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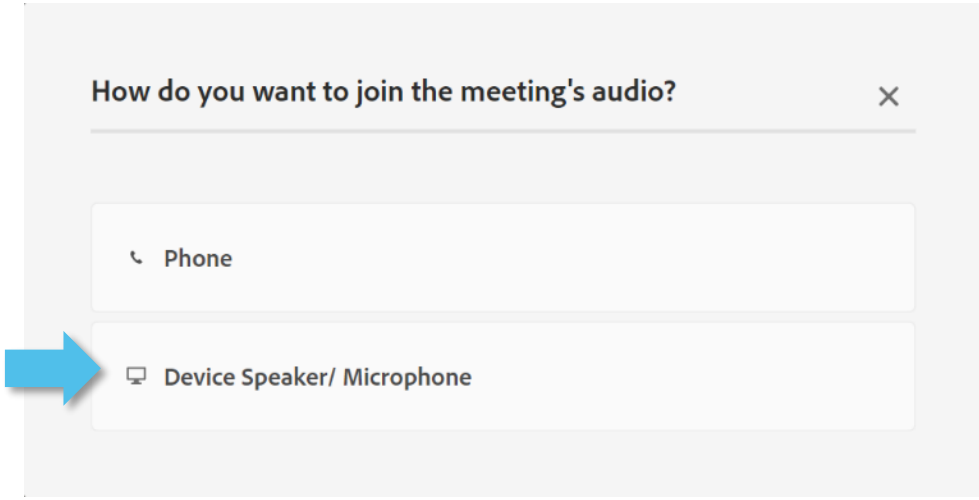

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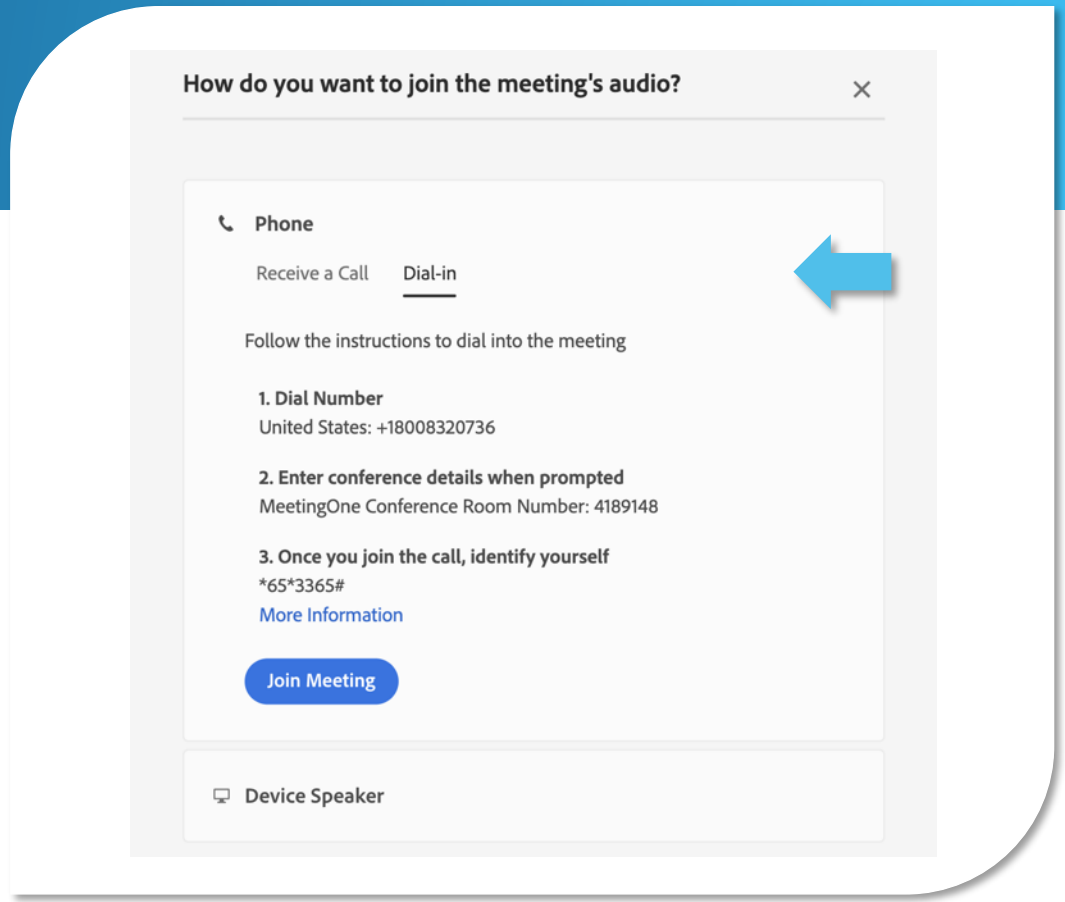

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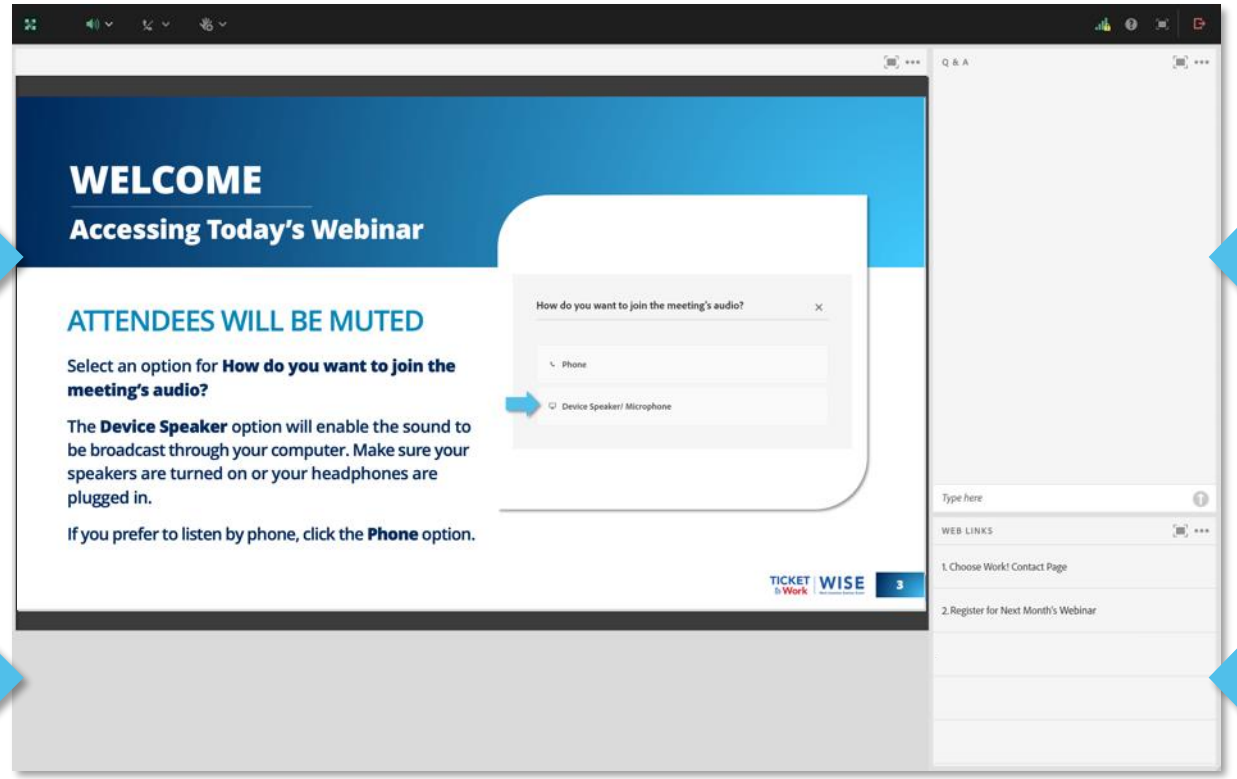

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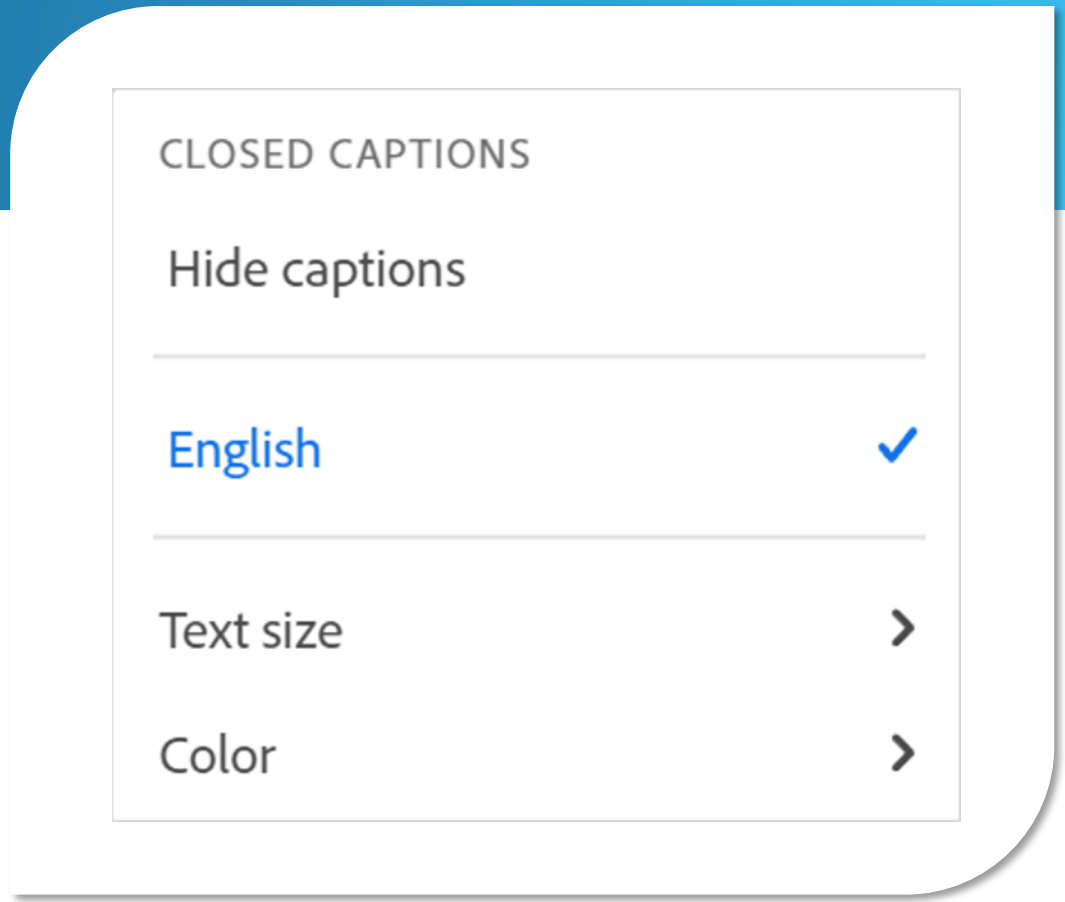

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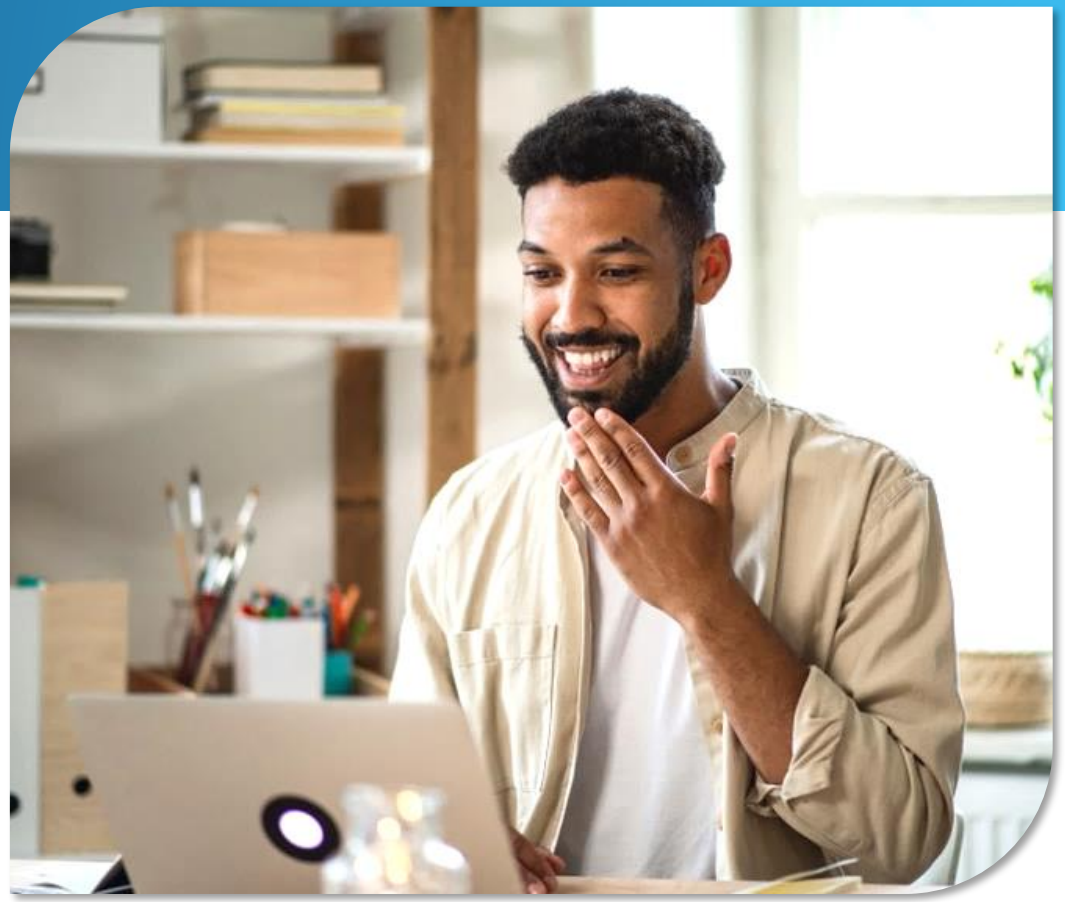

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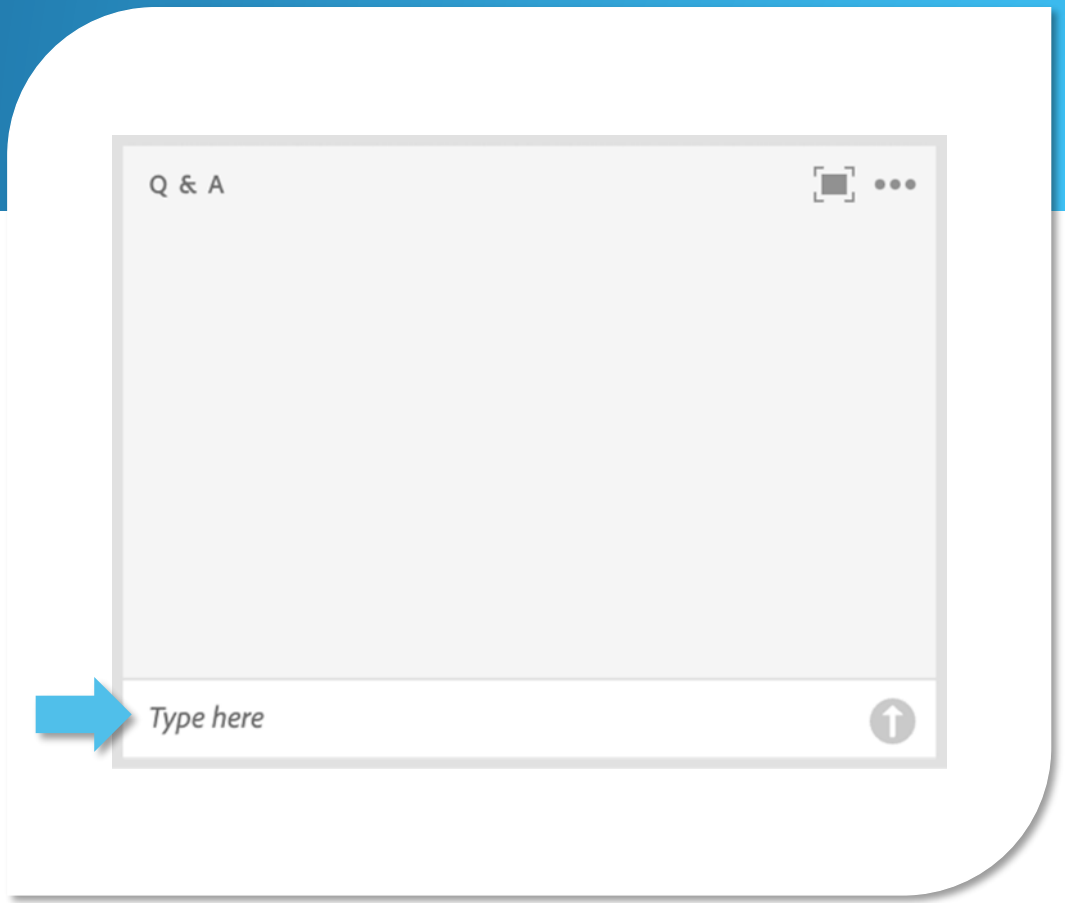

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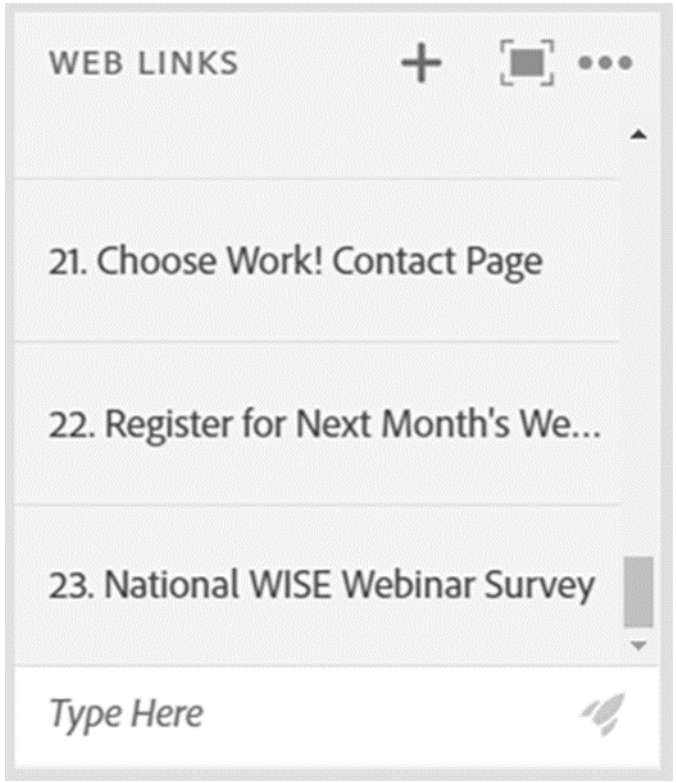

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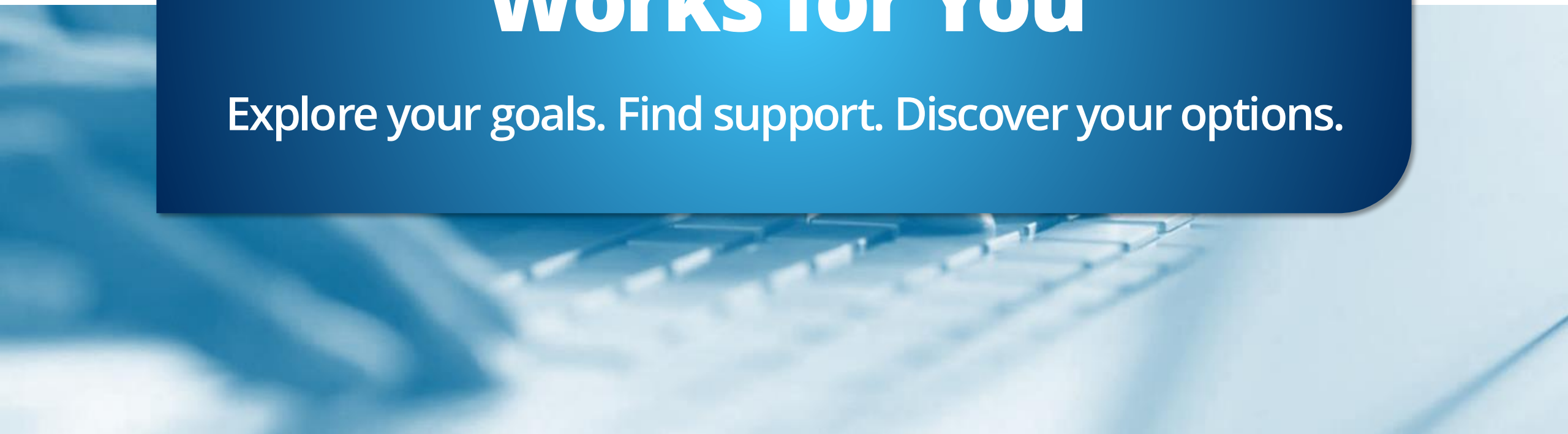
Webinar Overview

Today, we'll discuss these topics:

- Find Work That Works for You
- Who Can Help You Achieve Your Work Goals?
- What is Social Security's Ticket to Work Program?

Find Work That Works for You

Explore your goals. Find support. Discover your options.



What Could Work Make Possible for You?

Work can offer more than a paycheck. It can be a way to explore new opportunities and discover what you're capable of.

- **Earn** money and work toward financial goals.
- **Learn** new skills and explore your interests.
- **Meet** people and connect with your community.
- **Find** purpose in work that matters to you.
- **Work** toward greater independence on your terms.

You Don’t Have to Have It All Figured Out

You can explore work even if you’re not sure what you want to do.

- You don’t need previous work experience.
- You don’t need to know what your ideal job might be.
- You can start by exploring your interests and strengths.
- You can ask questions and learn about your options before making decisions.



Work Can Look Different for Everyone

The right fit depends on what matters to you.

- People have different skills, interests, and goals.
- Some people need a flexible schedule.
- Others may want to learn new skills or try a new career.



What Does the Right Job Look Like for You?

There is no one-size-fits-all answer. Think about:

Interests	What do you enjoy?
Strengths	What are you good at, or what would you like to learn?
Needs	What support or accommodations might help?
Priorities	What matters most in your daily life?

Think Beyond the Job Title

The right fit includes more than the work you do.



Setting: Where do you want to work? Do you prefer a job at a desk or a job that has you moving around?



Tasks: Do you enjoy working with people, solving problems, creating or building things?



Schedule: What hours could work for you?



Support: What would help you do your best work?

Your Turn: What Matters Most to You?

Which things would make a job a better fit for you? Rank the items below.

- A schedule that works with your life.
- Work that matches your interests.
- A supportive workplace.
- Training or help learning new skills.
- Accommodations that help you do your job.
- The organization's mission and values.



Success Story: Meet Matt



A Career Path That Took Support



Meet Matt: Finding a path that worked for him.

- Matt's story shows how the right support can help a person move from employment goals to a career.
- He worked with a State Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) agency counselor.
- Through Ticket to Work, he connected with an Employment Network (EN).
- His employment team helped him prepare for work and navigate the job search.

Matt Didn't Have to Figure It All Out Alone



His employment support included help with:

- Career planning and exploring options.
- Resume preparation, job searches, and interviews.
- Sign language interpretation and workplace accommodations.
- Benefits counseling to understand how earnings could affect his benefits.

Building Toward a Career



Matt's path led him to non-profit work and later to a full-time Human Resources Assistant role.

His story emphasizes three important ideas:

1. Your career path can change over time.
2. Support can help you work through challenges.
3. Finding a good fit can mean learning, exploring, and trying different opportunities.

Q&A



Who Can Help You Achieve Your Work Goals?



Achieving Your Work Goals with Ticket to Work

As you think about returning to work, working for the first time, or advancing in your current job, you may have questions and need support.

- Connecting with a **Ticket Program service provider** can help you develop achievable goals and establish steps to find and maintain employment in your new career.
- Ticket Program service providers can help you identify the type of job or career you might enjoy and any transferable skills you may have.

Ticket to Work Can Help You Explore What's Possible

The Ticket to Work Program

- Is a free and voluntary Social Security program.
- Offers career development for people ages 18 through 64 who receive Social Security disability benefits and want to work.
- Gives you access to support, resources, and guidance to take your next step toward work.



You Don't Have to Answer Every Question on Your Own

- An employment team can help you turn your priorities into a plan.
- Depending on your needs, support may include:
  - Exploring careers and setting employment goals.
  - Understanding Social Security disability benefits and how work will affect them.
  - Finding training and building skills.
  - Preparing to apply for and interview for jobs.
  - Identifying accommodations and workplace supports.

Ticket Program Service Providers

Through the Ticket Program, you'll have access to a variety of Ticket Program service providers, including:



Employment Networks (EN)



State Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Agencies

Employment Network (EN)

An **EN** is a private or public organization that has an agreement with Social Security to provide free employment support services to people who are eligible for the Ticket Program.

Many state public workforce systems, such as American Job Centers, are **Workforce ENs**.



How Can Working With an EN Help You?

Services and supports are designed to help you on the path to financial independence through work and may include helping you to:

- Identify your work goals
- Write and review your resume
- Prepare for interviews
- Request reasonable accommodations
- Receive benefits counseling



State Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Agency

A **State VR agency** provides a wide variety of services to help people with disabilities return to work, enter new lines of work, or enter the workforce for the first time. A State VR agency may offer benefits counseling and may also be able to help you with:

- Vocational rehabilitation
- Training and education







Some states have separate VR agencies that serve individuals who are blind or visually impaired.

How Can Working With a VR Help You?

VR agencies:

- Usually work with individuals who need more extensive services.
- In some states, this includes intensive training, education, and rehabilitation.
- They may also provide career counseling and job placement assistance as well as counseling about how earnings from work may affect Social Security disability benefits.



Find an Employment Team That Meets Your Needs

For a list of service providers, call the Ticket to Work Help Line at **1-866-968-7842** or **1-866-833-2967 (TTY)**, Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. ET

To find a service provider online, visit the Find Help page. Search by:

- ✓ ZIP code
- ✓ Services offered
- ✓ Disability type
- ✓ Languages spoken
- ✓ Provider type
  (EN, Workforce EN, VR)



Find Help With the Find Help Tool

Ready to explore your options? Start with Find Help.

The Find Help Tool can help you search for Ticket Program service providers based on your needs and goals.

Use it to:

- Search for service providers, including ENs and VR agencies.
- Explore the services and supports that service providers offer.
- Find providers that work with people in your area or virtually.
- Compare your options before deciding who to contact.

You're in control of locating a provider who's right for you.

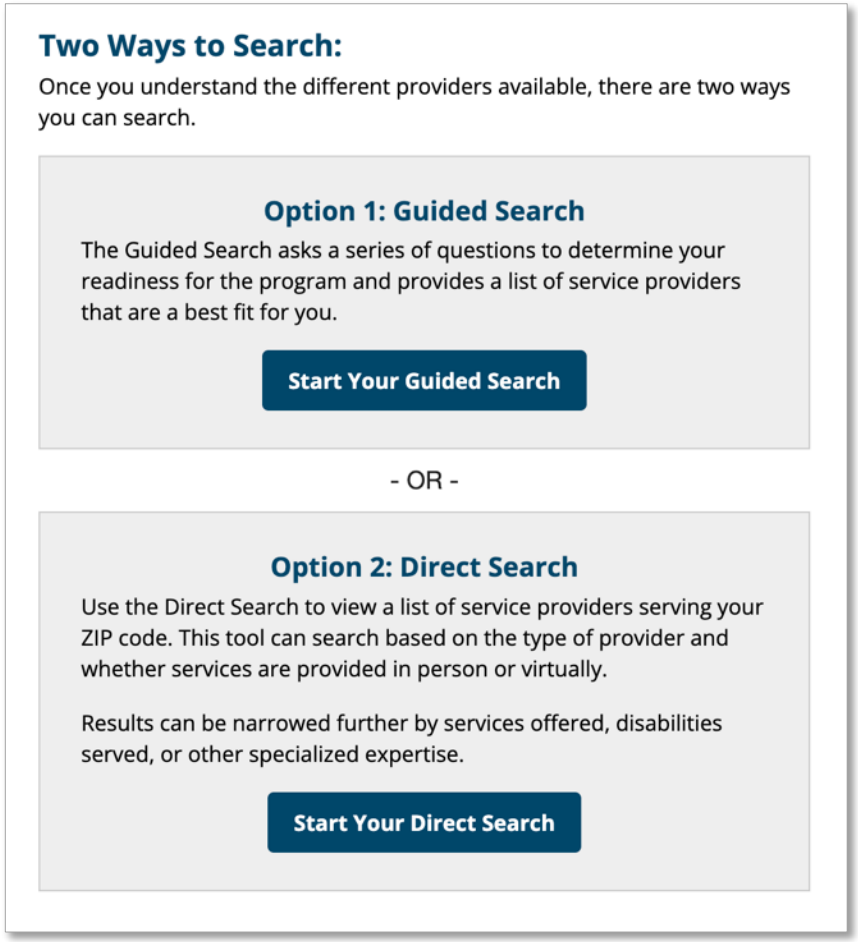
Find Help to Achieve Your Work Goals

The Find Help tool offers two ways to search for service providers that fit your needs.

Guided Search: Asks a series of questions to help you determine your readiness for the program and provides a list of service providers that may be a fit for you.

Direct Search: View a list of service providers serving your ZIP code.

- Search based on the type of provider and whether services are provided in person or virtually.
- Results can be narrowed further by services offered, disabilities served, or other specialized expertise.

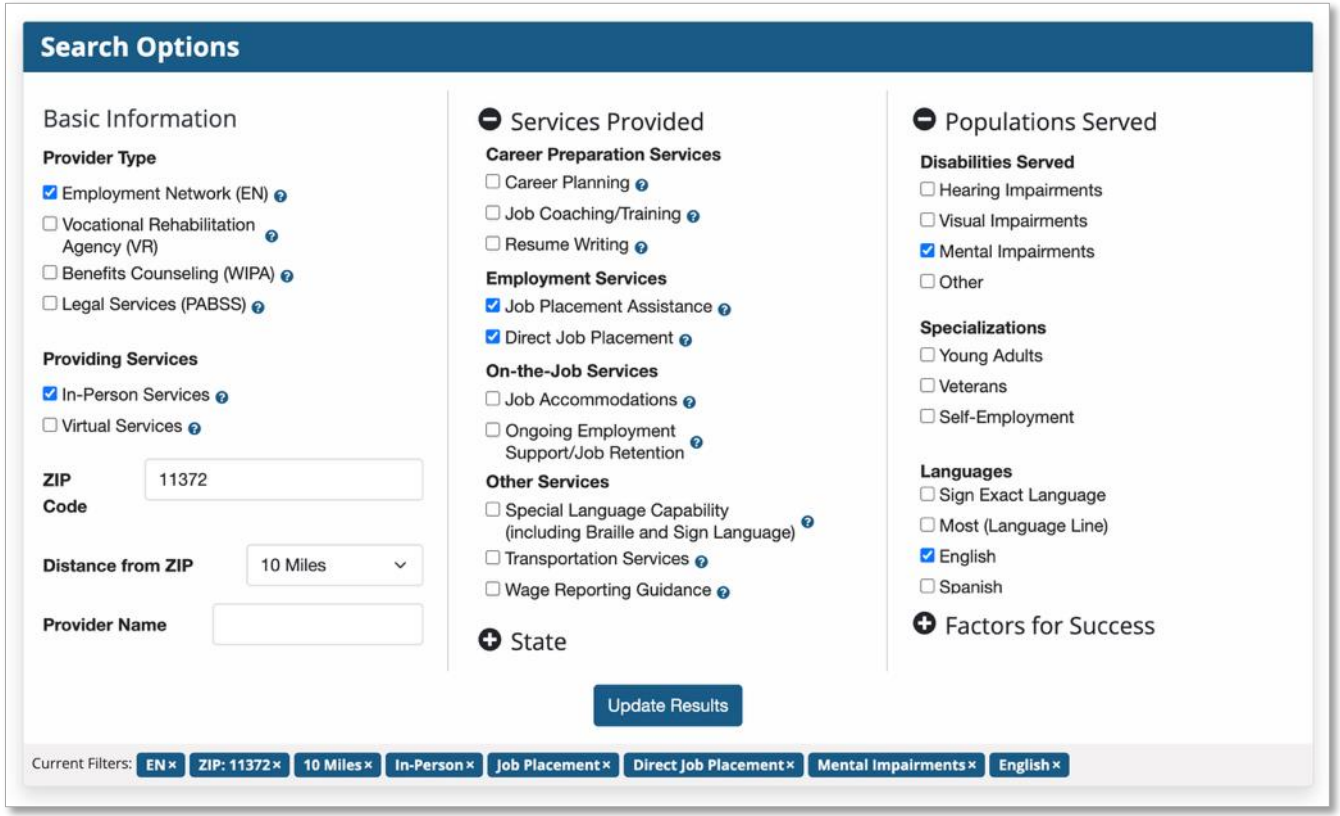


Selecting Search Options

- In the Find Help Tool, after clicking the Direct Search option, choose the search options that you are interested in.

  For example, you might select:

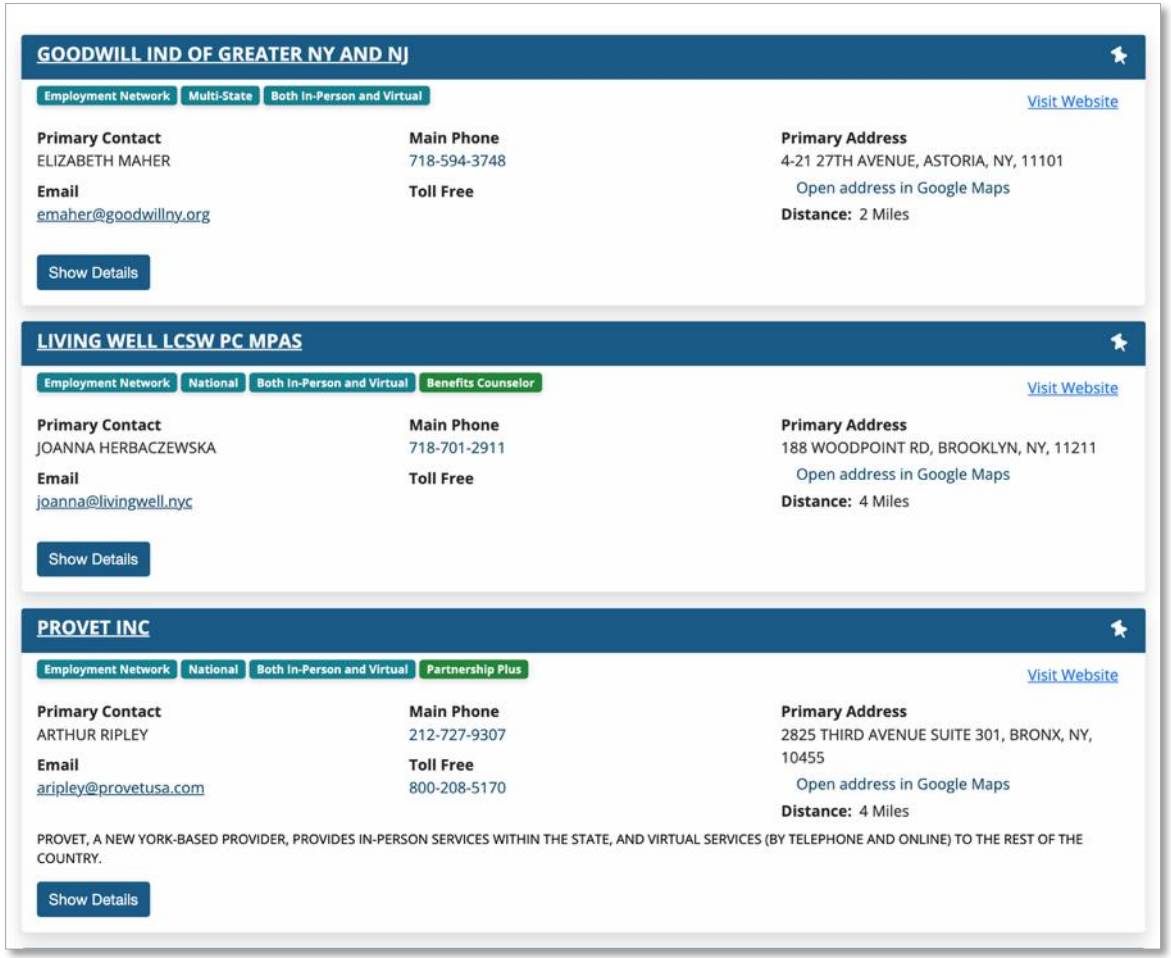
  - Provider Type: Employment Network (EN)
  - In-person services near you, by entering your ZIP code and distance from ZIP
  - Employment Services, to help you prepare for a job search
  - The appropriate Disabilities Served
- When done, click the Update Results button.



Contacting Service Providers

After clicking the Update Results button, the available service providers that fit the criteria you selected will appear.

- Review the details provided and contact the service providers that you think may be a good fit for you.
- When contacting a service provider, it's important to remember that they must also agree they are a good fit for you, and that they want to work as part of your employment team.



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Ticket to Work for America's Veterans

- For veterans receiving Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) or Supplemental Security Income (SSI), the Ticket Program offers help to identify transferable skills and to prepare for and find civilian job opportunities.
- Read veteran success stories and learn about available employment resources and support services in our fact sheet: Ticket to Work: Support for America's Veterans



Online Job Search Sites for Veterans

- Job Openings for Disabled Veterans (JOFDAV) JOFDAV has a job board and blog posts with helpful career information.
- Hire Heroes USA provides free job search assistance to U.S. military members, veterans, and their spouses.
- CareerCircle has a dedicated career section for veterans. Job seekers can register and apply to jobs for free.
- Hiring Our Heroes offers an expansive job board that features job listings for full-time, part-time, or contract roles.
- RecruitMilitary connects military job seekers with services that include a job board and nationwide career fairs.

Your Goals. Your Strengths. Your Future.

You don’t have to have every answer to get started.

- Explore what matters most to you.
- Ask questions and learn about your options.
- Connect with support that fits your needs.

Ready to Explore?

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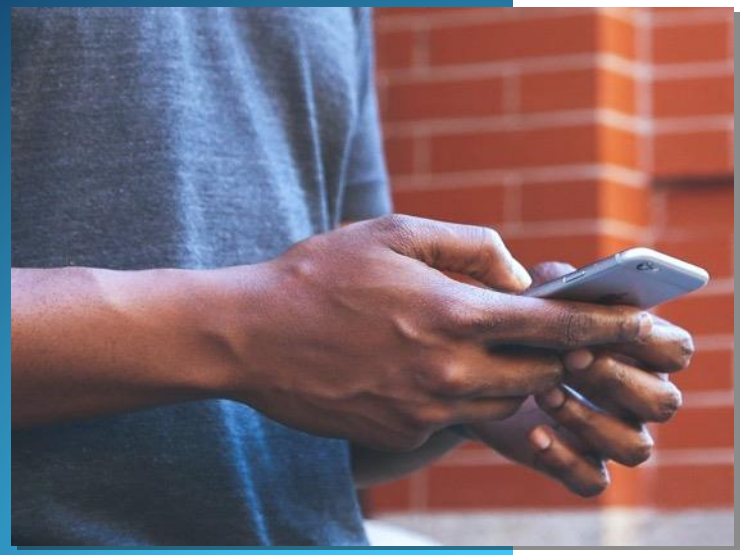
Your path is personal. Your support should be too.



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