

Black Country Intelligence Reports Catalogue 2002-2017

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2017 Black Country LEP Intelligence Reports	Jan 2017	A paper analysing ONS data on economic output, as measured by nominal Gross Value Added (GVA) . Specific focus is placed on Black Country GVA performance for Total GVA, GVA per head and GVA per employee in addition regional comparisons and an update on the Black Country Output Gap.
2017 Black Country Strategic Companies Barometer	Jan 2017	Analysis by the Economic Intelligence Unit of the Black Country Business base identified over 1,800 'Strategic Companies' that contribute £11.8bn GVA, and 332,000 jobs to the economy. This report highlights the importance of the Strategic Companies as drivers of growth in the Black Country and seeks to add to the evidence base for strategic development in the Sub-Region.
Black Country Growth Opportunities Local Delivery (GOLD)	August 2015	The ' An Evaluation of Black Country Growth Opportunities Local Delivery (GOLD) ' report is an evaluation of the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) sponsored business support programme. The programme offered business development support and financial assistance to small and medium size enterprises based in the Black Country. Black Country GOLD provided eligible businesses with the opportunity to apply for grants up to £16,000 to support expansion projects that will enable the business to grow by up to 20%. The project yielded over £1m in private sector investment and is expected to create up to 50 jobs in the advanced manufacturing, building technologies, business services, environmental technologies and transport technologies sectors.
Gross Value Added by Local Enterprise Partnership	July 2015	The ' Gross Value Added by Local Enterprise Partnership ' summary analyses data on economic output, as measured by nominal gross value added, for each Local Enterprise Partnership areas. The analysis focuses on the performance of the Black Country economy over the period 1997 to 2013. The analysis finds that the Black Country had the second highest Gross Value Added (GVA) growth rate in the country with an increase of 4.5% (2012-2013), falling only behind Greater Manchester. The Black Country currently has a GVA output of £19.5bn, the highest of any time in the Sub-Region's history.
Sub-Regional Productivity	July 2015	The ' Sub-Regional Productivity ' summary paper analyses experimental statistics for two measures of labour productivity, Gross Value Added per hour worked and Gross Value Added per filled job as developed for the Office for National Statistics. Labour productivity measures the amount of output produced by a unit of labour input. A higher level of productivity means that a higher level of output

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		is being produced per unit of labour input. This summary focuses on the Black Country's performance in comparison to other Local Enterprise Partnership areas and the UK.
1000 Companies to Inspire Britain	May 2015	The 1,000 Companies to Inspire Britain is the most recent publication of a project launched in 2013 by the London Stock Exchange to showcase the UK's most exciting and dynamic small and medium-sized businesses. The companies included in the report have on average doubled their revenue in the last four years and research has found boosting this sector by 1% would result in 230,000 new jobs and £38bn to UK GDP.
Black Country Strategic Companies Barometer	May 2015	Analysis by the Economic Intelligence Unit of the Black Country Business base identified 1,600 ' Strategic Companies ' that contribute £8.3bn GVA, £104m on research & development and 190,000 jobs to the economy. This report highlights the importance of the Strategic Companies as drivers of growth in the Black Country and seeks to add to the evidence base for strategic development in the Sub-Region.
Black Country LEP Intelligence Report	May 2015	A paper analysing ONS data on economic output, as measured by nominal Gross Value Added (GVA) , for each Local Enterprise Partnership. Specific focus is placed on Black Country GVA performance for Total GVA, GVA per head and GVA per employee in addition to highlighting sectoral output across nine industries in the Sub-Region.
Black Country Business Base Analysis	June 2014	The Black Country Business Base report highlights the various business data sources that are used by the Black Country Economic Intelligence Unit in their analysis of the Black Country Business Base. The report provides an insight into the business demography of the Black Country, analysing sectoral make up, ownership structures and turnover. The report also focuses on the performance of the Black Country Automotive Supply Chain, highlighting global impact of Black Country firms.
Black Country LEP Intelligence Report	April 2014	An analysis of the LEP Network report " Building Local Advantage: Review of Local Partnership area economies in 2014 ". This report analysed socio-economic performance in LEP areas across the country, detailing the "diverse range of opportunities and advantages within individual LEP areas", as well as their unique challenges. These challenges are said to range from managing costs to creating jobs, increasing entrepreneurship and creating capacity for further growth.
Black Country Strategic Companies	November 2013	The Strategic Companies Barometer analysis found over 600 key firms contribute £5.1bn GVA, £23bn in annual turnover and 165,000 jobs to the Black Country economy.
Black Country Competitiveness Barometer	November 2013	The Competitiveness Barometer provides intelligence on growth measures, business performance and innovation. Key findings include: (1) The UK economy has shown signs of recovery in 2013; (2) There are spatial concentrations of high business density across the Black Country; (3) Business confidence is relatively high across the Black Country; (4) The Black Country has the largest

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		concentration of jobs in manufacturing of any UK city
LEP Intelligence Report	May 2013	This report, produced for the Black Country Local Enterprise Partnership, provides Black Country labour market intelligence for May 2012
Black Country Business Survey	May 2013	The report, produced by M-E-L Research for the Black Country Local Enterprise Partnership, provides insight to levels of business confidence in the sub-region with analysis of issues concerning recruitment, innovation, premises and customer base
Advanced Manufacturing Summary	April 2013	Research consultants MEL and Mazars were commissioned by the LEP to undertake Advanced Manufacturing research. This report provides a summary of their findings
LEP Intelligence Report	November 2012	This report, produced for the Black Country Local Enterprise Partnership, provides Black Country labour market intelligence for November 2012
LEP Intelligence Report	October 2012	This report, produced for the Black Country Local Enterprise Partnership, provides Black Country labour market intelligence for October 2012
LEP Intelligence Report	September 2012	This report, produced for the Black Country Local Enterprise Partnership, provides Black Country labour market intelligence for September 2012
Business (Competitiveness) Barometer	September 2012	This report highlights the need for continued strong economic development policy, in addition to highlighting the importance of innovation and skills to economic growth. Some of the topic areas covered in the report include: (1) Economic growth – The Black Country Output gap has reduced for the first time since 2003; (2) International Trade – The Black Country has 19.5% of employment in export-intensive industries; (3) Innovation - The Black Country ranks 26 th out of 29 LEP areas in terms of patent applications 2000 – 2011.
Black Country Transformational Sectors Action Plans	May 2012	The Black Country Economic Assessment identified five sectors that are key to the transformation of the Black Country. These are: Advanced Manufacturing, Building Technologies, Transport Technologies, Business Services, and Environmental Technologies. This report profiles each sector and provides actions for their development including opportunities for growth faced by businesses.
LEP Intelligence Report	May 2012	This report, produced for the Black Country Local Enterprise Partnership, provides Black Country labour market intelligence for May 2012
Black Country High Turnover Companies	April 2012	A recent business survey in Sandwell identified that businesses with a turnover of more than £1m are significantly more likely to grow. This report looks at Black Country companies with high turnover
Black Country Competitiveness Barometer	May 2011	Based on the 2010 UK Competitiveness Index this barometer analyses the competitiveness of the Black Country in comparison to the rest of the country. The current business profile of the sub-region is also examined.

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Black Country Economic Assessment	May 2011	The Black Country Economic Assessment sits within The Black Country Strategy for Growth & Competitiveness (The Black Country Study 2006) and The Black Country Core Strategy (2010). This report sets out the clusters that are key for the transformation of the Black Country Economy and the raising of our GVA per head to the UK average (total GVA of £33bn) by 2030: Advanced Manufacturing, Building Technologies, Transport Technologies, incl. Aerospace, Business Services and Environmental Technologies (Cross Cutting)
Black Country Strategic Companies Report	November 2010	Black Country Consortium Ltd in conjunction with partners recently updated the list of 'Black Country Strategic Companies'. Over 300 companies have been identified and these firms provide a vital contribution to the Black Country economy.
Black Country Business Barometer	June 2010	This barometer examines data relating to the Black Country economy. This edition provides information on new Business Statistics covering National Indicators 171 and 172 as well as providing data on Business Survival Rates, Employment and Wage data. Industries vulnerable to the low carbon agenda and impact of the recession on the third sector are also addressed.
Black Country Recession Intelligence	November 2009	This is the sixth Recession Intelligence Report giving timely information on the current economic situation in the Black Country
Black Country Recession Intelligence	September 2009	This is the fifth Recession Intelligence Report giving timely information on the current economic situation in the Black Country.
Black Country Recession Intelligence	July 2009	This is the fourth Recession Intelligence Report giving timely information on the current economic situation in the Black Country.
Black Country Strategic Companies	July 2009	Black Country Consortium Ltd in conjunction with partners recently updated the list of 'Black Country Strategic Companies'. 163 companies have been identified and these firms provide a vital contribution to the Black Country economy. This report analyses this contribution in detail.
Black Country Recession Intelligence	May 2009	This is the third Recession Intelligence Report giving timely information on the current economic situation in the Black Country.
Black Country Business Barometer	April 2009	This new barometer examines data relating to the Black Country economy and replaces the Economic Barometers that used to be produced. This edition provides information on new Business Statistics covering National Indicators 171 and 172 as well as providing data on Business Survival Rates, Employment and Wage data
Black Country Recession Intelligence	March 2009	This is the second Recession Intelligence Report giving timely information on the current economic situation in the Black Country.
Black Country Recession Intelligence	January 2009	This is the first Recession Intelligence Report giving timely information on the current economic situation in the Black Country.

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Black Country Economic Barometer	October 2008	This edition of the economic barometer provides timely information on the economic slowdown and its impact on the Black Country. It also takes a look at the most recent Skills data and the overall economic outlook.
Black Country Economic Barometer	April 2008	This new bi-annual version of the economic barometer includes Employment data from the Annual Business Inquiry, Gross Value Added data, Wage data from the Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings and a look at the overall economic context
Quarterly Economic Barometer	December 2007	This issue examines recently released Labour Market data in the context of the Black Country Output Gap. It includes information on the numbers of VAT Registered Businesses and looks at the Black Country Economic Model Rerun
Quarterly Economic Barometer	August 2007	This issue takes a look at the various stages Black Country local authorities are in with regard to their Local Area Agreements. LAA's are also looked at in context with the Black Country Strategy and the West Midlands Economic Strategy and the West Midlands Economic Strategy.
Quarterly Economic Barometer	March 2007	This edition includes data on Business Survival Rates, House Prices in the Black Country and Year 11 Destination Trends
Quarterly Economic Barometer	December 2006	This edition includes information on Enterprise, Earnings in the Black Country and University of Wolverhampton Graduate Destinations
Quarterly Economic Barometer	September 2006	This edition provides information on The Black Country Output Gap, The Labour Market and Enterprise in the Black Country
Quarterly Economic Barometer	June 2006	This edition includes the latest data on Gross Value Added – Total GVA and GVA per head - business Link data and Black Country Chamber survey results. Information is also provided on Business Survival Rates and Quarterly House Prices
Quarterly Economic Barometer	March 2006	This edition includes the latest information regarding the Business Sector – Stock of VAT registered businesses, Registrations, De-Registrations & Net Change. There is also, Sectoral analysis, information on the Black Country 'FTSE 150' including spatial analysis, Business Link data and Black Country Chamber survey results
Quarterly Economic Barometer	December 2005	This edition includes the latest information regarding Earnings – full time annual and weekly and part-time weekly - Labour market information and the Black Country Chamber Survey
Quarterly Economic Barometer	September 2005	This first edition of the QEB focuses on Employment, Unemployment and Workforce Skills
Black Country Barometer	Winter 2004	Analysis of indicators relating to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning – Key Stage II, III and GCSE • Economy – GVA, Employment, 30 year Forecasts from the BC Economic Strategy

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Black Country Barometer	Summer 2003	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expert commentary provided by Sir Geoff Hampton and Professor Les Worrall from the University of Wolverhampton <p>This first report provided a detailed analysis of Export data and Expert commentary provided by Business Link.</p>

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LEP Intelligence Report – Labour Market Intelligence	April 2014	A paper for the Local Enterprise Partnership Employment and Skill Board detailing the latest data from the UKCES Employer Skills Survey and the Department for Education GCSE Performance Tables
Black Country Skills Barometer 2014	July 2014	The Black Country Skills Barometer 2014 provides the latest data on skills for the workforce, skills for the unemployed, skills for the future workforce and apprenticeships all in the context of the announcement from Central Government regarding the Local Growth Deal
Black Country Education and Skills Barometer	November 2012	This report focuses on the ‘People indicators’ in the Black Country Performance Management Framework. It includes information on Skills, Qualifications, Pupil Performance and GCSE performance. A picture of current activity in terms of further and higher education as well as NEETs and Year 11 Destinations are also explored.
Black Country Transformational Sectors Skills Gaps	March 2012	The Black Country Economic Assessment identified five sectors that are key to the transformation of the Black Country. These are: (1) Advanced Manufacturing; (2) Building Technologies; (3) Transport Technologies; (4) Business Services; (5) Environmental Technologies. This report identifies the specific skills gaps identified by companies within each sector and looks at areas that need to be prioritised.
Black Country Education & Skills Barometer	November 2011	This report focuses on the ‘People indicators’ in the Black Country Performance Management Framework. It includes information on Worklessness, Skills, Qualifications, Pupil Performance and GCSE performance. A picture of current activity in terms of further and higher education as well as skills needs and factors effecting worklessness are also explored.
Black Country IMD Barometer	April 2011	Results of the overall ID for the Black Country and detailed maps illustrating the 7 sub-domains including (1) Income; (2) Employment; (3) Health, Deprivation & Disability; (4) Education, Skills and Training.

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Black Country People Barometer	November 2010	This report focuses on the 'People indicators' in the Black Country Performance Management Framework. The report includes information on Worklessness, Skills, Qualifications, Pupil Performance and GCSE performance and Health. A picture of current activity in terms of further and higher education as well as skills needs and factors effecting worklessness are also explored.
Black Country People Barometer	November 2009	This report focuses on the 'People indicators' in the Black Country Performance Management Framework. The report includes information on Worklessness, Skills, Qualifications, Pupil Performance, GCSE performance including interventions, which help provide a picture of current activity.
Black Country Education Barometer	December 2008	This report looks at the progress made in Key Stages 1-4 throughout the Black Country over the last twelve months and examines examples of best practice.
Black Country Sports Barometer	April 2008	This is the third annual Black Country Sports Barometer which sets out the overall sport and active recreation performance against the National Framework for sport outcomes.
Black Country Health Barometer	April 2008	This report, which is the third annual Black Country Health Barometer, analyses key indicators from a Black Country perspective and monitors progress since the 2005 Black Country baseline report.
Black Country ID Barometer Report	March 2008	Results of the overall ID for the Black Country and detailed maps illustrating the 7 sub-domains including: • Income; • Employment; • Health, Deprivation & Disability; • Education, Skills and Training.
Black Country PE, School Sport and Club Links Barometer	March 2008	This special report looks examines the PESSCL survey, looking at participation in School Sport by year group and looking at PE in the national curriculum. There is also an analysis of gifted and talented pupils.
Black Country Education Barometer	December 2007	This report revisits the indicators set out in the 2005 baseline report and monitors the progress made in the last 12 months across Key Stages 1-4.
Sports Barometer – Special Edition: Active Persons	May 2007	This barometer provides the Black Country results for each of the six Key Performance Indicators from the Sport England Active Person's Survey. Other relevant results are benchmarked against national, regional and local results.
Black Country Education Barometer	December 2006	This report revisits the indicators set out in the 2005 baseline report and monitors the progress made in the last 12 months.
Black Country Health Barometer	December 2006	This report, which is the second annual Black Country Health Barometer, analyses key indicators from a Black Country perspective and monitors progress since the 2005 Black Country baseline report.
Sports Barometer	November 2006	This report provides a benchmark to steer the actions needed to increase participation in sport and active recreation in the Black Country.

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IMD 2004 Barometer Report	August 2006	Results of the overall ID for the Black Country and detailed maps illustrating the 7 sub-domains including: • Income; • Employment; • Health, Deprivation & Disability; • Education, Skills and Training.
Assisted Area Review	March 2006	This report provides a response to the government's consultation on the review of the 'Assisted Areas Map' and provides a detailed spatial analysis of a range of indicators.
Black Country Education Barometer	December 2005	This report provides the baseline for the BC for 29 key education performance indicators (e.g. KS1-4 etc.) and provides a comparison with England. These will be monitored annually so that we can evaluate the impact of our collective actions.
Black Country Health Barometer	October 2005	This report provides the baseline and an analysis for the BC for 14 key national indicators (e.g. life expectancy, infant mortality etc.).
Black Country Sports Barometer	September 2005	This report provides the baseline and an analysis for the BC in relation to the 7 main outcomes from the National Framework for Sport.
Ethnicity Barometer	June 2005	This report covers ethnicity by Number of People, Age & Sex, Economic Activity, Qualifications, Employment and Population Density. It is based on a 2004 EKOS report entitled Ethnic Minority Regional Data.
Knowledge Economy Edition II	December 2004	This report evaluates progress against the baseline for the Black Country in terms of reaching the Black Country vision of 'being a premier league player in the Knowledge Economy'
Education Barometer	October 2004	This report brings together evidence on the key education trends in the Black Country and was created to stimulate an informed discussion on the key challenges facing the sub-region.
Black Country Barometer	Spring 2004	Analysis of indicators relating to: (1) Learning – Qualification levels, an analysis of HESA data on HE Destinations, an analysis of University of Wolverhampton graduate destination, Commuting Patterns; (2) Economy – Labour market including economic activity/inactivity, employment, unemployment and self-employment
Knowledge Economy Edition I	February 2004	Using the three 'architecture' models this report provide three related perspectives on the Knowledge Economy in the Black Country and sets a baseline against which progress can be monitored.
Black Country Barometer	Winter 2003	Analysis of indicators relating to: (1) Learning – Key Stage II and III, GCSE/League tables including a spatial analysis; (2) Economy – Investors in People, Wages by Occupation, Jobs by sector and firm size; (3) Expert commentary provided by the Vice Chancellor of the University of Wolverhampton
Black Country Barometer	Autumn 2003	Analysis of indicators relating to: (1) Environment – House prices and sales; (2) Health – Teenage conceptions, life expectancy, population and health of the nation; (3) People – Crime

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Black Country Canal Barometer	November 2010	This report provides detailed information on Black Country canal infrastructure, including a history of the extensive system and the industry that has grown around it.
Black Country Place Barometer	October 2010	This annual report focuses on the 'place indicators' of the Black Country's Performance Management Framework. This year's report develops on last year's strategic context by looking at the Black Country as a place to invest; including information on further and higher education, the visitor economy, rental prices of commercial property and house prices and builds.
Black Country Place Barometer	July 2009	This new annual report focuses on the 'place indicators' of the Black Country's Performance Management Framework. This report sets out the strategic context followed by information on land transformation capturing: housing, employment land and brownfield land. The report also includes information on the perception of the Black Country people as captured by the Place Survey and on the Black Country Visitor & Business Economy.
Visitor Economy Issue V	June 2008	This report provides an update on the numbers of businesses and employees sector. It also includes information on the demographics and qualifications of employees. Maps are included featuring Business Tourism, Days Out, Eating Out and Nature
Visitor Economy Issue IV	August 2007	This report provides an update on the 2006 Visitor Economy Barometer. It includes the Number of Establishments by Size in the Visitor Economy and Employment Across the sector by industry. It also contains information of the Visitor Numbers for Black Country Tourist Attractions
Visitor Economy Issue III	September 2006	This report provides a detailed analysis of the BC Visitor economy and includes data on firms, employment, skills and tourist attractions and covers business tourism.
Visitor Economy Issue II	March 2006	This report provides a detailed analysis of the BC Visitor economy and includes data on firms, employment, skills and tourist attractions and covers business tourism.
Visitor Economy Issue I	March 2004	This report set the baseline for the BC Visitor economy and provides an analysis of the BC Visitor economy in terms of volume, expenditure, employment and projections. It also provided data on tourist attractions.
Black Country Barometer	Autumn 2004	Analysis of indicators relating to: (1) Environment - House prices and sale (including a detailed spatial analysis), House quality, Housing Affordability index; (2) Health - Under 18 Conception Rates, Life Expectancy; (3) People - Crime

Black Country Annual Economic Review

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Black Country Annual Economic Review 2017	February 2017	The 2017 Annual Economic Review reports on the update on the Black Country Performance Management Framework.
Black Country Annual Economic Review 2016	February 2016	The 2016 Annual Economic Review reports on the update on the Black Country Performance Management Framework.
Black Country Annual Economic Review 2015	February 2015	The 2015 Annual Economic Review reports on the update on the Black Country Performance Management Framework.
Black Country Annual Economic Review 2014 – Summary Report	February 2014	The 2014 Annual Economic Review focuses on the Performance Management Framework for the Black Country Strategy for Growth and Competitiveness. This is the summary report
Black Country Annual Economic Review 2014 – Summary Report	February 2014	The 2014 Annual Economic Review focuses on the Performance Management Framework for the Black Country Strategy for Growth and Competitiveness. This is the summary report
Black Country Annual Economic Review 2014 – Evidence Report	February 2014	The 2014 Annual Economic Review focuses on the Performance Management Framework for the Black Country Strategy for Growth and Competitiveness. This is the full evidence report.
Black Country Business Survey	May 2013	The report, produced by M-E-L Research for the Black Country Local Enterprise Partnership, provides insight to levels of business confidence in the sub-region with analysis of issues concerning recruitment, innovation, premises and customer base.
Black Country State of the Sub-Region Report	February 2013	The 2013 edition of 'State of the Region' focuses on the Performance Management Framework for the Black Country Strategy for Growth and Competitiveness.
Black Country State of the Region	February 2012	The 2012 edition of 'State of the Region' focuses on the Performance Management Framework for the Black Country Strategy for Growth and Competitiveness.
State of the Sub-Region 2011 (Executive Summary Evidence Report)	February 2011	The 2011 edition of 'State of the Region' focuses on the Performance Management Framework for the Black Country Strategy for Growth and Competitiveness.
State of the Sub-Region 2010	March 2010	The 2010 edition of 'State of the Region' focuses on the Performance Management Framework for the Black Country Strategy for Growth and Competitiveness.
State of the Sub-Region	February 2009	This new look 'State of the Sub-Region' continues to follow the themes of reports from previous years. This edition places focus on the Performance Management Framework for the Black Country Strategy for Growth and Competitiveness along with commentary and data relating to the current economic situation.
State of the Sub-Region	October	The fifth annual report, this report provides an update on the progress of the Black Country against

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	2007	key headline indicators, which cover the themes of Economy, Learning, People, Environment and Health. Includes information in the Black Country Monitoring Framework.
State of the Sub-Region	September 2006	The fourth annual report, this report provides an update on the progress of the Black Country against key headline indicators, which cover the themes of Economy, Learning, People, Environment and Health. The report includes information in the Black Country Monitoring Framework.
State of the Sub-Region	September 2005	The third annual report, this report provides an update on the progress of the Black Country against key headline indicators, which cover the themes of Economy, Learning, People, Environment and Health. Also included is an analysis of the how the BC measures in terms of AWM's Regional Economic Strategy Indicators.
State of the Sub-Region	September 2004	This is the second annual report which reports on the progress of the Black Country against key headline indicators which cover the themes of Economy, Learning, People, Environment and Health. It includes an analysis of how the BC measures in terms of AWM's Regional Economic Strategy Indicators.
State of the Sub-Region	September 2003	The first annual report which set the baseline for the Black Country against key headline indicators which cover the themes of Economy, Learning, People, Environment and Health and an analysis of the how the BC measures in terms of AWM's Regional Economic Strategy Indicators.

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