

VMware vSphere 7.x on Dell EMC PowerEdge Servers

Compatibility Matrix

Notes, cautions, and warnings

 **NOTE:** A NOTE indicates important information that helps you make better use of your product.

 **CAUTION:** A CAUTION indicates either potential damage to hardware or loss of data and tells you how to avoid the problem.

 **WARNING:** A WARNING indicates a potential for property damage, personal injury, or death.

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Overview

This document provides information about Dell EMC-supported PowerEdge servers compatible with VMware ESXi 7.x.

Dell EMC PowerEdge servers—Compatibility matrix

The following table lists the supported processors for Dell EMC PowerEdge servers.

NOTE: The PowerEdge servers are represented using the generic naming convention. To identify the range of server models, see [Identifying the series of your Dell EMC PowerEdge servers](#) on page 16.

Table 1. Dell EMC yx5x PowerEdge servers—compatibility matrix

| yx5x PowerEdge servers | Processor series | Supported releases | | Boot device | | |
|------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------|---------|
| | | ESXi 7.0 | ESXi 7.0 U1 | Hard drive | Flash (SD) card | BOSS S1 |
| C6525 | AMD EPYC 7xx2 series | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| R7525 | AMD EPYC 7xx2 series | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| R7515 | AMD EPYC 7xx2 series | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| R6525 | AMD EPYC 7xx2 series | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| R6515 | AMD EPYC 7xx2 series | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |

Table 2. Dell EMC yx4x PowerEdge servers—compatibility matrix

| yx4x PowerEdge servers | Processor series | Supported release | | Boot device | | |
|------------------------|---|-------------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------|---------|
| | | ESXi 7.0 | ESXi 7.0 U1 | Hard drive | Flash (SD) card | BOSS S1 |
| MX840c, MX740c | Intel Xeon SP (81xx, 61xx, 51xx, 41xx, 31xx) series | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| | Intel Xeon SP (82xx, 62xx, 52xx, 42xx, 32xx) series | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| R940, R940xa, R840 | Intel Xeon SP (81xx, 61xx, 51xx) series | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| R940, R940xa, R840 | Intel Xeon SP (82xx, 62xx, 52xx) series | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| R7425, R7415, R6415 | AMD EPYC 7XX1 series | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| R740, R740xd, R640 | Intel Xeon SP (81xx, 61xx, 51xx, 41xx, 31xx) series | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| | Intel Xeon SP (82xx, 62xx, 52xx, 42xx, 32xx) series | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| R740xd2 | Intel Xeon SP (61xx, 51xx, 41xx, 31xx) | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |

Table 2. Dell EMC yx4x PowerEdge servers—compatibility matrix (continued)

| yx4x PowerEdge servers | Processor series | Supported release | | Boot device | | |
|----------------------------|---|-------------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------|---------|
| | | ESXi 7.0 | ESXi 7.0 U1 | Hard drive | Flash (SD) card | BOSS S1 |
| | Intel Xeon SP (62xx, 52xx, 42xx, 32xx) series | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| R540, R440 | Intel Xeon SP (61xx, 51xx, 41xx, 31xx) series | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| | Intel Xeon SP (62xx, 52xx, 42xx, 32xx) series | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| FC640, M640, M640 for VRTX | Intel Xeon SP (81xx, 61xx, 51xx, 41xx, 31xx) series | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| | Intel Xeon SP (82xx, 62xx, 52xx, 42xx, 32xx) series | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| T640 | Intel Xeon SP (81xx, 61xx, 51xx, 41xx, 31xx) series | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| | Intel Xeon SP (82xx, 62xx, 52xx, 42xx, 32xx) series | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| T440 | Intel Xeon SP (51xx, 61xx, 41xx, 31xx) series | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| | Intel Xeon SP (62xx, 52xx, 42xx, 32xx) series | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| R340, R240 | Intel Xeon E-2100 Series | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| | Intel Xeon E-2200 Series | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| T340 | Intel Xeon E-2100 Series | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| | Intel Xeon E-2200 Series | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| T140 | Intel Xeon E-2100 Series | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | X | ✓ |
| | Intel Xeon E-2200 Series | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | X | ✓ |

Table 3. yx3x PowerEdge servers—compatibility matrix

| yx3x PowerEdge servers | Processor series | Supported release | | Boot device | | |
|------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------|---------|
| | | ESXi 7.0 | ESXi 7.0 U1 | Hard drive | Flash (SD) card | BOSS S1 |
| R930 | Intel Xeon E7-88xx/ 48xx v3 series | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | X |
| | Intel Xeon E7-88xx/ 48xx v4 series | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | X |
| R830 | Intel Xeon E5-46xx v4 series | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | X |
| R730, R730xd, R630 | Intel Xeon E5-26xx v3 series | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | X |
| | Intel Xeon E5-26xx v4 series | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | X |

Table 3. yx3x PowerEdge servers—compatibility matrix (continued)

| yx3x PowerEdge servers | Processor series | Supported release | | Boot device | | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------|---------|
| | | ESXi 7.0 | ESXi 7.0 U1 | Hard drive | Flash (SD) card | BOSS S1 |
| R530 | Intel Xeon E5-26xx v3 series | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | X |
| | Intel Xeon E5-26xx v4 series | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | X |
| FC830, M830, M830 for VRTX | Intel Xeon E5-46xx v3 series | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | X |
| | Intel Xeon E5-46xx v4 series | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | X |
| FC630, FC430, M630, M630 for VRTX | Intel Xeon E5-26xx v3 series | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | X |
| | Intel Xeon E5-26xx v4 series | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | X |
| T630 | Intel Xeon E5-26xx v3 series | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | X |
| | Intel Xeon E5-26xx v4 series | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | X |

Dell EMC PowerEdge servers—SD card compatibility matrix

The following table lists the supported SD card for Dell EMC PowerEdge servers.

NOTE: The PowerEdge servers are represented using the generic naming convention. To identify the range of server models, see [Identifying the series of your Dell EMC PowerEdge servers](#) on page 16.

Table 4. Dell EMC yx5x PowerEdge servers—SD card compatibility matrix

| yx5x PowerEdge servers | I/O Controller | Manufacturer | Specification | DPN* |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|
| C6525, R7525, R7515, R6525, R6515 | USB 3.0 Controller | Dell EMC | 16 GB SD card | FH2KP PKN2D |
| | | Dell EMC | 32 GB SD card | G4VKH KNJMC |
| | | Dell EMC | 64 GB SD card | 6R6N4 HN59Y |

Table 5. Dell EMC yx4x PowerEdge servers—SD card compatibility matrix

| yx4x PowerEdge servers | I/O Controller | Manufacturer | Specification | DPN* |
|---|--------------------|--------------|---------------|-------------------------|
| R940, R940xa, R840, R740, R740xd, R640, R540, R440, FC640, M640, T640, T440, MX840c, MX740c, R740xd2, M640 for VRTX | Intel C621 | Dell EMC | 16 GB SD card | PKN2D R7YTT FH2KP |
| | | Dell EMC | 32 GB SD card | KNJMC OPD22 G4VKH |
| | | Dell EMC | 64 GB SD card | HN59Y 7XDNW 6R6N4 |
| R7425, R7415, R6415 | USB 3.0 Controller | Dell EMC | 16 GB SD card | PKN2D R7YTT FH2KP |
| | | Dell EMC | 32 GB SD card | KNJMC OPD22 G4VKH |
| | | Dell EMC | 64 GB SD card | HN59Y 7XDNW 6R6N4 |

Table 5. Dell EMC yx4x PowerEdge servers—SD card compatibility matrix (continued)

| yx4x PowerEdge servers | I/O Controller | Manufacturer | Specification | DPN * |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| R340, R240, T340 | Intel C246 | Dell EMC | 16 GB SD card | PKN2D R7YTT FH2KP |
| | | Dell EMC | 32 GB SD card | KNJMC OPD22 G4VKH |
| | | Dell EMC | 64 GB SD card | HN59Y 7XDNW 6R6N4 |

Table 6. yx3x PowerEdge servers—SD card compatibility matrix

| yx3x PowerEdge servers | I/O Controller | Manufacturer | Specification | DPN * |
|---|-----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------|
| R930, R830, R730xd, R730, R630, R530, M830, M630, FC830, FC630, T630, M830 for VRTX, M630 for VRTX, FC430 | Intel C610 | Dell EMC | 8 GB SD card | W1T9G |
| | | Dell EMC | 16 GB SD card | 7GH0Y GX886 |
| | | Dell EMC | 16 GB SD card | H1H8M GX886 |
| | | Dell EMC | 32 GB SD card | XVP8P X5MJ8 |
| | | Dell EMC | 64 GB SD card | 1X6VF 0M36C |

*Dell EMC Part Number (DPN) is an alphanumeric code on the barcode of your SD card.

Dell EMC PowerEdge servers—supported I/O controller devices

For information about the VMware I/O hardware compatibility and the supported I/O controller devices with respect to ESXi version, see [VMware Compatibility Guide](#).

Dell EMC PowerEdge servers—VMware vCenter Server support

VMware vCenter Server is supported on a limited set of the Microsoft Windows operating systems. For more information about supported operating systems, see [VMware.com/support/pubs](https://www.vmware.com/support/pubs).

VMware vCenter Server is also available as a Linux vCenter appliance.

For more information about the Dell EMC PowerEdge servers compatibility with supported operating systems, see www.dell.com/ossupport.

Getting help

Topics:

- [Contacting Dell EMC](#)
- [Related information for virtualization solutions](#)
- [Documentation resources](#)
- [Identifying the series of your Dell EMC PowerEdge servers](#)
- [Download drivers and firmware](#)
- [Documentation feedback](#)

Contacting Dell EMC

Dell EMC provides several online and telephone-based support and service options. Availability varies by country, region, and product, and some services may not be available in your area.

To contact Dell EMC for sales, technical assistance, or customer service issues, see www.dell.com/contactdell.

If you do not have an active Internet connection, you can find contact information on your purchase invoice, packing slip, bill, or the product catalog.

Related information for virtualization solutions

Table 7. Related information for virtualization solutions

| If you need information about | See |
|--|---|
| Dell EMC VMware documentation | www.dell.com/virtualizationsolutions |
| OpenManage documentation | www.dell.com/openmanagemanuals |
| PowerEdge documentation | www.dell.com/poweredgemanuals |
| Basic configuration information for running ESXi on a Dell EMC PowerEdge server | Getting Started Guide at www.dell.com/virtualizationsolutions |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information about downloading, installing, and configuring ESXi • Supported hardware configurations for running ESXi on a Dell EMC PowerEdge server | Installation Instructions and Important Information Guide at www.dell.com/virtualizationsolutions |
| PowerEdge servers and compatibility with vMotion | <i>VMware ESXi vMotion Support on Dell EMC PowerEdge Servers Compatibility Matrix</i> at www.dell.com/virtualizationsolutions |
| PowerEdge and PowerVault compatibility information for running ESXi | <i>VMware vSphere on Dell EMC PowerEdge Servers Compatibility Matrix</i> at www.dell.com/virtualizationsolutions |
| Known issues and resolutions | <i>VMware vSphere 7.0 on Dell EMC PowerEdge Server Release Notes</i> at www.dell.com/virtualizationsolutions |
| ESXi ISO image customization information | <i>VMware ESXi on Dell EMC PowerEdge Systems Image Customization Information</i> at www.dell.com/virtualizationsolutions |
| UEFI Boot order management utility in VMware ESXi 7.0 | www.dell.com/support/article/en-us/sln321019 |

Table 7. Related information for virtualization solutions (continued)

| If you need information about | See |
|--|--|
| Dell EMC Add-on for VMware vSphere 7.0 | www.dell.com/support/article/en-us/sln320956 |
| Dell EMC ESXi 7.0 Quick Boot compatibility guide | www.dell.com/support/article/en-us/sln320746 |
| VMware vSphere Life Cycle Manager vLCM and Dell EMC integration | downloads.dell.com/manuals/all-products/esuprt_software_int/esuprt_software_virtualization_solutions/vmware-esxi-7x_white-papers3_en-us.pdf |
| PVRDMA Deployment and Configuration of QLogic CNA devices in VMware ESXi | downloads.dell.com/manuals/common/vmware_esxi_6x_7x_whitepaper6_en-us.pdf |
| Self-Encrypting Drives in Dell EMC PowerEdge servers with VMware vSphere | downloads.dell.com/manuals/common/vmware_esxi_6x_7x_whitepaper7_en-us.pdf |
| NVMe Hot-Plug on Dell EMC PowerEdge servers running VMware vSphere or vSAN | downloads.dell.com/manuals/common/vmware_esxi_6x_7x_whitepaper9_en-us.pdf |
| Upgrading to Dell EMC vSphere and vSAN version 7.0 | downloads.dell.com/manuals/all-products/esuprt_software_int/esuprt_software_virtualization_solutions/vmware-esxi-7x_white-papers8_en-us.pdf |

Technical support resources


- vmware.com/support
- www.dell.com/support/home
- Dell.com/services

Discussion forums

- Communities.vmware.com/community/vmtn
- [Dell Virtualization](#)
- [Wikis, Forums, Blogs, and Videos](#)
- [Dell Community](#)

Knowledge base

- kb.vmware.com/kb

 **NOTE:** For more information that is related to the VMware ESXi installation on Dell EMC PowerEdge servers, go to [Dell Virtualization](#).



Virtualization videos for Dell EMC PowerEdge servers

All the supported virtualization videos for Dell EMC PowerEdge servers are available in the [Supported Operating Systems for Dell PowerEdge servers playlist](#).

Table 8. Virtualization videos for Dell EMC PowerEdge servers

| Video title | Links |
|--|--|
| Downloading the Dell EMC customized ESXi image from support site | www.youtube.com/watch?v=YnVxtkAkYTI |
| Downloading Dell EMC customized ESXi image from VMware website | www.youtube.com/watch?v=TnWyuyxuk5k |

Table 8. Virtualization videos for Dell EMC PowerEdge servers (continued)

| Video title | Links |
|--|--|
| Operating system Deployment (VMware ESXi)—Installing Using CD/DVD | www.youtube.com/watch?v=-EbufUS86zA |
| Enabling and Configuring Fault Resilient Memory on Dell EMC PowerEdge servers | www.youtube.com/watch?v=retSh-XIsK0 |
| OS Deployment (VMware ESXi)—Installing on BOSS S1 device | www.youtube.com/watch?v=TB1loXpFFME |
| OS Deployment (VMware ESXi)—Installing on IDSDM | www.youtube.com/watch?v=EC-Xntg5mgw |
| To enable UEFI Secure Boot on VMware ESXi for Dell EMC's yx3x PowerEdge servers  NOTE: This video is applicable to VMware ESXi 6.5.x and later. | www.youtube.com/watch?v=LI9qIF9qV9I |
| To enable UEFI Secure Boot on VMware ESXi for Dell EMC's yx4x PowerEdge servers  NOTE: This video is applicable to VMware ESXi 6.5.x and later. | www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZZB_XyV0enY |

Documentation resources

This section provides information about the documentation resources for your server.

Table 9. Additional documentation resources for your server

| Task | Document | Location |
|-------------------------|--|--|
| Setting up your server | For information about installing the server into a rack, see the rack documentation included with your rack solution or the <i>Getting Started Guide</i> that is shipped with your server. | www.dell.com/poweredgemanuals |
| | For information about turning on the server and the technical specifications of your server, see the <i>Getting Started Guide</i> that is shipped with your server. | www.dell.com/poweredgemanuals |
| Configuring your server | For information about the iDRAC features, configuring and logging in to iDRAC, and managing your server remotely, see the <i>Integrated Dell Remote Access Configuration Tool User's Guide</i> . | www.dell.com/idracmanuals |
| | For information about installing the operating system, see operating system documentation. | www.dell.com/operatingsystemmanuals |
| | For information about understanding Remote Access Controller Admin (RACADM) subcommands and supported RACADM interfaces, see the <i>iDRAC RACADM CLI Guide</i> . | www.dell.com/idracmanuals |
| | For information about updating drivers and firmware, see | www.dell.com/support/drivers |

Table 9. Additional documentation resources for your server (continued)

| Task | Document | Location |
|--|---|--|
| | Download drivers and firmware topic in this document. | |
| Managing your server | For information about server management software offered by Dell EMC, see the Dell EMC <i>Systems Management Overview Guide</i> . | www.dell.com/openmanagemanuals |
| | For information about setting up, using, and troubleshooting OpenManage, see the Dell EMC <i>OpenManage Server Administrator User's Guide</i> . | www.dell.com/openmanagemanuals |
| | For information about installing, using, and troubleshooting Dell EMC OpenManage Essentials, go to www.dell.com/openmanagemanuals > <i>OpenManage Essentials User's Guide</i> . | www.dell.com/openmanagemanuals |
| | For information about installing and using Dell SupportAssist, see the Dell EMC <i>SupportAssist Enterprise User's Guide</i> . | https://www.dell.com/serviceabilitytools |
| | For understanding the features of Dell EMC Lifecycle Controller (LC), see the <i>Lifecycle Controller User's Guide</i> . | www.dell.com/idracmanuals |
| | For information about partner programs enterprise systems management, see the <i>OpenManage Connections Enterprise Systems Management</i> documents. | www.dell.com/esmmanuals |
| | For information about viewing inventory, performing configuration, and monitoring tasks, remotely turning on or off servers, and enabling alerts for events on servers and components using the Dell EMC Chassis Management Controller (CMC), see the <i>Chassis Management Controller User's Guide</i> . | www.dell.com/esmmanuals |
| Working with the Dell EMC PowerEdge RAID controllers | For information about understanding the features of the Dell EMC PowerEdge RAID controllers (PERC) and deploying the PERC cards, see the Storage controller documentation. | www.dell.com/storagecontrollermanuals |
| Understanding event and error messages | For information about checking the event and error messages generated by the system firmware and agents that | www.dell.com/openmanagemanuals |

Table 9. Additional documentation resources for your server (continued)

| Task | Document | Location |
|-----------------------------|---|--|
| | monitor server components, see the Dell EMC Event and Error Messages Reference Guide. | |
| Troubleshooting your system | For information about identifying and troubleshooting the PowerEdge server issues, see the <i>PowerEdge Servers Troubleshooting Guide</i> . | www.dell.com/poweredgemanuals |

Identifying the series of your Dell EMC PowerEdge servers

The PowerEdge series of servers from Dell EMC are divided into different categories based on their configuration. They are referred as YX2X, YX3X, YX4X, YX4XX, or YX5XX series of servers. The structure of the naming convention is described below:

The letter Y denotes the character in the server model number. The character denotes the form factor of the server. The form factors are listed below:

- C- Cloud
- F- Flexible
- M or MX- Modular
- R- Rack
- T- Tower

The letter X denotes the numbers in the server model number. The number denotes multiple characteristics about the server. They are listed as follows:

- The first digit (X) denotes the value stream or class of the server.
 - 1-5—iDRAC basic
 - 6-9—iDRAC Express
- The second digit denotes the series of the server. It is retained in the server naming convention and does not replace the letter X.
 - 0—series 10
 - 1—series 11
 - 2—series 12
 - 3—series 13
 - 4—series 14
 - 5—series 15
- The last digit (X) always denotes the make of the processor as described below:
 - 0-Intel
 - 5-AMD

NOTE: For servers that use an AMD processor, the model number is made up of four digits instead of three. The third digit (X) denotes the number of processor sockets that the series of server supports.

- 1—one socket server
- 2—two socket server

Table 10. PowerEdge servers naming convention and examples


| YX3X servers | YX4X systems | YX4XX systems | YX5XX |
|----------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| PowerEdge M630 | PowerEdge M640 | PowerEdge R6415 | PowerEdge R6515 |
| PowerEdge M830 | PowerEdge R440 | PowerEdge R7415 | PowerEdge R7515 |

Table 10. PowerEdge servers naming convention and examples (continued)


| YX3X servers | YX4X systems | YX4XX systems | YX5XX |
|----------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| PowerEdge T130 | PowerEdge R540 | PowerEdge R7425 | PowerEdge R6525 |


Download drivers and firmware

It is recommended that you download and install the latest BIOS, drivers, and systems management firmware on your system. Ensure that you clear the web browser cache before downloading the drivers and firmware.


1. Go to www.dell.com/support/drivers.
2. In the **Drivers & Downloads** section, enter the Service Tag of your system in the **Enter a Dell Service Tag, Dell EMC Product ID, or Model** text box, and then click the right arrow button.
 **NOTE:** If you do not have the Service Tag, click **Detect PC** to allow the system to automatically detect your Service Tag.
3. Click **Drivers & Downloads**.
A list of applicable downloads is displayed.
4. Download the drivers or firmware to a USB drive, CD, or DVD.

Download Dell EMC customized ESXi image from Dell EMC support site

 **NOTE:** Ensure that you clear the web browser cache before downloading the drivers and firmware.

1. Go to www.dell.com/support/drivers.
2. In the **Drivers & Downloads** section, enter the Service Tag of your system in the **Enter a Dell Service Tag, Dell EMC Product ID, or Model** box, and then click the right arrow button.
 **NOTE:** If you do not have the Service Tag, select **Detect PC** to allow the system to automatically detect your Service Tag, or click **Browse all products**, and then navigate to your product.
3. Click **Drivers & Downloads**.
The drivers that are applicable to your system are displayed.
4. In the **Operating System** list, select the appropriate VMware version.
5. In the **Category** list, select **Enterprise Solutions**.
The latest Dell EMC VMware ESXi customized images are displayed.
6. Click **Download**.

Download Dell EMC customized ESXi image from VMware site

 **NOTE:** Ensure that you clear the web browser cache before downloading the drivers and firmware.

 **NOTE:** You should be registered with my.vmware.com to be able to download drivers and firmware.

1. Go to my.vmware.com and login with your account credentials.
2. Select **View & Download products > All Products** and then click the **View Download Components** link of **VMware vSphere**.
3. Select the image version from the **Select Version** list.
4. Click **Custom ISOs**.
5. Expand the **OEM Customized Installer CDs** option and then click **Go to Downloads** for the image that you want to download.

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