduction

[SolidProof.io](https://solidproof.io) is a brand of the officially registered company MAKE Network GmbH, based in Germany. We're mainly focused on Blockchain Security such as Smart Contract Audits and KYC verification for project teams.

Solidproof.io assess potential security issues in the smart contracts implementations, review for potential inconsistencies between the code base and the whitepaper/documentation, and provide suggestions for improvement.

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# Project Overview

## Summary

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>PulseDAO</b>
<b>Website</b>	<a href="https://PulseDAO.pro">https://PulseDAO.pro</a>
<b>About the project</b>	Introducing PulseDAO—a beacon of hope, inspired by the original vision of cryptocurrencies. It represents a return to the essence of true digital scarcity and decentralization.
<b>Chain</b>	Pulse Chain
<b>Language</b>	Solidity
<b>Codebase Link</b>	<a href="https://github.com/decentralizeX/PulseDAO/blob/main/contracts/pulse-ecosystem/plsVault.sol">https://github.com/decentralizeX/PulseDAO/blob/main/contracts/pulse-ecosystem/plsVault.sol</a> <a href="https://github.com/decentralizeX/PulseDAO/blob/main/contracts/pulse-ecosystem/tokenVault.sol">https://github.com/decentralizeX/PulseDAO/blob/main/contracts/pulse-ecosystem/tokenVault.sol</a>
<b>Commit</b>	plsVault - <a href="#">596eebf</a> tokenVault - <a href="#">e5b6714</a>
<b>Unit Tests</b>	Not Provided

## Social Medias

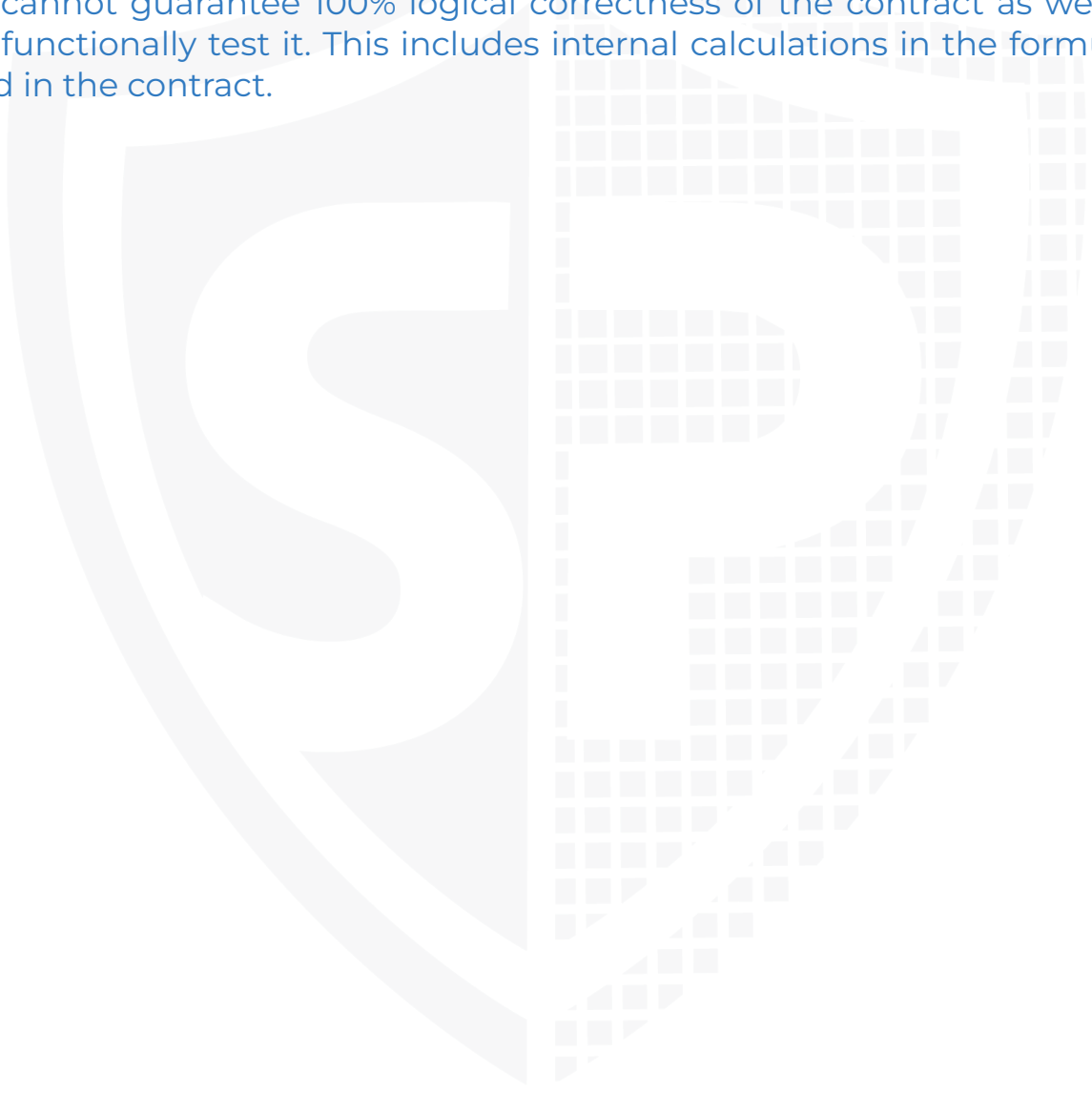
<b>Telegram</b>	<a href="https://t.me/PulseDAO">https://t.me/PulseDAO</a>
<b>Twitter</b>	<a href="https://twitter.com/pulseXPD">https://twitter.com/pulseXPD</a>
<b>Facebook</b>	N/A
<b>Instagram</b>	N/A
<b>Github</b>	N/A
<b>Reddit</b>	N/A
<b>Medium</b>	N/A
<b>Discord</b>	N/A
<b>Youtube</b>	N/A
<b>TikTok</b>	N/A
<b>LinkedIn</b>	N/A



## Audit Summary

Version	Delivery Date	Changelog
v1.0	25. October 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Layout Project</li> <li>• Automated- /Manual-Security Testing</li> <li>• Summary</li> </ul>

**Note** - The following audit report presents a comprehensive security analysis of the smart contract utilized in the project that includes outside manipulation of the contract's functions in a malicious way. This analysis did not include functional testing (or unit testing) of the contract/s logic. We cannot guarantee 100% logical correctness of the contract as we did not functionally test it. This includes internal calculations in the formulae used in the contract.





## File Overview

The Team provided us with the files that should be tested in the security assessment. This audit covered the following files listed below with an SHA-1 Hash.

File Name	SHA-1 Hash
contracts/plsVault.sol	bce7f79c1ecbd7d3cd3b3a3f74aa51510434c350
contracts/tokenVault.sol	27fd7f229519f09fe9eaa179d0ef68df88288513

*Please note: Files with a different hash value than in this table have been modified after the security check, either intentionally or unintentionally. A different hash value may (but need not) be an indication of a changed state or potential vulnerability that was not the subject of this scan.*

**Note for Investors:** We only audited contracts mentioned in the scope above. All contracts related to the project apart from that are not a part of this audit, and we cannot comment on its security and are not responsible for it in any way.



## Imported packages

*Used code from other Frameworks/Smart Contracts (direct imports).*

Dependency / Import Path	Count
<a href="https://github.com/OpenZeppelin/openzeppelin-contracts/blob/master/contracts/token/ERC20/IERC20.sol">https://github.com/OpenZeppelin/openzeppelin-contracts/blob/master/contracts/token/ERC20/IERC20.sol</a>	2
<a href="https://github.com/OpenZeppelin/openzeppelin-contracts/blob/master/contracts/token/ERC20/utils/SafeERC20.sol">https://github.com/OpenZeppelin/openzeppelin-contracts/blob/master/contracts/token/ERC20/utils/SafeERC20.sol</a>	2
<a href="https://github.com/OpenZeppelin/openzeppelin-contracts/blob/v4.4.0/contracts/security/ReentrancyGuard.sol">https://github.com/OpenZeppelin/openzeppelin-contracts/blob/v4.4.0/contracts/security/ReentrancyGuard.sol</a>	2







# Audit Information

## Vulnerability & Risk Level

Risk represents the probability that a certain source threat will exploit vulnerability and the impact of that event on the organization or system. The risk Level is computed based on CVSS version 3.0.

Level	Value	Vulnerability	Risk (Required Action)
<b>Critical</b>	9 - 10	A vulnerability that can disrupt the contract functioning in a number of scenarios, or creates a risk that the contract may be broken.	Immediate action to reduce risk level.
<b>High</b>	7 - 8.9	A vulnerability that affects the desired outcome when using a contract, or provides the opportunity to use a contract in an unintended way.	Implementation of corrective actions as soon as possible.
<b>Medium</b>	4 - 6.9	A vulnerability that could affect the desired outcome of executing the contract in a specific scenario.	Implementation of corrective actions in a certain period.
<b>Low</b>	2 - 3.9	A vulnerability that does not have a significant impact on possible scenarios for the use of the contract and is probably subjective.	Implementation of certain corrective actions or accepting the risk.
<b>Informational</b>	0 - 1.9	A vulnerability that have informational character but is not effecting any of the code.	An observation that does not determine a level of risk



## Auditing Strategy and Techniques Applied

Throughout the review process, care was taken to check the repository for security-related issues, code quality, and compliance with specifications and best practices. To this end, our team of experienced pen-testers and smart contract developers reviewed the code line by line and documented any issues discovered.

We check every file manually. We use automated tools only so that they help us achieve faster and better results.

## Methodology

The auditing process follows a routine series of steps:

1. Code review that includes the following:
  - a. Reviewing the specifications, sources, and instructions provided to SolidProof to ensure we understand the size, scope, and functionality of the smart contract.
  - b. Manual review of the code, i.e., reading the source code line by line to identify potential vulnerabilities.
  - c. Comparison to the specification, i.e., verifying that the code does what is described in the specifications, sources, and instructions provided to SolidProof.
2. Testing and automated analysis that includes the following:
  - a. Test coverage analysis determines whether test cases cover code and how much code is executed when those test cases are executed.
  - b. Symbolic execution, which is analysing a program to determine what inputs cause each part of a program to execute.
3. Review best practices, i.e., review smart contracts to improve efficiency, effectiveness, clarity, maintainability, security, and control based on best practices, recommendations, and research from industry and academia.
4. Concrete, itemized and actionable recommendations to help you secure your smart contracts.



# Overall Security Upgradeability

**Contract is not an upgradeable**  **Deployer cannot update the contract with new functionalities**

Description	The contract is not an upgradeable contract. The deployer is not able to change or add any functionalities to the contract after deploying.
Comment	N/A





## Ownership

**The ownership is not renounced** **✗ The owner is not renounce**

<p>Description</p>	<p>The owner has not renounced the ownership that means that the owner retains control over the contract's operations, including the ability to execute functions that may impact the contract's users or stakeholders. This can lead to several potential issues, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Centralizations</li> <li>• The owner has significant control over contract's operations</li> </ul>
<p>Comment</p>	<p>N/A</p>

**Note** - If the contract is not deployed then we would consider the ownership to be not renounced. Moreover, if there are no ownership functionalities then the ownership is automatically considered renounced.



## Ownership Privileges

*These functions can be dangerous. Please note that abuse can lead to financial loss. We have a guide where you can learn more about these Functions.*

### Minting tokens

*Minting tokens refer to the process of creating new tokens in a cryptocurrency or blockchain network. This process is typically performed by the project's owner or designated authority, who has the ability to add new tokens to the network's total supply.*

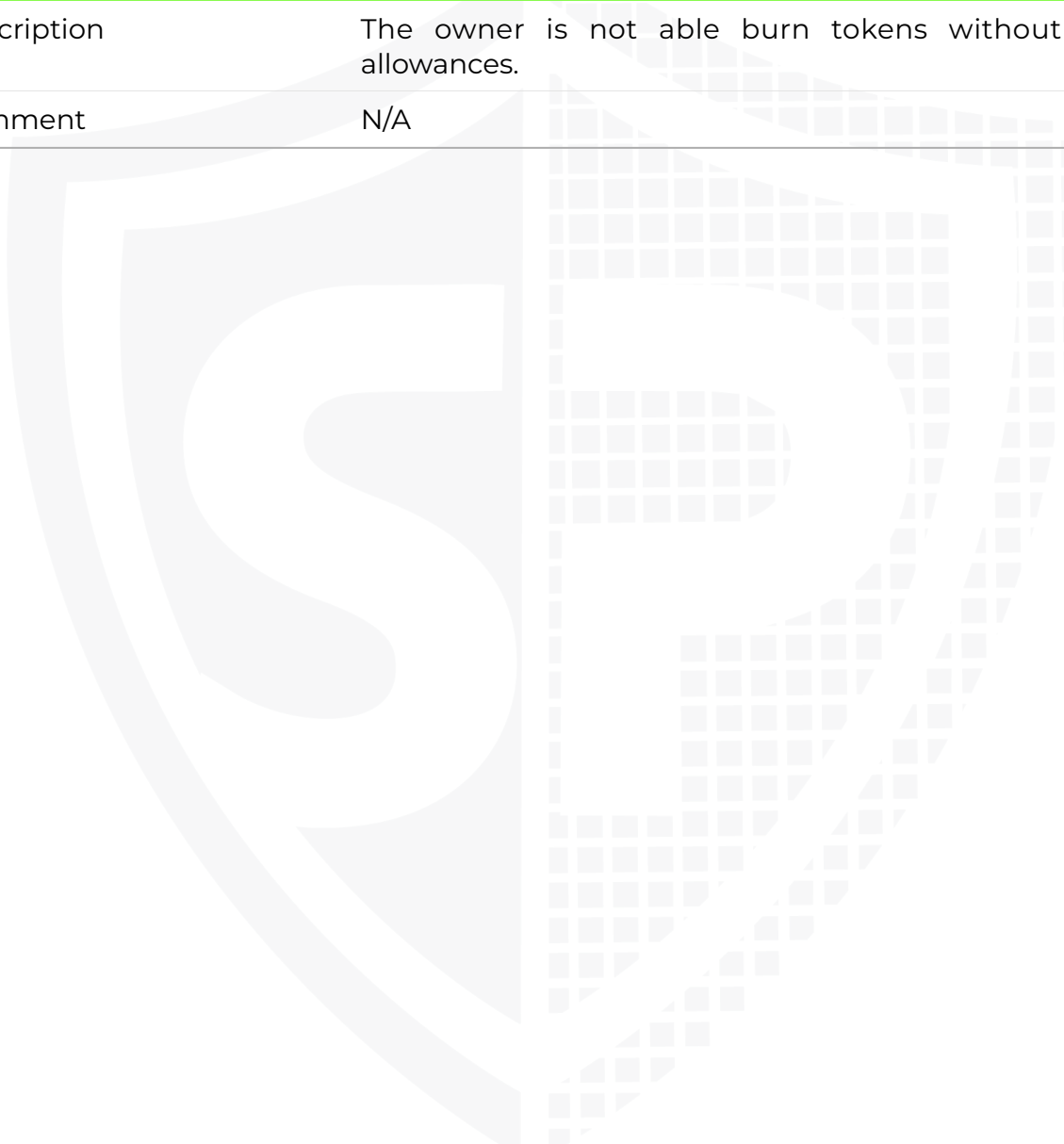
<b>Contract owner cannot mint new tokens</b>		<b>✓ The owner cannot mint new tokens</b>
Description	The owner is not able to mint new tokens once the contract is deployed.	
Comment	N/A	



## Burning tokens

*Burning tokens is the process of permanently destroying a certain number of tokens, reducing the total supply of a cryptocurrency or token. This is usually done to increase the value of the remaining tokens, as the reduced supply can create scarcity and potentially drive up demand.*

<b>Contract owner cannot burn tokens</b>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>The owner cannot burn tokens</b>
Description	The owner is not able burn tokens without any allowances.	
Comment	N/A	





## Blacklist addresses

*Blacklisting addresses in smart contracts is the process of adding a certain address to a blacklist, effectively preventing them from accessing or participating in certain functionalities or transactions within the contract. This can be useful in preventing fraudulent or malicious activities, such as hacking attempts or money laundering.*

**Contract owner cannot blacklist addresses**  **The owner cannot blacklist addresses**

Description	The owner is not able blacklist addresses to lock funds.
Comment	N/A





## Fees and Tax

*In some smart contracts, the owner or creator of the contract can set fees for certain actions or operations within the contract. These fees can be used to cover the cost of running the contract, such as paying for gas fees or compensating the contract's owner for their time and effort in developing and maintaining the contract.*

**Contract owner cannot set fees more than 25%**

**The owner cannot levy unfair taxes**

Description	The owner is not able to set the fees above 25%
Comment	N/A







## Lock User Funds

*In a smart contract, locking refers to the process of restricting access to certain tokens or assets for a specified period of time. When tokens or assets are locked in a smart contract, they cannot be transferred or used until the lock-up period has expired or certain conditions have been met.*

**Owner cannot lock the contract**  **The owner cannot lock the contract**

Description	The owner is not able to lock the contract by any functions or updating any variables.
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Comment	N/A
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## External/Public functions

External/public functions are functions that can be called from outside of a contract, i.e., they can be accessed by other contracts or external accounts on the blockchain. These functions are specified using the function declaration's external or public visibility modifier.

## State variables

State variables are variables that are stored on the blockchain as part of the contract's state. They are declared at the contract level and can be accessed and modified by any function within the contract. State variables can be defined with a visibility modifier, such as public, private, or internal, which determines the access level of the variable.

## Components

 <b>Contracts</b>	 <b>Libraries</b>	 <b>Interfaces</b>	 <b>Abstract</b>
2	0	0	0


## Exposed Functions

This section lists functions that are explicitly declared public or payable. Please note that getter methods for public stateVars are not included.

 <b>Public</b>	 <b>Payable</b>
48	3

<b>External</b>	<b>Internal</b>	<b>Private</b>	<b>Pure</b>	<b>View</b>
36	34	5	0	18

## StateVariables

<b>Total</b>	 <b>Public</b>
35	35



## Capabilities

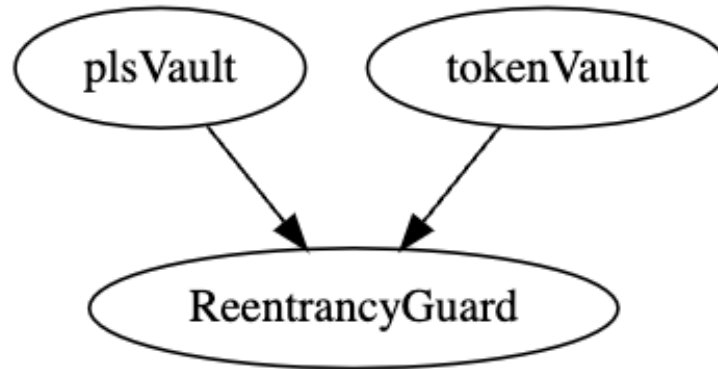
Solidity Versions observed	Transfers ETH	💰 Can Receive Funds	🖥️ Uses Assembly	💣 Has Destroyable Contracts
0.8.20	Yes	Yes		





## Inheritance Graph

An inheritance graph is a graphical representation of the inheritance hierarchy among contracts. In object-oriented programming, inheritance is a mechanism that allows one class (or contract, in the case of Solidity) to inherit properties and methods from another class. It shows the relationships between different contracts and how they are related to each other through inheritance.





## Centralization Privileges

Centralization can arise when one or more parties have privileged access or control over the contract's functionality, data, or decision-making. This can occur, for example, if a single entity controls the contract or if sure participants have special permissions or abilities that others do not.

In the project, some authorities have access to the following functions:

File	Privileges
tokenVault	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>decentralizedVoting contract                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Set MasterChef contracts</li> <li>Set Pool Payout</li> <li>Update default direct harvest value</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
plsVault	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>decentralizedVoting contract                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Set MasterChef contracts</li> <li>Set Pool Payout</li> <li>Update default direct harvest value</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

### Recommendations

To avoid potential hacking risks, it is advisable for the client to manage the private key of the privileged account with care. Additionally, we recommend enhancing the security practices of centralized privileges or roles in the protocol through a decentralized mechanism or smart-contract-based accounts, such as multi-signature wallets.

Here are some suggestions of what the client can do:

- Consider using multi-signature wallets: Multi-signature wallets require multiple parties to sign off on a transaction before it can be executed, providing an extra layer of security e.g. Gnosis Safe
- Use of a timelock at least with a latency of e.g. 48-72 hours for awareness of privileged operations
- Introduce a DAO/Governance/Voting module to increase transparency and user involvement
- Consider Renouncing the ownership so that the owner cannot modify any state variables of the contract anymore. Make sure to set up everything before renouncing.



# Audit Results

## Critical issues

**No critical issues**

## High issues

**No high issues**





## Medium issues

### #1 | Logical Error

File	Severity	Location	Status
tokenVault	Medium	L317	Open
plsVault	Medium	L312	Open

**Description** - When the Masterchef contract address is updated, there is no automatic functionality to withdraw funds from the previous Masterchef contract. This poses a high risk of users losing their funds if it is changed accidentally without withdrawing the funds from the previous Masterchef.

### #2 | Missing Value Check

File	Severity	Location	Status
tokenVault	Medium	L422	Open
plsVault	Medium	L417	Open

**Description** - The contract must check that the amount must be greater than the commission. Otherwise, the calculation will fail, and the function will revert.

**Remediation** - We recommend putting a check in place to verify that the commission must be less than the amount.

### #3 | Wrong Access Control

File	Severity	Location	Status
tokenVault	Medium	L258, 280	Open
plsVault	Medium	L267, 276	Open

**Description** - This function can be called by any outside address that can claim the commission of/for other addresses without their approval. On the other hand, only some kind of authority should be able to update fees and treasury addresses.

**Remediation** - We recommend using a modifier with the right checks to prevent it.



## Low issues

### #1 | Missing Zero Address Validation

File	Severity	Location	Status
tokenVault	Low	L79	Open
plsVault	Low	L71	Open

**Description** - Make sure to validate that the address passed in the function parameters is “non-zero” because they cannot be changed again. Moreover, we have also observed that the “PoolPayout” address is missing from the constructor.

### #2 | Missing Events

File	Severity	Location	Status
tokenVault	Low	L258—295, 317—332	Open
plsVault	Low	L276, 291, 312—327	Open

**Description** - Make sure to emit events for all the critical parameter changes in the contract to ensure the transparency and trackability of all the state variable changes.

### #3 | Missng valid contract check

File	Severity	Location	Status
tokenVault	Low	L79	Open
plsVault	Low	L71	Open

**Description** - The contract has no checks to verify whether an EOA or contract address is being set in the constructor

**Remediation** - We recommend putting a check to verify that the addresses in the constructor must be a contract





## Informational issues

**No informational issues**

### Legend for the Issue Status

Attribute or Symbol	Meaning
<b>Open</b>	The issue is not fixed by the project team.
<b>Fixed</b>	The issue is fixed by the project team.
<b>Acknowledged(ACK)</b>	The issue has been acknowledged or declared as part of business logic.



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