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compile_keras_grid	<i>Compile Keras Models Over a Grid of Hyperparameters</i>
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Description

Pre-compiles Keras models for each hyperparameter combination in a grid.

This function is a powerful debugging tool to use before running a full `tune::tune_grid()`. It allows you to quickly validate multiple model architectures, ensuring they can be successfully built and compiled without the time-consuming process of actually fitting them. It helps catch common errors like incompatible layer shapes or invalid argument values early.

Usage

```
compile_keras_grid(spec, grid, x, y)
```

Arguments

spec	A parsnip model specification created by <code>create_keras_sequential_spec()</code> or <code>create_keras_functional_spec()</code> .
grid	A tibble or <code>data.frame</code> containing the grid of hyperparameters to evaluate. Each row represents a unique model architecture to be compiled.
x	A data frame or matrix of predictors. This is used to infer the <code>input_shape</code> for the Keras model.
y	A vector or factor of outcomes. This is used to infer the output shape and the default loss function for the Keras model.

Details

Compile and Validate Keras Model Architectures

The function iterates through each row of the provided `grid`. For each hyperparameter combination, it attempts to build and compile the Keras model defined by the `spec`. The process is wrapped in a try-catch block to gracefully handle and report any errors that occur during model instantiation or compilation.

The output is a tibble that mirrors the input `grid`, with additional columns containing the compiled model object or the error message, making it easy to inspect which architectures are valid.

Value

A tibble with the following columns:

- Columns from the input grid.
- `compiled_model`: A list-column containing the compiled Keras model objects. If compilation failed, the element will be `NULL`.
- `error`: A list-column containing `NA` for successes or a character string with the error message for failures.

Examples

```
if (requireNamespace("keras3", quietly = TRUE)) {

# 1. Define a kerasnip model specification
create_keras_sequential_spec(
  model_name = "my_mlp",
  layer_blocks = list(
    input_block,
    hidden_block,
    output_block
  ),
  mode = "classification"
)

mlp_spec <- my_mlp(
  hidden_units = tune(),
  compile_loss = "categorical_crossentropy",
  compile_optimizer = "adam"
)

# 2. Create a hyperparameter grid
# Include an invalid value (-10) to demonstrate error handling
param_grid <- tibble::tibble(
  hidden_units = c(32, 64, -10)
)

# 3. Prepare dummy data
x_train <- matrix(rnorm(100 * 10), ncol = 10)
y_train <- factor(sample(0:1, 100, replace = TRUE))

# 4. Compile models over the grid
compiled_grid <- compile_keras_grid(
  spec = mlp_spec,
  grid = param_grid,
  x = x_train,
  y = y_train
)

print(compiled_grid)

# 5. Inspect the results
```

```
# The row with `hidden_units = -10` will show an error.
}
```

```
create_keras_functional_spec
```

Create a Custom Keras Functional API Model Specification for Tidy-models

Description

This function acts as a factory to generate a new parsnip model specification based on user-defined blocks of Keras layers using the Functional API. This allows for creating complex, tunable architectures with non-linear topologies that integrate seamlessly with the tidymodels ecosystem.

Usage

```
create_keras_functional_spec(
  model_name,
  layer_blocks,
  mode = c("regression", "classification"),
  ...,
  env = parent.frame()
)
```

Arguments

model_name	A character string for the name of the new model specification function (e.g., "custom_resnet"). This should be a valid R function name.
layer_blocks	A named list of functions where each function defines a "block" (a node) in the model graph. The list names are crucial as they define the names of the nodes. The arguments of each function define how the nodes are connected. See the "Model Graph Connectivity" section for details.
mode	A character string, either "regression" or "classification".
...	Reserved for future use. Currently not used.
env	The environment in which to create the new model specification function and its associated update() method. Defaults to the calling environment (parent.frame()).

Details

This function generates all the boilerplate needed to create a custom, tunable parsnip model specification that uses the Keras Functional API. This is ideal for models with complex, non-linear topologies, such as networks with multiple inputs/outputs or residual connections.

The function inspects the arguments of your layer_blocks functions and makes them available as tunable parameters in the generated model specification, prefixed with the block's name (e.g., dense_units). Common training parameters such as epochs and learn_rate are also added.

Value

Invisibly returns NULL. Its primary side effect is to create a new model specification function (e.g., `custom_resnet()`) in the specified environment and register the model with `parsnip` so it can be used within the `tidymodels` framework.

Model Graph Connectivity

`kerasnip` builds the model's directed acyclic graph by inspecting the arguments of each function in the `layer_blocks` list. The connection logic is as follows:

1. The **names of the elements** in the `layer_blocks` list define the names of the nodes in your graph (e.g., `main_input`, `dense_path`, `output`).
2. The **names of the arguments** in each block function specify its inputs. A block function like `my_block <- function(input_a, input_b, ...)` declares that it needs input from the nodes named `input_a` and `input_b`. `kerasnip` will automatically supply the output tensors from those nodes when calling `my_block`.

There are two special requirements:

- **Input Block:** The first block in the list is treated as the input node. Its function should not take other blocks as input, but it can have an `input_shape` argument, which is supplied automatically during fitting.
- **Output Block:** Exactly one block must be named "output". The tensor returned by this block is used as the final output of the Keras model.

A key feature is the automatic creation of `num_{block_name}` arguments (e.g., `num_dense_path`). This allows you to control how many times a block is repeated, making it easy to tune the depth of your network. A block can only be repeated if it has exactly one input from another block in the graph.

The new model specification function and its `update()` method are created in the environment specified by the `env` argument.

See Also

[remove_keras_spec\(\)](#), [parsnip::new_model_spec\(\)](#), [create_keras_sequential_spec\(\)](#)

Examples

```
if (requireNamespace("keras3", quietly = TRUE)) {
  library(keras3)
  library(parsnip)

  # 1. Define block functions. These are the building blocks of our model.
  # An input block that receives the data's shape automatically.
  input_block <- function(input_shape) layer_input(shape = input_shape)

  # A dense block with a tunable `units` parameter.
  dense_block <- function(tensor, units) {
    tensor |> layer_dense(units = units, activation = "relu")
  }
```

```

# A block that adds two tensors together (for the residual connection).
add_block <- function(input_a, input_b) layer_add(list(input_a, input_b))

# An output block for regression.
output_block_reg <- function(tensor) layer_dense(tensor, units = 1)

# 2. Create the spec. The `layer_blocks` list defines the graph.
create_keras_functional_spec(
  model_name = "my_resnet_spec",
  layer_blocks = list(
    # The names of list elements are the node names.
    main_input = input_block,

    # The argument `main_input` connects this block to the input node.
    dense_path = function(main_input, units = 32) dense_block(main_input, units),

    # This block's arguments connect it to the original input AND the dense layer.
    add_residual = function(main_input, dense_path) add_block(main_input, dense_path),

    # This block must be named 'output'. It connects to the residual add layer.
    output = function(add_residual) output_block_reg(add_residual)
  ),
  mode = "regression"
)

# 3. Use the newly created specification function!
# The `dense_path_units` argument was created automatically.
model_spec <- my_resnet_spec(dense_path_units = 64, epochs = 10)

# You could also tune the number of dense layers since it has a single input:
# model_spec <- my_resnet_spec(num_dense_path = 2, dense_path_units = 32)

print(model_spec)
# tune::tunable(model_spec)
}

```

```
create_keras_sequential_spec
```

Create a Custom Keras Sequential Model Specification for Tidymodels

Description

This function acts as a factory to generate a new parsnip model specification based on user-defined blocks of Keras layers using the Sequential API. This is the ideal choice for creating models that are a simple, linear stack of layers. For models with complex, non-linear topologies, see [create_keras_functional_spec\(\)](#).

Usage

```
create_keras_sequential_spec(
  model_name,
  layer_blocks,
  mode = c("regression", "classification"),
  ...,
  env = parent.frame()
)
```

Arguments

model_name	A character string for the name of the new model specification function (e.g., "custom_cnn"). This should be a valid R function name.
layer_blocks	A named, ordered list of functions. Each function defines a "block" of Keras layers. The function must take a Keras model object as its first argument and return the modified model. Other arguments to the function will become tunable parameters in the final model specification.
mode	A character string, either "regression" or "classification".
...	Reserved for future use. Currently not used.
env	The environment in which to create the new model specification function and its associated update() method. Defaults to the calling environment (parent.frame()).

Details

This function generates all the boilerplate needed to create a custom, tunable parsnip model specification that uses the Keras Sequential API.

The function inspects the arguments of your layer_blocks functions (ignoring special arguments like input_shape and num_classes) and makes them available as arguments in the generated model specification, prefixed with the block's name (e.g., dense_units).

The new model specification function and its update() method are created in the environment specified by the env argument.

Value

Invisibly returns NULL. Its primary side effect is to create a new model specification function (e.g., my_mlp()) in the specified environment and register the model with parsnip so it can be used within the tidymodels framework.

Model Architecture (Sequential API)

kerasnip builds the model by applying the functions in layer_blocks in the order they are provided. Each function receives the Keras model built by the previous function and returns a modified version.

1. The **first block** must initialize the model (e.g., with keras_model_sequential()). It can accept an input_shape argument, which kerasnip will provide automatically during fitting.
2. **Subsequent blocks** add layers to the model.

3. The **final block** should add the output layer. For classification, it can accept a `num_classes` argument, which is provided automatically.

A key feature of this function is the automatic creation of `num_{block_name}` arguments (e.g., `num_hidden`). This allows you to control how many times each block is repeated, making it easy to tune the depth of your network.

See Also

`remove_keras_spec()`, `parsnip::new_model_spec()`, `create_keras_functional_spec()`

Examples

```
if (requireNamespace("keras3", quietly = TRUE)) {
  library(keras3)
  library(parsnip)
  library(dials)

  # 1. Define layer blocks for a complete model.
  # The first block must initialize the model. `input_shape` is passed automatically.
  input_block <- function(model, input_shape) {
    keras_model_sequential(input_shape = input_shape)
  }
  # A block for hidden layers. `units` will become a tunable parameter.
  hidden_block <- function(model, units = 32) {
    model |> layer_dense(units = units, activation = "relu")
  }

  # The output block. `num_classes` is passed automatically for classification.
  output_block <- function(model, num_classes) {
    model |> layer_dense(units = num_classes, activation = "softmax")
  }

  # 2. Create the spec, providing blocks in the correct order.
  create_keras_sequential_spec(
    model_name = "my_mlp",
    layer_blocks = list(
      input = input_block,
      hidden = hidden_block,
      output = output_block
    ),
    mode = "classification"
  )

  # 3. Use the newly created specification function!
  # Note the new arguments `num_hidden` and `hidden_units`.
  model_spec <- my_mlp(
    num_hidden = 2,
    hidden_units = 64,
    epochs = 10,
    learn_rate = 0.01
  )
}
```



```
print(model_spec)
}
```

extract_keras_history *Extract Keras Training History*

Description

Extracts and returns the training history from a parsnip `model_fit` object created by kerasnlp.

Usage

```
extract_keras_history(object)
```

Arguments

`object` A `model_fit` object produced by a kerasnlp specification.

Details

Extract Keras Training History

The history object contains the metrics recorded during model training, such as loss and accuracy, for each epoch. This is highly useful for visualizing the training process and diagnosing issues like overfitting. The returned object can be plotted directly.

Value

A `keras_training_history` object. You can call `plot()` on this object to visualize the learning curves.

See Also

`keras_evaluate`, `extract_keras_model`

extract_keras_model	<i>Extract Keras Model from a Fitted Kerasnip Object</i>
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Description

Extracts and returns the underlying Keras model object from a parsnip model_fit object created by kerasnip.

Usage

```
extract_keras_model(object)
```

Arguments

object A model_fit object produced by a kerasnip specification.

Details

Extract the Raw Keras Model from a Kerasnip Fit

This is useful when you need to work directly with the Keras model object for tasks like inspecting layer weights, creating custom plots, or passing it to other Keras-specific functions.

Value

The raw Keras model object (keras_model).

See Also

keras_evaluate, extract_keras_history

extract_valid_grid	<i>Extract Valid Grid from Compilation Results</i>
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Description

This helper function filters the results from compile_keras_grid() to return a new hyperparameter grid containing only the combinations that compiled successfully.

Usage

```
extract_valid_grid(compiled_grid)
```

Arguments

compiled_grid A tibble, the result of a call to compile_keras_grid().

Details**Filter a Grid to Only Valid Hyperparameter Sets**

After running `compile_keras_grid()`, you can use this function to remove problematic hyperparameter combinations before proceeding to the full `tune::tune_grid()`.

Value

A tibble containing the subset of the original grid that resulted in a successful model compilation. The `compiled_model` and `error` columns are removed, leaving a clean grid ready for tuning.

Examples

```
# Continuing the example from `compile_keras_grid`:

# `compiled_grid` contains one row with an error.
valid_grid <- extract_valid_grid(compiled_grid)

# `valid_grid` now only contains the rows that compiled successfully.
print(valid_grid)

# This clean grid can now be passed to tune::tune_grid().
```

inform_errors

*Inform About Compilation Errors***Description**

This helper function inspects the results from `compile_keras_grid()` and prints a formatted, easy-to-read summary of any compilation errors that occurred.

Usage

```
inform_errors(compiled_grid, n = 10)
```

Arguments

`compiled_grid` A tibble, the result of a call to `compile_keras_grid()`.

`n` A single integer for the maximum number of distinct errors to display in detail.

Details**Display a Summary of Compilation Errors**

This is most useful for interactive debugging of complex tuning grids where some hyperparameter combinations may lead to invalid Keras models.

Value

Invisibly returns the input `compiled_grid`. Called for its side effect of printing a summary to the console.

Examples

```
# Continuing the example from `compile_keras_grid`:

# `compiled_grid` contains one row with an error.
# This will print a formatted summary of that error.
inform_errors(compiled_grid)
```

inp_spec

Remap Layer Block Arguments for Model Specification

Description

Creates a wrapper function around a Keras layer block to rename its arguments. This is a powerful helper for defining the `layer_blocks` in [create_keras_functional_spec\(\)](#) and [create_keras_sequential_spec\(\)](#), allowing you to connect reusable blocks into a model graph without writing verbose anonymous functions.

Usage

```
inp_spec(block, input_map)
```

Arguments

<code>block</code>	A function that defines a Keras layer or a set of layers. The first arguments should be the input tensor(s).
<code>input_map</code>	A single character string or a named character vector that specifies how to rename/remap the arguments of <code>block</code> .

Details

`inp_spec()` makes your model definitions cleaner and more readable. It handles the metaprogramming required to create a new function with the correct argument names, while preserving the original block's hyperparameters and their default values.

The function supports two modes of operation based on `input_map`:

1. **Single Input Renaming:** If `input_map` is a single character string, the wrapper function renames the *first* argument of the block function to the provided string. This is the common case for blocks that take a single tensor input.
2. **Multiple Input Mapping:** If `input_map` is a named character vector, it provides an explicit mapping from new argument names (the names of the vector) to the original argument names in the block function (the values of the vector). This is used for blocks with multiple inputs, like a concatenation layer.

Value

A new function (a closure) that wraps the block function with renamed arguments, ready to be used in a `layer_blocks` list.

Examples

```
# --- Example Blocks ---
# A standard dense block with one input tensor and one hyperparameter.
dense_block <- function(tensor, units = 16) {
  tensor |> keras3::layer_dense(units = units, activation = "relu")
}

# A block that takes two tensors as input.
concat_block <- function(input_a, input_b) {
  keras3::layer_concatenate(list(input_a, input_b))
}

# An output block with one input.
output_block <- function(tensor) {
  tensor |> keras3::layer_dense(units = 1)
}

# --- Usage ---
layer_blocks <- list(
  main_input = keras3::layer_input,
  path_a = inp_spec(dense_block, "main_input"),
  path_b = inp_spec(dense_block, "main_input"),
  concatenated = inp_spec(
    concat_block,
    c(path_a = "input_a", path_b = "input_b")
  ),
  output = inp_spec(output_block, "concatenated")
)
```

keras_evaluate

*Evaluate a Kerasnip Model***Description**

This function provides an `kera_evaluate()` method for `model_fit` objects created by `kerasnip`. It preprocesses the new data into the format expected by Keras and then calls `keras3::evaluate()` on the underlying model to compute the loss and any other metrics.

Usage

```
keras_evaluate(object, x, y = NULL, ...)
```

Arguments

<code>object</code>	A <code>model_fit</code> object produced by a kerasnip specification.
<code>x</code>	A data frame or matrix of new predictor data.
<code>y</code>	A vector or data frame of new outcome data corresponding to <code>x</code> .
<code>...</code>	Additional arguments passed on to <code>keras3::evaluate()</code> (e.g., <code>batch_size</code>).

Details

Evaluate a Fitted Kerasnip Model on New Data

Value

A named list containing the evaluation results (e.g., loss, accuracy). The names are determined by the metrics the model was compiled with.

Examples

```
if (requireNamespace("keras3", quietly = TRUE)) {

# 1. Define and fit a model ----
create_keras_sequential_spec(
  model_name = "my_mlp",
  layer_blocks = list(input_block, hidden_block, output_block),
  mode = "classification"
)

mlp_spec <- my_mlp(
  hidden_units = 32,
  compile_loss = "categorical_crossentropy",
  compile_optimizer = "adam",
  compile_metrics = "accuracy",
  fit_epochs = 5
) |> set_engine("keras")

x_train <- matrix(rnorm(100 * 10), ncol = 10)
y_train <- factor(sample(0:1, 100, replace = TRUE))
train_df <- data.frame(x = I(x_train), y = y_train)

fitted_mlp <- fit(mlp_spec, y ~ x, data = train_df)

# 2. Evaluate the model on new data ----
x_test <- matrix(rnorm(50 * 10), ncol = 10)
y_test <- factor(sample(0:1, 50, replace = TRUE))

eval_metrics <- keras_evaluate(fitted_mlp, x_test, y_test)
print(eval_metrics)

# 3. Extract the Keras model object ----
keras_model <- extract_keras_model(fitted_mlp)
summary(keras_model)
```

```
# 4. Extract the training history ----  
history <- extract_keras_history(fitted_mlp)  
plot(history)  
}
```

register_keras_loss	<i>Register a Custom Keras Loss</i>
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Description

Allows users to register a custom loss function so it can be used by name within kerasnip model specifications and tuned with dials.

Usage

```
register_keras_loss(name, loss_fn)
```

Arguments

name	The name to register the loss under (character).
loss_fn	The loss function.

Details

Registered losses are stored in an internal environment. When a model is compiled, kerasnip will first check this internal registry for a loss matching the provided name before checking the keras3 package.

Value

No return value, called for side effects.

See Also

[register_keras_optimizer\(\)](#), [register_keras_metric\(\)](#)

`register_keras_metric` *Register a Custom Keras Metric*

Description

Allows users to register a custom metric function so it can be used by name within kerasnip model specifications.

Usage

```
register_keras_metric(name, metric_fn)
```

Arguments

<code>name</code>	The name to register the metric under (character).
<code>metric_fn</code>	The metric function.

Details

Registered metrics are stored in an internal environment. When a model is compiled, kerasnip will first check this internal registry for a metric matching the provided name before checking the keras3 package.

Value

No return value, called for side effects.

See Also

[register_keras_optimizer\(\)](#), [register_keras_loss\(\)](#)

`register_keras_optimizer`*Register a Custom Keras Optimizer*

Description

Allows users to register a custom optimizer function so it can be used by name within kerasnip model specifications and tuned with dials.

Usage

```
register_keras_optimizer(name, optimizer_fn)
```


Arguments

`name` The name to register the optimizer under (character).
`optimizer_fn` The optimizer function. It should return a Keras optimizer object.

Details

Registered optimizers are stored in an internal environment. When a model is compiled, `kerasnip` will first check this internal registry for an optimizer matching the provided name before checking the `keras3` package.

The `optimizer_fn` can be a simple function or a partially applied function using `purrr::partial()`. This is useful for creating versions of Keras optimizers with specific settings.

Value

No return value, called for side effects.

See Also

[register_keras_loss\(\)](#), [register_keras_metric\(\)](#)

Examples

```
if (requireNamespace("keras3", quietly = TRUE)) {
  # Register a custom version of Adam with a different default beta_1
  my_adam <- purrr::partial(keras3::optimizer_adam, beta_1 = 0.8)
  register_keras_optimizer("my_adam", my_adam)

  # Now "my_adam" can be used as a string in a model spec, e.g.,
  # my_model_spec(compile_optimizer = "my_adam")
}
```

<code>remove_keras_spec</code>	<i>Remove a Keras Model Specification and its Registrations</i>
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Description

This function completely removes a model specification that was previously created by [create_keras_sequential_spec\(\)](#) or [create_keras_functional_spec\(\)](#). It cleans up both the function in the user's environment and all associated registrations within the `parsnip` package.

Usage

```
remove_keras_spec(model_name, env = parent.frame())
```

Arguments

<code>model_name</code>	A character string giving the name of the model specification function to remove (e.g., "my_mlp").
<code>env</code>	The environment from which to remove the function and its <code>update()</code> method. Defaults to the calling environment (<code>parent.frame()</code>).

Details

This function is essential for cleanly unloading a dynamically created model. It performs three main actions:

1. It removes the model specification function (e.g., `my_mlp()`) and its corresponding `update()` method from the specified environment.
2. It searches `parsnip`'s internal model environment for all objects whose names start with the `model_name` and removes them. This purges the fit methods, argument definitions, and other registrations.
3. It removes the model's name from `parsnip`'s master list of models.

This function uses the un-exported `get_model_env()` to perform the cleanup.

Value

Invisibly returns `TRUE` after attempting to remove the objects.

See Also

[create_keras_sequential_spec\(\)](#), [create_keras_functional_spec\(\)](#)

Examples

```
if (requireNamespace("keras3", quietly = TRUE)) {
  # First, create a dummy spec
  input_block <- function(model, input_shape) {
    keras3::keras_model_sequential(input_shape = input_shape)
  }
  dense_block <- function(model, units = 16) {
    model |> keras3::layer_dense(units = units)
  }
  create_keras_sequential_spec(
    "my_temp_model",
    list(
      input = input_block,
      dense = dense_block
    ),
    "regression"
  )

  # Check it exists in the environment and in parsnip
  exists("my_temp_model")
  "my_temp_model" %in% parsnip::show_engines("my_temp_model")$model
}
```

```

# Now remove it
remove_keras_spec("my_temp_model")

# Check it's gone
!exists("my_temp_model")
!"my_temp_model" %in% parsnip::show_engines(NULL)$model
}

```

step_collapse

Collapse Predictors into a single list-column

Description

`step_collapse()` creates a *specification* of a recipe step that will convert a group of predictors into a single list-column. This is useful for custom models that need the predictors in a different format.

Usage

```

step_collapse(
  recipe,
  ...,
  role = "predictor",
  trained = FALSE,
  columns = NULL,
  new_col = "predictor_matrix",
  skip = FALSE,
  id = recipes::rand_id("collapse")
)

```

Arguments

<code>recipe</code>	A recipe object. The step will be added to the sequence of operations for this recipe.
<code>...</code>	One or more selector functions to choose which variables are affected by the step. See <code>[selections()]</code> for more details. For the tidy method, these are not currently used.
<code>role</code>	For model terms created by this step, what analysis role should they be assigned?. By default, the new columns are used as predictors.
<code>trained</code>	A logical to indicate if the quantities for preprocessing have been estimated.
<code>columns</code>	A character string of the selected variable names. This is NULL until the step is trained by <code>[prep.recipe()]</code> .
<code>new_col</code>	A character string for the name of the new list-column. The default is "predictor_matrix".

skip	A logical. Should the step be skipped when the recipe is baked by <code>[bake.recipe()]</code> ? While all operations are baked when prep is run, skipping when bake is run may be other times when it is desirable to skip a processing step.
id	A character string that is unique to this step to identify it.

Value

An updated version of recipe with the new step added to the sequence of existing steps (if any). For the tidy method, a tibble with columns `terms` which is the columns that are affected and `value` which is the type of collapse.

Examples

```
library(recipes)

# 2 predictors
dat <- data.frame(
  x1 = 1:10,
  x2 = 11:20,
  y = 1:10
)

rec <- recipe(y ~ ., data = dat) %>%
  step_collapse(x1, x2, new_col = "pred") %>%
  prep()

bake(rec, new_data = NULL)
```

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