What Raters Need To Know About Appraisals

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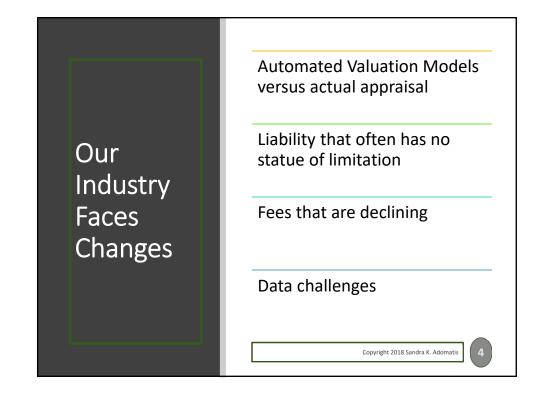
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Overview of the Appraisal Institute

- Appraisal Institute was established in 1932
- Membership is voluntary capturing 19,000+/- appraisers from around the world
- U.S. has approximately 73,000 appraisers
- Residential appraisers make up around 60% of the 73,000 appraisers
- Designated Members (MAI, SPRA, SRA, AI-RRS, AI-GRS) met higher education and experience standard than state licensed appraisers.

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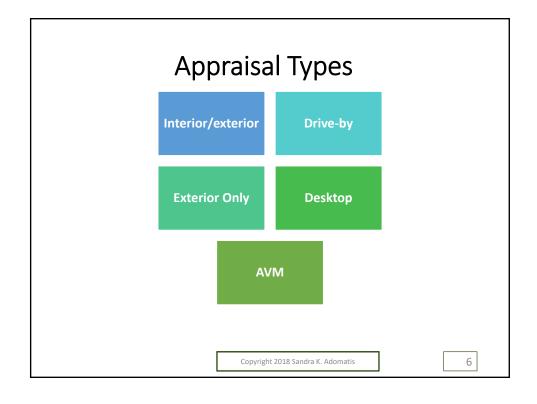


What are the components of an appraisal?

- Written or Oral
- Description of property and location
- Highest and best use
- Analysis of Comparable Sales
- Market Trends



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Appraisal Standards, Secondary Mortgage Market Guidelines, & Lender Guidelines

- All appraisals must comply with Appraisal Standards (USPAP) if federally related transaction appraisal.
- Appraisals for mortgage market guidelines must also meet a second set of guidelines
- Appraisals for lender sometime have another set of guidelines coming from the lender.

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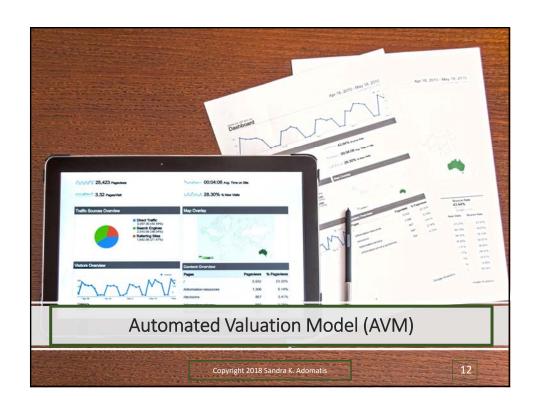
Interior/Exterior Appraisal

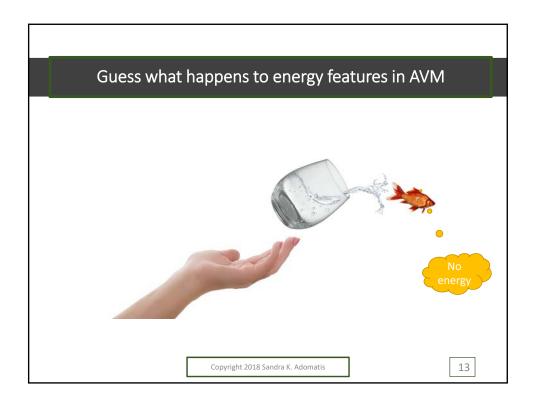
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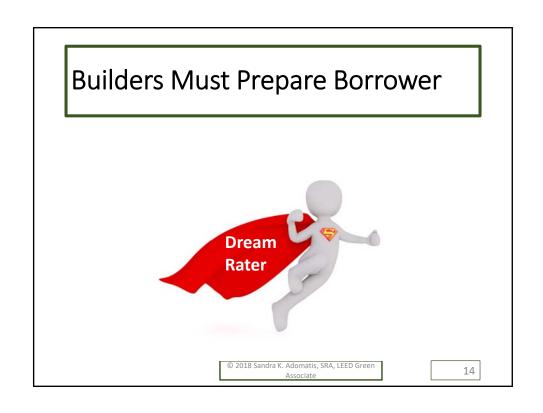












Appraised Value and Energy Efficiency: Getting it Right

While location, design, and price are a home buyer's main considerations, surveys show that buyers rank energy efficiency as one of the most desirable features, and importantly, when there is sufficient energy savings - one they're willing to pay more for. However, energy efficiency can be overlooked in the appraisal process for a variety of reasons, including a lack of access to quality data, underwriting impediments, and appraiser qualifications. Many appraisers may not be aware of the unique features of an energy efficient home. However, there are many specially-trained appraisers who are qualified to assess the value of these features that are often hidden behind the drywall. One way to know that a home is built energy efficiently is to know which energy code it was built to.

According to the U.S. Department of Energy, homes built to the 2012 or 2015 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) are 15-16% more efficient than those built to the 2009 IECC or earlier. They will be more comfortable to live in and have lower monthly energy bills.

Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac and FHA guidelines require appraisers to consider the energy efficient features of the home, and if the market supports an adjustment in the appraised value, one must be made, but an average appraiser won't take this into account if they aren't aware of it.



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A ready-made solution exists.

<u>Fannie Mae</u>, <u>Freddie Mac</u> and <u>FHA</u> guidelines require lenders to choose competent appraisers who have the requisite knowledge required to perform a professional quality appraisal for the specific geographic location and particular property type.

Appraisers who are specially trained on energy efficient / high-performing homes will analyze market trends relating to special energy-efficiency features. You can access a list of qualified appraisers at the <u>Valuation of Sustainable Buildings Professional Development Program Registry</u>.

What can builders do?

Builders can help the buyer assure a competent appraiser is selected by doing these things:

- 1. Complete and provide buyers with the Residential Green and Energy Efficient Addendum form.
- 2. Provide a copy of a complete Home Energy Rating System (HERS) report (if available).
- 3. Prepare the buyer to notify the lender that they require a competent appraiser for this special type of construction; add your logo and provide a copy of the directions on the next page.
- Add your logo, the property address, and contact info to the attached letter. Direct your buyer to give the letter (along with 1 and 2 above) to their lender.







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FOR BUYERS:

ASSURING A COMPETENT APPRAISER FOR YOUR NEW HOME

Congratulations on choosing an energy efficient, high-performing home!

Your new home was built to higher energy efficiency standards that will improve your quality of life. Your home will be more comfortable to live in and have lower monthly energy bills than other newer homes on the market. According to the U.S. Department of Energy, homes built to the 2012 or 2015 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) are 15-16% more efficient than those built to the 2009 IECC or earlier. Some of your home features may include:

- More wall and ceiling insulation to keep conditioned air inside your home
- △ Windows that keep the heat out in the summer months to improve comfort
- △ Fewer drafts and air leaks, which improves indoor comfort

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What You Need To Know Regarding the Loan/Appraisal Process

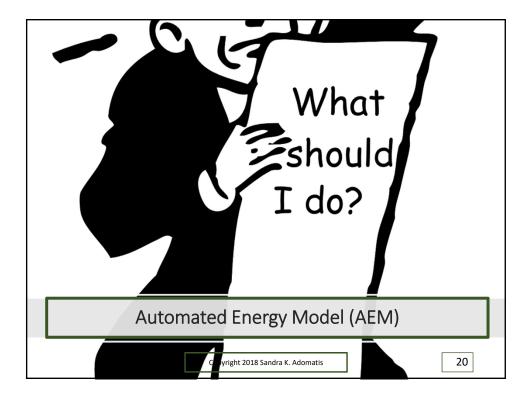
As part of the typical loan process, lenders randomly assign an appraiser to determine the appraised value of a new home. However, yours is not a typical new home – it is a high-performing building with unique features. Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac and FHA guidelines require appraisers to be competent in the property type they are appraising. If you do not clearly identify the property as a special property type requiring a competent appraiser trained in energy-efficient, high-performance homes, a typical appraiser will be assigned, and these features may not be taken into account, which will put your appraisal at risk of not being competently appraised.

What You Need To Do

Provide your lender with three things provided to you by your builder:

- The lender letter regarding this special property type and the need for a trained, competent appraiser for energy-efficient, high-performing homes.
- The Appraisal Institute's Residential Green and Energy Efficiency Addendum, completed by your builder.
- ☐ The Home Energy Rating System (HERS) Report (if available).

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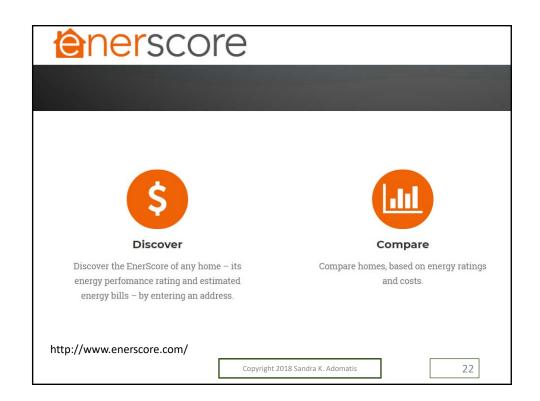


Automated Energy Models

- 1. Clearlyenergy
- 2. EnerScore
- 3. MyUtilityScore
- 4. SaveniaHome
- 5. TLCEngine
- 6. DwellAware
- 7. Tendrill

Currently, the **Real Estate Standards Organization Dictionary** does not include AEM fields.

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RESNET and Appraisal Institute Collaboration Importance HERS Reports give residential appraisers reliable data sources to make more credible value opinions.

Appraisers' use of HERS Reports adds value to your profession and ours.

Al Members have access to the RESNET Appraisal Dashboard

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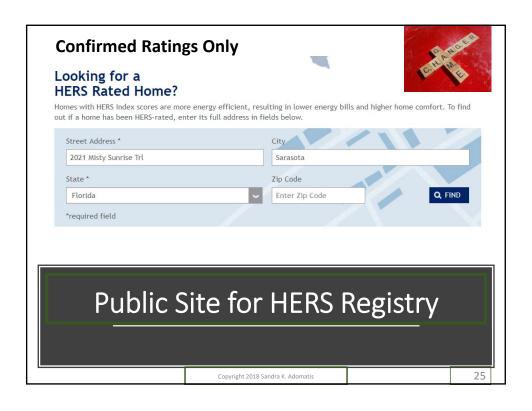
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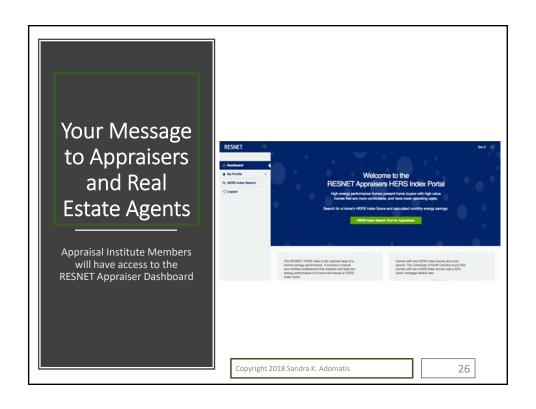
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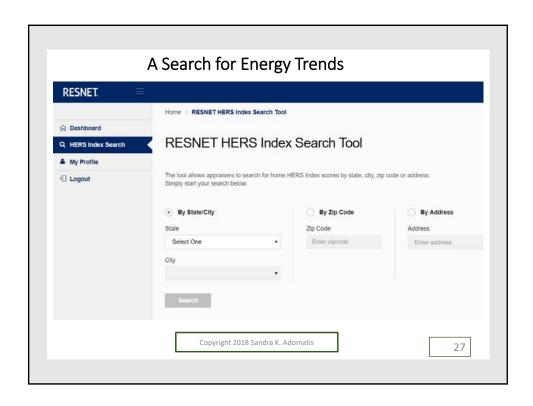
 RESNET has a public HERS Registry that is open to search for HERS Ratings by address. That will remain public.

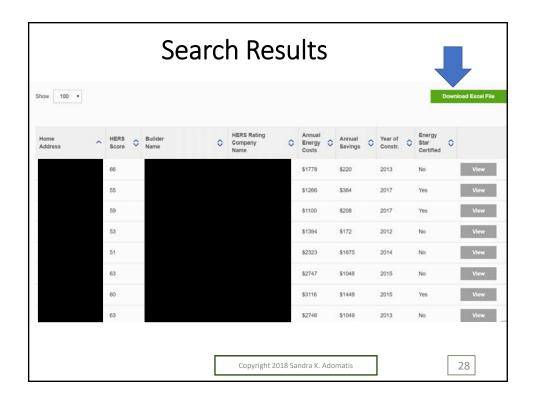


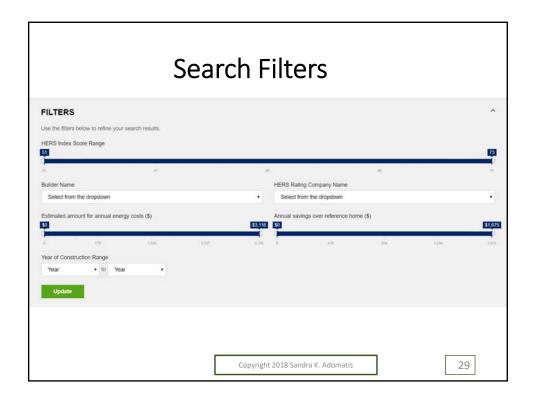
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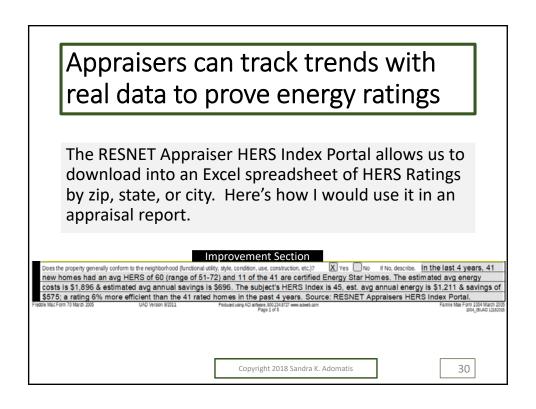






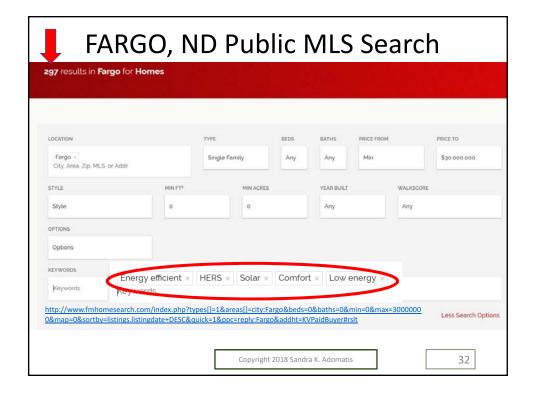


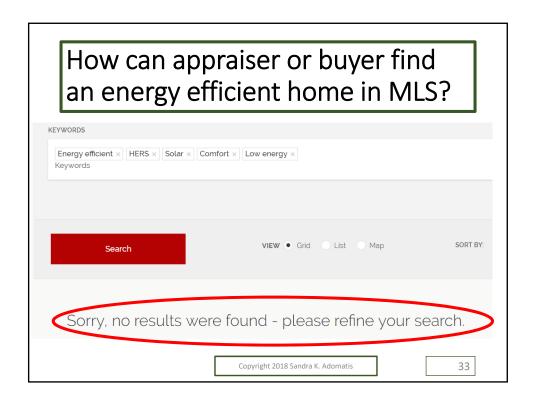


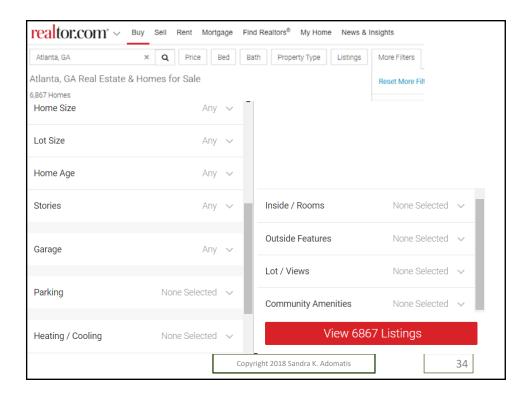


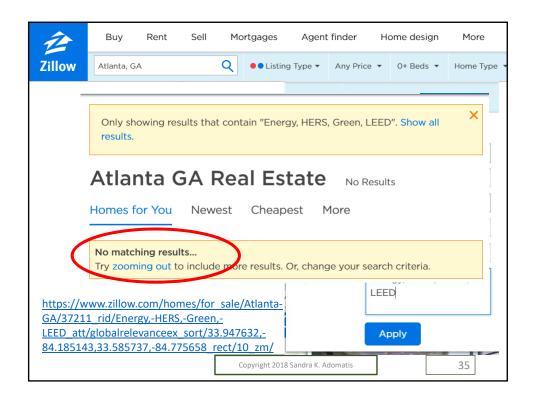
Home Buyers and Appraisers Searching Public MLS for Energy Efficient Homes

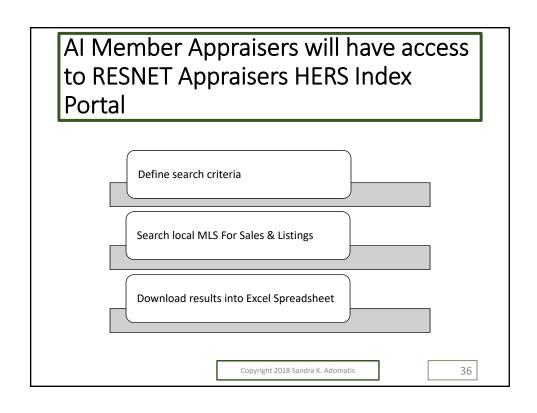
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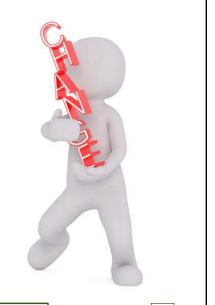
Reasons for Imperfect Data

- HERS Reports are not provided at time of appraisal
- MLSs do not include HERS Report or HERS Rating
- MLSs report HERS Ratings inaccurately
- Solar PV details are not publicly accessible in some areas.
- Appraisers and real estate agents have limited knowledge of energy features.

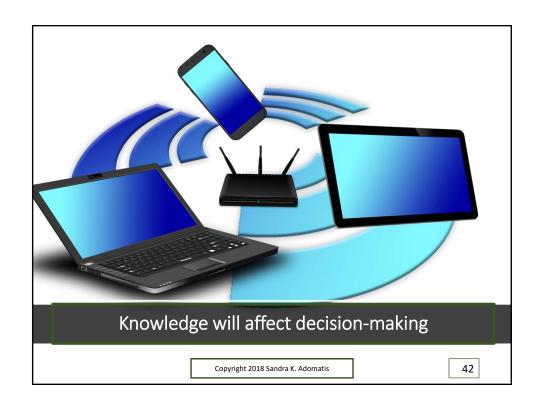
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Your Message to Builders

 If you are not getting a HERS Rating now, how will the market know your product is competitive with the builders that have a rating that is now public?



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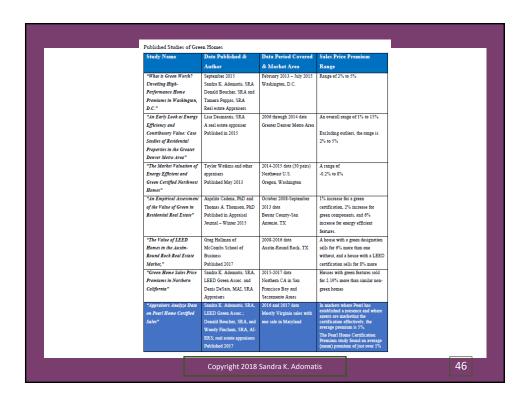
Roselle, IL Farmhouse Sale

- Year built 1906
- Sold in 2015 after a recent total Green Rehab-Retrofit
- Sold in 9 days at 97% of list price

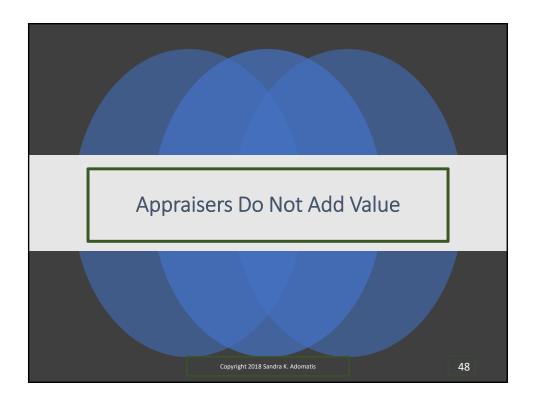


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Measure of Market Reaction 1. Sales compared to sales 2. Cost new less all forms of loss 3. Income Approach 4. Trends





New Construction Appraisal Timing

- From plans and specifications before ground breaking
- After ground breaking but with plans and specifications
- If no "projected" HERS Rating, most likely no acknowledgement of energy efficiency will happen.

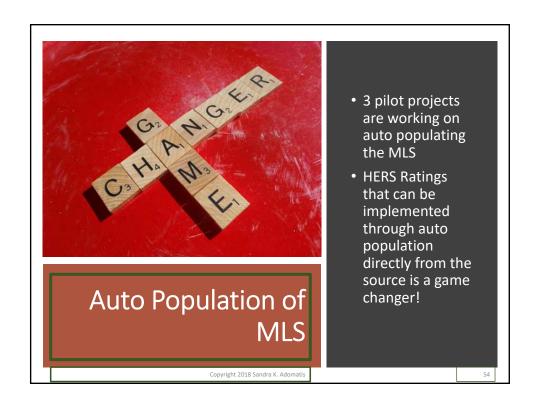


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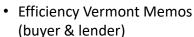






New Construction





- Residential Green and Energy Efficient Addendum
- HERS report
 - Savings versus code home
- · Building certifications
- · Code certificate
- Incremental cost for high performance versus code – builder supplied
- PV Value solar contractor

Existing Home



- Template letters (buyer & lender) – Home Performance Contractor (HPC) supplied
- Residential Green and Energy Efficient Addendum
- Vermont Home Energy Profile & US DOE Home Energy Score - Assessor
- Building certification if any
- Code certificate
- Incremental cost for high performance versus code – HPC supplied
- PV Value solar contractor

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