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renowned as a master of magical realism gabriel garcia marquez has long delighted readers around the world with his exquisitely crafted prose brimming with unforgettable characters and set in exotic locales his fiction transports readers to a world that is at once fanciful haunting and real leaf storm gabriel garcia marquez s first novella introduces the mythical village of macondo a desolate town beset by torrents of rain where a man must fulfill a promise made years earlier no one writes to the colonel is a novella of life in a decaying tropical town in colombia with an unforgettable central character chronicle of a death

foretold is a dark and profound story of three people joined together in a fatal act of violence

teresa mandrell s first encounter with advertising executive rayann germaine begins badly and goes downhill from there within minutes of their meeting rayann dubs teresa a bumbling amateur the event changes the course of teresa s life she abandons the corporate world for what she hopes is a more satisfying career in fine arts management when budget cuts leave her without work teresa gets a job as a design artist in another firm only to discover that the new department head is rayann but the difference in the woman s demeanor is so startling that teresa can t believe her eyes although the woman she d fought with had been insensitive and rude she was full of fire and passion this rayann is cold and withdrawn to teresa s chagrin the woman doesn t even remember their fight in fact the two fall easily into an increasingly harmonious work relationship as they grow even closer teresa slowly uncovers layer after layer of rayann s hurt and pain when she at last arrives at the terrible truth teresa is left with one burning question how can she turn rayann s heart away from grief and lead her back toward life and love watermark is the heartbreaking and heartmending sequel to touchwood

edition 2 of novella express featuring the hardest winter by carole hamilton heaven burns by jen mcgregor just like him to die by douglas bruton novella express is a book series publishing novellas submitted from around the world contributing to edition 2 carole hamilton writes stories which often focus on individuals who live in the fringes of our society jen mcgregor is a playwright who specialises in using horror tropes to explore painful experiences and will tell anyone who holds still long enough about her journey from gothic heroine to monster douglas bruton has won many prizes for his short fiction his children s novel the chess piece magician was published by floris books 2009 his literary fiction debut mrs winchester s gun club was published by scotland street press 2019 and blue postcards longlisted for the walter scott prize for historical fiction 2022 was published by fairlight books 2021 the novellas in edition 2 the hardest winter by carole hamilton the hardest winter by carole hamilton is a beautifully and realistically drawn novella showing the hardships of farming life in scotland today fiona and drew live and work on a scottish cattle farm beauty contrasts with the never ending chores and muck fiona is suffocated by the monotony of the endless tasks both in the farmhouse and outside the continual preparation of meals cleaning feeding calves and helping with farm chores leaves her exhausted birth and death infiltrate her life till the harshest of winters with painful circumstances arrive with this adversity there is always hope of a new future just as winter will always turn to spring the ritual of the farming year ploughing planting and harvesting are linked to love loss and new life fiona s life is caught in this exquisite and intricate web heaven burns by jen mcgregor heaven burns is a historical novella dramatizing one of the most barbarous practices prevalent in restoration scotland it is 1662 and scotland suffers a scourge of witches what else could explain the wars the plagues the storms runaway housewife isobel has a duty to do acting as clerk to john dixon the finest witchpricker in the country she s sure it s what god wants her to do she s sure she can keep her growing feelings for dixon in check when a stranger appears telling wild tales of stolen names and false identities isobel s loyalty is put to the test is the stranger telling her of a great wrong to be put right or sent from hell to thwart the witch hunts just like him to die by douglas bruton just like him to die by douglas bruton tells of the last days of dylan thomas as he lies unconscious and dying far from his welsh home in a hospital bed in new york s saint vincent hospital dylan thomas was a womanizer a drunk a bad husband parent and friend but just like him to die makes an effort to redeem him in this new novella from douglas bruton dylan thomas remembers albeit imperfectly episodes from his life which he transmutes these into gentle under milk wood like stories which are full of fun and word play pyrotechnics weaving in and out of the poet s thoughts and recollections are the voices of those gathered around him at the end at the poet s death everyone forgives dylan thomas his failings and remembers only the soft and the warm and the good things about him just like him to die is subtitled a short novel for voices which mirrors the subtitle for under milk wood a play for voices

just as africa and the west have traditionally fit into binaries of darkness enlightenment savage modern ugly beautiful and ritual art among others much of western cultural production rests upon the archetypal binary of trickster epic with trickster aesthetics and commensurate cultural forms characterizing africa challenging this binary and the exceptionalism that underlies anti hegemonic efforts even today this book begins with the scholarly foundations that mapped out african trickster continuities in the united states and excavated the aesthetics of traditional african epic performances rutledge locates trickster like capacities within the epic hero archetype the epic trickster paradigm and constructs an homeric diaspora which is to say that the modern homeric performance foundation lies at an absolute time and distance away from the ancient storytelling performance needed to understand the cautionary aesthetic inseparable from epic potential as traditional epic performances demonstrate unchecked epic trickster dynamism anticipates not only brutal imperialism and creative diversity but the greatest threat to everyone an eco apocalypse relying upon the preeminent scholarship on african american trickster heroes traditional african heroic performances and cultural studies approaches to greco roman epics rutledge traces the epic trickster aesthetic through three seminal african american novels keenly attuned to the american homeric diaspora charles chesnutt s the marrow of tradition richard wright s native son and toni morrison s beloved

get the lowdown on the best fiction ever written over 230 of the world's greatest novels are covered from quixote 1614 to ordan pamuk's snow 2002 with fascinating information about their plots and their authors and suggestions for what to read next the guide comes complete with recommendations of the best editions and translations for every genre from the most enticing crime and punishment to love sex heroes and anti heroes not to mention all the classics of comedy and satire horror and mystery and many other literary genres with feature boxes on experimental novels female novelists short reviews of interesting film and tv adaptations and information on how the novel began this guide will point you to all the classic literature you'll ever need

twenty nine year old rayann germaine betrayed by her lover flees in grief and rage she meets book store owner louisa thatcher a woman many years her senior who offers shelter and work and soon passion and a loving place in her life but rayann encounters challenges to this new love from friends who question its wisdom from her mother who disapproves of this liaison with a woman her own contemporary from louisa s son who learns for the first time his mother s true sexuality and there are profound differences between rayann and louisa themselves two women who come from dramatically different places in the spectrum of age and life experience their only common ground seems to be the searing attraction that they both try to deny

lambda literary award winner sabrina starling doesn t need love she has fame as a brilliant violinist and unlimited options for female company nothing can shake her except the memory of her very first love knowing that neither the teenaged nor adult jorie will ever return her feelings sabrina has escaped into her music and the arms of other women when injury leaves her temporarily unable to perform sabrina finally finds the one woman who could free her forever from the memory of those stolen hawaiian nights with jorie there s one problem the object of sabrina s desire diana is deeply in love with pam the woman who has shared her life for the past eighteen years a family funeral calls sabrina home to the islands but she no long believes that the gentle breezes and possible welcome in jorie s eyes can repair the lives she s shattered including her own karin kallmaker s searing novel of innocent first love and dangerous seduction joins an unparalleled string of critically acclaimed bestsellers that earned her the title of undisputed mistress of lesbian romance

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anidyr bycall is frozen in her past regretting words never spoken to the woman she loves and the one impulsive act that cost her all her dreams running from the courts of public and academic opinion in fairbanks she has landed in key west the nights are hot but she is colder than the glaciers she once explored tending bar by night she spends her days immersed in the research of her only remaining passion in life the ice fields of alaska but trends may be improving when news from home hints that those she harmed may have moved on and she can at least recover the papers and books she left behind the respect and affection she once saw in eve cambra s eyes is gone beyond recall when a few innocent questions raise ani s doubts about what really happened three years ago she realizes she may have a chance to clear her name and reclaim her career but there s no data to suggest that eve has thawed and that the fire they once shared can be rekindled in this romantic story of the icy north karin kallmaker explores the passion that can melt even a frozen heart

is true love hidden in the moments we can t stop remembering or in those we choose to forget there is nothing like a high school reunion to bring the old times flooding back old passions handsome singer loretta rett jamison has built herself a successful career and a repertoire filled with romantic ballads and hot jazz but her failing relationship with lover manager trisha york has left a growing emptiness in her heart trisha seems to have found what she needs in the arms of younger women can rett find it on the lips of the classmate who gave her the first real taste of passion old secrets former head cheerleader cinny keilor is an all american girl with an all consuming secret still blond and beautiful leggy cinny is looking forward to reliving those idyllic days of proms and pep rallies but has she forgotten those steamy nights in the back seat of another girl s car old pain national science award winner dr angelica martinetta is being honored by the reunion committee for her victories in the war against ovarian cancer but the former outsider had returned to face a different challenge can she win the heart of the one woman she has pined for all these years

sarah macneil is about to put her heart in the hands of a beautiful woman who could be her salvation or her ruin surfing high on the wave of lesbian chic author screenwriter melissa hartley is deliciously dangerous she knows the right people goes to all the right parties says all the right things when she meets the quiet elegant sarah macneil at a hotel bar melissa makes all the right moves to get sarah to her bed then makes all the right promises to convince the usually cautious young attorney to come live with her in san francisco totally captivated for the first time in her life sarah surrenders herself completely blinded by the glow of melissa s white hot sensuality is sarah setting herself up for a total meltdown

an entertaining guide to some of the best short novels of all time looks at works from the eighteenth century to the present day spanning multiple genres cultures and countries

winner of the nobel prize for literature in 1982 for his masterpiece one hundred years of solitude gabriel garc d ia m d arquez had already earned tremendous respect and popularity in the years leading up to that honor and remains to date an active and prolific writer readers are introduced to garc d ia m d arquez with a vivid account of his fascinating life from his friendships with poets and presidents to his distinguished career as a journalist novelist and chronicler of the quintessential latin american experience this companion also helps students situate garc d ia m d arquez within the canon of western literature exploring his contributions to the modern novel in general and his forging of literary techniques particularly magic realism that have come to distinguish latin american fiction full literary analysis is given for one hundred years of solitude as well as chronicle of a death foretold 1981 love in the time of cholera 1985 two additional novels and five of garc d ia m d arquez s best short stories students are given guidance in understanding the historical contexts as well as the characters and themes that recur in these interrelated works narrative technique and alternative critical perspectives are also explored for each work helping readers fully appreciate the literary accomplishments of gabriel garc d ia m d arquez

julia madison is having nightmares every night all night painful and perplexing the nightmares of a woman in captivity calling for help escalate until she is having them during the day wide awake doctors prescribe pills therapists theorize about past lives and post traumatic stress fortune tellers predict she will meet a tall mysterious stranger julia would prefer to blame her ex her job even the santa ana winds in spite of her long history as a loner she turns to a support group for women with sleep disorders to her amazement she learns that the other lesbians in the group and only the lesbians are having similar nightmares no longer believing these vivid night visions are in their heads the women join forces to find the source of their disturbance since julia knows that her dreams focus on the woman she s named sirena finding sirena is her number one priority convincing the other lesbians to help her comb the mojave desert is only the beginning of the adventure karin kallmaker s story pits the power of sisterhood and love against the savagery of fear and hate

the works of gabriel garcia marquez attracts the interest of both historians and literary critics as his fiction has helped bring greater exposure of latin american culture to the rest of the world editor harold bloom cites the literary origins of marquez as being faulkner crossed by kafka the colombian writer and nobel prize winner s best known works including one hundred years of solitude love in the time of cholera and the general in his labyrinth are explored in depth in this indispensable resource students of literature will find tips for writing effective essays on marquez and his works

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this modern library collection presents seven novellas that brilliantly showcase the range and depth of the talent of hortense calisher a writer hailed by the saturday review as among the most literate practitioners of modern american fiction a stylist wholly committed to the exploitation of language featured is women men don t talk about a new story published here for the first time the novellas are characterized by their unfailing intelligence and by the technical sure handedness and acuity of the writing each has a strong sense of place new york city the hudson valley saratoga springs and an eclectic cast of characters who inhabit regions where our most acute hopes fears and anxieties coexist the respectable lawyer of tale for the mirror attempts to oust an unconventional hindu healer from his community only to wonder whether the doctor s trickery is any different from his own in the railway police a journey by train occasions a social worker s sudden break with past pretenses and her kafkaesque rebirth as a vagabond and in saratoga hot a sharply observed tale set amid the fabled world of horse racing a man and woman discover new

strength in a love touched by tragedy included as well are extreme magic the man who spat silver and the last trolley ride calisher hits at her targets at a point more vital than the usual marksman knows to exist wrote novelist and critic angus wilson and the new york times book review commented seen through her eyes the real world is not prosaic placed in lyrical poetic spaces it is thick and rich with implication the novellas of hortense calisher an edition exclusive to the modern library is amajor collection from one of america s finest literary voices the modern library has played a significant role in american cultural life for the better part of a century the series was founded in 1917 by the publishers boni and liveright and eight years later acquired by bennett cerf and donald klopfer it provided the foun dation for their next publishing venture random house the modern library has been a staple of the american book trade providing readers with affordable hard bound editions of important works of liter ature and thought for the modern library s seventy fifth anniversary random house redesigned the series restoring as its emblem the running torchbearer created by lucian bernhard in 1925 and refurbishing jackets bindings and type as well as inau gurating a new program of selecting titles the modern library continues to provide the world s best books at the best prices

this is a general bibliography on latin america covering a wide variety of subjects from pre columbian civilizations to columbus to castro to the foreign debt to pollution ect this work will not only be of use to the general casual reader on latin america but also to the more specialized researcher the book contains over 800 topics with over 8 000 titles identified

don t miss this lammy award winner cj roshe knows she can never relax her vigilance especially when her grip on her secrets begins to slip contact with the good hearted karita hanssen leaves cj wishing for impossible things friends roots a lover who knows her real name with a life cheerfully balanced between all the things that she loves karita gives freely of her time and affection she isn t looking for more until something in cj s eyes suggests that there could be feelings deeper stronger and more dangerous than any she has ever felt cj is committed to only tonight with her body and certainly no tomorrows when it comes to her heart karita has always lived for today while she waits for tomorrow to happen one kiss couldn t change all that unless it s the kiss that counted golden crown and lambda literary award winning author karin kallmaker s tale of two women two outlooks and two futures trying to become one adds to her long list of best selling and critically acclaimed lesbian romance novels

when three love starved lesbians decide to make up for lost time the recipe is romance and with karin kallmaker cooking you know the result will be hot spicy and mouth wateringly delicious master chef jamie onassis has used every penny she has to buy a beautiful country inn she plans to turn into a five star restaurant unfortunately the inn turns out to be a handyman s special and without the skills or capital to make the necessary repairs jamie risks losing everything home and garden expert valkyrie valentine is a rising star among the do it yourself set a seemingly perfect homemaker valkyrie seems destined to become the next martha stewart as long as no one discovers her embarrassing little secret she can t cook reporter sheila thintowski is a woman on a mission ever since meeting the dazzling dynamic valkyrie valentine she s been determined to interview her up close and extremely personally sheila suspects that valkyrie s hands on skills extend well beyond home improvement and she s looking for some private lessons delicious recipes and chocolate as sublimation await the reader in karin kallmaker s uproarious farce of cooking that doesn t stay in the kitchen

when in 1901 alfred nobel bequeathed to the world the funds to support the nobel prize one of his few directives for the category of literature was that the artists selected be of idealistic tendency since its inception the prize has given a very public voice to some of the world's greatest writers and their responses to the honor their acceptance speeches have themselves often been epochal within each author's body of literature from the famed call to arms by william faulkner to the multicultural song of derek

walcott from 1903 s bjørnstjerne bjørnson to 1999 s günter grass this collection traces the ideals of the artists and the selection committee itself throughout the entirety of the 20th century interestingly writes draugsvold none of the writers discuss the more technical aspects of their craft equally striking is the strength of the common thread of idealism found in these addresses a firm belief in humankind and the power of art in its role in the service of truth and the service of liberty as albert camus said in 1957 i decline to accept the end of man wrote the old man william faulkner the speeches presented here were chosen not by subjective but rather by substantive criteria with biographical presentations and brief statements of gratitude omitted included are an introduction to each of the 28 writers chosen an excerpted copy of the speech or lecture and a bibliography of works in english the work concludes with a complete list of prize winners in literature and a bibliography of sources cited in the writer's introductions

second helpings you know you want some feast on a literary dessert buffet of short stories featuring the beloved characters who took your breath away and stole your heart inspired by classics like touchwood wild things and substitute for love as well as bestsellers and award winners like above temptation the kiss that counted and warming trend karin s second volume of follow up stories is sure to satisfy your craving for more

big city girl in a small town liddy peel has culture shock marian pardoo reference librarian for the iowa city public library would be happy if the woman she s loved for years wasn t already married annoyed by the thoughtless out of town liddy she isn t prepared for the seething passion that erupts when liddy careens into her meticulously controlled life liddy has run two thousand miles from a devastating love affair now the idea of spending the sweltering summer watching the corn grow is driving her mad finding herself lusting after marian the librarian seems like yet another cosmic jest at her hopeless love life the only thing that keeps her sane is the coffee in a town where everybody knows your name the names of your exes pets and your third grade teacher marian is thankful that she and liddy at least don t have an ex girlfriend in common one degree of separation is too close for comfort

motion picture producer selena ryan has the impossible fame and fortune and her integrity her reputation for playing fair in an industry rife with games has earned her respect from other producers writers and actors she s learned the lesson that plenty of people would like to use her to get what they want a starring role or some other way into the movies burned badly by actress jennifer lamont who used her and left her with a devastating aftermath she s wary of everyone related to the industry when gail welles literally lands in selena s lap she suspects another ploy jennifer s sudden arrival back in her life is equally ill timed and suspect on the verge of producing her biggest film to date selena wants everyone to leave her alone even if that means living without love lights camera and action are the backdrop for this lesbian romance novel of taking chances by golden crown and lambda literary award winning author karin kallmaker

this one of a kind resource introduces pastors and seminarians to wisdom found in literary classics that can shape their ministries today

cursing the familial obligation that sent her into the path of a blizzard jackie frakes is deeply grateful for rescue on a snow choked mountain road even if her rescuer s reception is as cold as the landscape leah beck spends her days in a twilight of grief actively avoiding all reminders of her former life as an artist whose work was exhibited nationwide a houseguest for thanksgiving is disruptive and painful and the very last thing she wanted the snowbound weekend leaves them with an unforgettable undeniable attraction that challenges both of their personal and professional commitments leah turns to her art with renewed inspiration while jackie seizes control of her future but will these new paths lead back to each other or will that stunning weekend together be their last one of karin kallmaker s most enduring popular novels this painted moon 25th anniversary edition features a new foreword by the author and additional

next chapters for jackie and leah with a previously unpublished story

ljudmila ulitzkaja erzählt von drei freunden die in der sowjetunion zu dissidenten werden ilja der fotograf vervielfältigt und verbreitet in seiner freizeit verbotene literatur als sich jahre später herausstellt dass er auch für den kgb tätig war muss er fliehen micha ist jude und schreibt seit seiner jugend gedichte wegen seiner nähe zum samisdat wird er denunziert und kommt ins lager sanja kümmert sich während michas haft um dessen frau und kleine tochter dennoch hält ihn nach michas tod nichts mehr in der sowjetunion in ihrem großen gesellschaftspanorama erzählt ulitzkaja von mut und verrat irregeleiteten idealen menschlicher größe und niedertracht und immer wieder von der liebe die das handeln der menschen antreibt

this four volume reference work surveys american literature from the early 20th century to the present day featuring a diverse range of american works and authors and an expansive selection of primary source materials bringing useful and engaging material into the classroom this four volume set covers more than a century of american literary history from 1900 to the present twentieth century and contemporary american literature in context profiles authors and their works and provides overviews of literary movements and genres through which readers will understand the historical cultural and political contexts that have shaped american writing twentieth century and contemporary american literature in context provides wide coverage of authors works genres and movements that are emblematic of the diversity of modern america not only are major literary movements represented such as the beats but this work also highlights the emergence and development of modern native american literature african american literature and other representative groups that showcase the diversity of american letters a rich selection of primary documents and background material provides indispensable information for student research

contains articles focusing on a single work of landmark british literature

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Converting 60 Pounds to Kilograms: A Comprehensive Guide

The conversion of units is a fundamental aspect of many fields, from everyday cooking and international travel to scientific research and engineering. Understanding how to convert units accurately is crucial for ensuring precision and avoiding errors. This article focuses on a common conversion: converting 60 pounds (lbs) to kilograms (kg). While seemingly simple, this conversion often presents challenges, particularly for those unfamiliar with the process or the relevant conversion factor. We will explore the conversion process in detail, address common pitfalls, and offer a clear, step-by-step solution.

Understanding the Units: Pounds and Kilograms

Before diving into the conversion, it's essential to understand the units involved. Pounds (lbs) are a unit of mass (or weight) in the imperial system, predominantly used in the United States. Kilograms (kg) are the standard unit of mass in the metric system, the most widely used system internationally. The difference lies not just in the numerical value but also in the underlying system of measurement. The metric system is based on powers of 10, making conversions relatively straightforward, while the imperial system uses a less consistent and often more complex system.

The Conversion Factor: Linking Pounds and Kilograms

The key to converting between pounds and kilograms is the conversion factor. This factor represents the relationship between the two units. One pound is approximately equal to 0.453592 kilograms. This means that for every pound, there are 0.453592 kilograms. This seemingly small decimal value is crucial for accurate conversions. Using an approximate value like 0.45 will introduce a slight margin of error, which can be significant in contexts requiring high precision.

Step-by-Step Conversion of 60 Pounds to Kilograms

Now, let's convert 60 pounds to kilograms using the precise conversion factor: Step 1: Identify the conversion factor: $1 \text{ lb} \square 0.453592 \text{ kg Step 2}$: Set up the equation: 60 lbs 0.453592 kg/lb = ? kg Step 3: Perform the calculation: Multiply 60 by 0.453592. Step 4: Obtain the result: $60 \text{ lbs } \square 27.21552 \text{ kg}$ Therefore, 60 pounds is approximately equal to 27.21552 kilograms. Depending on the level of precision required, you can round this to a suitable number of decimal places (e.g., 27.22 kg).

Common Mistakes and How to Avoid Them

Several common mistakes can occur during unit conversions: Using an inaccurate conversion factor: Using a rounded-off conversion factor can lead to significant errors, especially when dealing with larger quantities. Always use the most precise conversion factor available. Incorrect unit placement: Ensuring

the units cancel correctly is crucial. In the equation above, the "lbs" unit cancels out, leaving only the "kg" unit, indicating a correct setup. Mathematical errors: Double-check your calculations to prevent simple mistakes that can lead to incorrect results. Using a calculator can help ensure accuracy. Misinterpreting the result: Remember that the result is an approximation, given the inherent imprecision in any conversion factor. Understand the acceptable level of error in your context.

Beyond the Basics: Using Online Converters and Spreadsheet Software

While manual calculations are valuable for understanding the process, online converters and spreadsheet software provide efficient tools for performing conversions. Many free online converters offer accurate and instant conversions between various units. Spreadsheet software like Microsoft Excel or Google Sheets allows for automated conversions, making it particularly useful when dealing with multiple conversions or large datasets. These tools can save time and reduce the risk of manual calculation errors.

Summary

Converting 60 pounds to kilograms involves using the precise conversion factor of approximately 0.453592 kg/lb. By multiplying 60 lbs by this factor, we obtain approximately 27.22 kg. Understanding the units, utilizing the correct conversion factor, and performing the calculation accurately are crucial for achieving the correct result. Avoiding common errors like using inaccurate conversion factors and misplacing units is vital for precision. Utilizing online converters or spreadsheet software can simplify the process, particularly for multiple conversions or large datasets.

FAQs

1. Can I use a simpler conversion factor like 0.45 kg/lb? While simpler, it introduces a degree of inaccuracy. The more precise factor (0.453592) is recommended for accuracy, especially in scientific or engineering contexts. 2. How do I convert kilograms back to pounds? To convert kilograms back to pounds, divide the kilogram value by the conversion factor (approximately 0.453592 kg/lb). 3. What is the difference between mass and weight? While often used interchangeably, mass is the amount of matter in an object, while weight is the force exerted on that mass due to gravity. The conversion between pounds and kilograms primarily deals with mass. 4. Are there other units of mass I should know about? Yes, other units of mass include grams (g), tonnes (t), ounces (oz), and stones (st). Each has its own conversion factor relative to kilograms and pounds. 5. Where can I find reliable conversion factors for other units? Many online resources, including scientific websites and engineering handbooks, provide comprehensive tables of conversion factors for various units. Ensure you are using a reputable source.

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