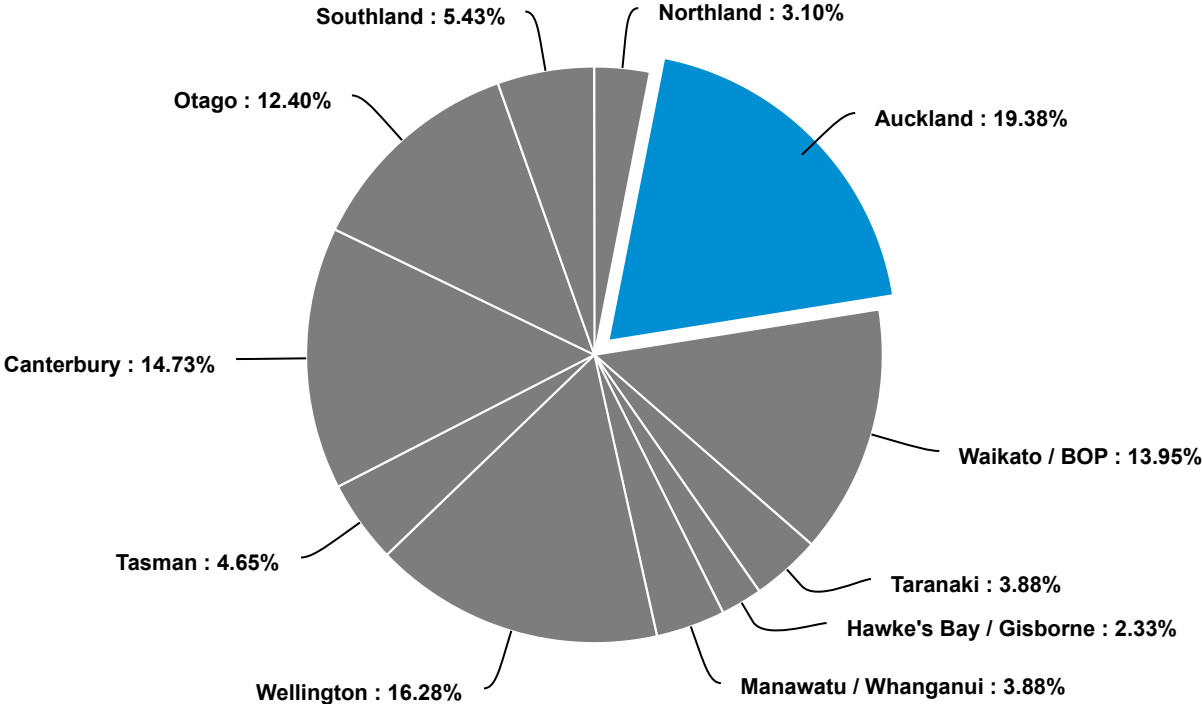


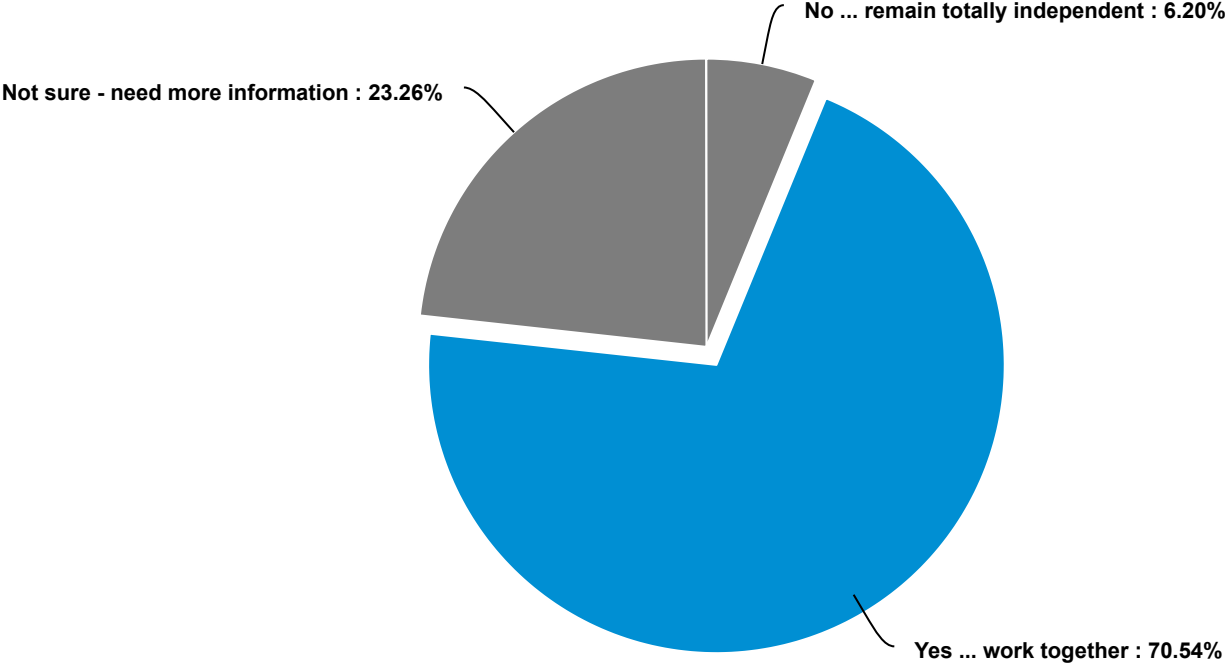
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| Northland | 4 | 3.1% | | | | | |
| Auckland | 25 | 19.38% | | | | | |
| Waikato / BOP | 18 | 13.95% | | | | | |
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| Taranaki | 5 | 3.88% | | | | | |
| Hawke's Bay / Gisborne | 3 | 2.33% | | | | | |
| Manawatu / Whanganui | 5 | 3.88% | | | | | |
| Wellington | 21 | 16.28% | | | | | |
| Tasman | 6 | 4.65% | | | | | |
| Canterbury | 19 | 14.73% | | | | | |
| Otago | 16 | 12.4% | | | | | |
| Southland | 7 | 5.43% | | | | | |
| Total | 129 | 100% | | | | | |

As part of potential changes to our MOU, should NZMA work more closely with Athletics NZ?



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| No ... remain totally independent | 8 | 6.2% | | | | | |
| Yes ... work together | 91 | 70.54% | | | | | |
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| Not sure - need more information | 30 | 23.26% | | | | | |
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| 75211005 | I would like to see the NZMA maintain our autonomy, running our own Track and field events as we do at present. Under the MOU the two organisations agreed to work together, this should be possible. We should be able to set dates to suit both...ensuring NZMA have our championships mid to late March at the end of our track and field season. I still think all Masters should pay a nominal joining fee to offset NZMA costs. Then we would know our true NZMA numbers , not the fictitious numbers we hear |
| 75209044 | More events would be great. An indoor event...not sure if the facilities exist. |
| 75208438 | Remain Independent would be nice but today times are changing with athletes numbers vearying year by year ,their are not the runners like the big six in the 50s and 60 s ie Snell, Halberg, Bailey E. Willems etc..We have individuals now not 3 or 4 in the same event who are really good to draw young ones to the sport, so i guess it may be better to work together to try to increase our numbers. |
| 75208362 | I currently complete at WaiBOP meetings and separate masters events, sometimes we struggle to get athletes and officials to these meets, if combining events raises attendance and gives officials less meetings to attend I can only see positives. |
| 75201155 | No comment. |
| 75193560 | Happy to be own independent body - allows us to be more nimble |
| 75181602 | nil |
| 75151384 | We are one sport. One person should not have to change affiliation or pay a second sub once they turn 30 or 35. |
| 75150657 | It is very hard to make a qualified answer as to whether NZMA should work more closely with Athletics New Zealand. Under certain proposals this could be a very could thing, under others, perhaps not. Without an idea of the potential specific inter-organization changes it makes it very hard to give a good answer. |
| 75149963 | I'm very new to NZMA competed at my first champs last year, it was great I had a blast attendance was obviously low due to covid and due to covid none of the Social stuff took place. Just one suggestion I do feel that since it is a championship there should be presentation of medals for age groups and teams like there are at other championships, I mean I know that's not what it's all about but i feel that some of the masters althetes never had that chance when they were younger to stand on a podium, and also it's nice to acknowledge performances. I think also having more social arrangements around the weekend of champs maybe a formal conclusion dinner with other awards for athlete s that didn't podium? Maybe an inspirational speaker? As these things would make it more of an occasion? I know covid has had an effect on some of these things in the last couple of seasons but honestly I felt like it was a huge cost for SI champs entry and to be honest I could of just competed at my normal Saturday meet on the same day for less cost, I didn't really feel like SI champs was set apart and made to be special in anyway. I loved it had a great time racing but I just feel it needs more sense of occasion to feel more like a championship. |
| 75148975 | We are one sport. ANZ should control all athletics in NZ. |

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| 75148497 | I would like to see masters fully integrated into Athletics NZ, i.e. No age discrimination. Juniors are included in records etc, why not masters ? It would raise the status of older athletes and hopefully improve numbers as runners are motivated by achievement. |
| 75147947 | There appears to be a significant overlap in the people organising and participating in Masters Athletics events and in Athletics New Zealand events. Given the dwindling number of volunteers to run these events it would seem that running separate Masters events will become unsustainable in the long run. Consideration should be given to running events with masters grades as well as an open grade. It will make sense for some races to include the masters and open grade in a single race/field event, depending on numbers. |
| 75147827 | Include / incorporate a masters event or masters grade at some open track meets. eg at Cooks Classic have a masters mile (could be NZMA mile champs, as we have records for this distance but few races of this distance). |
| 75147715 | As much as there are pros to having independence, getting assistance from athletics NZ will ensure that we can host all our events without duplicating costs and Human Resources. This will also enable us to refocus masters efforts on other matters such as building membership and encouraging community participation in masters sports from a competitive and health perspective. |
| 75147511 | Athletics New Zealand tend to focus on ages 16 to 19 at an elite level. Any age groups that fall outside of this tend to get overlooked. Unless ANZ are actually going to help push Masters Athletics more for new athletes wishing to start at a later age or continuing from college to seniors to masters then it would be best for Masters to go out from under them |
| 75147307 | It would be great for NZMA to explore with ANZ all value adding opportunities to directly support the growth and development of Masters athletics (across track & field, XC and road race disciplines). Masters athletics is a key part of the athlete 'life journey' and 'life transitions'. This extends to topics such as Masters athletes having pathways for becoming coaches and officials - by leveraging ANZ's existing people & funding structures, regional centre facilities, policies and procedures for support. It would be important to ensure any closer alignment and/or integration with ANZ does not risk diluting or under-resourcing/under-valuing a Masters athlete & stakeholders offering. This may require some new governance approaches to ensure a Masters 'segment' strategy development, resourcing and oversight is effective and sustainable. At a macro level, other factors such as NZ's ageing population and the growth of 50+ age groups drives the need for both ANZ and NZMA to attract, grow and retain athlete membership and associate memberships - to remain relevant as a sport for all New Zealanders into the future. If the ANZ overall strategy is too concentrated/focussed on the Elite/High Performance athlete segment, NZMA may have little alternate but to remain more independent as an organisation in order to better manage its strategic direction, athlete & stakeholder engagement, operations and achievement of targeted outcomes. The clearer NZMA are on its strategic direction and goals, the more effective the conversations with ANZ will be. |
| 75147258 | Reason being, the older we get, numbers wise are reduced and better to run together than run alone, this also goes these days with both sexes. better to gel and be competitive. You don't get better out the back, and being lapped. |
| 75146806 | There needs to be some way to make things work for the benefit of ANZ, NZMA, and Officials. I'm not sure what that is but NZMA athletes and Officials aren't getting any younger. If we don't all start working together, ANZ won't have enough officials to run their events either. |
| 75146556 | I don't know what is involved and to what extent it would be beneficial. There probably are synergies to be gained. From my own experience, communication about events generally has been non-existent. To be honest the only recent communication I've had about NZMA at all has been |

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| | the invite to the SGM and the invitation about this survey. Being cognisant of the Covid limitations in the last two years, I am though very much interested in being more involved in events but just don't hear about them directly. |
| 75146026 | Work extremely closely with Athletics NZ to the point of being almost invisible but ensuring the wide range of athlete categories are catered for. |
| 75145498 | I'm new to Athletics, but come from a Cycling background (not that high performance cycling is a great example at the moment!) but Cycling New Zealand is involved in the running of all NZ Cycling Champs. Elite, Age Groups, Masters, Schools. For all disciplines MTB, Road, Track, BMX, Cross |
| 75145468 | Whats the pros and cons. Often in sports, focus, funding and resources goes on the elite athletes. I think there is a huge opportunity to develop Masters athletics independently and provide support to Athletics NZ (and vice versa) as required. |
| 75145432 | I need to educate myself a bit more on current arrangements to be able to constructively opine. |
| 75145385 | I feel that the overall growth of athletics as a sport, in the buffer picture should include masters, as it supports the idea that this sport is for life. Helping grow is visibility. |
| 75145370 | I'm concerned that if ANZ takes over, masters will be given a back seat in preference to younger athletes. As a matter athlete I find it embarrassing competing with younger athletes who can throw 2-3 times further than I can. A suggestion would be creating a cheaper registration fee for masters who compete/register under a club. |
| 75144026 | Tiny sport should unite to work together. We have fully integrated athletics meetings in Dunedin for masters /seniors. (but not children) Makes better use of officials and can strengthen fields on normal weekend meetings. We are all the same sport so should try to maximise our numbers to work together. |
| 75132260 | Athletics NZ should be managing and supporting all age groups, with age treated similarly to sex in determining competitive grades. There may be a need for separate sub committees as exist for children. Vetline could be incorporated into, or be run alongside the regular ANZ email newsletters so the content is more up to date. |
| 75084847 | The current model of operation is not sustainable. I would support a full integration of NZMA with ANZ, but with appropriate provision, perhaps a new MOU, that protects and preserves the interests of NZMA (Alan Dougall) |
| 75084536 | All athletes share a common interest, generations can learn from each other, I personally relish competing with other age groups and I have the feeling, they do too : Young teens spontaneously share their joy and anguish with me-oldie. |
| 75081741 | There are very significant numbers of Masters athletes involved in winter cross country and trail running, who could be encouraged to have a summer track programme. |
| 75080685 | The matter of maintaining NZMA as a separate entity needs further consideration. The main communication point has always been the NZMA Centre but the MOU has removed, in most cases this relationship as the athletes are more club oriented with the NZMA activities an addition only. As to how many of the Centres conduct masters events as just Masters events would be interesting to find out. This would give an |

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| | indication as to how the Centres are treating Masters within their own territory. It could also be a good time to review the MOU and if possible have NZMA recognized by ANZ as was previous like the Children's Athletics and Secondary Schools. NZMA was removed as an Associate prior to the MOU. |
| 75079812 | Due to health reasons I have been away from athletics for a number of years so not sure what the problems are |
| 75079052 | It seems sensible to function under a more unified structure that would surely be beneficial for both organisations, and their members. |
| 75078888 | The Master's committee cant' do it alone, so needs the help |
| 75078788 | This makes sense and would reduce admin etc. |
| 75077326 | nil |
| 75074053 | Not sure if NZMA should or should not work closely with Athletics NZ. I think if its difficult getting numbers under NZMA then I think yes Athletics NZ should be encouraged to provide the organising of the event. |
| 75073927 | NZMA definitely needs to work closely with Athletics New Zealand. However it is important that they remain independent when it comes to organizing and planning for Masters Championships and Events. Masters Events have always provided excellent and hugely enjoyable competition and this definitely needs to be maintained. The big positive in maintaining close links with Athletics New Zealand is the assistance they can provide NZMA when called upon. This should prove a winner for both parties. |
| 75073636 | It's all athletics and fits with the idea that the sport is for all ages. |
| 75073322 | Feel that Masters should work together with NZMA but feel need information of how the working together would work and what it would involve. |
| 75073283 | In Otago, Masters work hand in hand with Athletics Otago which lends itself by extension to working with Athletics NZ and ensures that all competitions are easier to manage. |
| 75073053 | I would have thought that ANZ should be the foundation for ALL athletics within New Zealand and should support the sport as a whole from Children's, to Senior's, to Masters. Surely there are financial and organizational gains to be had from such an arrangement. |
| 75070692 | I feel that Athletics NZ should be just that - the overarching body concerned about all athletics in New Zealand. Therefore working more closely with them is a good thing. |
| 75069238 | Sub committee needed from both parties to investigate & put forward recommendation to AGM |
| 75068927 | Viability of separate NZMA events is questionable given the high club membership of most masters. The Oceania Games concept of a combined event is a model that makes sense going forward. |
| 75068333 | We need a combined vision with Athletics NZ as athletics should span your whole life, not just your education life span |

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| 75054860 | What opportunities are there for athletes to receive financial assistance with travel costs, accommodation at big competitions and equipment through sponsorships? |
| 75054608 | would it be possible to combine island, and national championships? track events one weekend, and field events the next? |
| 75054216 | I joined the Papakura club and virtually nothing out of it when seeking coaching or even replying to emails. It is geared to younger athletes only. It was just a waste of my money. I would rather just pay a fee to NZMasters |
| 75053790 | d |
| 75053789 | Seems like it would be good to work together, if possible (is ANZ willing?) as there is a lot of organising to do for events and it must be challenging to get enough officials, so to collaborate may mean that it's more sustainable for both groups. |
| 75053511 | I recommend that measured steps are taken towards an ultimate goal of full merger with Athletics New Zealand. I do not think that a separate Masters Athletics organisation is sustainable, even under the existing MoU framework. |
| 75053124 | As an Official Athletics NZ does not value the work done by Masters Officials. (Comment from Trevor Spittle) |
| 75053003 | Important to retain Masters-only Championships |
| 75052775 | 1. More Masters competitions throughout the year 2. Always a physical medal awarded for the best three placings. That gives motivation and a physical reward and a good memory of the event 3. Introduce standing jumps-competitions i.e. high/long/triple jump. Very popular in Europe |
| 75052250 | Clear to me that m'ship of Masters might include me in Athletics NZ, but never understood why registering with Athletics NZ would exempt me from Masters m'ship???? |
| 75052024 | Perhaps if centres are having problems hosting events the set up of ANZ would help masters with our national champs |
| 75051843 | I find it beneficial for NZMA to work closely with ANZ in terms of making it easier to enter open events. However, I do find it important for NZMA to remain in existence and be a vocal advocate for Masters Athletes. I would also like to see (if it hasn't been done already) is for ANZ to provide more support for Masters Athletes and being more proactive in promoting Masters athletic events, as I feel ANZ has often overlooked what is a large (and growing) section of the Athletics community. It should be brought to mind that the likes of Dame Valerie Adams and Nick Willis are now of Masters Athletics age, and to remain at their world-class levels their options are limited to competing with athletes who are quite a bit younger. The demographic of athletes is gradually growing older, and quite often (which is especially evident in Taranaki) the fields at meets would be paltry if it wasn't for entries of those of Masters grades. |
| 75051836 | Working together sounds good. Not sure of any reason this would be bad? But maybe I don't know enough. |
| 75051787 | Some centers just don't have the people willing to organise the bigger NZMA T&F meetings.. It seems that it's the younger masters are not interested in helping and just to wish take part and leaving everything to the older centers members to do all the work. The way things are going I can see more and more centers numbers dropping away and NZMA folding. |

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| 75051597 | If it wasn't for masters competitors, numbers at weekly meetings would be getting to the point of not being worthwhile running at some centers. The attitude towards masters should not be one of 'extras' |
| 75051566 | Make sure all regions recognize 5y age group Wellington doesn't |
| 75051554 | None |
| 75051540 | The lack of events and numbers at the masters level through WBOP Masters means that I travel to Auckland to compete in their McKinnon shield events where they have a masters category with a good number of athletes. I think this is ideal to provide quality racing |
| 75051510 | There are only so many volunteers, officials, administrators etc in our sport. We all need to work together as one sport instead of working in different directions. I would suggest that NZ Masters recommend to ANZ a Masters registration fee that reflects their financial capacity and that they are then a club member like every other athlete...maybe align the fee with Under 18 athletes. This might encourage more collaboration, alignment and one sport. If not then NZ Masters needs to become a Club. But having separate Committees in the regions is duplication and confusing. |
| 75051423 | The more people taking part in athletics the better |
| 75051406 | I guess a lot depends on what Athletics NZ wants. I always thought that fields in track events (for age 14y and above) should be organised according to recent performances and not according to age/gender groups (apart from Championship events perhaps). Fields would therefore normally be filled up with people as close as possible to the same ability, thus avoiding a whole lot of events with small fields. This makes the races more fun for competitors. Less races also reduces the duration of the meet, meaning that officials don't need to attend for as long. Electronic times can still be used for age group separation of results. This is how Masters events already run - but why could oldies run with juniors of the same speed. I think this happens already for field events. |
| 75051234 | Na |
| 75051231 | Athletics NZ should recognize that Masters Athletics is an important part of Athletics. As part of this recognition, Masters athletes should have access to NZ kit with Masters logos similar to Senior level gear when attending World Championship events such as World Masters T&F Champs |
| 75051207 | Numbers are in decline but those who do join want to be able to compete and maybe this will be the best option going forward |
| 75051193 | It seems silly for them not to work together - must be mutually beneficial. |
| 75050888 | I joined Masters 17 years ago at Hamilton. What attracted me to it at that time was the principle of athletic involvement not athletic excellence. Athletic NZ promotes the latter in my view. Linking up with them has I believe caused people who just want to engage in friendly athletic competition to be overpowered by the drive of Athletics NZ to seek out the finest athletes. Veterans athletes get slower and weaker as they age but just enjoy the exercise and involvement. Athletics NZ does not provide what they seek. The merger was ill advised in my opinion. Auckland region has abandoned all its former meeting activities and thrown in completely with Athletics Auckland. Auckland Masters cannot attend any meeting unless they join a Athletics NZ club. To me the merger has contributed greatly to the drop off in membership to NZ Masters |

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| 75050700 | Personally I think there should be one organisation managing Athletics in NZ. Masters athletes are a significant part of NZ Athletics membership and Athletics NZ should be responsible for running Masters Athletics especially as they are happy yo take our money. If both Masters and Athletics NZ Champs were held in the same location, there maybe more masters willing to act as officials at NZ Athletics champs. |
| 75050690 | There are many variations and possible options for our future. I have believed that we need to encourage more public 'have a go day', when people off the street, are invited come and give Running and/or throwing, advice on how to improve etc. Unfortunately our infield is used for rugby in winter! |
| 75050576 | WBOP have 2 sets of provincial champs ,it is a joke,devides the limited masters up. |
| 75050545 | Just like NZMA can benefit from ANZ's help, Athletics NZ needs those involved in NZMA too, especially all the officials. If ANZ is catering for athletes who are thinking long term commitment, then it is commonsense that Masters Athletics are included right from the start, not just something tagged on once the athletes have supposedly past their peak! |
| 75050532 | I enjoy competing with masters and those 18 and older. Sometime events with lots of younger ones have been a bit frustrating. I really appreciate the work the NZMA team are doing to make it possible for us to compete. Thank you. |
| 75050488 | . |
| 75050470 | Maybe help younger people coming thru to their later years in life, (motivation). |
| 75050435 | N/A |
| 75050386 | It's becoming more difficult to attract officials to ensure all athletes can focus on just being an athlete. Perhaps working together more closely would help to alleviate this problem |
| 75050381 | Sport is too small. Let's work at scale. |
| 75050349 | The reason I answered "not sure" is that I believe only NZMA Board members have the knowledge, experience and background to make an informed comment. However, I do believe that it is important that NZMA do try and work together with Athletics NZ. I also offer my apologies but I cannot attend the online meeting as I will be in the air travelling from the USA to NZ, arriving in NZ at 5:45am on 23 May 2022. regards Tuariki Delamere |

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