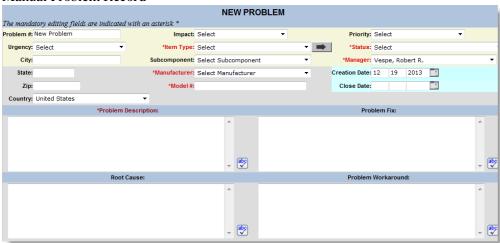
#### MANDATORY CRITERIA

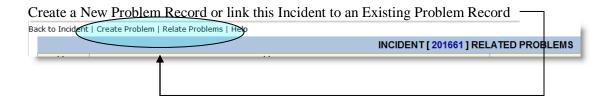
1. Does the tool facilitate the creation, modification, and closure of Problem records? Comments: Yes. The tool provides two (2) methods in which to create a problem record. The record can be created manually via the 'Search Problems' "New" tab and, the problem record may be created directly from the Incident Record. The 2<sup>nd</sup> method will also populate Incident data into the Problem Record and generate the linkages between them. All modifications of the Problem record (including closure) are permanently logged.

#### Manual Problem Record

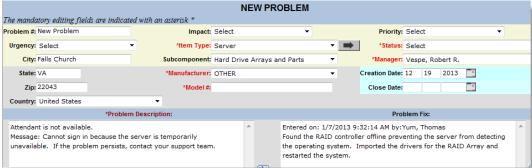


Incident Problem Creation





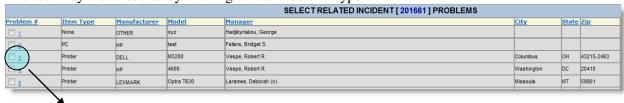
New Problem (Create Problem). The Incident will be linked



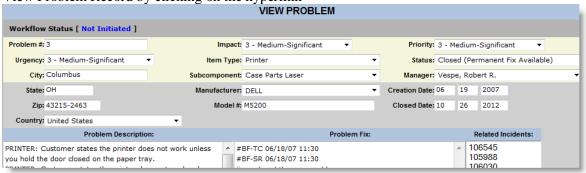
Search for existing Problem Records (Relate Problems)



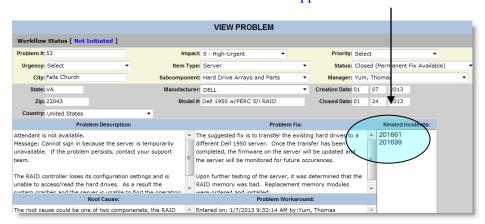
Problem Record List from Search Criteria – Check Problems that apply. The user may view records by clicking on the Problem Hyperlink



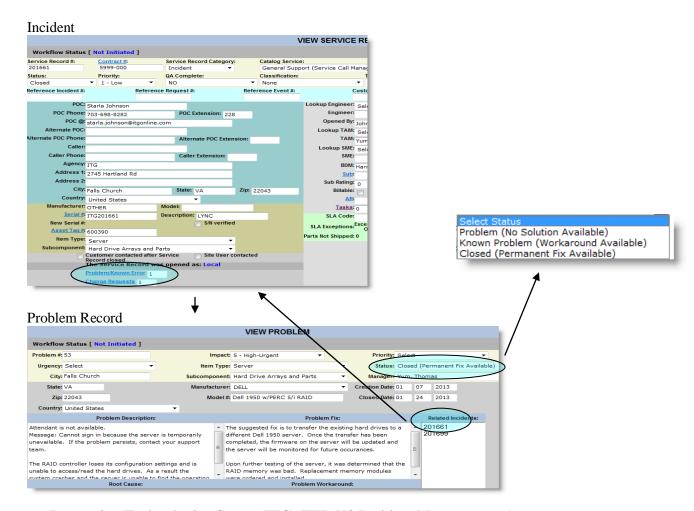
View Problem Record by clicking on the hyperlink



2. Does the tool support the ability to distinguish between an Incident and Problem Records? Comments: Yes. The Problem and Incident Record are independent records. The Problem record maintains the ability to distinguish between Problem, and Known Error. The 'Related Incidents' field identifies all associated Incident records if applicable.



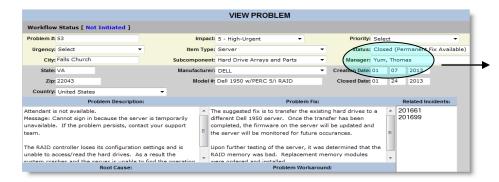
3. Does the tool facilitate the automated matching of Incidents to Problems and Known Errors? Comments: Yes. The tool matches Incidents to Problem records which may be identified as a Problem or known error.



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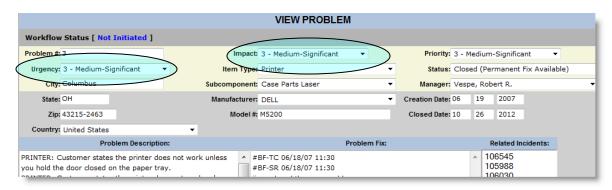
4. Does the tool support the ability to route and assign Problem records to pre-defined support staff or groups?

Comments: Yes. The Problem record is assigned to the Individual who created the Problem record. It may be modified to identify a support staff member or support group.



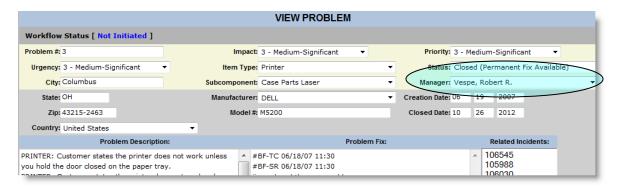
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Wilfert, Jason J.
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Wilson, David M.
Wilson, Kevin
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Woods, Michael A.
Wrobleski, Andrzej
Yoon, Sung W.
Zambrano, Raul
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5. Does the tool enable impact and urgency codes to be assigned to Problem records? Comments: Yes. Impact and Urgency are assignable.



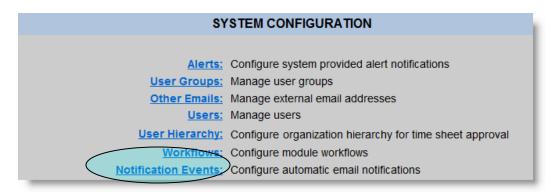
6. Does the tool facilitate progress tracking and monitoring of Problems? For example, tracking ownership and responsibility for establishing root cause.

Comment: Yes. The Manager of the record (assigned during the creation of the record) is assigned ownership and responsibility for establishing the Root Cause.



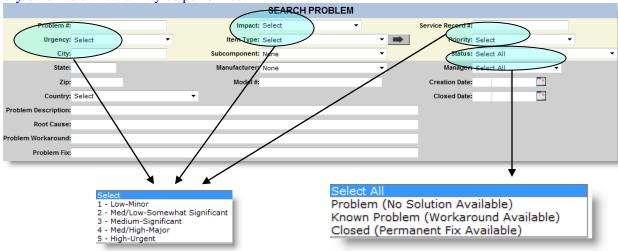
7. Does the tool facilitate the escalation of Problems after pre-defined thresholds have been breached?

Comments: Yes. There are several methods to facilitate the escalation of Problems. Using the 'Notification Events' module, notices to users, stakeholders, or any other individual email addresses may be generated via a query designed to compare threshold values.



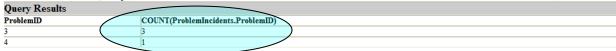
Event Name	Data Element	Data Element Type	Data Element Value	Include Primary ID (1=Yes)	Include Data Element Name (1=Yes)	Trigger Conditions
Alert on New Incident of Type Security	IncidentTypeID	Listbox	4	1	1	Configure
Alert on Serial Number RRW631176	SerialNumber	Textbox	RRW631176	1	1	Configure
New 8175-001 Service Record	ContractID	Textbox	703	1	1	Configure
New 8179-003 Service Record	ContractID	Textbox	766	1	1	Configure
New Remote Service Call Email Alert - 8103- (120/130)	StatusCodeID	Textbox	29	1	1	Configure
New Remote Service Call Email Alert - All Contracts	StatusCodeID	Textbox	29	1	1	Configure
Notify Service Record POC on Closure	StatusCodeID	Listbox	2	1	1	Configure

A search via the 'Search Problem' screen based upon the status, Urgency, Impact, Priority, and or any other field criteria may be performed.



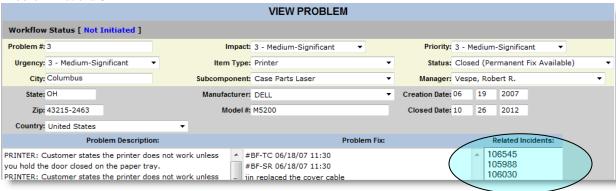
Using a saved ad-hoc report, pull a Problem report depicting the number of incidents associated to the problem record.

Saved Ad-hoc Query (lists the number of associated Incidents to non-closed Problem Records)



Problem Record # 3 from the above list showing the 3 Incidents associated to it, the number of records relating to a Problem may be a threshold breach.

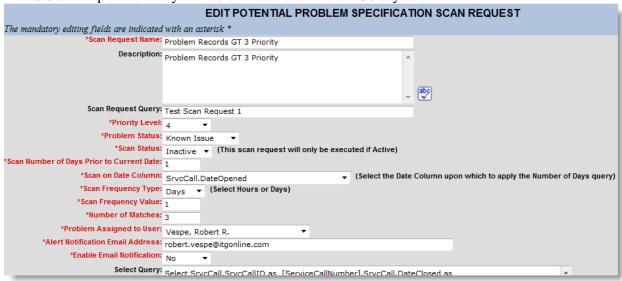
#### Problem Record 3



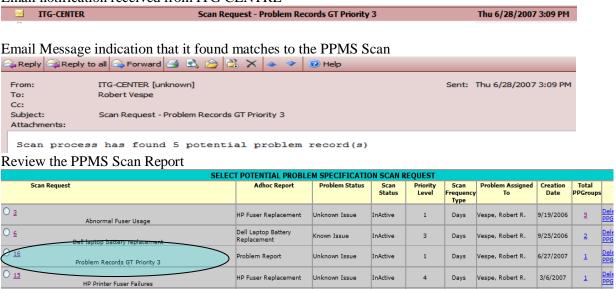
Additionally, the Potential Problem Management System (PPMS) has the capability to run ad-hoc scans against Problem records. The combination of the PPMS Scan Request and the ad-hoc system provides infinite methods in which to define thresholds and send notifications.

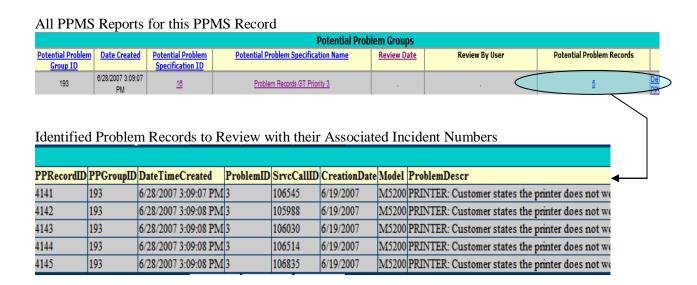
In this PPMS example, a notification is sent if any Problem records have a Priority of level 3 or higher. The ad-hoc scan is designed to periodically review the problem records and send an email notification if records are found which meet the criteria.

PPMS Scan Request to Analyze Problem Records that are 1-30 days old



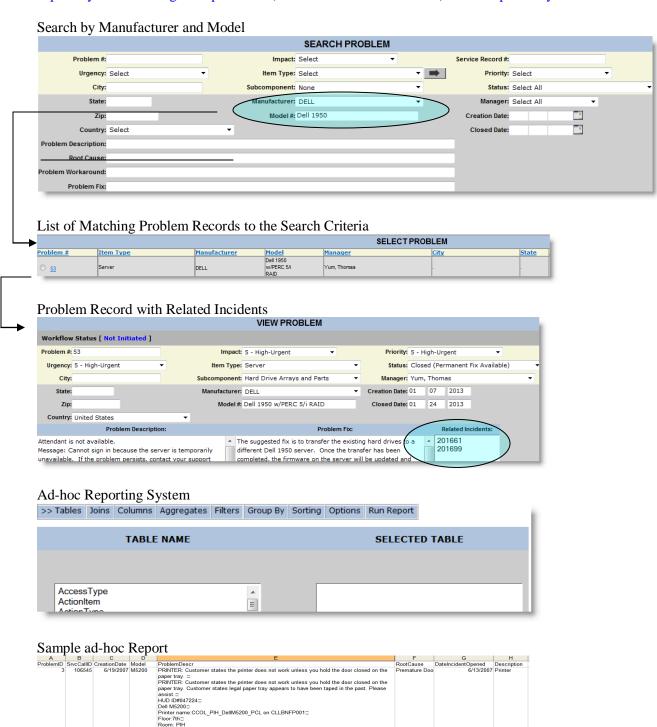
#### Email notification received from ITG CENTRE





8. Does the tool provide historical data on Problems and Known Errors for use by support staff during the investigation process?

Comments: Yes. Support Staff may interrogate historical data by using the Problem search screen or the ad-hoc reporting system. Using the search screen, any single field or combination of fields may be interrogated. Using the ad-hoc reporting system, reports tailored to ones needs may be executed and saved for future requirements. The ad-hoc reporting system has the capability of combining multiple tables (Problem and Incident tables) for in-depth analysis.



9. Does the tool facilitate the generation of customizable management reports? Comments: Yes. CENTRE facilitates the generation of customizable management reports through the use of the Ad-hoc Reporting system *as shown in Question 8 above*.

Additionally, CENTRE maintains a Potential Problem Management System (PPMS) to identify trends and notify individuals or groups as stated thresholds' breach. The PPMS tool is built upon the ad-hoc reporting system criteria, and allows one to select any field or group of fields from the Problem and Incident records. Using the Problem entry screen combined with the ad-hoc selection criteria provides the user with infinite methods to select records to identify potential issues before they become problems.

Example; The PPMS Screen is set to Monitor HP Fuser Failures. If it detects 3 or more failures within the past 120 days a notice is sent. This scan executes daily and uses the ad-hoc scan parameters (select query) to extract data and generate a report data for analysis.

PPMS Scan Request VIEW POTENTIAL PROBLEM SPECIFICATION SCAN REQUEST Scan Request Name: HP Printer Fuser Failures Description: This scan is to identify high fuser failures. Scan Request Query: HP Fuser Replacement Priority Level: 4 Problem Status: Unknown Issue ▼ Scan Status: Inactive ▼

(This scan request will only be executed if Active)
Scan Number of Days Prior to Current Date: 90 on which to apply the Number of Days query)

Scan Frequency Type:

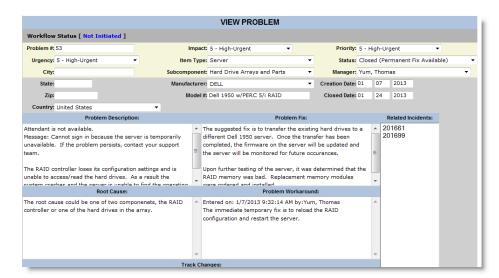
Scan Frequency Type:

Scan Frequency Value:

1 Number of Matches: 3 Problem Assigned to User: Vespe, Robert R. Alert Notification Email Address: robert.vespe@itgonline.com Enable Email Notification: Yes Select Query: Select SrvcCall.SrvcCallID as [ServiceRecordID],SrvcCall.DateClosed as [DateClosed].SrvcCall.MfrName as [ManufacturerName].SrvcCall.Model as [Model],SrvcCall.EquipmentTypeID as [ItemTypeID] from SrvcCall SrvcCall where

10. Does the tool facilitate the entry of free text for the recording of Problem descriptions and resolution activities?

Comments: Yes. There are four (4) free text fields.



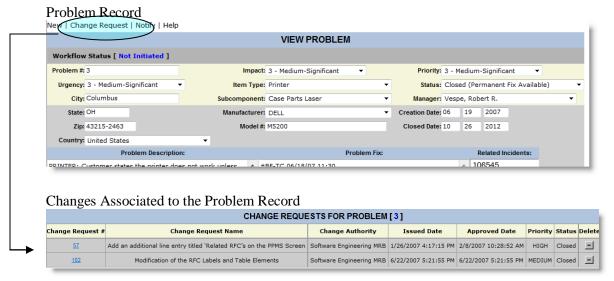
#### INTEGRATION CRITERIA

#### **Terminology**

1. Does the tool's use of terms and definitions align with ITIL terms and definitions?

### Change Management

1. Does the tool facilitate the association of Problem records to Change records? Comments: Yes. The relationships between the Problem Record and RFC's are maintained on the Problem and Change Records accordingly.



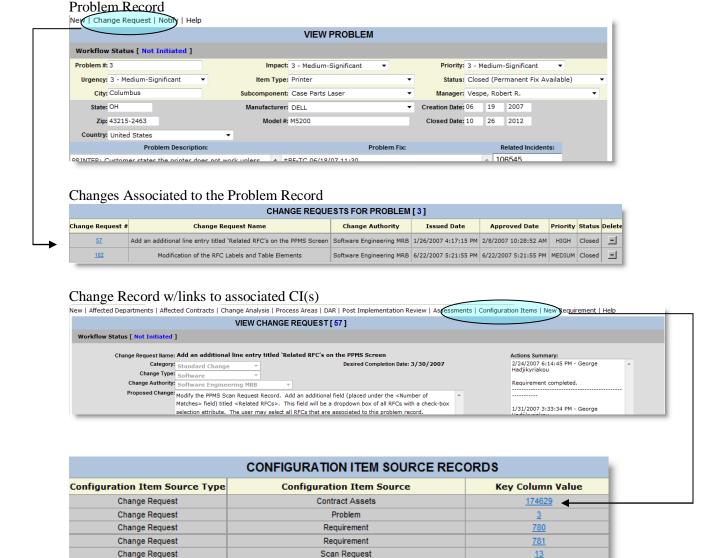
Problem Record automatically creates the Problem Record link within the RFC Record New | Affected Departments | Affected Contracts | Change Analysis | Process Areas | DAR | Post Implementation Review | Assessments | Configuration Items | New Sequirement | Help VIEW CHANGE REQUEST [ 57 ] Workflow Status [ Not Initiated ] Change Request Name: Add an additional line entry titled 'Related RFC's on the PPMS Screen 2/24/2007 6:14:45 PM - George Hadjikyriakou Desired Completion Date: 3/30/2007 Category: Standard Change Change Type: Software Change Authority: Software Engineering MRB Requirement completed. Proposed Change Modify the PPMS Scan Request Record. Add an additional field (placed under the <Number of Matches> field) titled <Related RFCs>. This field will be a dropdown box of all RFCs with a check-box 1/31/2007 3:33:34 PM - George selection attribute. The user may select all RFCs that are associated to this problem record CONFIGURATION ITEM SOURCE RECORDS Configuration Item Source Type Configuration Item Source **Key Column Value** Change Request Contract Assets Change Request Problem Change Request Requirement Change Request Requirement <u>781</u> Change Request Scan Request Change Request Scan Request

#### **Configuration Management**

Change Request

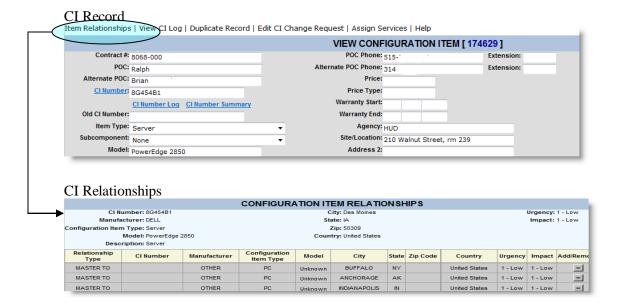
1. Does the tool integrate with CMDB to support the association of Problem records to CI records?

Comments: Yes. CI records may be integrated to the associated Problem record via the Change Record.



Scan Request

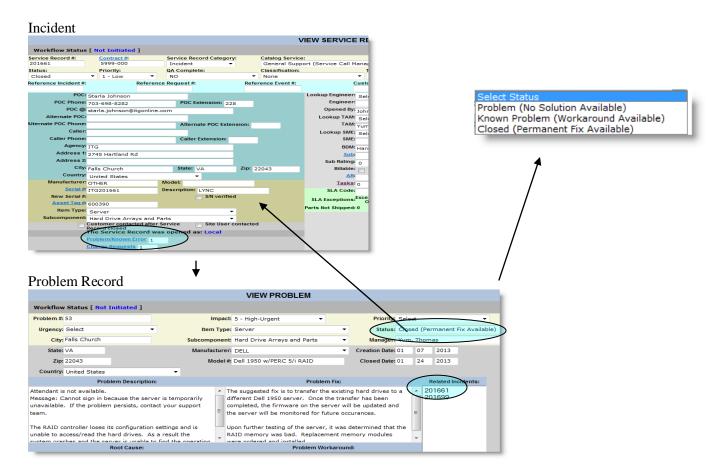
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#### **Incident Management**

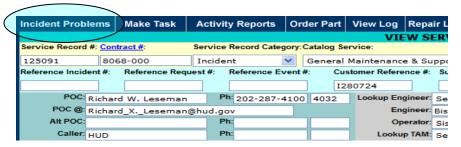
1. Does the tool facilitate the association and maintenance of the relationships between Incident and Problem records?

Comments: Yes. Incident Records are linked to their associated Problem record.

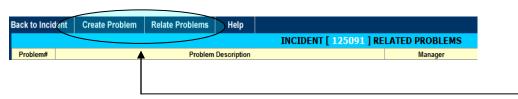


2. Does the tool facilitate the automated creation of Problem records from Incidents records? Comments: Yes. Problem Records may be created or Related from the 'View Incident' screen.

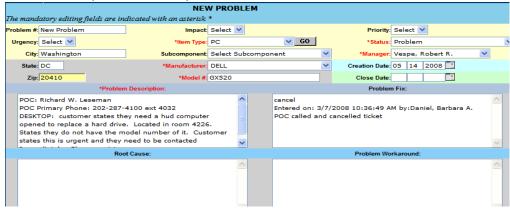
#### **Incident Problem Creation**



Create a New Problem Record or link this Incident to an Existing Problem Record



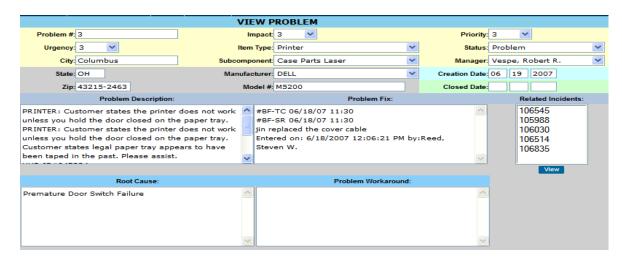
New Problem (Create Problem). The Incident will be linked



Search for existing Problem Records (Relate Problems)



3. Does the tool enable the Problem Management team to communicate status and progress reports, as well as temporary solutions and workarounds to the Service Desk staff? Comments: Yes. The Problem Management team has the capability to enter status, progress information, and, workaround solutions into the Problem record for Service Desk review.



#### OPTIONAL CRITERIA

1. Is the tool able to automate the increase in the severity or impact classification of a Problem according to the number of associated Incidents and/or the number of End Users affected? Comments: Yes. The Problem record is associated to an Incident-Impact-Urgency Matrix. This configurable matrix is triggered by the number of incidents. As thresholds are reached, the Impact and Urgency may be adjusted. If desired, alert recipients may be added to the matrix.

The Impact and Urgency values modify the priority value and are configurable. If desired, alert recipients may be added to the matrix.

Problem Record Configurable Incident Count values								
ALERT SOURCE ITEMS								
Alert source: IncidentImpactUr		IncidentImpactUrger	ncyMatrix	<b>∨</b> Go				
Select	Incid	entCount	Impact	Urgency				
0	5		1	1	Assign Recipients			
0	10		2	2	Assign Recipients			
0	20		3	3	Assign Recipients			
0	30		4	4	Assign Recipients			
0	40		5	5	Assign Recipients			

### Problem Record Priority Matrix

	ALERT SOURCE ITEMS						
Alert source: ImpactUrgencyPriorityMatrix			c 💌	GO			
Select	Impact	Urgency	Priority				
0	1	1	1	Assign Recipients			
0	1	2	2	Assign Recipients			
0	1	3	2	Assign Recipients			
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