

# THE FLASH



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### My Short Good-bye

*By: Steph Winters*

Well, as you know, this school year is almost over. And for some of us, this means that our time at Immanuel is almost done. This is the case for me. In some ways, this is a sad time for me. There are many things I will miss about Immanuel. For one, I'll miss all of the friends I've made here. They have been a very important part of my life, and I hope they will continue to be there for me always as they have been for the past four years. Another thing I'm going to miss is all of the chapels. When I came here as a freshman, I didn't really care for them at all, but now that I realize that I won't have them any more, I know I will miss them. I'm going to miss the fact that I can open my dorm window at night and hear crickets, frogs, and birds. I'm going to miss my class, because even though we don't always hang out with everybody, we all get along and respect each other and we aren't afraid to be crazy around each other. What I'm going to miss most is Immanuel itself. But no matter where we

go, if we come back or not, Immanuel will always be with us. Immanuel-God with us.



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### Going Green

*By: Megan Schierenbeck*

"It's not easy being green"-or so said Kermit the Frog. However, in today's society it's becoming easier and easier to "go green." It seems like everybody is obsessed with going green and becoming environmentally friendly. If you go to the mall, for instance, you are guaranteed to see shirts sporting "green" slogans

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Going Green (continued)

(all of them made from 100% home grown organic cotton, of course). So what exactly is the deal with going green? Is this new environmental craze the propaganda of nutty tree huggers, or is it something that we should really be concerned about? Well, it's true that some aspects of going green are a bit more extreme than others. For example, worries about global warming; I think most of us would agree that this theory has been disproved by the April snow showers still fresh in our memories. In cases like this, we can rest assured that God will preserve our planet until Judgment Day. But, this does not mean that we should feel free to trash the environment. God has put humans in charge of the earth since Genesis 2 when He let Adam name the animals. He's given us our planet and its resources so that we should be good stewards of them. It's not that hard to go green in small ways, whether it's dropping your old school papers in a recycling bin instead of the trash, or walking to ShopKo on a nice day instead of getting a ride. If you wanted to go the extra mile, you could even start bringing your own bags to ShopKo and other stores. If you make an effort to reduce, reuse, and recycle, you'll find it's easier than you think to be green.



## Senior Spotlight: Brittany Voit

*By: Kelsey Albrecht*

KA: What are you usually referred to as?

BV: Brittany or Brit or sometimes Britt or "B"

KA: Who is your middle name, Ranae, named after?

BV: My mom's middle name.

KA: How many dogs have you had and what were or are their names?

BV: Six; Ariel, Mac, Maggie, Trouble, Raven, and Dixie (who we have now.)

KA: What do you do on the farm at home?

BV: There are many things: Clean the house, make meals, sometimes mow three lawns, and gardening, the list could go on. . .

KA: How far away do you live from a town with a mall or stores like Target, etc.?

BV: There is a town with a mall that is 20-25 minutes away, but there are only three stores in it. If you want an actual mall you have to go about an hour and a half away.

KA: What are some prominent childhood memories of yours?

BV: Once Nathan, Christopher, and I were four-wheeling. We have a duck pond in our back yard, and Nathan was

driving out of it. He tipped me off the back of it. I fell off backwards! Our parents always had us go to bed at 7:30. Our parents would always watch TV downstairs. We would sit at the top of the steps and watch TV also. They never knew until recently. Every time they would walk by we would hide so we would not get in trouble. The Voit Camping trip.

KA: How many cousins do you have?

BV: Voit side: 27 with 8 second cousins; Jensen: eight

KA: Why do you like the Vikings?

BV: Because I'm from Minnesota, and of course they are the greatest team ever. Their time to shine will come, you'll see.

This is what some of Brittany's friends had to say about her.

KA: What are your favorite high school memories of Brittany?

KB: Oh, man, too many. I'd have to say when Brittany came out to Seattle with my family for Spring Break sophomore year, and all the Thanksgivings I spent with her family, especially this last one in Disney World.

RS: Fourth hour study halls, rooming together freshmen year

AVM: Our formal night, driving to church almost every Saturday of my life, and making

shirts for a boy's regional basketball game.

JO: Our talks after study hall (Brittany, Kelsey, Jess, and Ashlee)

RM: Volleyball!

KA: Everything! Rooming together.

FRIENDS. Brittany, Ashlee, Jessica, and me.

KA: Describe Brittany in a few words.

KB: quiet, but sometimes when we get in a hyper mood. . . look out!

RS: quirky

AVM: sweetheart, cute, very fashionable

JO: sweet, funny

RM: beautiful, smart, kind, loving

KA: fun, considerate, awesome

KA: Where will Brittany be in 10-20 years?

KB: Married with a daughter named Peyton. I can see her still living in Heron Lake doing clerical work while being a farmer's wife.

AVM: Married to Jordan and living in Milwaukee. They will have 2-3 kids at that time, and she will be the best mom ever.

JO: Married to Jordan with really cute kids living in Milwaukee.

RM: Married to Jordan. They'll live in a nice little cottage, and have 3-4 kids that are really pretty and smart.

KA: Married to Jordan. Living really close to me (Lisa and mom.)

### Favorites

FOOD: Pizza and seafood

CLASS: Physics

YEAR OF HIGH SCHOOL: Junior

PROF: Prof. Schierenbeck

TV SHOW: FRIENDS

SONG: "The Luckiest" by Ben Folds

DISNEY MOVIE: *Alice in Wonderland* or *Ratatouille*

COLOR: Green

CAR: (my car) Mustang and Corvette



## Summer Activities

*By: Melanie Hallstein and Mariah Brown*

As the school year draws to a close, we are inevitably approached by summer. It's hot, sticky, and humid. However, we all find ways to deal with it. We took a stroll across the wooded glen of our campus. We interviewed many students and we now display our favorite replies.

Matt Iverson

- Working at farms
- tanning
- working out to look like "Batista"

Autsin Skinner

- Working out
- Recycling

Carl Reim

- TVBS in Texas
- Work to make money for a car
- Go skiing (weather permitting)

Nate Rehm

- Driver's Ed
- Add music to ipod
- YMCA basketball
- Carl is visiting

Leah Fleischer

- Babysitting
- Going to Cheyenne
- Swimming and beaching

Nick Marzofka

- Living in the Twin Cities
- Starting internet sales

Steph Winters

- Training bird dogs
- Coon Hunting

Emily Ryan

- Going to England for two weeks

Naomi Bernthal

- TVBS in Texas
- Baby-sit (twelve hours a day)
- Camping

Prof. Sullivan

- Sleeping
- Working on the handbooks (He reminds you to read yours when it comes in July)

Alana

- Working on the handbook with Prof. Sullivan
- Camp (She reminds you that it's not too late to sign up)
- Steph's wedding in Nebraska
- Ten year class reunion

There are many things to do this summer. Whether it be skiing or recycling, hunting or driver's ed, stay safe and remember God in everything you do. Have fun!

### The Most Popular Answers

Getting a job-75%

Working out-20%

Sleeping 30%

Tanning-20%

## Senior Spotlight: Nathan Noeldner

*By: Jo Thierer*



Jo: What is your full name?

Nathan: Nathan David Noeldner

Jo: Where did you grow up?

Nathan: Madison, WI

Jo: On what day were you born?

Nathan: June 23

Jo: I heard you were born in the same hospital room as someone here on campus; who is that?

Nathan: You

Jo: Who were your childhood friends?

Nathan: Eric Dreyer, David Dreyer, You, Big Ben, Little Ben

Jo: Who was your childhood role model?

Nathan: Ummm, Eric definitely

Jo: Who is your role model now?

Nathan: Probably my dad

Jo: Who is your favorite prof.?

Nathan: Do I have to say this?....I guess it would have to be Prof. Schierenbeck.

Jo: What's your favorite high school memory?

Nathan: Rodebaugh in the locker room. The night before sophomore year graduation. Basketball seasons in general. Cross country seasons in general. When Blue, Barthels, and Rachel were at my house and Joel walked in.... Physics projects. Geometry and Algebra II with Eric.

Jo: What are you going to be doing next year?

Nathan: Ummm, I'm going to UWEC just for generals and I'm gonna try to do some fly-ing on the side. I wanna be a pilot.

Jo: What's your favorite food?

Nathan: Steak

Jo: Favorite song?

Nathan: I don't really have a favorite song... let's go with ahhh "The Luckiest" by Ben Folds.

Jo: Favorite movie?

Nathan: (deep thought) Braveheart

Jo: Pet Peeve?

Nathan: Ohhhfff can I think about that for a bit (couple minutes later)... trying to think of pet peeves! Nooo... uhhh people singing in choir when they're not supposed to. And when we sing "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" too many times

Jo: If you could have any super power, what would it be and why?

Nathan: Finger drink dispenser....like you want a drink and you could just point your finger at a cup and whatever kind of drink you would want would come out into your

cup. Plus then you could make money off of it.

Jo: Do you currently work anywhere?

Nathan: I work at a greenhouse

Jo: Andy, pick a few words to describe Nathan.

Andy: Nathan is a pretty cool guy I guess... ('ey Baby)

Jo: What's your favorite memory with Nathan?

Andy: When we went to a game at Cornell and Nathan tried to dunk and he stunk it up hard core!

Jo: What's your favorite thing about Nathan?

Andy: He is always willing to do anything for someone and he's funny.

## Senior Spotlight: Nikki Reim

*By: Emily Ryan*



**Q: How have you changed since sophomore year (since we didn't know you freshmen year?)**

A: I've definitely become more outgoing. My vocabulary has grown a lot, and not necessarily in a good way.

**Q: Who are your role models?**

A: My mom and dad, and sister. My mom and dad are always so understanding and patient with me. My sister does whatever she wants to; she accomplishes what she sets her mind to.

**Q: If you could meet a famous person, dead or alive, who would it be?**

A: Abraham Lincoln, because he stood up for what he believed in and what was right.

**Q: Favorite food?**

A: Ice cream.

**Q: Favorite class?**

A: Chemistry.

**Q: Favorite song?**

A: I got no where to be and all day to get there.

**Q: Secret ambition?**

A: Dig a tunnel to China.

**Q: What three things would you want with you on a deserted island?**

A: I would want a water filter, sunscreen, and the Olympic torch.

**Q: What is something about high school that you're going to miss?**

A: I'll miss the companionship, my roommate, and the Christ-centered classes.

**Q: What are your plans for after graduation?**

A: I'm planning on being an ultrasound technician and I'll be specializing in neurosonography.

**Q: Do you have any words of wisdom?**

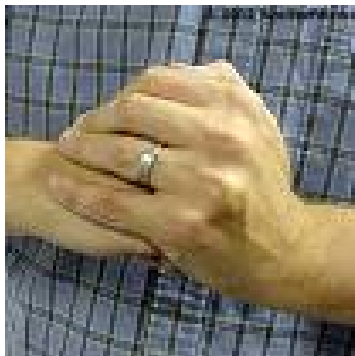
A: Be yourself no matter what other people may think of you.

**Here are some comments from her roommate Becky Gerbitz...**

She's a great roommate and an amazing exotic danger!! She's gotten a lot more outgoing. People think she's gotten crazier, but that's just how Nikki is [as she plays with something on the ground and makes weird noises in the background]. When she settles down she's going to have some great kids who all play really different sports like skateboarding and gymnastics. She'll probably go camping on her honeymoon and take Joe and I with her.

## Knuckleheads

*By: Prof. Lau*

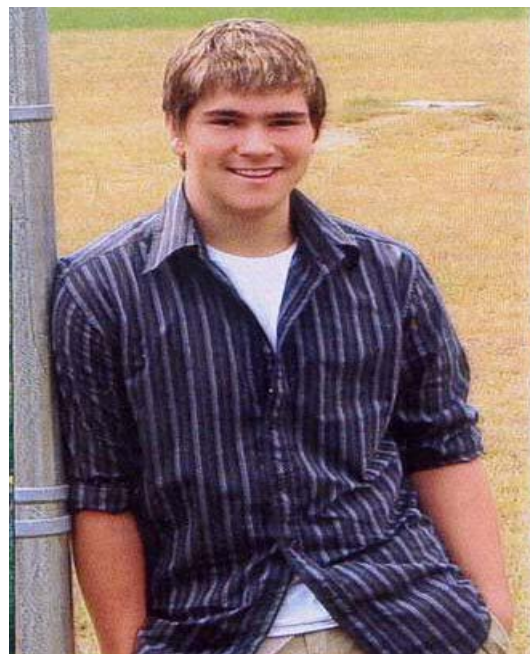


When I was younger I was told that I should refrain from cracking my knuckles because when I was older it would contribute to joint pain and arthritis. Most recent studies I've read on the topic point to only minimal, if any, negative effects. Cracking of knuckles involves the release of air pockets in the joints that are cracked, not a major cause for concern. Therefore, I am neutral on the practice...most of the time. Perhaps it is because I am too easily distracted, but the cracking of knuckles during chapel or church grates on me. I feel that since most people have the freedom to crack during the rest of the day, why do they feel compelled to do it at chapel? For some, I suppose, it is done as a habit with very little thought given to it. Others

seem to think that *they* cannot pay attention until every knuckle on each hand has exploded in a joyous chorus. Yet others I feel are proud of the volume they can generate and the consistency of their pops. Whatever the case, I kindly ask you to refrain from this practice for those of us who are easily distracted. Unlike other noises which are often beyond one's ability to control, such as stomach growls, coughs, and sneezes, knuckles can't crack themselves. Thank you for your consideration.

## Senior Spotlight: Nick Marzofka

*By: Joey Reim*



Q:Where were you born and raised?

A: I was born in Eau Claire; I spent my first year in the girl's dorm. Actually, my parents were the dorm supervisors. Then we moved around Wisconsin and ended up in

Marinette.

Q: What is your best high school memory?

A: Going out to Perkins at 3 in the morning. That was a blast! We got some pretty weird looks. And *Batman Begins* in Reim Hall. Airsofting at the Altoms'.

Q: So is ILC everything you thought it would be, looking back now?

A: It is absolutely everything I thought it would be and a bunch more things I didn't expect.

Q: If you could do anything differently, what would it be?

A: I probably wouldn't do anything different. I don't want to trade those experiences; I like where I am.

Q: Do you have any advice?

A: Find your friends and stick with them.

Q: How have you changed since freshmen year?

A: Older and dumber

Q: What do you want to do after high school?

A: I want to be a pastor and work with a geek squad.

Q: Who was your childhood role model?

A: A conglomeration of characteristics I like about different people.

Q: Do you have a secret ambition?

A: I'd own Blizzard.

Q: Blizzard?

A: Blizzard...

Q: Where do you see Nick in 10-20 years?

Adam Kolb: In a gutter. No, a very nice gutter. Just kidding. He will be the smartest pastor with the best scheme to take over the world.

Billy Bruckbauer: In front of a congregation or in front of Congress.

Q: Has he changed in the last few years?

BB: He's not as fat, not as short; he's under-

gone a magnificent transformation

Q: Best memory with Nick?

AK: Definitely the time junior year when we laughed for like four hours and couldn't stop

## Favorites

Movie: *The Last Samurai*

Class: Choir with Mueller and Altom, shooting Emily in the head with a tic-tac

Holiday: Hanukkah, 'cause I don't have to do anything

School meal: Popcorn chicken and quesadillas

Song: Devil Went Down to Georgia

Bible passage: Job 38, the whole chapter

## Prom Night

By: *Rachel Mackensen and Leah Fleischer*

Many of you have probably already seen or heard previews of this movie or read about it in a magazine. When we both saw the preview for "Prom Night," we decided immediately to see this movie. So a couple weeks later we went and saw it with some friends. Even though ILHS doesn't have a prom, we were reminded of banquet that was coming up. "Prom Night" stars Brittany Snow as a senior in high school named Donna. She is getting ready to go to her prom with her friends. The prom, which is supposed to be the best night of your life, was not for Donna. Three years ago an old teacher, who was stalking Donna, killed her family. He was cap-

## Prom Night (Continued)

tured, and thrown into prison. Now Donna lives with her aunt and uncle. On the night of prom the police learn that the murderer has escaped from the prison and is on the loose. The night wears on with the crazy teacher stalking Donna, without her knowledge, until her climactic final confrontation with her parent's murderer. Our opinion was that this movie was chilling. Even with a big group of friends, many of us still screamed at the frightening moments. This movie was a terrifying and an exciting thriller. We give this movie two out of three stars. This movie is great to go to with friends or maybe somebody special? Anyways, if you go, be prepared . . .

(Rated: PG-13)

## Senior Spotlight: Ashlee VerMulm

By: Kelsey Albrecht



KA: What are you usually referred to as?

AVM: Ashlee, Ash, Ashy-Pashy, Ash-a-pee, Ashlander, AJ, Princess Sophia, Charles, Upid

KA: Who is your middle name, Jill, named after?

AVM: My mom

KA: If you ever help your dad at his car

shop. . . what do you do?

AVM: If I do help (which is very rare) I help with statements or run errands. When I was younger I used to help more often with things like sweeping and picking rocks out of the grass that the snow plow would push in.

KA: What is the best part about volleyball?

AVM: So many things! I would have to say that the best part is when you trick the other team and score off it. Another "best part" of volleyball is that you HAVE to work as a team or you won't get anywhere. It brings everyone closer together and it's a good feeling to be a part of that. Oh, the absolute best is the party at Prof. Lau's when he makes us delicious breakfast food!

KA: How far away do you live from your church in Minnesota? And how early do you have to leave?

AVM: I live an hour and a half away. When there's Bible class we usually leave at 7:50. That means I have to get up at 6:30.

KA: What are some prominent childhood memories?

AVM: All the crazy dress up times with Rachel and Stephanie, putting my Barbie cars on the treadmill and watching them fly off, camping with the family, moving our whole house across the highway, fighting with my brother, having to wear a helmet when I rode my bike, making commercials with my cousins, T-Ball, Family vacations to anywhere and everywhere, spilling paint thinner down the stairs and all over the carpet, running into anything and everything I could possibly run into (that includes doors and walls) getting my

appendix and tonsils removed, and most of all, getting my finger cut off when I was two ( I don't really remember it but I will never forget it.)

KA: Why is your name spelled with 2 e's?

AVM: Well, I think it's because my parents wanted me to be different. ( I don't think that was a problem though.)

KA: What made you decide to come to Immanuel your sophomore year?

AVM: Well, I heard so many good things from my cousins, plus I knew coming up here would further my Christian education.

This is what Ashlee's friends have to say about her.

KA: What are you favorite High school memories with Ashlee?

BV: Car rides with her and Ben, "Formal," Visitor's Day 8<sup>th</sup> grade, plasma, crazy chats

JO: Freshmen year calling Buffalo Wild Wings, the night we were Goths, Bloody Bandits, movie nights, pretty much every day I'm with her

RM: Banquet, going bowling, pizza hut, Scary Movie 3, German class, volleyball camps and volleyball season

KA: Jess and Ashlee (nerds), movies, talks (Brittany, Jessica, Ashlee, and me)

KA: Describe Ashlee in a few words.

BV: Cute, stylin', funny and we think alike

JO: Stylish, hilarious, super nice, and sometimes stupid

RM: Ditzzy, pretty, smart

KA: Silly, crazy, pretty

KA: Where will Ashlee be in 10-20 years?

BV: Pursuing her nursing career, starting her family and enjoying the married life in Milwaukee.

JO: married to Ben Blue with four super cute kids living in Milwaukee.

RM: Married to Ben. Live in a really big house; they will have lots of little Ben and Ashlee's running around.

KA: Living in Milwaukee ;), married to Ben with a couple of children.

### Favorites

FOOD: Shrimp

CLASS: Religion 12

YEAR OF HIGH SCHOOL: Junior year

PROF: Prof. Lau

STORE: Maurice's

TV SHOW: Grey's Anatomy

DISNEY MOVIE: *Ratatouille*

SONG: Grundy County Auction

COLOR: Green

ARTICLE OF CLOTHING: Comfy Church pants

### Editorial

*By: Jenny Squires*

"Out with the old and in with the new." Is this always the best thing? I was thinking about this as Prof. Roehl gave his Lyceum about the history of Immanuel. As he was showing us pictures of what our campus used to look like and speaking about past traditions, I wondered why we can't restore some of these things. For instance, there used to be really pretty flower gardens near the tea house lawn but they had to tear them up in order to install pipes underneath them. Why didn't we ever replant them? Also, the amphitheater used to be in much better shape, but now its glory days are over. There used to be lights on the tennis courts so that students could play at night.

Now, it may sound like I'm complaining about the way our campus looks now, but I'm not. I think we are blessed with a beautiful campus, but I also think that as a student body we could work to restore some of the things that used to be here but no longer are. I'm aware that we may not have the money to restore these things, but we could raise the money. I just think it would be nice to have the amphitheater looking like it used to and maybe it could be used for a Christian music festival or graduation. I also think that having graduation outdoors like they used to would be a nice tradition to bring back. Even if it wasn't held at the amphitheater, but instead held at the circle by Ingram. All I'm saying is that although our campus is beautiful as it is, I think we should take even more pride in it and maybe have a few flower beds reappear, or hold graduation outside, so we can enjoy our campus even more. Even if these things don't happen, we should always thank God for the gorgeous campus He has blessed us with.

## Senior Spotlight: Jessie Meyer

By: Leah Fleischer



**Full name:** Jessie Kay Meyer

**Birth date:** January 17, 1990

**Birth place:** Onalaska, WI

**Who is your role model?**

It depends, but no one in particular.

**What's your most memorable high school moment?**

Most of senior year. After tour started it was pretty awesome.

**How have you changed since freshman year?**

Well, there's a few things I only tell certain people so I won't share those, haha. I'm more experienced with people, but probably still shy! Two inches taller. Different hair color. I procrastinate more. I am also more accepting.

**What are your plans after graduation?**

Work this summer. Superior in the fall for basketball and P.E.

**Words of wisdom?**

There's no point in living if you can't feel alive. Live a little!

### Favorites

Prof: Sydow

Food: Yes, I love it. Mexican, Italian, American....yummy!

Band: Oh boy...I just like songs, not groups.

Movie: *Lion King*

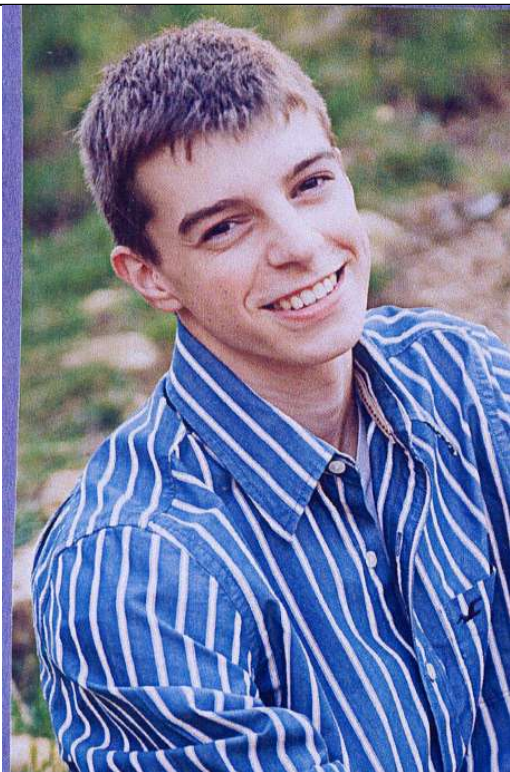
TV Show: I'll watch whatever. Sports channel!

Color: Blood red

Bible passage: "Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might." (Ecc. 9:10)

## Senior Spotlight: Alex Hulke

By: Josh Rodebaugh



Alex Karl Hulke

Where are some of the many places you have lived? "Minnesota, Nebraska, and Wisconsin."

Favorite place so far?

"Minneapolis."

Where do you want to go to school?

"The U of M for engineering."

What are some of your special skills?

"Writing witty messages, being tall, and 'gingen voll in die Hose.'"

What hobbies engage your time?

"Bouldering, playing guitar, owning up in Travian, 'playing' the stockmarket."

What games have you mastered?

"Sim City, Warcraft 3, RollerCoaster Tycoon, Monopoly (when I am the banker),

Resident Evil 4 ( I beat it 20 times), and Final Fantasy."

Favorite Sport: Basketball

Favorite Memory of High School: "My memories are one big soup of overall general good feelings of high school."

Favorite time in German class: "They're coming to take me away, haha, they're coming to take me away."

Favorite Food: Mexican and Chinese

Worst Memory of Senior Year: "...and the winner... 'MEAL-TEE' ...."

Final Words of Wisdom: "Wisdom is highly situational. What works for me might not work for you."

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