

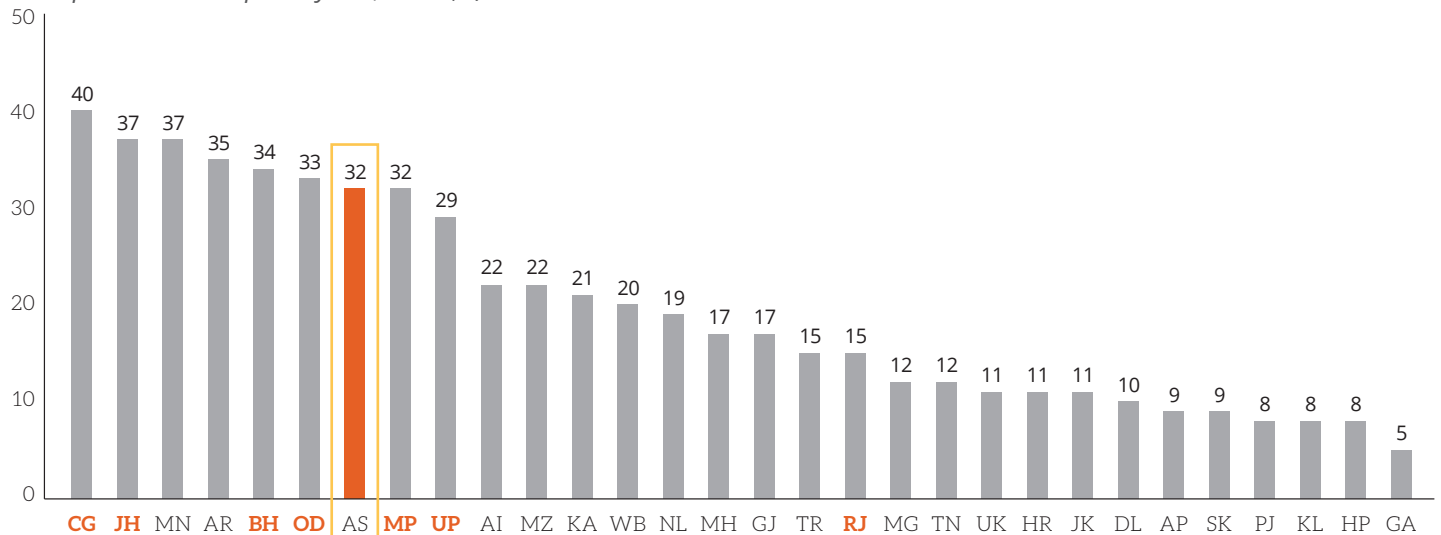
# Assam

## Poverty, Growth & Inequality

Assam is home to 31 million people, a third of whom are poor. While poverty levels in Assam declined rapidly between 1994 and 2005, the state has since lagged behind most other states in reducing poverty. The incidence of poverty in Assam remains higher than the national average, with poverty levels being very high in some parts of the state. Growth, which is driven mainly by services, is among the lowest in the country. Consumption inequality, while low relative to other Indian states, has been increasing, especially in urban areas.

### Poverty in Assam is higher than in most other Indian states

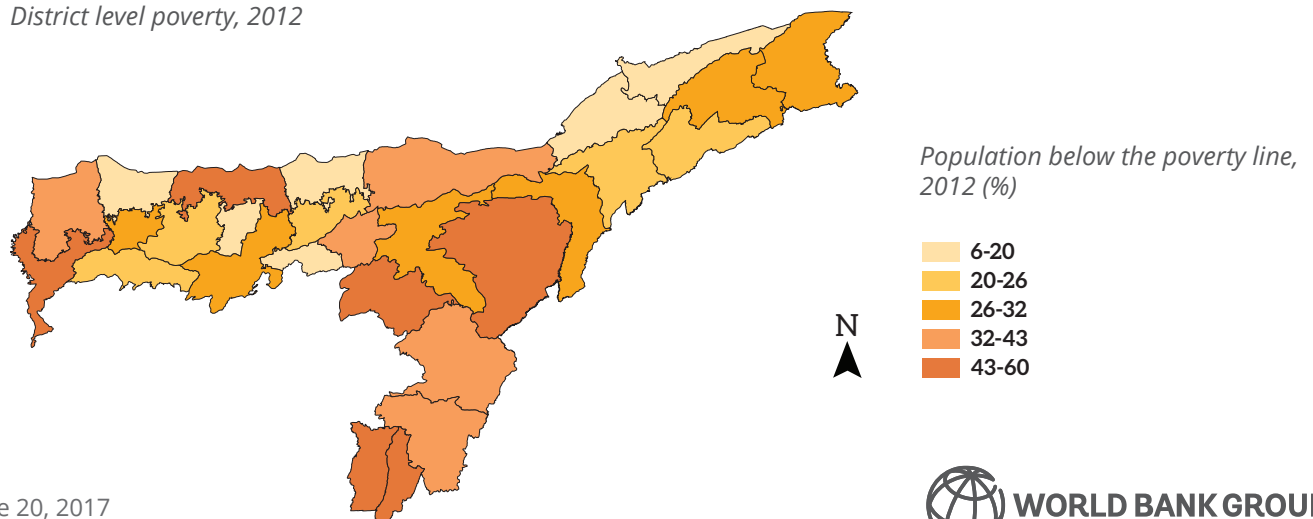
Population below poverty line, 2012 (%)



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### There are pockets of very high poverty within Assam

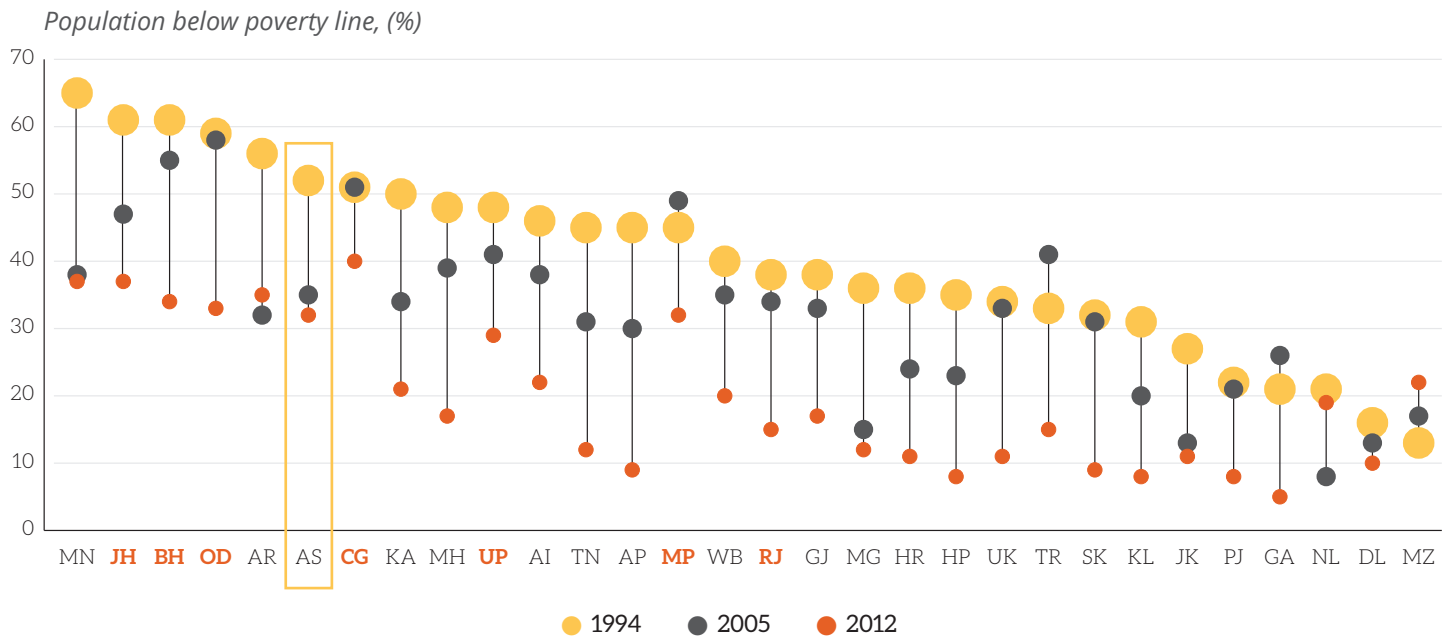
District level poverty, 2012



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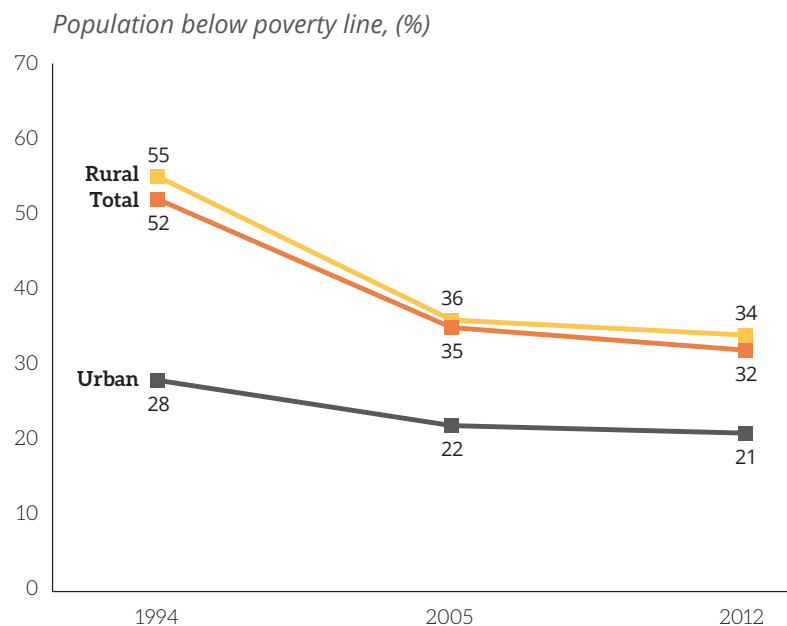
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Since 2005, the pace of poverty reduction in Assam has been slower than in most other states



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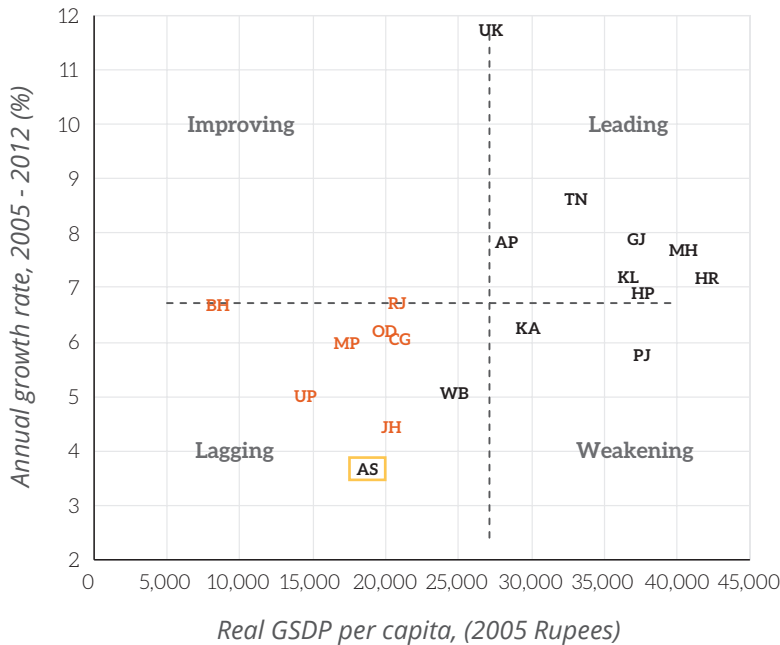
Poverty declined sharply in both rural and urban areas of Assam between 1994 and 2005



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### Assam lags behind most Indian states in economic growth



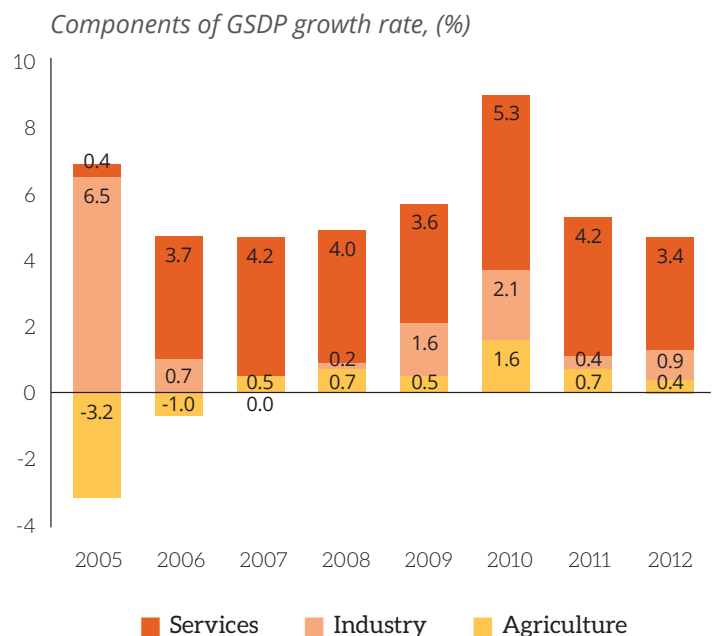
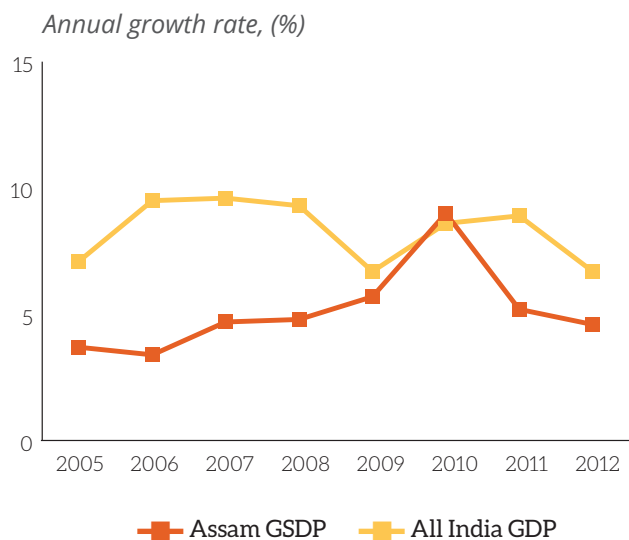
### Interpreting the graph

<b>Improving</b> Low income, high growth	<b>Leading</b> High income, high growth
<b>Lagging</b> Low income, low growth	<b>Weakening</b> High income, low growth

Improvement from 2005 to 2012

Standard of living, 2005

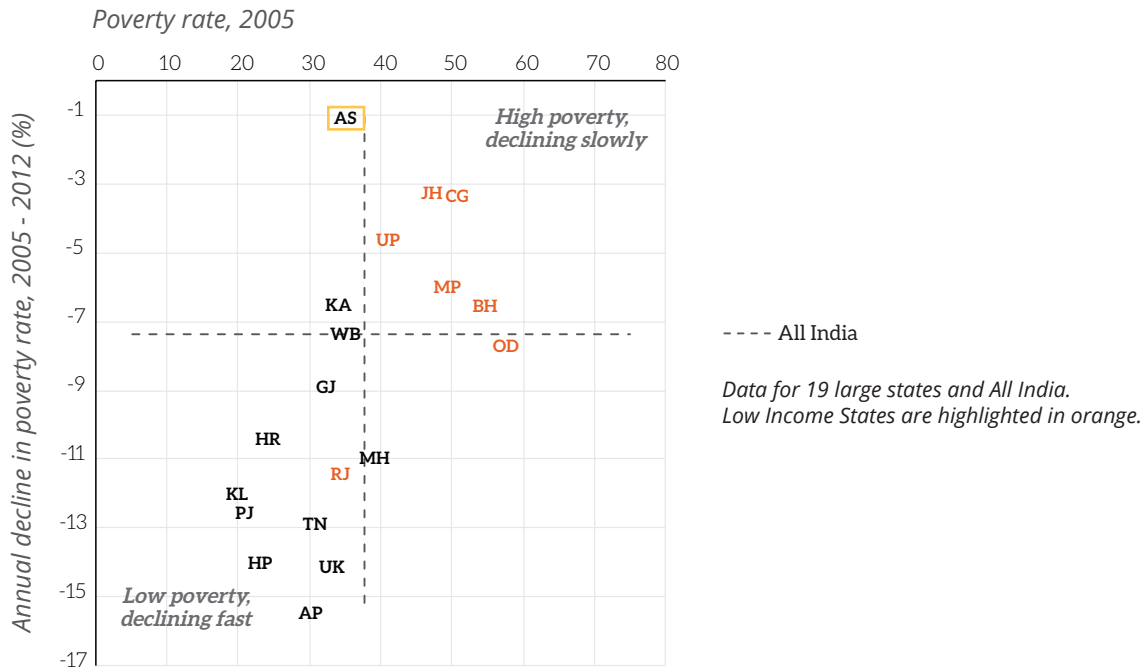
### Services contribute most to Assam's economic growth, which is lower than the national average



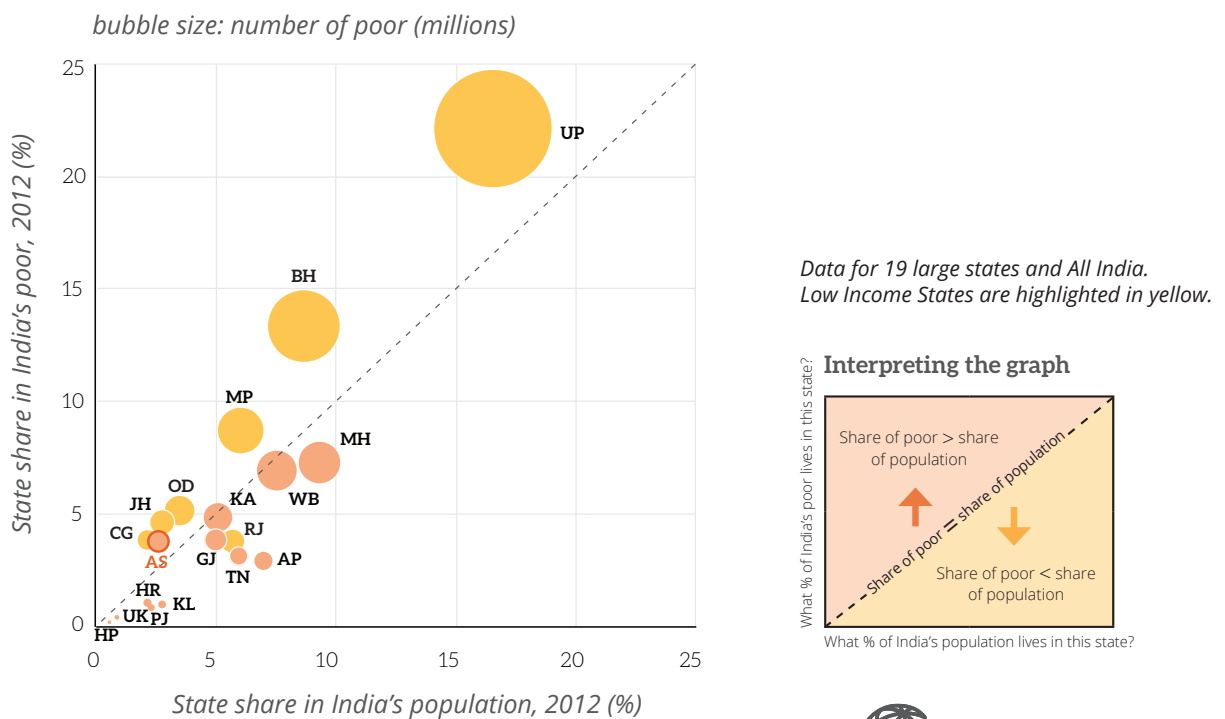
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### Poverty reduction has been the slowest in Assam after 2005



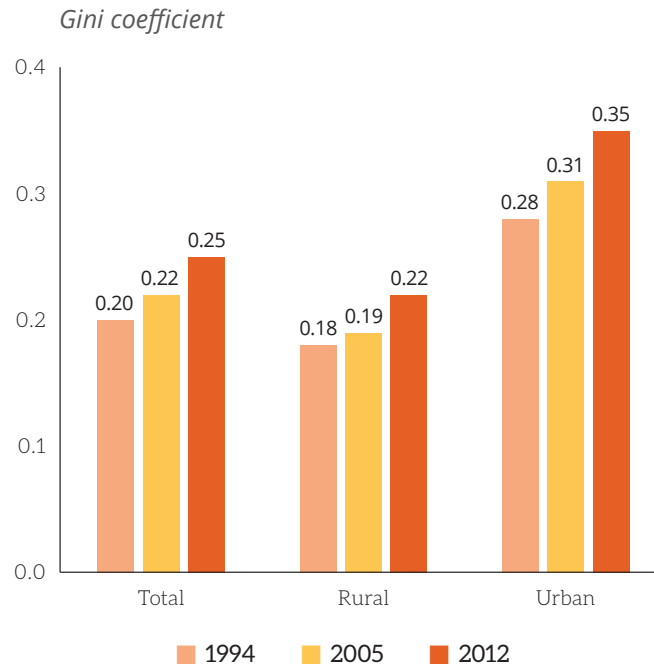
### Assam is home to a larger share of India's poor relative to its population



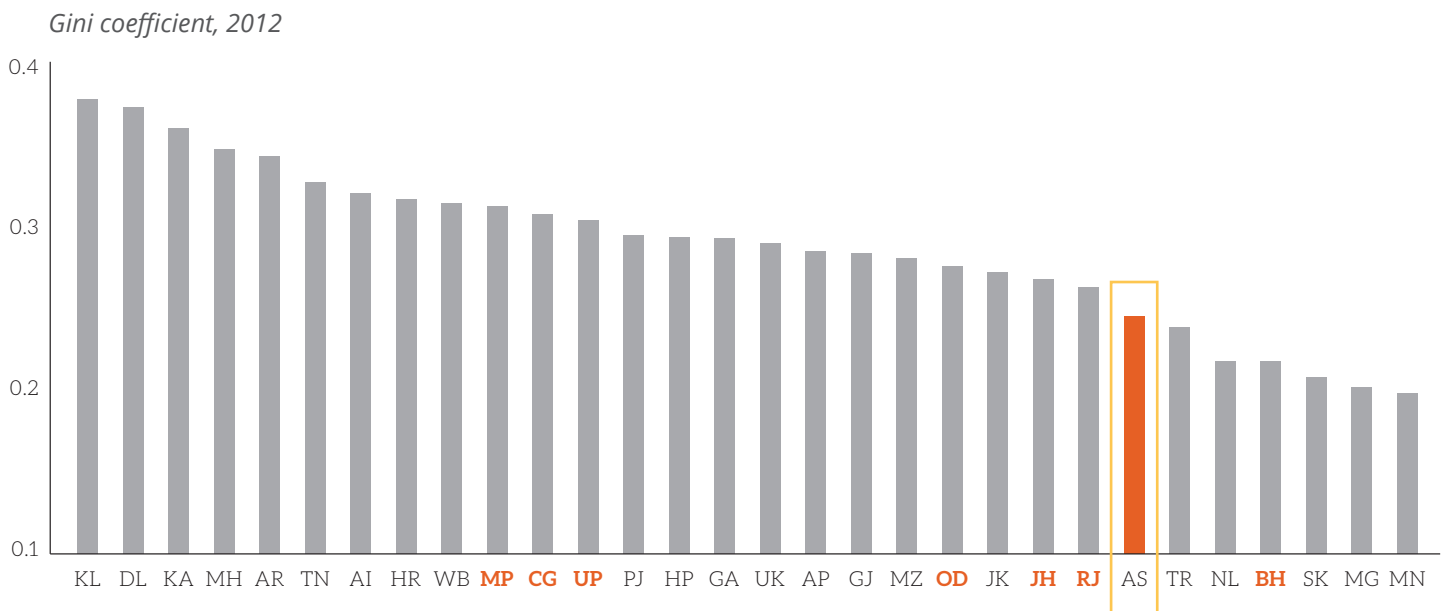
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Consumption inequality is increasing in Assam, a lot more in urban areas



Consumption inequality in Assam is lower than in most other states



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