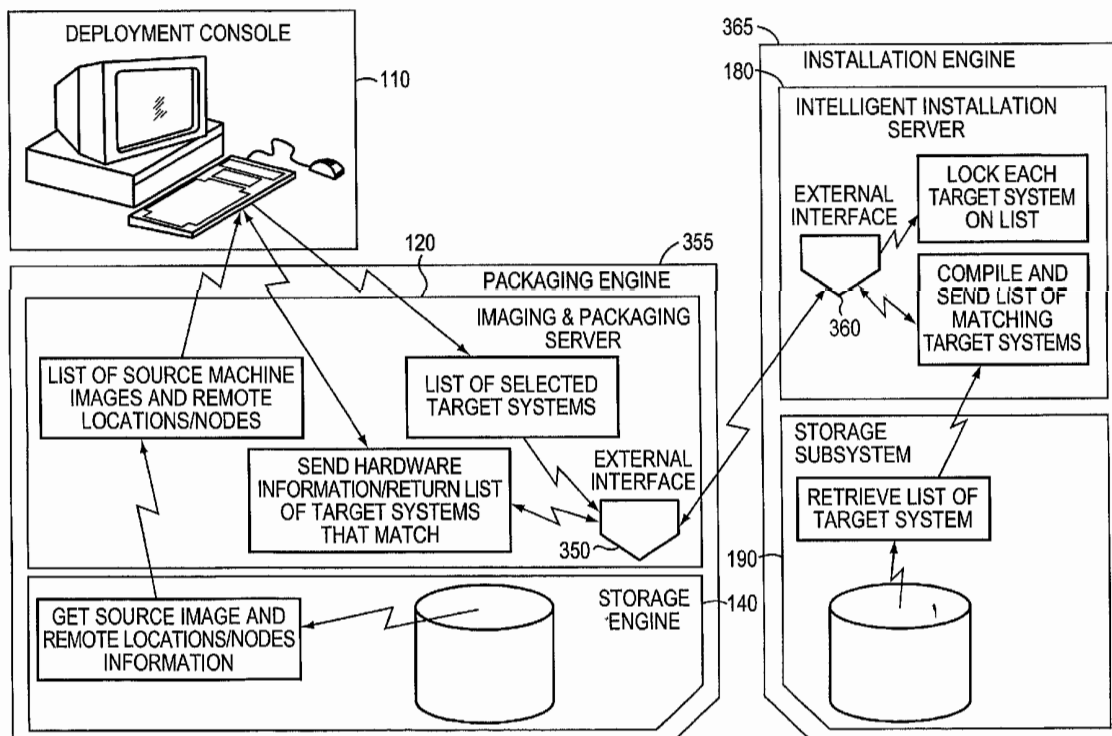




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A system and method for duplicating the software system of a source computer and installing the duplicated software system on a plurality of target computers. A source computer is selected and an image of the software system and the hardware configuration of the source computer is made. A plurality of target computers that are hardware compatible with the source computer are selected for installation of a copy of the software system of the source computer. The software system of the source computer is duplicated based on information stored in the image of the source computer. The duplicated software system is then installed on each of the selected target computer systems.



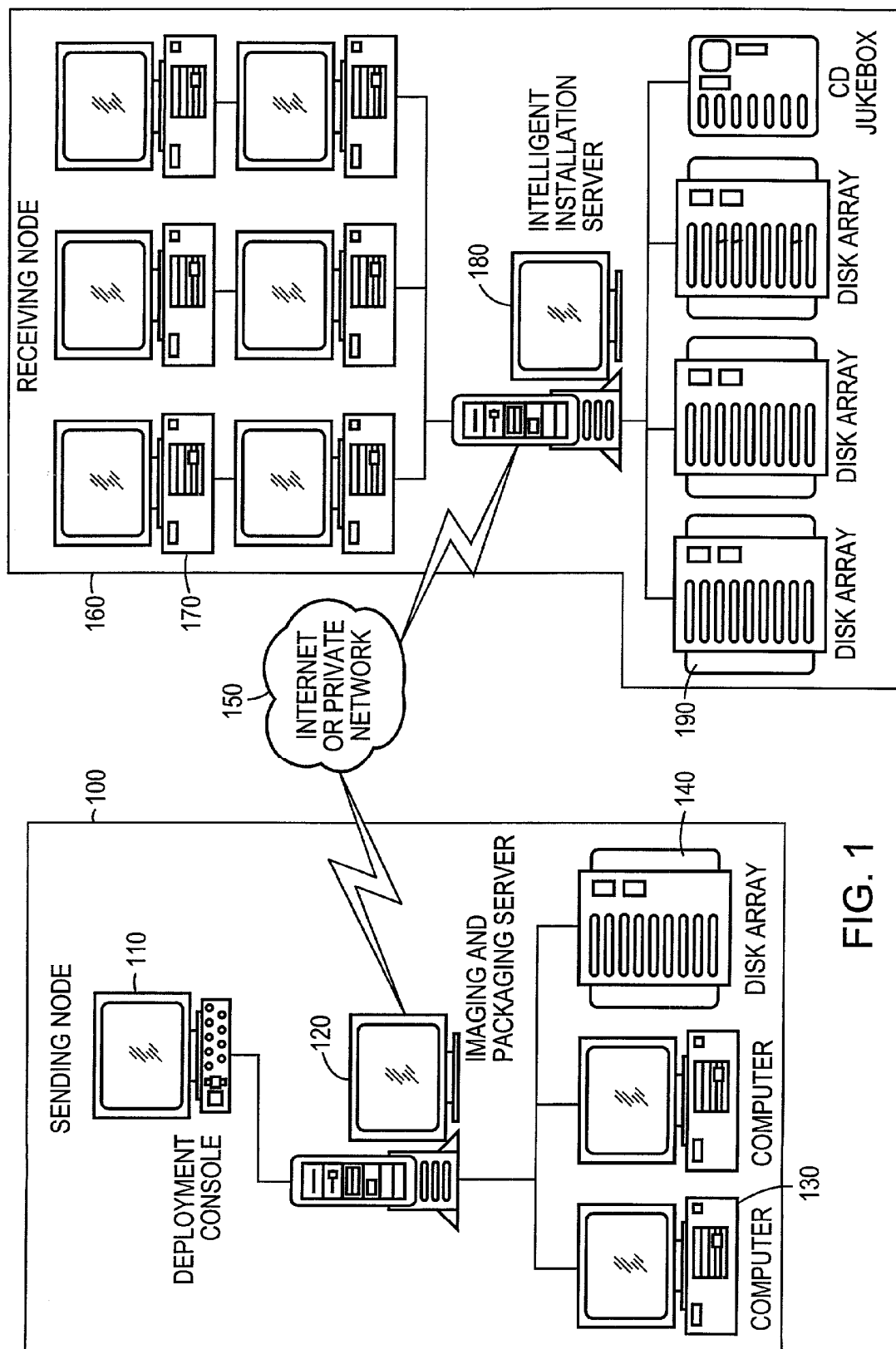


FIG. 1

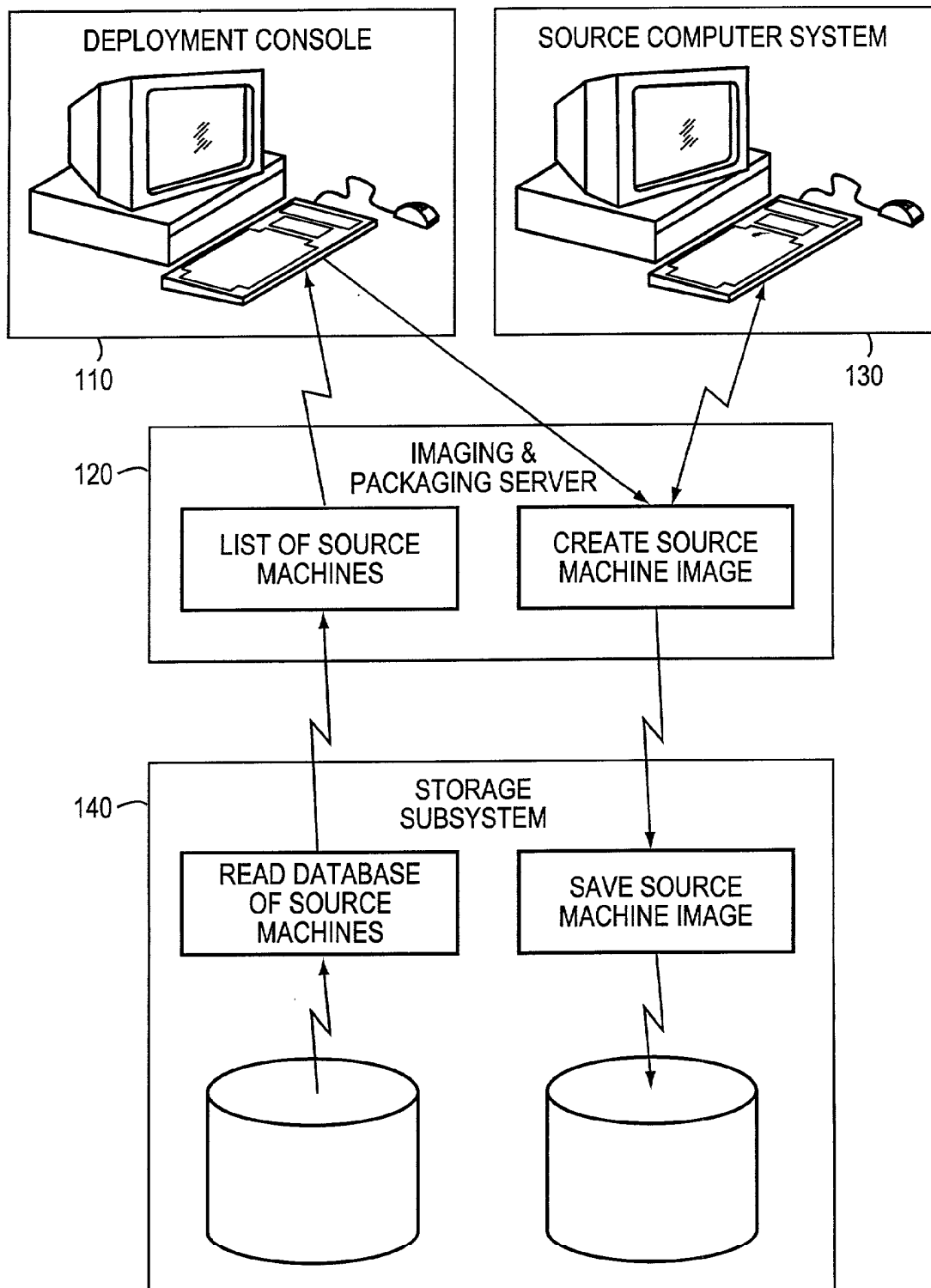


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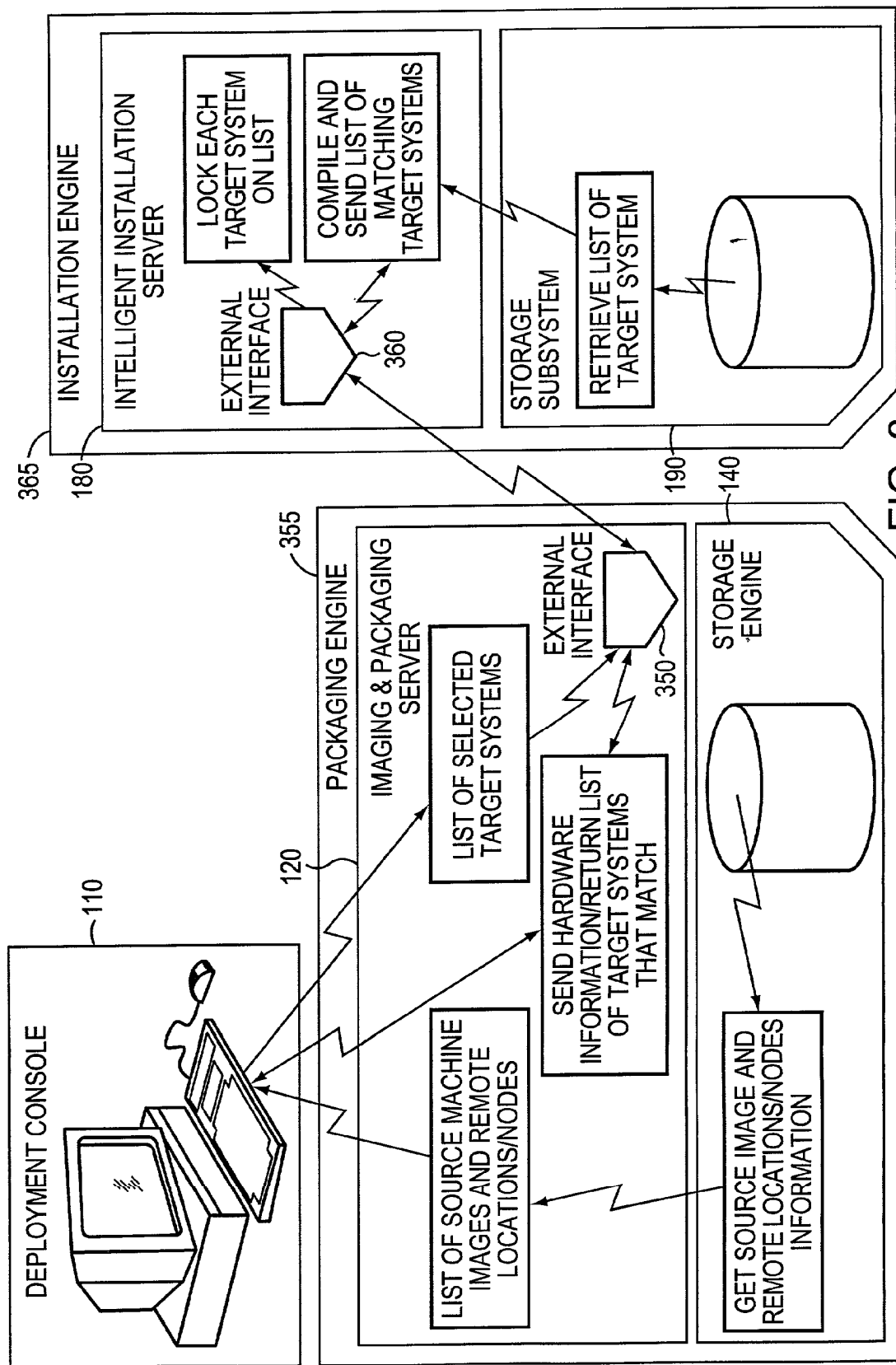
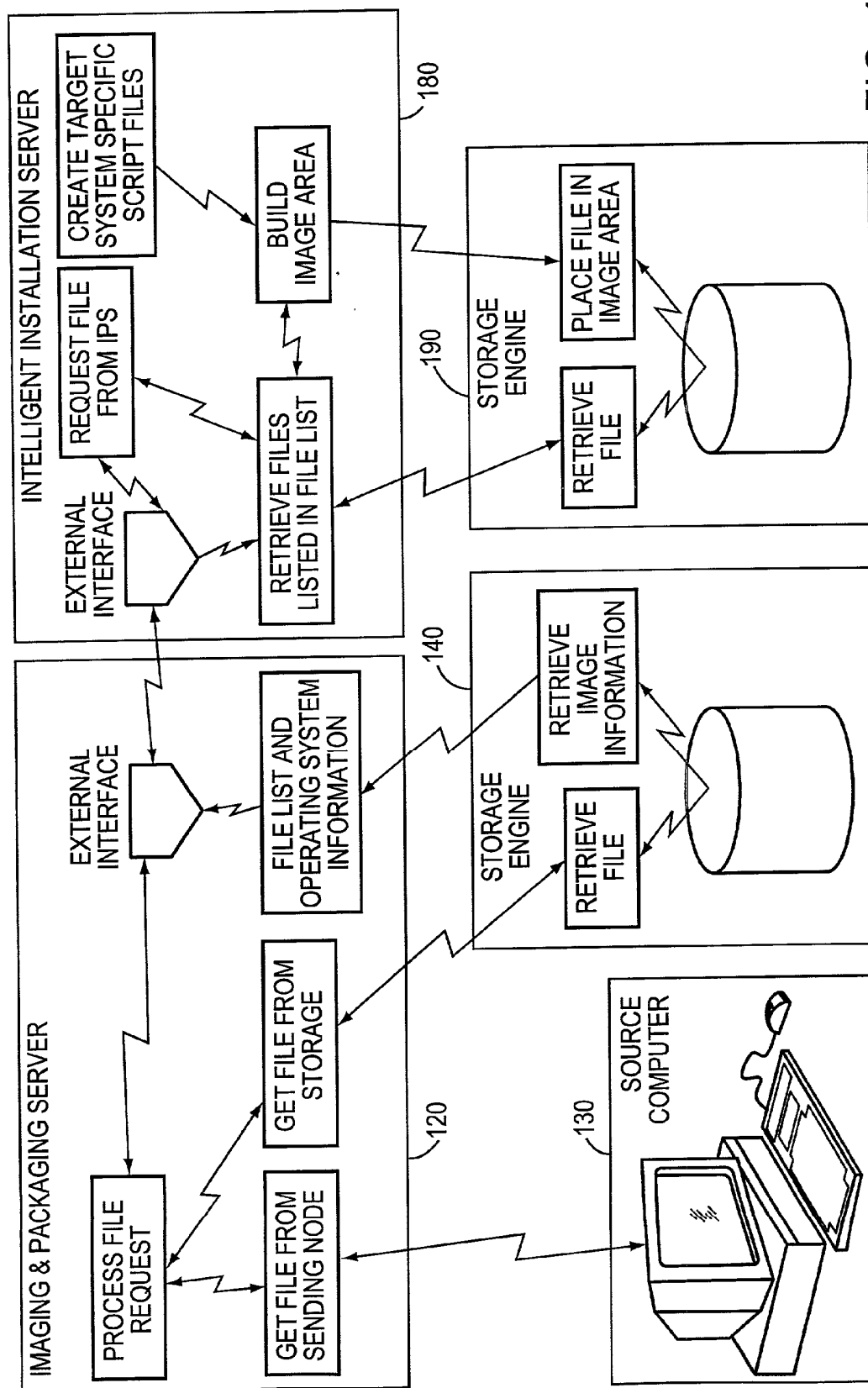


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