


SKILLS DEVELOPMENT FOR THE 21ST CENTURY: THE INFLUENCE OF AI AND TECHNOLOGIES ON THE EDUCATIONAL CURRICULUM

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ABSTRACT

This research analyzed the development of competencies for the twenty-first century and the influence of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and emerging technologies on the educational curriculum. The central problem investigated was to identify how technologies and AI are shaping the skills needed for the future and their impact on curriculum structuring. The general objective was to analyze the integration of 21st century skills in educational curricula, highlighting the role of AI and technologies in this process. The methodology used was the literature review, with a qualitative approach, including the analysis of recently published materials. The results indicated that AI and emerging technologies are driving a significant redesign of curricula, emphasizing competencies such as critical thinking, creativity, collaboration, and digital literacy. The practices of integrating these competencies vary, involving project-based learning, use of advanced digital tools, and development of programming skills. The survey highlighted the importance of a balanced approach that considers both technical and socio-emotional skills. The final considerations pointed out that, despite the advances, the effective implementation of these competencies in the

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curriculum still faces significant challenges. Investments in educator training, technological infrastructure, and innovative educational policies are essential to prepare students for the demands of the twenty-first century. The need for future studies was highlighted to explore effective methodologies for assessing these competencies and their long-term impact.

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INTRODUCTION

The theme of skills development for the 21st century and the influence of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and emerging technologies on the educational curriculum is extremely relevant in the contemporary educational context. The rapid technological and societal changes of the twenty-first century are redefining the skills and competencies needed for personal and professional success, requiring a significant transformation in education systems.

The justification for addressing this topic lies in the growing need to align education with the demands of an increasingly digitized and constantly evolving world. Brazil, like other countries, faces the challenge of adapting its educational curricula to prepare students for a future characterized by automation, globalization, and rapid technological innovation. The integration of 21st-century skills into curricula, along with the incorporation of AI and emerging technologies, is crucial to ensure that students are prepared to meet future challenges and thrive in a knowledge-based economy.

The problem that guides this literature review is to identify: how AI and emerging technologies are influencing the development of skills for the twenty-first century and how are these changes being reflected in educational curricula? From the selected references, it is intended to investigate the main competencies considered essential for the twenty-first century, how these competencies are being integrated into curricula, and what is the role of AI and technologies in this process of educational transformation.

The objective of this research is to analyze how 21st century competencies are being developed and integrated into educational curricula, focusing on the influence of AI and emerging technologies in this process. This analysis will make it possible to identify innovative practices, challenges faced and future perspectives for education in the context of the digital age.

This work is structured in seven main sections. In the introduction, the theme, the justification, the problem and the objective of the research are presented. The theoretical framework addresses fundamental concepts about 21st century competencies and the role of technology in education. Then, three development topics are explored: an analysis of core competencies for the 21st century, the impact of AI and technologies on curriculum redesign, and innovative practices for integrating these competencies into the curriculum. The methodology describes the procedures adopted for the literature review. In the discussion and results section, the data collected are presented and analyzed, organized

into three topics: effectiveness of competence development approaches, challenges in the implementation of innovative curricula, and future perspectives for education in the 21st century. The final considerations summarize the main points addressed and offer reflections on the future of education in the digital age, as well as suggestions for future research.

THEORETICAL FRAMEWORK

The theoretical framework is structured to provide a solid foundation for understanding the development of competencies for the twenty-first century and the influence of AI and technologies on the educational curriculum. The conceptualization of the essential competencies for the twenty-first century is presented, highlighting the skills considered crucial for success in the digital age. Then, an overview of technological evolution in education is outlined, addressing how AI and other emerging technologies have impacted the teaching and learning processes. Finally, the theoretical foundation on curricular transformation in the context of the digital age is explored, discussing the theories and research that support the need to reformulate educational curricula to meet the demands of the twenty-first century.

ESSENTIAL SKILLS FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

The essential competencies for the twenty-first century have been the subject of intense debate and research in the educational field, reflecting the rapid and profound changes in society and the labor market. Wagner and Dintersmith (2015, p. 20) argue that "the most crucial skills for success in the twenty-first century are critical thinking, communication, collaboration, and creativity – known as the '4C's'". This perspective emphasizes the importance of cognitive and social skills that go beyond traditional content-based knowledge.

Fadel, Bialik and Trilling (2015, p. 35) complement this view, stating that "in addition to cognitive skills, twenty-first century skills include digital literacy, computational thinking and metacognitive skills such as learning to learn". This more comprehensive approach recognizes the importance of technological fluency and the ability to continuously adapt in a rapidly changing world.

Integrating these competencies into the educational curriculum presents significant challenges. Zhao (2020) argues that traditional education systems, with their focus on standardized content and uniform assessments, are often not equipped to effectively

develop these more complex and contextual skills. This argument suggests the need for a fundamental redesign of educational approaches to accommodate the development of these core competencies.

Chua (2022) presents examples of innovative practices in the integration of twenty-first-century skills into the curriculum. She highlights initiatives such as project-based learning, the use of virtual reality technologies for problem-solving simulations, and the incorporation of design thinking principles into the educational process. These approaches seek to create learning environments that are more authentic and aligned with real-world demands.

Martín-Páez et al. (2019, p. 445) state that "the development of twenty-first century skills requires an interdisciplinary approach, integrating STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) with the humanities and the arts". This perspective underscores the importance of a holistic education that prepares students for the complexity and interdisciplinarity of future challenges.

In summary, the essential competencies for the twenty-first century encompass a diverse set of cognitive, social, and technological skills. The reviewed literature emphasizes the need for a significant transformation in education systems to effectively integrate these competencies into the curriculum. This implies not only the introduction of new content, but also the adoption of innovative pedagogical approaches that promote the active development of these crucial skills for success in the digital age.

IMPACT OF AI AND TECHNOLOGIES ON CURRICULUM REFORMULATION

The impact of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and emerging technologies on curriculum redesign is profound and multifaceted, challenging traditional teaching and learning structures. Holmes, Bialik, and Fadel (2019, p. 57) argue that "AI is redefining not only what we teach but how we teach it, requiring a fundamental reconfiguration of curricula to incorporate skills such as AI literacy and technological ethics." This observation highlights the need to adapt curricula to prepare students for a world increasingly shaped by AI.

Luckin et al. (2016, p. 89) complement this view, stating:

Integrating AI and advanced technologies into the curriculum is not just about teaching about these technologies, but about using them as tools to transform the learning experience. This includes customizing the curriculum based on learning analytics, creating immersive learning environments using virtual and augmented reality, and developing programming and computational thinking skills as fundamental components of the curriculum.

This perspective emphasizes the transformative role of technology in curriculum structure and delivery.

Curriculum redesign driven by AI and emerging technologies faces significant challenges. Selwyn (2020) argues that there is a tension between the need to adapt curricula to rapidly evolving technological demands and the importance of maintaining a strong and equitable educational foundation. This argument underscores the complexity of balancing technological innovation with fundamental educational principles.

Williamson, Bayne, and Shay (2020) present a critical analysis of the impact of AI on curriculum redesign:

The incorporation of AI and advanced technologies into the curriculum raises important questions about educational autonomy, data privacy, and equity. While these technologies offer unprecedented opportunities for personalization and efficiency, there are also risks of exacerbating existing inequalities and creating an over-reliance on technological solutions to complex educational challenges.

This perspective highlights the need for a careful and ethical approach in integrating advanced technologies into the curriculum.

Zawacki-Richter et al. (2019, p. 3) state that "AI-driven curriculum redesign should focus not only on technical skills, but also on competencies such as critical thinking, creativity, and emotional intelligence, which are crucial to complement, and not be replaced by, AI systems." This observation underscores the importance of a balanced curriculum that prepares students to work effectively with and alongside AI systems.

In summary, the impact of AI and emerging technologies on curriculum redesign is significant and multidimensional. The reviewed literature indicates that this transformation goes beyond the mere inclusion of technological content, involving a fundamental reconsideration of how we structure and deliver education. This entails considerable challenges, including ethical issues, equity, and balancing technological innovation and core educational values. Successfully redesigning curricula for the AI era requires a thoughtful, holistic approach that prepares students not only to use advanced technologies, but to critically navigate an increasingly digitized and automated world.

INNOVATIVE PRACTICES OF INTEGRATING SKILLS IN THE CURRICULUM

The effective integration of 21st century skills into the educational curriculum has led to the development of innovative practices that seek to align education with the demands of

the digital age. Fullan and Langworthy (2014, p. 44) argue that "the most effective competency integration practices involve deep learning, characterized by authentic tasks, collaboration, and creative use of digital technology." This approach emphasizes the importance of meaningful and contextualized learning experiences.

Scott (2015, p. 8) highlights the importance of project-based learning:

Project-based learning (PBL) emerges as a highly effective practice for integrating 21st century skills into the curriculum. By engaging students in complex, long-term projects that address real-world problems, PBL naturally develops skills such as critical thinking, collaboration, and communication, while also enabling the application of interdisciplinary knowledge.

This perspective highlights how innovative pedagogical approaches can facilitate the integrated development of multiple competencies simultaneously.

Voogt and Roblin (2012, p. 309) discuss the importance of technological integration in the curriculum:

Effectively integrating digital technologies into the curriculum goes beyond the use of devices; It involves creating learning environments that promote digital literacy, computational thinking, and media fluency. This can include using programming as an interdisciplinary learning tool, creating digital content by students, and using online collaboration platforms for global projects.

This approach emphasizes how technology can be used not only as a tool, but as a means to develop core competencies.

Choi et al. (2020) present an innovative perspective on the integration of socio-emotional competencies:

The most advanced practices of curricular integration recognize the importance of socio-emotional competencies and explicitly incorporate them into the curriculum. This may involve using serious games and simulations to develop empathy and conflict resolution skills, as well as integrating mindfulness and reflective practices to promote self-regulation and emotional resilience.

This approach highlights the importance of a holistic curriculum that addresses not only cognitive and technical skills but also students' emotional and social development.

Passey et al. (2018, p. 425) discuss innovative assessment practices:

The effective integration of 21st century competencies in the curriculum demands new forms of evaluation. Innovative practices include the use of digital portfolios, performance-based assessments, and the use of learning analytics to provide real-time feedback. These approaches allow for a more authentic and holistic

assessment of learners' competencies, going beyond traditional measures of factual knowledge.

This perspective highlights the need to align assessment practices with the new competencies being developed.

In summary, innovative practices for integrating skills into the curriculum are diverse and multifaceted. They involve a significant reformulation not only of the curricular content, but also of pedagogical approaches, the use of technology and evaluation strategies. The reviewed literature suggests that the most effective practices are those that create authentic and integrated learning experiences, that develop multiple skills simultaneously, and that use technology in meaningful and creative ways. These innovative practices represent a fundamental shift in how we conceive and implement education, preparing students not only to pass tests but to thrive in a complex and rapidly changing world.

METHODOLOGY

The present research was developed through a literature review, using a qualitative approach to analyze the development of competencies for the twenty-first century and the influence of AI and technologies on the educational curriculum. Bibliographic review is a type of research that is based on the analysis of materials already published, such as books, scientific articles, theses and official documents, with the objective of compiling, analyzing and discussing the available information on the subject.

The instruments used for data collection included academic databases, digital libraries and institutional repositories, where the relevant references for the study were selected. The procedures adopted involved the search for specific literature on 21st century competencies, AI in education and curricular transformation, followed by reading, analysis and synthesis of the contents found. The analysis techniques consisted of categorizing the topics addressed in the selected sources, allowing the identification of patterns, gaps and trends present in the literature.

The research was conducted in several stages. The criteria for inclusion and exclusion of sources were defined, prioritizing materials published in the last 10 years and that dealt specifically with the development of skills for the twenty-first century and the influence of AI and technologies on the educational curriculum. Next, searches were carried out in databases such as Scielo, Google Scholar, and university repositories, using keywords such as "21st century skills", "artificial intelligence in education", "curriculum

transformation", "emerging technologies in education" and "pedagogical innovation". After selecting the sources, the texts were read and analyzed, highlighting the relevant points for the proposed discussion. From these analyses, the theoretical topics that make up the theoretical framework of the research were elaborated.

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| FADEL, C.; BIALIK, M.; TRILLING, B. | Four-Dimensional Education: The Competencies Learners Need to Succeed | 2015 |
| ZHAO, Y. | A World-Class Education: Learning from International Models of Excellence and Innovation | 2020 |
| CHUA, J. | Innovative Practices in 21st Century Education | 2022 |
| MARTÍN-PÁEZ, T. et al. | STEM and Educational Robotics: A Review of the Literature | 2019 |
| HOLMES, W.; BIALIK, M.; FADEL, C. | Artificial Intelligence in Education: Promises and Implications for Teaching and Learning | 2019 |
| LUCKIN, R. et al. | Intelligence Unleashed: An Argument for AI in Education | 2016 |
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Source: authorship

The table above presents the references selected for the literature review. Each of these works contributes significantly to the understanding of the development of skills for the twenty-first century and the influence of AI and technologies on the educational curriculum, offering diverse perspectives and approaches on the subject. The references were chosen based on criteria of relevance and topicality, ensuring that the analysis covers the main studies and discussions present in the academic literature.

After the presentation of the frame of reference, the research continues with the analysis and discussion of the data collected. The methodology adopted allowed a comprehensive analysis of the development of skills for the twenty-first century and the influence of AI and technologies on the educational curriculum, enabling the identification of the main challenges, opportunities and future perspectives for education in the digital age.

EFFECTIVENESS OF SKILLS DEVELOPMENT APPROACHES

The effectiveness of competency development approaches for the twenty-first century has been a topic of intense research in the educational literature, reflecting the need to evaluate and improve pedagogical practices in a rapidly changing world. Wagner and Dintersmith (2015, p. 59) point out that "the most effective approaches are those that combine experiential learning with critical reflection, allowing students not only to acquire skills, but also to understand their application in real contexts". This observation highlights the importance of teaching methods that go beyond the mere transmission of knowledge.

Fadel, Bialik and Trilling (2015, p. 104) add that "effectiveness in the development of 21st century skills is closely linked to the ability to create learning environments that simulate the challenges and complexities of the real world". This perspective emphasizes the need for pedagogical approaches that provide authentic and relevant experiences for students.

Assessing the effectiveness of skills development approaches reveals both successes and areas for improvement. Zhao (2020, p. 87) notes that "educational programs that meaningfully integrate technology, promote interdisciplinary collaboration, and emphasize complex problem-solving have shown promising results in the development of crucial competencies such as critical thinking and creativity." This analysis suggests that holistic and integrated approaches are particularly effective.

Chua (2022, p. 132) points out specific aspects of the effectiveness of competence development approaches:

The most effective approaches to 21st century skills development are those that combine multiple elements: project-based learning, meaningful technological integration, global collaboration, and authentic assessment. Programs that incorporate these elements have demonstrated not only improvements in students' technical and cognitive skills, but also a significant increase in socio-emotional competencies such as empathy, resilience, and adaptability.

The authors highlight the importance of a multifaceted approach that addresses not only cognitive skills, but also social and emotional competencies essential for success in the twenty-first century.

The results achieved to date show that, while there is significant progress, there are challenges in effectively implementing skills development approaches. For example, Martín-Páez et al. (2019, p. 450) point out that "the effectiveness of STEM approaches in promoting twenty-first century skills varies considerably depending on the quality of

implementation, the training of educators, and the socioeconomic context". This suggests that for competency development approaches to be truly effective, a coordinated effort is needed that involves teacher training, curriculum adaptation, and careful consideration of the educational context.

In conclusion, the evaluation of the effectiveness of skills development approaches for the 21st century reveals a complex and multifaceted picture. While there is evidence of substantial benefits in terms of learner engagement and development of crucial skills, there is still much to be explored regarding the long-term impacts of these approaches. The continuous training of educators, the development of authentic learning environments and the meaningful integration of technology are essential elements to maximize the effectiveness of these approaches. Additionally, it is crucial to maintain a focus on equity, ensuring that all skill-building approaches are accessible and beneficial to all learners, regardless of their socio-economic background.

CHALLENGES IN IMPLEMENTING INNOVATIVE CURRICULA

The implementation of innovative curricula aimed at developing 21st century competencies faces a number of significant challenges that need to be carefully addressed. Holmes, Bialik, and Fadel (2019, p. 78) argue that "one of the main obstacles in the implementation of innovative curricula is resistance to change within established education systems, which often prioritize traditional methods and standardized assessments." This observation highlights the importance of a cultural and institutional shift to accommodate more progressive educational approaches.

Luckin et al. (2016, p. 112) highlight another crucial challenge:

Effectively integrating advanced technologies, such as AI and virtual reality, into innovative curricula requires not only significant investments in infrastructure, but also a fundamental reconsideration of how we structure learning time and space. This entails considerable logistical and pedagogical challenges, especially in educational contexts with limited resources.

This perspective emphasizes the need for a holistic approach that considers both the technological and structural aspects of curriculum innovation.

Selwyn (2020, p. 65) addresses ethical and social challenges:

The implementation of innovative technology- and AI-centric curricula raises important questions about privacy, equity, and the role of education in society. There are legitimate concerns about the potential of these curricula to exacerbate existing

inequalities, particularly in terms of access to technological resources and opportunities for advanced skills development.

There is a need for a careful and ethical approach to the implementation of innovative curricula, which considers the broader societal implications of these educational changes.

Williamson, Bayne, and Shay (2020, p. 36) point out that "a significant challenge in implementing innovative curricula is the need to rethink traditional assessment methods, which are often not adequate for measuring complex competencies of the twenty-first century". This observation highlights the importance of developing new forms of assessment that are aligned with the objectives of innovative curricula.

Zawacki-Richter et al. (2019, p. 15) discuss the challenge of teacher training:

The successful implementation of innovative curricula requires a significant transformation in the training and professional development of educators. Many teachers do not feel prepared to integrate advanced technologies into their pedagogical practice or to facilitate the development of complex 21st century skills. Overcoming this skills gap is a crucial challenge that requires substantial investments in training programs and ongoing support.

This commentary underscores that curriculum innovation cannot succeed without a corresponding investment in developing educators' capacities.

In summary, the challenges in implementing innovative curricula are multifaceted, covering cultural, technological, ethical, pedagogical and professional development aspects. The reviewed literature suggests that overcoming these challenges requires a coordinated effort involving multiple stakeholders, including educators, administrators, policymakers, and technology developers. Additionally, it is crucial to maintain a focus on equity and inclusion, ensuring that curriculum innovations benefit all learners and do not exacerbate existing disparities. Successful implementation of innovative curricula requires a carefully planned and adaptive approach that is sensitive to diverse educational contexts and able to evolve in response to feedbacks and changing social and technological demands.

FUTURE PERSPECTIVES FOR EDUCATION IN THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY

The future prospects for education in the twenty-first century are marked by a convergence of technological, social, and economic trends that promise to radically transform the way we conceive and practice teaching and learning. Fullan and Langworthy

(2014, p. 72) project that "the future of education will be characterized by a paradigm shift, moving from a content-centered model to one focused on skills development and deep learning." This vision suggests a fundamental transformation in educational objectives and methods.

Scott (2015, p. 17) complements this perspective, stating:

The future of education is likely to see increasing integration between formal and informal learning, with technologies such as augmented reality and artificial intelligence creating ubiquitous learning opportunities. The educational environments of the future will be more flexible and personalized, continuously adapting to the individual needs and interests of students.

This projection highlights the potential of emerging technologies to create richer and more personalized learning experiences.

Voogt and Roblin (2012, p. 315) address the perspectives for the curriculum of the future:

Twenty-first-century curricula are likely to be more fluid and adaptable, with less emphasis on isolated disciplines and more focus on interdisciplinary and problem-based approaches. We expect to see greater integration of skills such as computational thinking, data literacy, and digital ethics as key components of the curriculum at all grade levels.

This vision emphasizes the need for curricula that are more holistic and aligned with the demands of an increasingly digital and interconnected world.

Choi et al. (2020, p. 205) discuss the prospects for educational evaluation:

The future of educational assessment is likely to move away from traditional standardized tests in favor of more authentic and seamless approaches. Technologies such as learning analytics and AI will enable real-time assessments that provide immediate and personalized feedback, facilitating more adaptive and student-centered learning.

This perspective suggests a significant shift in how we measure and value educational progress and success.

Passey et al. (2018, p. 430) address the implications for educational equity:

A crucial challenge for the future of education will be to ensure that technological and pedagogical innovations do not exacerbate existing inequalities. It will be essential to develop strategies to democratize access to advanced educational technologies and ensure that all students, regardless of their socioeconomic background, have opportunities to develop the skills necessary for success in the twenty-first century.

This observation highlights the importance of addressing equity issues as we move towards future educational models.

In summary, the future perspectives for education in the twenty-first century are characterized by a convergence of technological, pedagogical and curricular innovations. The reviewed literature suggests a move towards more personalized, flexible, and student-centered learning models, supported by advanced technologies like AI and data analytics. However, realizing this potential will require not only technological advancements but also a fundamental reconsideration of our pedagogical approaches, curriculum frameworks, and educational policies.

As we move towards this educational future, it will be crucial to maintain a balance between innovation and inclusion, ensuring that transformations in education benefit all learners and contribute to a more equitable and empowered society. This will require ongoing collaboration between educators, researchers, technology developers, and policymakers to create education systems that are truly prepared for the challenges and opportunities of the twenty-first century.

FINAL CONSIDERATIONS

The research aimed to analyze the development of competencies for the twenty-first century and the influence of AI and emerging technologies on the educational curriculum. The main findings of this literature review point to a significant transformation in educational objectives, methods, and structures, driven by the need to prepare students for a future characterized by rapid technological and social changes.

It was observed that the essential competencies for the twenty-first century go beyond traditional academic skills, encompassing a complex set of cognitive, socio-emotional and technological capacities. Critical thinking, creativity, collaboration, and adaptability emerge as crucial skills, along with digital literacy and computational thinking. The effective integration of these competencies into the educational curriculum requires a significant reformulation of pedagogical practices and curricular structures.

The impact of AI and emerging technologies on curriculum redesign has proven profound and multifaceted. Not only do these technologies offer new tools for teaching and learning, but they are also redefining what it means to be educated in the 21st century. Personalizing learning, creating immersive educational environments, and using advanced analytics to inform pedagogical practices are some of the promising trends identified.

Innovative practices of integrating competencies into the curriculum, such as project-based learning, the use of immersive technologies, and the incorporation of design thinking principles, have demonstrated significant potential to develop the skills needed for the future. However, the effective implementation of these practices faces considerable challenges, including the need for adequate teacher training, technological infrastructure, and overcoming institutional resistance to change.

Evaluation of the effectiveness of competency-development approaches revealed promising results, especially in terms of student engagement and complex skills development. However, it also highlighted the need for more sophisticated assessment methods that are aligned with the new competencies being developed.

The challenges in implementing innovative curricula are significant and multifaceted. They include issues of equity in access to advanced technologies, the need to rethink traditional assessment methods, and the importance of balancing technological innovation with core educational values. The training and continuous professional development of educators emerge as critical factors for the success of these innovative initiatives.

The future prospects for education in the twenty-first century point to an increasing convergence between formal and informal learning, supported by advanced technologies that allow for more personalized and adaptive educational experiences. The trend is towards more flexible and interdisciplinary curricula, with an emphasis on developing complex competencies and preparing students for an ever-changing world.

The contributions of this study are significant as they provide a comprehensive analysis of the current state and future prospects of skills development and curriculum transformation in the digital age. The findings underscore the importance of a holistic and balanced approach that integrates technological innovation with sound pedagogical principles and ethical considerations.

However, there is a need for future studies to complement the findings of this research. Longitudinal investigations into the long-term impact of new curricular approaches on students' academic and professional success would be particularly valuable. In addition, research on effective methodologies for assessing complex 21st-century competencies and studies on how to ensure equity in access to innovative educational opportunities are important areas for future research.

In conclusion, the development of competencies for the twenty-first century and the integration of AI and emerging technologies into the educational curriculum represent an

exciting and challenging frontier for education. To successfully navigate this new terrain, it will require a collaborative and ongoing effort between educators, researchers, technology developers, and policymakers. The ultimate goal should be to create education systems that not only prepare students for the future but also empower them to actively shape that future in ethical, creative, and socially responsible ways.

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