



## **Doctoral Regulations of the University of Ulm for the Graduate School “International Graduate School in Molecular Medicine Ulm” for Gaining the Degree Doctor of Natural Science (Dr. rer. nat.)**

**19 July 2011**

On the basis of § 38 subsec. 4 sentence 1 of the Landeshochschulgesetz (LHG) [State Higher Education Act], the Senate of the University of Ulm after approval of the graduate school „International Graduate School in Molecular Medicine Ulm“ has established in its meeting on 14 July 2011 the following regulations. The Rector of the university has given his consent in accordance with § 38 subsec. 4 sentence 1 LHG on 19 July 2011.

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### **Preliminary remark on the linguistic usage**

According to article 3 par. 2 of the German Constitution, women and men have equal rights; all masculine personal and functional terms in these regulations apply equally for women and men.

## **A. General information**

### **§ 1 Doctorate**

- (1) Via the doctorate, the capability of carrying out independent scientific research in the field of molecular medicine is established. For this purpose, the University of Ulm confers on the basis of a proper doctoral procedure in the graduate school „International Graduate School in Molecular Medicine Ulm“ (referred to below as Graduate School) the academic degree of Doctor of Natural Science (Dr. rer. nat.).
- (2) Doctoral achievements for gaining the academic degree Dr. rer. nat. according to these regulations are the graduate course of study in the doctoral programme „International PhD Programme in Molecular Medicine“ (below referred to as doctoral programme) with annual intermediate examinations (§ 5), the scientific treatise (dissertation) (§§ 8-10) and the oral doctoral examination (disputation) (§ 11). Reference is made to the current version of the Admission Regulations, Study and Examination Regulations and Doctoral Regulations for the doctoral programme International PhD Programme in Molecular Medicine.
- (3) After successfully passing the second intermediate examination in the doctoral programme, the student must definitely declare whether he would like to gain the title Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) or Dr. rer. nat. With the establishment that the student wishes to gain the title Dr. rer. nat., the doctoral procedure is carried out according to these doctoral regulations. The performance requirements for gaining the PhD or Dr. rer. nat. in the Graduate School are identical.

### **§ 2 Responsibility, doctoral committee**

- (1) The Graduate School is responsible for carrying out individual doctoral procedures according to these regulations.
- (2) The decision on the beginning, proper carrying out and completion of the doctoral procedure for the Dr. rer. nat. is made by the Board of Directors of the Graduate School.
- (3) For carrying out the doctoral procedure, a doctoral committee (Dr. rer. nat. Committee) of the Graduate School is appointed; it consists of the PhD Committee of the doctoral programme (§ 5) in which the faculties involved in the Graduate School are represented. The members are appointed by their faculties. The period of appointment is the same as that of the PhD Committee.
- (4) The Dr. rer. nat. Committee is to decide on rules of procedure.
- (5) The course of the individual doctoral procedures is determined by the Dr. rer. nat. Committee in accordance with the doctoral regulations and the rules of procedure. For individual decisions, the Dr. rer. nat. Committee can consult experts as advisors.
- (6) The direct specialist supervision of each doctoral student is assumed by an individual three-member supervisory group (Thesis Advisory Committee, TAC) in accordance with the current regulations for the doctoral programme. The members of the TACs take part in the examinations in the course of the doctoral procedure in accordance with the below explanations (§§ 8-13).

### **§ 3 Prerequisites for admission to the doctoral programme**

(1) According to these doctoral regulations, the admission to the doctoral programme for the Dr. rer. nat. presupposes that the applicant has completed

- a) a master's course of studies,
- b) a course of study at a university with an at least 4-year standard period of study,
- c) or a postgraduate course of study in the sense of § 38 subsec. 3 sentence 3 LHG

in a course of study in molecular medicine or in courses of study with relevant contents with above-average grades. In addition, only students can be admitted to the doctoral programme who:

- d) were accepted to the three-year doctoral programme according to the current admission, study and examination regulations and therefore were recognized as doctoral students with existing supervision commitment and
- e) have successfully completed this up to and including the second intermediate examination.

### **§ 4 Acceptance as doctoral student**

(1) Whoever meets the acceptance requirements according to § 3 and intends to participate in the doctoral programme for the Dr. rer. nat., can apply to the Graduate School for acceptance as a doctoral student with the aim of gaining the Dr. rer. nat. degree. With the application, the provisional topic of the dissertation and the supervisors (members of the Thesis Advisory Committees, § 2 subsec. 6) who are willing to carry out the scientific supervision must be given.

(2) Provided that the prerequisites according to subsection 1 are fulfilled and no reasons in accordance with subsection 3 stand in the way, the Dr. rer. nat. Committee in agreement with the respective Thesis Advisory Committee declares the acceptance as a doctoral student. With the acceptance as a doctoral student, the university commits itself to the scientific supervision and to the assessment of the dissertation according to criteria which are to be placed on such a scientific work.

(3) The Dr. rer. nat. Committee refuses the acceptance of the applicant as a doctoral student if

- a) the prerequisites according to § 3 do not exist,
- b) the topic selected for the dissertation comes from a field that is not represented in the university and if the topic does not come from the field of molecular medicine,
- c) if reasons exist that according to the legal requirements justify the revocation of the doctor's degree.

(4) The standard period of study of the graduate course of study according to § 5 as well as obtaining the doctorate is three years. The acceptance as a doctoral student can be revoked if it cannot be expected that the dissertation will be successfully completed four years after the start of the doctoral course of study. Whoever has been accepted with the beginning of the doctoral programme as a doctoral student at the University of Ulm is matriculated for at most four years.

(5) If a member of the TAC can no longer fulfill his responsibility, the PhD Committee can, after hearing the applicant, name another professionally competent supervisor who is habilitated or must show another equivalent qualification. A former supervisor of the University of Ulm can supervise the doctoral procedure to the end after his departure.

### **§ 5 Graduate course of study, determination of the overall grade**

(1) The International PhD Programme in Molecular Medicine with the current admission, study and examination regulations is regarded as a graduate course of study.

- (2) The doctoral programme is passed if the intermediate examinations were passed, the dissertation was accepted and the disputation was passed.
- (3) The overall grade of the doctoral programme and the doctorate is the arithmetic mean to one decimal place from the intermediate examinations, the dissertation and the disputation. For the calculation, each of the intermediate examinations receive a weighting factor of 1, the dissertation the weighting factor 6 and disputation the weighting factor 2.
- (4) In exceptional cases, following the unanimous proposal by the TAC the overall grade can be established as "with distinction" (summa cum laude) if the disputation and dissertation are assessed with an average (not rounded off) of 1.0 and the arithmetic mean of the intermediate examinations is at least 1.5. For this grade, a unanimous decision of the Dr. rer. nat. Committee of Graduate School is necessary.

## **B. Doctoral procedure**

### **§ 6 Application for admission to the doctoral procedure**

- (1) The doctoral student addresses his application for admission to the doctoral procedure for gaining the title Dr. rer. nat. in writing to the Dr. rer. nat. committee of the Graduate School.
- (2) To be enclosed with the admission application are:

1. Seven printed copies and an electronic version of the dissertation. The dissertation must be written in English. The submission date is to be recorded.

It must contain:

- a title page
- a table of contents
- a clear summary
- a complete list of the literature used

A curriculum vitae with description of the professional and scientific career of the applicant must be enclosed.

2. A written declaration that the applicant wrote the work himself, used no other sources and aids than those cited as well as identified passages used verbatim or in content as such and complied with the current version of the rules of the University of Ulm for assuring good scientific practice. Furthermore, the doctoral student must declare in writing that for the dissertation, if applicable, relevant ethics committee votes are available and the regulations on genetic engineering and the protection of laboratory animals are complied with.
3. Author's copies of the scientific texts that the applicant has already published. § 7, subsec. 2 is referred to.
4. An officially certified copy of the degree certificate.
5. An officially certified copy of doctoral diploma if the applicant has already gained another doctor's degree.
6. A declaration on whether the submitted work was previously submitted in Germany or abroad in this or a similar form in another doctoral procedure.
7. A declaration of the applicant that no criminal proceedings about him are in progress and a certificate from the German Central Register of Criminal Offences has been issued.

- (3) The doctorate application can be withdrawn as long as the doctoral procedure is not ended due to a rejection decision on the dissertation or the oral examination has begun.
- (4) If a doctoral student was unsuccessful in an earlier doctoral procedure, a new application can be submitted only once, but not earlier than one year since rejection of the first doctorate application. The renewed submission of a previously rejected dissertation is not permitted.

### **§ 7 Initiation of the doctoral procedure**

- (1) The Dr. rer. nat. Committee of the Graduate School checks the formal prerequisites for the acceptance of the application and informs the applicant of the initiation of the doctoral procedure.
- (2) The dissertation is an examination paper. With it, the student should demonstrate that he is capable of using scientific methods and presenting a defined problem of molecular medicine independently and with appropriate methods within a given time period. The dissertation must be written in English. Scientific progress must be recognizable, and major results of the thesis must be published, or have been accepted for publication, in the form of one or more original articles in recognized English-language scientific publications. In the case of at least one article, the student must be the primary author. In duly justified exceptional cases, an application by the student for primary authorship may be dispensed with. This is decided upon by the Dr. rer. nat. committee based upon statements from the relevant TAC and the student.
- (3) The submission of a cumulative dissertation is only possible under the condition that at least three connected original papers (cumulative dissertation) with considerable individual contribution from the student are published or accepted for publication in a recognised peer review journal. In addition, the student must have written two of the papers as main author. Together with the presented publication, the student must provide a comprehensive introduction in which the work is placed comprehensively into a scientific context. In addition, an overview of the work must be submitted in which the scientific contribution to the specialised field is emphasised. A cumulative dissertation is only possible with the agreement of the supervisor. It should demonstrate the doctoral candidate's ability for independent scientific research and a proper understanding of the results of the work. In as far as a part of the dissertation is published in co-authorship with other scientists, the individual performance of the doctoral candidate in all articles must be clearly definable and rateable. The doctoral candidate must attach a declaration written by himself on his contribution to the dissertation which must also be confirmed in writing by the thesis supervisor. The Dr. rer. nat. committee provides directives on the creation of a cumulative dissertation.
- (4) Admission must be refused if the prerequisites according to § 7 subsection 2 are not fulfilled. The Dr. rer. nat. Committee decides on refusal.

### **§ 8 Assessment of the dissertation**

- (1) The Dr. rer. nat. Committee arranges for the assessment of the submitted dissertation.
- (2) The assessment of the dissertation is carried out by the Dr. rer. nat. committee in consultation with TAC of the doctoral student. The members of the TAC submit an independent report to the Dr. rer. nat. committee, which is then signed by the Chairman of the Dr. rer. nat. committee. In addition, the Dr. rer. nat. Committee also asks for another external report that must not come from the external member of the Thesis Advisory Committee. The reports are to be drawn up in writing within six weeks independently of one another.
- (3) The persons of the university appointed by the Doctoral Committee as experts can refuse the appointment only for important reasons.

## **§ 9 Assessment of the dissertation**

(1) The assessment (grade) for a dissertation can be:

- Very good (magna cum laude) = 1
- Good (cum laude) = 2
- Satisfactory (rite) = 3
- Unsatisfactory, non sufficit = 4.

For a differentiated assessment of the examination results, intermediate values can be formed by lowering or increasing the individual grades by 0.3; the grades 0.7 and 4.3 are excluded. In the event of a pre-grading of "summa cum laude", one further external report must be obtained. As a final grade for the written examination, the mathematical average of the individual assessment is determined, whereby only the first decimal place is taken into account. All further decimal places are dropped without rounding.

- (2) When the reports are available, the Doctoral Committee informs the professors and habilitated scientific members of the faculties involved in the Graduate School that the dissertation and the reports are available for their inspection for 14 days in the Graduate School. Within this period, a written objectively based objection to the assessment of the work can be raised.
- (3) If the experts have recommended the acceptance of the dissertation and no objection has been raised, the Dr. rer. nat. Committee states its acceptance and as an assessment the arithmetic average of the proposed grades of the experts. For the determination of the arithmetic mean, only the first place after the decimal point is taken into account. All further decimal places are deleted without rounding off.

## **§ 10 Negative report, objection, deficiencies**

- (1) If one of the experts recommends the rejection of the dissertation, the Dr. rer. nat. Committee appoints an additional expert. The availability for inspection according to § 9 subsection 3 then only begins after the receipt of the additional report. After the end of the inspection period, the Dr. rer. nat. Committee decides after hearing all experts on the rejection or acceptance of the dissertation and if it is accepted determines the overall assessment.
- (2) If there is an objection, the Dr. rer. nat. Committee decides after hearing the experts whether and how the objection should be taken into account in the assessment of the dissertation.
- (3) If all of the experts appointed in accordance with § 8 recommend the rejection of the dissertation, the Dr. rer. nat. Committee establishes the rejection after the end of the inspection period. Then subsection 2 is not applicable.
- (4) With rejection of the dissertation, the doctorate application is regarded as rejected. The doctoral procedure must then be concluded in accordance with § 17. The rejected dissertation remains with all experts in the files.
- (5) If an expert has detected deficiencies in the dissertation without rejecting it as a whole, the elimination of the established deficiencies can be made a condition for the acceptance of the dissertation. The Dr. rer. nat. Committee requires the applicant to submit the dissertation again after eliminating the deficiencies within three months. If the applicant fails to submit the dissertation again within this period, the dissertation is regarded as rejected. The basis for the assessment of the dissertation is the first submitted version of the dissertation, but the corrected deficiencies are to be reasonably taken into account for the assessment. After hearing and agreement of the expert on the corrections, the dissertation is regarded as accepted.

## **§ 11 Disputation and assessment**

- (1) The disputation is an examination that is to be held in the form of a colloquium. It consists of an English talk by the doctoral student about the dissertation of at least 30 minutes that is open to all in the university and a following open discussion that covers topics and methods in connection with the dissertation of the candidate as well as fundamental problems of his field and lasts 60 minutes. The

disputation must be held within a period of six weeks after the receipt following notification of the period when the thesis is available for consultation.

- (2) For the disputation, the Dr. rer. nat. Committee adds an expert from outside of the university to the Thesis Advisory Committee. For voting on the results, the Dr. rer. nat. Committee, the Thesis Advisory Committee and the external expert and additional examiners appointed by the Dr. rer. nat. committee are entitled to vote. There must be at least five examiners, two of whom must come from the Dr. rer. nat. committee of the Graduate School. Each committee member casts his vote individually.
- (3) The Dr. rer. nat. Committee according to subsec. 2 assesses as follows:

Very good (magna cum laude) = 1  
Good (cum laude) = 2  
Satisfactory (rite) = 3  
Unsatisfactory, non sufficit = 4.

For a differentiated assessment of the examination results, intermediate values can be formed by lowering or increasing the individual grades by 0.3; the grades 0.7 and 4.3 are excluded.

- (4) As the final grade for the oral examination, the arithmetic mean of the individual evaluations is determined; only the first place after the decimal point is taken into account. All other decimal places are deleted without rounding.
- (5) If the disputation is marked as “unsatisfactory” (not passed), it can be repeated only once within two months at the latest after the first disputation. With renewed unsatisfactory performance, the disputation is definitively not passed; in this case the doctoral student is removed from the university register.

#### **§ 12 Absence from and repetition of the oral examination**

If an applicant does not appear for an examination scheduled for him without good reason, the examination is regarded as not passed. § 11 subsect. 5 applies.

#### **§ 13 Overall grade for the doctorate and the doctoral programme**

After the disputation, the Dr. rer. nat. Committee determines the overall assessment of the examinations within the doctoral procedure in accordance with § 5 subsect. 3.

#### **§ 14 Completion of the scientific examinations**

The applicant is informed about the overall result of the doctoral programme and the scientific examinations by the chairman of the Graduate School.

#### **§ 15 Publication of the dissertation**

After the end of a successful procedure in the scientific examinations, the dissertation must be made available to the scientific public. This obligation is fulfilled with the submission of the publications according to § 6 subsec. 2 No. 3.

#### **§ 16 Completion of the procedure, diploma**

- (1) After a successful disputation and publication of the major results of the dissertation in accordance with § 15, the doctoral procedure is completed when the chairman of the Graduate School gives the applicant the doctoral diploma and makes him promise to uphold the truth and incorruptibility of science. The diploma is issued on the day of the overall assessment (§ 5) and must contain the title of the dissertation and overall assessment. It must be signed by the rector of the university and the chairman of the Graduate School. Only the receiving of the doctoral diploma entitles the recipient to use the academic degree „Doctor of Natural Science“, abbreviated Dr. rer. nat. On request, duplicates of the diploma (also in Latin) can be issued with reimbursement of costs.
- (2) In addition, a certificate on the passed doctoral programme that contains results and the credits achieved is to be issued promptly, within four weeks at the latest, from the department responsible for

student affairs. The certificate must be signed by the dean of the Medical Faculty and the chairman of the Dr. rer. nat. Committee. As the date of the certificate, the day on which the last examination was taken should be given.

- (3) Simultaneously with the certificate, the student obtains a „diploma supplement“ with the date of the certificate. The „diploma supplement“ is signed by the chairman of the Dr. rer. nat. Committee.
- (4) The certificate and „diploma supplement“ are issued in English. On request, the certificate can also be issued in German.
- (5) In addition to the intermediary exams required in § 5, the PhD Student can take an examination in other subjects (additional subjects).
- (6) The result of the examination in these subjects appears on the certificate on application by the PhD student.

### **§ 17 Procedure with rejection decisions**

The applicant is informed in writing about decisions that end the doctoral procedure due to refusal of acceptance as a doctoral student in accordance with § 4 subsec. 3, due to refusal of the admission to the doctoral procedure in accordance with § 7 subsec. 2, due to rejection of the dissertation in accordance with § 10 subsec. 3-5, due to failure to appear for the oral examination in accordance with § 12, due to refusal of the repetition of the oral examination according to § 11 subsec. 5, and decisions with which the doctoral results are declared to be invalid in accordance with § 18 as well as decisions on the revocation of the doctorate in accordance with § 18 with reasons and advice on legal remedies by the chairman of the Graduate School.

## **C. Declaration of invalidity, revocation of the doctorate**

### **§ 18 Invalidity of the doctoral results and revocation of the doctorate**

- (1) If it turns out before handing over the doctoral diploma that the doctoral student committed deception with regard to the proof of doctoral programme results or that essential prerequisites for admission to the doctoral programme were mistakenly accepted as having been fulfilled, the doctoral procedure can be declared to be invalid. The decision about this is made by the Dr. rer. nat. Committee.
- (2) If the admission prerequisites were not fulfilled without involving any deception on the part of the doctoral student, and if this becomes known only after the doctoral diploma is given out, this deficiency is regarded as remedied.
- (3) The doctorate can be revoked by the Doctoral Committee if it turns out later that it was gained via deception. Additionally, reference is made to the legal regulations.
- (4) Before the Doctoral Committee has decided on the invalidity of the doctorate and on the revocation of the doctor's degree, the affected student must be given an opportunity to give his views about the accusations. Incriminating decisions of the Doctoral Committee according to subsections 1 and 3 must be justified and accompanied by advice on legal remedies.

### **§ 19 Viewing the files**

On request, the applicant is allowed to view his files after completion of the procedure. The application must be made within one year after completion of the procedure to the chairman of the Graduate School. He determines the place and time of the inspection of the files.



## **D. Special regulations for the doctoral procedure in joint supervision with a foreign university or a corresponding institution**

### **§ 20 Doctoral procedure jointly carried out with a foreign university or a corresponding institution**

- (1) A doctoral procedure jointly carried out with a foreign university or a corresponding institution presupposes that
  - a) an agreement with the foreign university/institution on the cross-border joint supervision of doctoral procedures was concluded which the Dr. rer. nat. Committee has approved and
  - b) the admission to the doctoral programme has taken place both in accordance with these regulations and at the foreign university/institution and
  - c) a comparable doctoral programme is offered.
- (2) The dissertation can be submitted to the Graduate School of the University of Ulm for which these regulations apply or to the foreign university/institution. A dissertation that was already submitted to the foreign university/institution and accepted or rejected there cannot be submitted again. The agreement ensures that the same applies for a dissertation already accepted or rejected by the University of Ulm.
- (3) If the dissertation is submitted to the University of Ulm, § 21 must be applied; if it is submitted to a foreign university/institution, § 22 must be applied.
- (4) The establishment of the grades is carried out according to the regulations of the university to which the dissertation is submitted. The other university/institution establishes equivalent grades according to its doctoral regulations.
- (5) If the university/institution to which the work is submitted does not accept it, or if the oral examination is not passed, the joint procedure is ended; it can not be applied for again.

### **§ 21 Submission of the work to the University of Ulm**

- (1) During the work on the doctorate, the supervision is carried out by a professor of the University of Ulm and a professor of the foreign university/institution within the context of the Thesis Advisory Committee. A third supervisor as appointed to the regulations in § 2 subsection 6. The detailed form of the joint supervision follows from the agreement according to § 20 subsection 5.
- (2) As a rule, the three supervisors are also experts in the sense of § 5 and § 8.
- (3) If the dissertation submitted to the Graduate School of the University of Ulm was accepted, it is sent to the foreign university/institution for approval of the continuation of the procedure.
- (4) If the foreign university/institution gives this approval, the doctoral colloquium in accordance with § 11 takes place at the University of Ulm. Departing from § 11, according to the agreement in this case apart from the foreign supervisor also other members of the foreign university/institution who are entitled to take part in examinations can belong to the Examination Committee, but at most up until reaching equality.
- (5) If the dissertation is accepted by the Graduate School but the approval on the continuance of the procedure is not given by the foreign university/institution, the joint procedure is ended. It cannot be applied for again. The doctoral procedure is continued according to these doctoral regulations.

### **§ 22 Submission of the work to the foreign university/institution**

- (1) During the work on the doctorate, the supervision is carried out by a professor of the foreign university/institution and a professor of the University of Ulm and within the context of the Thesis Advisory Committee. The detailed form of the joint supervision follows from the agreement according to § 20 subsection 1.

- (2) As a rule, the two supervisor are also experts for the work.
- (3) If the dissertation submitted to the foreign university/institution was accepted, it is sent to the Graduate School for which these regulations apply for approval of the continuation of the procedure. If it gives the approval, the oral examination takes place in accordance with § 11 at the foreign university/institution according the regulations that apply there. In the agreement according to § 20 subsection 1, it is provided for that in this case at least the Ulm supervisor of the work must belong to the committee responsible for the oral examination as an examiner. The chairman appoints in accordance with the agreement the required number of examiners and takes care that the other requirements of the agreement are met.
- (4) If the dissertation is accepted by the foreign university/institution but the approval on the continuance of the procedure is not given by the faculty for which these regulations apply, the joint procedure is ended. It cannot be applied for again. The University of Ulm raises no objections if the doctoral procedure is continued according to the regulations of the foreign university/institution.

### **§ 23 Issuing of the doctoral diploma**

- (1) After the joint doctoral procedure has been successfully carried out, a joint diploma on the conferral of the doctorate is issued by the Graduate School and the foreign university/institution. This diploma states that the doctoral procedure was carried out under joint supervision. It bears those signatures and seals that are required according the regulations of the University of Ulm and those of the foreign university/institution.
- (2) In place of a joint diploma, individual certificates of the Graduate School and the foreign university/institution can be issued which clearly indicate that the two certificates together represent a joint doctoral diploma.
- (3) It must be clear from the joint doctoral diploma that the graduate is entitled to use the German doctor's degree in Germany and in the foreign country the doctor's degree conferred there. The entitlement to use only one doctor's degree is acquired. The doctoral diploma contains the additional comment that the conferred foreign doctorate is not an academic degree acquired abroad in the sense of law on the use of academic degrees.

### **§ 24 Compulsory copies**

- (1) For a doctoral procedure carried out at the University of Ulm according to § 21, the publication obligation follows the requirements of these regulations (§ 15) as well as agreement made according to § 20 subsection 1.
- (2) For a doctoral procedure carried out at a foreign university/institution according to § 22, the publication obligation follows the definitive regulations of the foreign university/institution. The agreement according to § 20 subsection 1 also establishes how many copies are to be provided to the University of Ulm by the faculty for which these regulations apply. One example of the dissertation always remains in the files of the University of Ulm.

## **E. Coming into effect**

### **§ 25 Coming into effect**

These doctoral regulations come into effect one day after the publication in the "Amtlichen Bekanntmachungen der Universität Ulm" [Official Announcements of the University of Ulm]. At the same time, the regulations governing admissions, study and examinations for the "International PhD programme. in Molecular Medicine Ulm" with the goal of gaining the doctoral degree Dr. rer. Nat. dated 19<sup>th</sup> July 2011 expire, official notices of the University of Ulm 1<sup>st</sup> March 2007, No. 3 pages 58 - 67.

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