

Identification of Two Morphologically Similar Charophytes using Morphometric Characteristics: *Chara vulgaris* and *Chara gymnophylla*

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Abstract

The study of morphometric measurements of two morphologically similar charophytes, *Chara vulgaris* L. and *Chara gymnophylla* A. Braun from freshwater habitats can distinguish them from each other. Although both species differ in some characters but morphological differences are problematic when they co-occur in the same lakes, rivers or springs. Morphological differences given in identification keys couldn't distinguish species and subspecies in the field. Therefore, additional characteristics were measured and suggested as useful features in differences of both species and their subspecies. Individuals of both species were collected in the vegetation seasons (2009) and (2013). Morphometric measurements and Statistical tests were done on 19 different quantitative and qualitative characters, number of branchlet corticated segments revealed the most significant difference. Branchlet/internode length ratio, characteristics of end segment: number of cells, number of corticated segments, end segment length, were differed in *Chara vulgaris* and *C. gymnophylla* varieties. We applied these features as a useful morphometry characters for differentiation, particularly under conditions where both species co-occur.

Keywords: *Chara vulgaris*, Charophytes, *Chara gymnophylla*, Identification, PCA, Morphometric Analysis.

Introduction

The genus *Chara* (Charophyta, Charophyceae) is widely distributed throughout the world in all continents (Wood and Imahori, 1964). Taxonomic studies based on the morphology of charophytes started at the end of the 19th century. Authors such as Braun and Nordstedt (1882), Groves and Bullock-Webster (1924), Zaneveld (1940), Olsen (1944) and Krause (1997) characterized the morphological variation in charophytes and find features that could distinguish every single species. Separation of the species in this genus Charais primarily based on morphological characters and the wide range of morphological variations commonly occurring in this genus makes it difficult to quantify (Wood, 1965; Wood and Imahori, 1964). Also members of family Characeae are often affected by ecological environment (Urbaniak, 2010).

C. gymnophylla is characterized by slender axes, 3-30cm high, upper parts much compacted ("foxtails"), aulacanthous or some times isostichous cortex, globular spine cells that are

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shorter than axis diameter and two rows of short stipulodes. *C. vulgaris* is highly polymorphic species, much branched, axes slender or moderately stout, moderately to heavily encrusted and characterized by aulacanthous cortex that primary rows of cortex equal or narrower than secondary rows, solitary spine cells are small to rudimentary and there are two rows of stipulodes that are variable in size. High morphological similarities of these two species lead us to measure some quantitative characters to show the differences between species and varieties. the species may co-occur in the same habitat. Therefore, the aim of the paper is to compare the length of internodes, number of branchlets and length of branchlets, number of branchlet segments, number of corticated branchlet segments, number of cells in end segment and the ratio between the length of branchlets and internodes of *C. gymnochilla* and *C. vulgaris* varieties, occurring in different and same ecosystems. Additionally, the features of oospores, length, wide, length to wide ratio, fossa breath and number of striae were determined.

Materials and Methods

Samplings were done during August to September of year (2009) and (2014) in Iran. 172 populations were collected for 2 species of *Chara* from 162 localities (Details of the localities are given in Table 4). The specimens were homothallic with oogonium and antheridium, as well as diploid oospore. Collections were made by hand, as well as with the help of a grapnel at the various depth of water. Herbarium mounts and preserved material were prepared and deposited in Herbarium of Shahid Beheshti University (HSBU). The voucher numbers are given in Ta-

ble 4. Overall morphology of the specimens was examined with stereoscopic microscope ($\times 10$). The specimens were identified according to description provided by Wood and Imahori (1964), Krause (1997), Wood and Mason (1977), Gollerbach and Krasavina (1983). Taxon names are in accordance with the names in Algaebase (www.algaebase.org), and the Synopsis of the Characeae (Van Raam and Stewart, 2009). Name of the taxa is given in Table 1 according to different authors.

Characters were selected based on those reported by Wood and Imahori (1964), Casanova (2005), Van Raam and Stewart (2009) and Ahmadi et al. (2012a). 19 quantitative and qualitative morphological characters were studied (Table 2). For analyses the mean of quantitative characters were used while qualitative characters were coded as binary characters. Variables were standardized (mean=0, variance=1) for multivariate statistical analyses (Podani 2000, Sheidai et al. (2002). The ANOVA test of quantitative characters showed significant differences among the species (Table 3). In order to determine the species relationships, ordination based on PCoA (Principal Coordinate Analysis) was performed. SPSS ver. 16.6 (2007) were used for multivariate statistical analysis.

Results

Wood and Imahori (1964) place *C. gymnochilla* as a variety of *C. vulgaris*. Two varieties of two species have been identified. *Chara gymnochilla* (A. Braun) A. Braun var. *gymnochilla* and *Chara gymnochilla* var. *rohlena* (Vilhelm) Ahmadi in Ahmadi et al., 2012a, *Chara vulgaris* var. *longibracteata* (Kutzing) J. Groves & Bullock-Webster and *Chara vulgaris* L. var.

vulgaris. *Chara gymnophylla* is a diplostichous species with aulacanthous or sometimes isostichous, axes and about 3-30 cm high, upper parts much compacted ("foxtails"). Spine cells short, stipulodes in 2 rows, branchlets 6–11 in a whorl, ecorticated or with 0–2 corticated segments. Anterior bractcells 1–2 times as long as the oogonium. Gametangia conjoined at corticated and ecorticated branchlet nodes. Oogonia solitary, 400-650 μm long (excl. corona). Mature oospores brown to black, 350-550 μm long, 250-350 μm wide, 9-11 low ridges ending in small claws, membrane nearly smooth or finely granulated. Antheridia solitary, 300–450 μm in diameter. *C. gymnophylla* var. *rohlena*e with ecorticated branchlets. Plant small, less than 10 cm high, bushy, very compacted differ from *C.*

gymnophylla var. *gymnophylla* having 1-2 corticated branchlet segments. 15-30 cm long, lower internodes elongated.

Chara vulgaris is highly polymorphic, up to 30 cm tall, much branched, axes slender, moderately to heavily encrusted. Cortex diplostichous, aulacanthous. Spine cells solitary, rudimentary, stipulodes in 2 rows. Internodes 1–3 times the length of the branchlets; branchlets 6-10 in a whorl, 1-4 corticated segments. Gametangia conjoined at 1–4 corticated branchlet segments, oogonia solitary, 500-650 μm long. Mature oospores dark brown or black, 400-550 μm long, 300-375 μm wide, with 10 weak ridges, membrane nearly finely granulate. Antheridia small and solitary, up to 480 μm in diameter. *C. vulgaris* var. *vulgaris* (short bract cells, 2-4

Table 1. Classification of Chara species according to different authors.

Name of the taxa	Wood 1962, Wood & Imahori 1964	Wood 1965 microspecies appendix	Pal et al. 1962 (India)	Gollerbach & Krassavina 1983 (Russia)	Han & Li 1994 (China)	Krause (1997) (Europe)
<i>Chara gymnophylla</i> (A.Braun) A. Braun 1835 var. <i>gymnophylla</i>	<i>Chara vulgaris</i> var. <i>gymnophylla</i> (A.Br.) R.D. Wood 1962 f. <i>gymnophylla</i>	<i>Chara</i> <i>squamosa</i> Desfontaines 1800	<i>Chara vulgaris</i> <i>subsp. squamosa</i> (Desfontaines) Zaneveld 1940	<i>Chara</i> <i>gymnophylla</i> (A.Braun) A. Braun 1835	not	<i>Chara</i> <i>gymnophylla</i> (A.Braun) A. Braun 1835
<i>Chara gymnophylla</i> (A.Braun) A. Braun 1835 var. <i>rohlena</i> e (Vilhelm) Fil.	<i>Chara vulgaris</i> var. <i>gymnophylla</i> (A.Br.) R.D.W. f. <i>rohlena</i> e (Vilhelm) R.D. Wood 1962	<i>Chara rohlena</i> Vilhelm 1913	Not	<i>Chara</i> <i>gymnophylla</i> (A.Braun) A. Braun 1835	not	<i>Chara</i> <i>gymnophylla</i> (A.Braun) A. Braun 1835
<i>Chara vulgaris</i> L. 1753 var. <i>longibracteata</i> (Kützing) J. Groves & Bullock-Webster 1924	<i>C.vulgaris</i> L. var. <i>vulgaris</i> f. <i>longibracteata</i> (Kützing in Reichenbach) H. & J. Groves 1880	<i>Chara</i> <i>longibracteata</i> Kützing in Reichenbach 1832	Not	<i>Chara</i> <i>vulgaris</i> L. 1753.	<i>Chara vulgaris</i> L. 1753 var. <i>longibracteata</i> (Kützing) J. Groves & Bullock-Webster 1924	<i>Chara vulgaris</i> f. <i>longibracteata</i> Kützing 1832
<i>Chara vulgaris</i> L. 1753. var. <i>vulgaris</i>	<i>C.vulgaris</i> L. var. <i>vulgaris</i> f. <i>vulgaris</i> pro parte	<i>Chara vulgaris</i> L. 1753	<i>Chara vulgaris</i> L. 1753. pro parte	<i>Chara</i> <i>vulgaris</i> L. 1753.	<i>Chara vulgaris</i> L. 1753. var. <i>vulgaris</i>	<i>Chara vulgaris</i> L. f. <i>vulgaris</i>

Table 2. List of quantitative and qualitative characters

Internodes length (mm)	Oospores length (μm)
Number of branchlets	Oospores wide (μm)
Branchlet length (mm)	Length/ wide ratio
Number of branchlet segments	Fossa breath (μm)
Number of corticated branchlet segments	Number of striae
Number of cells in end segment	End segment short and corticated
End segment length (mm)	End segment long and ecorticated
(Branchlets/ internodes) length ratio	Branchlets most segments corticated
Antheridia diameter (μm)	Branchlets most segments ecorticated
Oogonium length (μm)	

corticated branchlet segments) separated from *C. vulgaris* var. *longibracteata* (long bract cells and 1-2 corticated branchlet segments).

Table 3 shows statistical characteristics of morphological measurements. Number of branchlets in *C. vulgaris* for both varieties is more than *C. gymnophylla* varieties but number of corticated branchlet segments in *C. vulgaris* var. *vulgaris* is more than others. The above evidenced morphometric differences between

C. vulgaris and *Chara gymnophylla* were confirmed by the Principal Coordinates Analysis (Fig. 1). In PCOA plot we can see two separate species of *C. gymnophylla* and *C. vulgaris*. In upper part of PCOA plot there is *C. vulgaris* var. *vulgaris* and *C. vulgaris* var. *longibracteata* and in other part we can see *C. gymnophylla* var. *gymnophylla* close to *C. gymnophylla* var. *rohlenae*.

Table 3. Statistical characteristics of morphological quantitative features of *C. gymnophylla* var. *gymnophylla*, *C. gymnophylla* var. *rohlenae*, *C. vulgaris* var. *longibracteata* and *C. vulgaris* var. *vulgaris*.

	<i>C. gymnophylla</i> var. <i>gymnophylla</i>				<i>C. gymnophylla</i> var. <i>rohlenae</i>			
	Min.	Max.	Mean	SD	Min.	Max.	Mean	SD
Internodes length (mm)	12.3	55	23.13	9.40	11	50	23.24	9.95
Number of branchlets	9	11	9.75	0.72	5	11	10.19	1.08
Branchlet length (mm)	10	30	16.62	4.84	8	40	18.84	6.32
Number of branchlet segments	4	7	5.00	0.92	4	7	5.65	0.66
Number of corticated branchlet segments	0	2	0.40	0.60	0	3	0.42	0.67
Number of cells in end segment	1	7	3.15	1.14	2	5	3.03	0.66
End segment length (mm)	3	18.3	9.17	3.42	4.5	15.7	10.05	2.97
(Branchlets/ internodes) length ratio	0.4	1.2	0.77	0.22	0.42	2.1	0.90	0.35
Antheridia diameter (μm)	250	500	365.25	76.54	200	548	395.87	79.92
Oogonium length. (μm)	400	825	561.13	98.85	238	750	592.42	119.33
Oospores length (μm)	388	553.1	474.43	49.86	380	622.3	488.02	56.27
Oospores wide (μm)	213	390	294.42	46.37	190	384.3	289.40	41.16
Length/ wide ratio	1.28	1.95	1.62	0.16	1.33	2.1	1.69	0.19
Fossa breath (μm)	36	65.5	48.33	8.34	38	68.6	51.49	8.15
Number of striae	9	14	12.25	1.62	8	14	11.77	1.96
	<i>C. vulgaris</i> var. <i>longibracteata</i>				<i>C. vulgaris</i> var. <i>vulgaris</i>			
	Min.	Max.	Mean	SD	Min.	Max.	Mean	SD
Internodes length (mm)	8	50	24.82	12.42	6.5	70	20.61	8.63
Number of branchlets	7	10	8.41	1.10	5	12	9.63	1.23
Branchlet length (mm)	9	50	19.99	10.03	9.9	30	18.72	4.69
Number of branchlet segments	5	7	5.73	0.70	5	8	6.87	0.70
Number of corticated branchlet segments	0	3	1.45	0.80	1	4	2.93	0.62
Number of cells in end segment	1	5	3.00	0.98	1	4	2.95	0.50
End segment length (mm)	4	30	11.42	6.87	3	22.6	11.48	4.00
(Branchlets/ internodes) length ratio	0.43	1.9	0.85	0.30	0.42	3.92	1.03	0.52
Antheridia diameter (μm)	200	520	358.82	71.61	200	566	406.52	61.86
Oogonium length. (μm)	300	780	590.91	108.39	400	875	649.85	100.65
Oospores length (μm)	387	608.7	482.10	51.32	366	738.1	506.92	65.64
Oospores wide (μm)	247	414.7	291.27	43.79	247	422	324.47	42.46
Length/ wide ratio	1.3	1.98	1.67	0.19	1.2	2	1.57	0.15
Fossa breath (μm)	32	72.6	48.50	8.15	32	69.7	50.22	7.47
Number of striae	8	14	11.82	1.30	8	14	11.40	1.13
								ANOVA

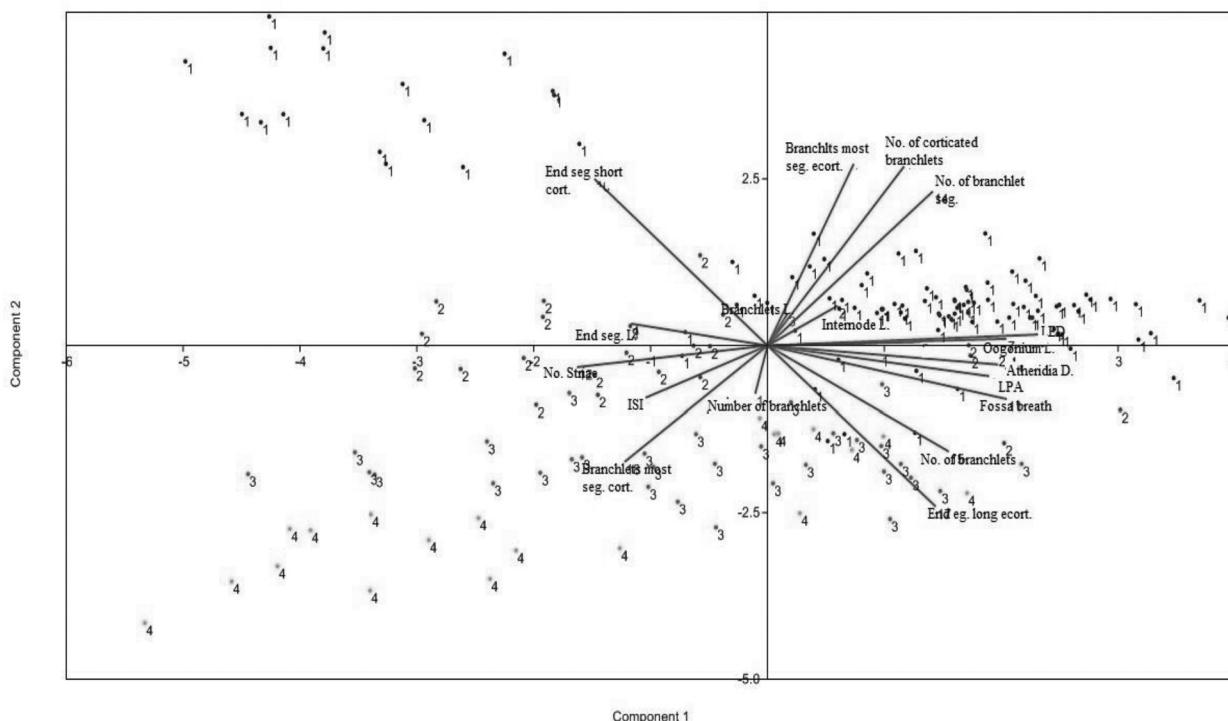


Fig. 1. PCA output for morphological features analyzed in *C. gymnophylla* var. *gymnophylla*=4, *C. gymnophylla* var. *rohlenae*=3, *C. vulgaris* var. *longibracteata*=1 and *C. vulgaris* var. *vulgaris*=2.

Discussion

There is not more information on charophytes in Iran, just a few works have been done on some species (Ahmadi et al., 2012 a,b). Based on morphological characters, multivariate methods on characters allow the differentiation of the investigated taxa belonging to *C. vulgaris* and *C. gymnophylla* varieties. The results of this study consider *C. vulgaris* and *C. gymnophylla* as close species. *C. vulgaris* typically is found both in the streams and ponds, but *C. gymnophylla* are common in ponds and less frequency in the streams. On the assessed diagram both charophytes were spread into two groups, It seems it should be placed these two species as distinct species: *C. vulgaris* and *C. gymnophylla* and accept both varieties for them. *C. vulgaris* var. *vulgaris* has the highest value in branchlet and internode length but the number of branchlet in *C. gymnophylla* is more than *C. vulgaris* and is more compacted. Cor-

ticated segments in *C. vulgaris* var. *vulgaris* is more than other varieties. Branchlet segments in *C. vulgaris* var. *vulgaris* is more than others but the length of branchlets in *C. vulgaris* var. *longibracteata* show the highest value. We could not easily distinguish these two species from each other but with described characters it could be done. The measurements undertaken in this work are consistent with the general conclusion that *C. gymnophylla* is more condensed than *C. vulgaris* and in some cases is taller than *C. vulgaris*. Importantly, this became true also when both species co-occur under similar conditions where habitat-related morphological variability can be excluded. The branchlets length mean value in *C. vulgaris* var. *longibracteata* is longer than *C. gymnophylla* varieties and the branchlet corticated segments in *C. vulgaris* varieties is more than *C. gymnophylla*. This study provides evidence for a set

of additional morphological differences, which supplement the basic species differences concerning number of corticated branchlet segments, Branchlet/ internode length ratio characteristics of end segment: number of cells, number of corticated segments, end segment length can be helpful in the species and varieties identification.

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Table 4. Details of the localities and voucher numbers***C.gymnophylla* var. *gymnophylla***

Fras province
 30°27'37" N 51°47'22" E 2143 HSBU-8808719; 25.08.2009
 Zanjan Province
 36°21'40" N 48°53'42" E 1852 HSBU -8800241; 30.08.2009
 36°14'17" N 49°04'06" E 1706 HSBU -8800242; 30.08.2009
 Markazi province
 39°13'84" N 38°98'15" E 2100 HSBU -8808627; 10.06.2009
 34°87'96" N 37°81'28" E 1800 HSBU -8808611; 29.05.2009
 34°80'96" N 37°71'76" E 1900 HSBU -8808614; 29.05.2009
 Ardebil Province
 38°32'07" N 47°53'55" E 1076 HSBU -8800451; 28.08.2009
 38°32'15" N 48°08'23" E 1259 HSBU -8800453; 28.08.2009
 37°50'47" N 48°20'47" E 1578 HSBU -8800456; 28.08.2009
 West Azarbaijan
 37°36'58" N 47°09'12" E 1620 HSBU -8800418; 27.08.2009
 37°31'56" N 47°20'37" E 1438 HSBU -8800420; 27.08.2009
 East Azarbaijan
 37°21'13" N 45°09'18" E 1334 HSBU -8800444; 26.08.2009
 Kordestan Province
 34°47'01" N 46°55'57" E 1427 HSBU -8800871; 24.08.2009
 34°55'17" N 46°56'10" E 1598 HSBU -8800872; 24.08.2009
 35°17'07" N 46°22'37" E 1111 HSBU -8800874; 24.08.2009
 35°36'15" N 46°18'35" E 1432 HSBU -8800876; 25.08.2009
 Isfahan Province
 32°40'39" N 51°39'01" E 1578 HSBU -8800314; 9.08.2009
 31°25'01" N 51°34'21" E 2453 HSBU -8800316; 9.08.2009
 Qom Province
 34°21'10" N 50°54'19" E 1600 HSBU -8800253; 6.08.2009
 24°33'42" N 50°09'41" E 1983 HSBU -8800257; 6.08.2009
 Guilan Province
 36°42'54" N 49°51'21" E 1463 HSBU-2011522; 14.8.2012
 Semnan Province
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 Isfahan Province
 33°36'34" N 51°42'23" E1697 HSBU-2011403 15.07.2012
 Mazandaran Province
 36°33'48" N 53°05'09" E37 HSBU-2011508 10.08.2012
 Kerman Province
 30°37'31" N 57°00'38" E2222 HSBU-2011487 11.07.2012
 Guilan Province
 36°46'32" N 49°44'19" E1178 HSBU-2011495 12.08.2012
 36°42'23" N 49°48'54" E1547 HSBU-2011497 13.08.2012
 36°40'57" N 49°34'52" E1048 HSBU-2011499 13.08.2012
C. gymnophylla* var. *rohlena

Fras province
 30°37'36" N 53°10'41" E 2313 HSBU -8800711; 25.08.2009
 30°37'51" N 53°10'50" E 2319 HSBU -8800712; 25.08.2009
 30°31'17" N 53°31'37" E 2332 HSBU -8800713; 25.08.2009
 29°42'26" N 52°01'39" E 2026 HSBU -8800717; 25.08.2009
 30°22'02" N 51°47'25" E 2105 HSBU -8800718; 25.08.2009
 Hamedan Province
 34°15'37" N 48°16'15" E 1521 HSBU -8800812; 23.08.2009
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 Markazi province
 34°80'96" N 37°71'76" E 1900 HSBU -8808614; 29.05.2009
 Lorestan Province
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 Ardebil Province
 38°32'07" N 47°53'55" E 1076 HSBU -8800451; 28.08.2009
 38°30'13" N 48°01'51" E 1124 HSBU -8800452; 28.08.2009
 West Azarbaijan
 37°56'09" N 47°31'32" E 1675 HSBU-8800416; 27.08.2009
 East Azarbaijan

37°07'34" N 45°09'46" E 1767 HSBU-8800443; 26.08.2009
 Kermanshah Province
 34°24'01" N 47°26'44" E 1290 HSBU-8800834; 24.08.2009
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 36°18'01" N 46°15'12" E 1535 HSBU-88008710; 25.08.2009
 Chaharmahal and Bakhtiari Province
 32°17'24" N 50°38'52" E 2059 HSBU-8800381; 15.08.2009
 Kohkiliyo and BoyerahmadProvince
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 Tehran Province
 35°42'50" N 52°39'57" E1809 HSBU-2011410 13.08.2012
 North Khorasan Province
 30°17'43" N57°13'25" E 1465 HSBU-2011457 1.07.2013
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 Kerman Province
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 Mazandaran Province
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 Semnan Province
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 Chaharmahal and Bakhtiari Province
 32°27'16" N 50°18'43" E 2479 HSBU-8800382; 15.06.2009
 Fars province
 30°20'35" N 53°53'40" E 1891 HSBU-8800714;12.06.2009
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