## BRAND GUIDELINES

**emerge** Americas

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## OUR MISSION IS TO TRANSFORM MIAMI INTO A GLOBAL TECH

**HUB.** We are audacious, and it motivates every step we take. We believe that the rise of Miami can serve as a gateway and fuel innovation by building out a sustainable, diverse, and inclusive ecosystem.

## R.A.I.S.E.

## RESILIENCE

## ACCOUNTABILITY

We believe in the power of grit and the human spirit to overcome adversity and make one's dreams a reality. We are accountable to each othe for what we do, and when we are going to do it.

## IMPACTFUL

We seek to have a positive social impact on the community and lives we serve.

## SOULFULNESS

Ve do everything with heart, oul, and purpose.

## EXCELLENCE

We strive for excellence and won't rest until we achieve it.



# BRAND PERSONALITY



## INNOVATIVE

Forward-thinking, cutting-edge, and disruptive. There is strategy, thoughtleadership, and depth to what we do. We are solution-oriented.

## CREATIVE



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## FACILITATIVE

Connectedness, collaboration, and servant leadership are a part of our DNA. We don't simply network we create deep relationships.



## ASPIRATIONAL

Our true north is to transform Miami into a model of sustainable and inclusive economic development not just for Latin America but for the rest of the world.

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# BRAND VOICE

Our brand voice represents the tone and personality of all communications.

## CONFIDENT

We communicate with confidence and use a definitive tone, unrelenting in our mission and purpose to connect our audience and foster innovation.



To best describe our brand voice, it's easier to compare what it is to what it isn't. eMerge America's brand voice is:

Confident but not arrogant

Savvy but not stodgy

Approachable but not overly casual

Authentic but not over the top

## SAVVY

We serve as a reliable, professional resource for the tech ecosystem

## APPROACHABLE

We are accessible and take a servant-leadership approach.

## AUTHENTIC

eMerge Americas is purposeful, passionate, intentional, and effective.

# COMMUNICATION GUIDELINES

## **COMMUNICATION GOALS**

Consider voice, focus, and structure of content. Communications should consider not just what we are saying but the medium in which it is being said.

#### **Copywriting: word count guidelines**

Email subject line 60 characters maximum Web page content Approximately 500 words Headlines 70 characters / 7 words maximum Call To Action (CTA) 15 characters / 3 words maximum / always begin with a verb

#### eMerge Americas LEXICON

We use the following words or phrases in our messaging:

AMPLIFY	COMMUNITY	EMERGING
BRIDGE	CONNECT	EXPLORE
CATALYZE	CONVENE	FOSTER
CHAMPION	COUNTERPART	GATEWAY
COLLABORATE	CREATE	IMPACT
COLLABORATION	DIVERSE	INCLUSIVE
COLLECTIVE	ECOSYSTEM	SUSTAINABLE
COMPARATIVE	ENTREPRENEURIAL	THOUGHT-LEADERSHIP



# COMMUNICATION HIERARCHY

### WE BELIEVE IN A SIMPLE AND EFFECTIVE DESIGN PHILOSOPHY ANCHORED BY THE REAL WORLD THAT PUSHES THE LIMITS OF WHAT'S POSSIBLE EACH AND EVERY DAY.

Much like the dauntless entrepreneurial spirit, passionate about adapting to market changes and driven to meet customers where they are, the time has come to refresh our brand to support eMerge America's evolution from premiere tech tradeshow to a global thought leadership community.

Our focus was resolute—celebrate the idea of the rock star entrepreneur while embracing Miami's new future as a global tech destination and innovation hub. To do this effectively, we must adopt a new design approach that embraces eMerge Americas' legacy as an OG player in the Miami tech ecosystem. We created clarity by building a communications hierarchy focused on three central themes... THE ENTREPRENEUR ROCKSTAR

## MIAMI AS THE NEW GLOBAL TECH HUB

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### OUR COMMUNITY OF CONSTITUENTS

- Startups
- Enterprises
- Media
- Government
- Investors
- Higher Education

We got to work reinventing our design tool kit with a clear sense of who our audience is and what we are trying to say. We pulled inspiration from the previous eMerge America's tapestry while introducing new and fresh design thinking that embraces a bold approach to the idea of **"SHOW, NOT TELL."** 



## **GRADIENT / COLOR**

To do this, we needed to find iconic ways to say Miami—without saying Miami. We show this by using a color palette that is very much indigenous to Miami the blue of our beaches and waterways with the bold pink accents of Miami's neon-soaked nightlife.

### **HEXAGON SHAPE**

With years of association with the hexagon shape, we set out to lean into the positive brand equity built by simplifying the use of the shape while making a point of having it be a part of every touchpoint in the eMerge Americas brand mix.

### PHOTOGRAPHY

As a company firmly planted in bringing people together, showing our community through photography was a prerequisite. The goal—do so in a way that prioritizes people, not the place. We do this by creating a distinguishable difference in how we highlight our entrepreneurs from the community they are a part of. Not to create separation, but to reinforce the idea that they are the heroes in our story. They are our ROCKSTARS.

For community-related photography, we needed to establish visual consistency that represents the support system that makes it possible for entrepreneurs to do what they do. Much like it takes a village to raise a child—it takes a community to forge an entrepreneur.

PRIMARY LOGO

Our logo is the key building block of our identity, the primary visual element that identifies us. The logo is a combination of our icon, which is a hexagon with a stylized letter e, and our wordmark. Our wordmark is our namesake. There are two alignment options for our logo—horizontal and vertical. **Do not create other alignments.** 

Horizontal





Vertical

CLEAR SPACE

Clear space is the area surrounding the logo that must be kept free of any text or graphic elements. The clear space around both logo lockups is equal to the height of the "M" in "eMerge."





When two-color logo treatment is needed, the icon in our reverse white is the preferred alternative. When using a white background, the preferred alternative is the icon in Black.

When primary is not an option (such as on a gradient background), the White icon is the preferred alternative.













Primary

White

Accent

The one-color spot or reverse logos are for use when color and tint reproduction are both unavailable, such as fax, one-color packaging, one-color screen printing, premiums, merchandise, etc.



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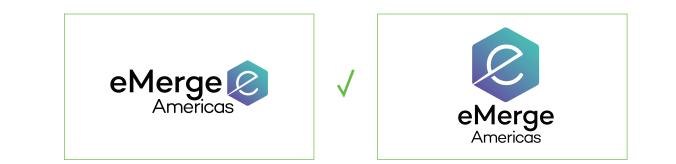
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LOGO STANDARDS

We appreciate your creativity. However, do not alter the logo artwork or usage in any way. Below are examples of logo usages that are prohibited. Our logo may not be used if it does not conform to these guidelines.





**DO NOT** Change type or icon size proportions



**DO NOT** Arrange type on one line



**DO NOT** Outline type or icon



**DO NOT** Add unnecessary drop shadows, bevels or other effects



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**DO NOT** Create variations of the logo by rearranging its components



**DO NOT** Apply the mark against busy backgrounds

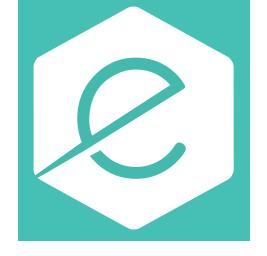
#### ICON

Our icon stands as a bold stand-alone symbol of the brand. Use the primary icon with our signature gradient to drive visual consistency and leverage the established brand equity when possible.

When primary is not an option (such as on a gradient background), the White icon is the preferred alternative.



Primary



White



Accent

The icon should always retain its shape, never altering the icon's proportions. For example, the stylized letter "e" should always have a white fill, do not knock out the "e" or use outline treatments.

DO NOT use the gradient hex on a gradient background.







**DO NOT** Modify proportions

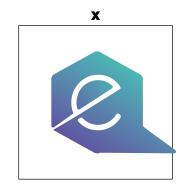
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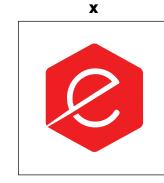
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**DO NOT** Rotate proportions

**DO NOT** Outline



**DO NOT** Distort hexagon shape



**DO NOT** Use illegal colors



**DO NOT** Knock out "e" over background

**DO NOT** Make Black Hex Logo

#### COLORS

Color plays a vital role in the eMerge Americas brand identity. Therefore, the correct usage of these colors will uphold the visual legacy of the eMerge Americas brand. When using brand colors, aim to use a maximum of four colors.

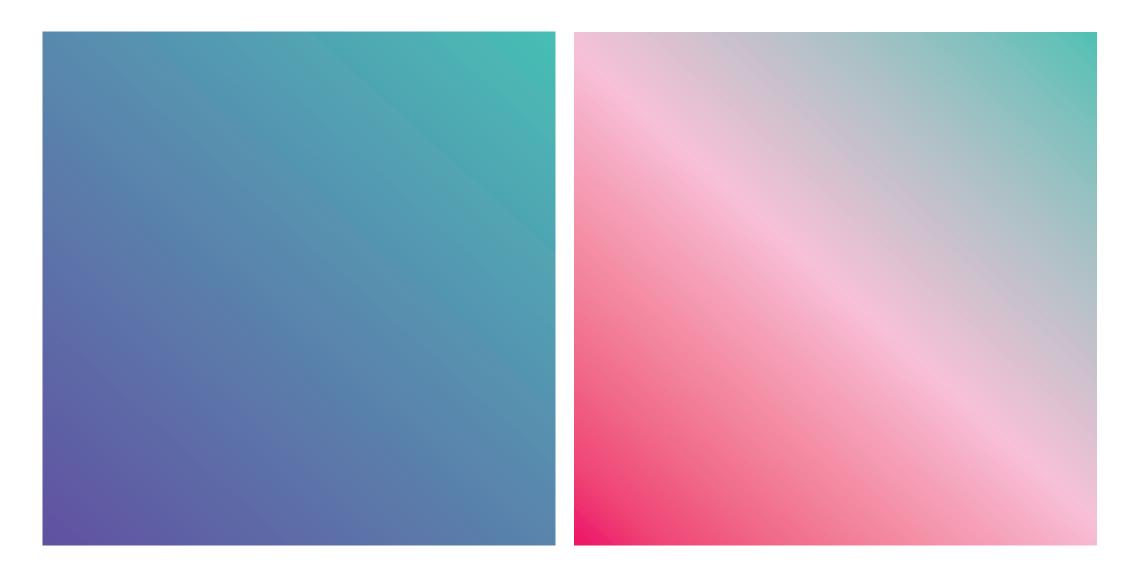
To add more variety to your palette, you can use different shades and tints of these four primary colors. Black and white play an essential role in our palette to provide grounding and clear visual space.

CMYK 65/0/36/0 RGB 34/210/191 HEX 22D2BF PMS 3255C	СМҮК 73/80/0/0 RGB 102/51/218 HEX 6633d9 PMS 266C	СМҮК 0/99/37/0 RGB 255/0/102 HEX E7004C PMS 1925C
INVEST Mint	VENTURE VIOLET	RESILIENT Rosé
СМҮК 0/30/0/0 RGB 248/192/216 HEX F8C0D8 PMS 1895C	СМҮК 75/68/67/90 RGB 0/0/0 HEX 000000 PMS Black 6C BLACK	
	CMYK 0/0/0/0 RGB 255/255/255 HEX FFFFF	
BRILLIANT BLUSH	WHITE	

GRADIENTS

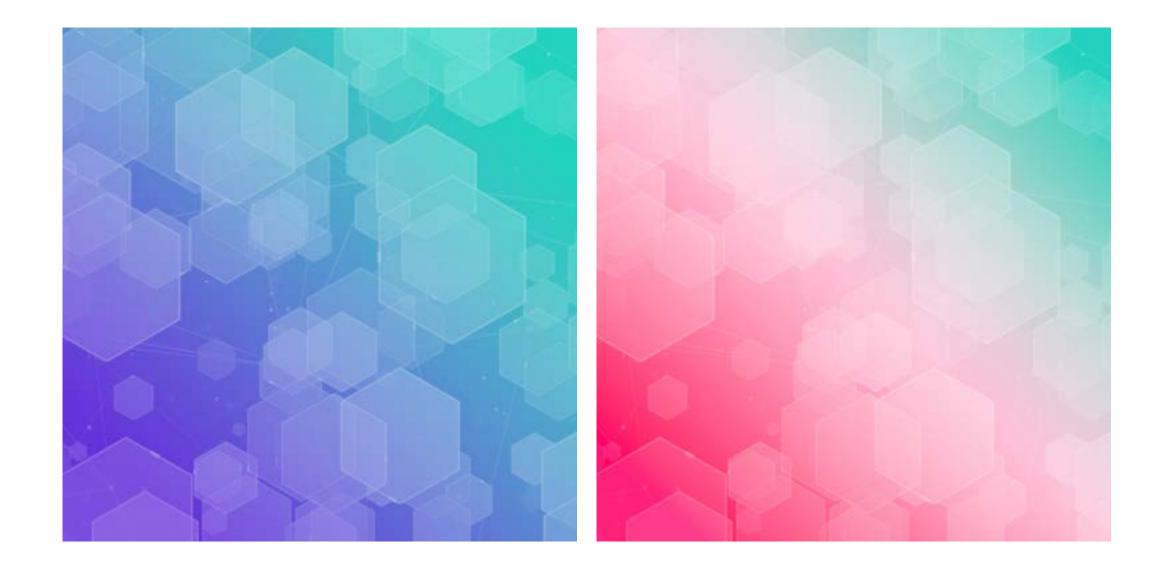
Our signature gradients are created by combining Venture Violet with Invest Mint or Rose Resilient with Brillant Blush and Invest Mint at a 45-degree angle.

The goal was simple—say Miami, without having to say Miami.



#### PATTERN

When applied over a gradient, the hexagon bubbles should be colored with our signature gradients and overlaid at 40% opacity.



#### PHOTOGRAPHY

Photography is a core element in our brand ecosystem that allows us to embrace our community, the city that houses it, and the entrepreneurs that power it. We establish a clear visual identity through the use of two different applications of photography.

**1. Entrepreneurs are our rock** stars. Because we receive VIP headshots in a range of formats, sizes, and styles—we set out to implement a uniform approach to the way we showcase our VIPs across all platforms. We achieve this by knocking out any backgrounds and pushing their photos into the monochromatic spectrum. From there, we introduce our signature gradient in a modern and fresh way. Then we play with graphic elements from the same brand world to create a unique piece of digital art—a fitting tribute to the rock star entrepreneur.



Original



- Convert to black & white
- Knockout background
- Adjust brightness & contrast



- Apply the eMerge signature gradient
  - Gradient overlay
  - Blend Mode: Color

PHOTOGRAPHY

2. Our community—the bedrock ingredient in supporting our rockstar entrepreneurs. Our community photography is made up of architecture and landscape photos of Miami that genuinely embrace the city's diversity in a way that doesn't just represent the travel destination. We highlight and embrace the new Miami as a destination for commerce and innovation.

Next, we look to embrace the entrepreneurial lifestyle—one that encourages the simpatico relationship between work and play, and the productivity that it produces. We believe the modern entrepreneur is constantly on the go, and we seek to meet them where they are. To create consistency, we introduce high levels of saturation bringing forward the warmth of our city and our community, to create a tapestry of images as vibrant as the place we call home.



#### **TYPOGRAPHY: GOTHAM**

Typography is just as important as color. Our simplified yet bold fonts project strength, innovation, and individuality. Additionally, these fonts are easy to read across different devices.

Gotham is our primary type face. Should a situation arise when Gotham is not available, Century Gothic is an approved alternative.

**NOTE:** When using Gotham Black and Bold in headline text, use all caps and set the tracking to 150. Do not track out body copy. BLACK Used in headers/ Print and Web

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BOOK Used in subheaders and body copy

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#### **ALTERNATIVE FONT: CENTURY GOTHIC**

#### BOLD

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We love our name, and we're proud of what it represents. Here are the guidelines to correctly write our company name. We thank you in advance for treating our brand with care.

The name should be written as eMERGE AMERICAS only when using uppercase.

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#### BRAND APPLICATION DIGITAL / SOCIAL / MOBILE SOCIAL MEDIA ANNOUNCEMENTS

In the spirit of reinforcing the idea of the entrepreneurial Rockstar in our communications, we have templated a range of social posts that make our thought leaders the centerpiece of our brand. Given the flexibility of 1:1 images across all social platforms, it was a natural starting place for our social media templates.



#### DIGITAL / SOCIAL / MOBILE EVITE

With DMS communications as the preferred means of sharing information, our goal was simple. Make our email commutations simple and fun to read. Leaning heavy into the use of our signature gradients and faded hex bubbles, we hope to be a welcome site in our patron's inbox.







#### DIGITAL / SOCIAL / MOBILE EMAIL SPEAKER ANNOUNCEMENT

Like with any of our speaker-focused applications, we seek to celebrate the success of our thought leaders in an approachable and engaging way. Therefore, we have included a few templates leveraging different brand elements to aid in doing so!



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#### DIGITAL / SOCIAL / MOBILE NEWSLETTER

As a regular touchpoint in our communications mix, our newsletter helps foster community through consistent and engaging content on a weekly basis. Let us brief you on all the things Miami tech.



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# UPCOMING EVENTS

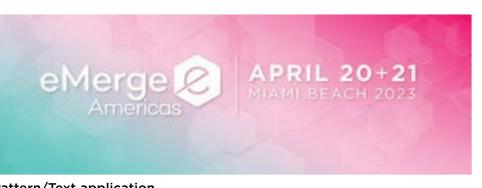
EXPERIENCE MIAMI'S TECH MONTH LIKE NEVER BEFORE eMerge

**Banner Templates** 

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#### **DIGITAL / SOCIAL / MOBILE TWITTER BANNERS**

To create simple and recognizable visual consistency across our social platforms, we have provided two versions of a Twitter banner template.



Pattern/Text application





Photo application



#### DIGITAL / SOCIAL / MOBILE LINKEDIN BANNERS

To create simple and recognizable visual consistency across our social platforms, we have provided two versions of a LinkedIn banner template.



Pattern/Text application





Photo application



#### DIGITAL / SOCIAL / MOBILE FACEBOOK BANNERS

To create simple and recognizable visual consistency across our social platforms, we have provided two versions of a Facebook banner template.



Pattern/Text application





Photo application



#### **ENVIRONMENTAL & EVENTS** POP-UP BANNERS

We have created three pop-up banners or meter board templates for easy and recognizable environmental branding as an essential tool that reinforces our brand in the physical space.







#### **ENVIRONMENTAL & EVENTS WAYFINDING**

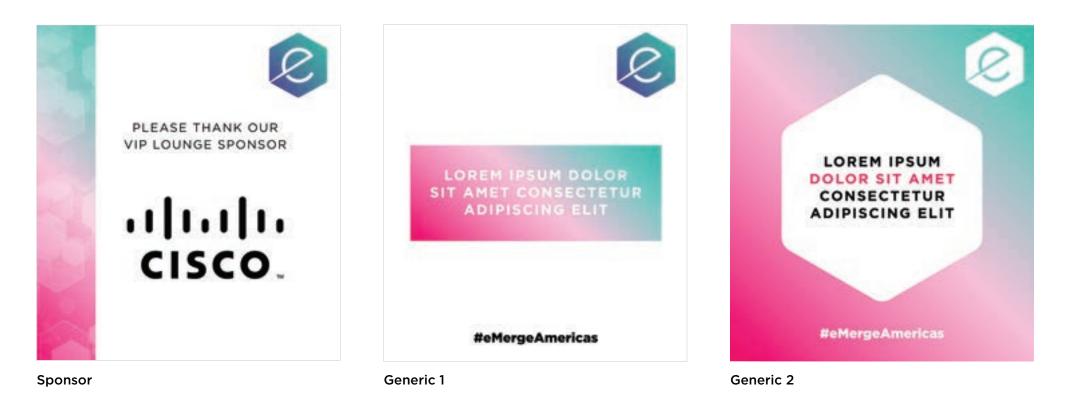
With the simple idea that wayfinding can be part brand element and part directional signage—we seek to reinvent how our brand shows up in the physical world.





#### **ENVIRONMENTAL & EVENTS SIGNAGE**

Whether thanking our sponsors or providing simple attendee instructions, our designs offer a templated approach to simple signage that is easy to follow and easily recognizable.



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#### ENVIRONMENTAL & EVENTS WALL BRANDING

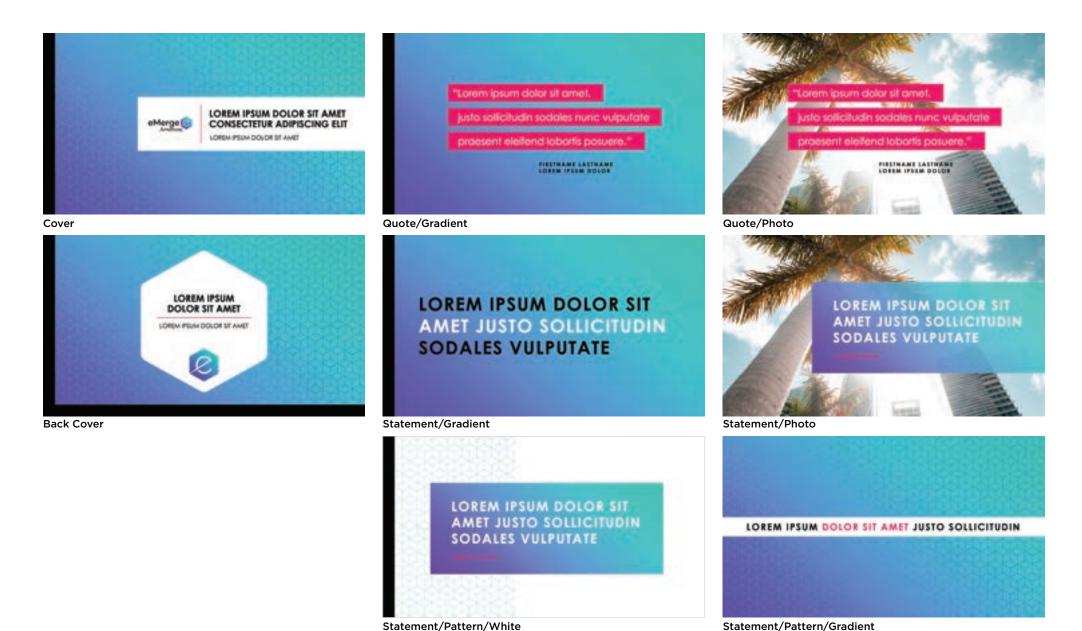
In the spirit of reinventing how our brand shows up in the physical world—we aim to pull inspiration from the world-famous Wynwood art district by rethinking what our brand can use as a canvas.





#### **POWERPOINT TEMPLATE**

As a primary instrument leveraged by our leadership and sales team, we seek to step into boardroom presentations with the same bravado that our brand communicates across all communications touchpoints.



Statement/Pattern/White

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Photo 1/2 + Content + Gradient



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**Content on Gradient** 



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We hope you enjoy playing with the **NEW eMerge America's** tool kit, as much as we enjoyed creating it!



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