

FINITE GROUPS WHOSE NON-NORMAL SUBGROUPS
ARE OF PRIME ORDER

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Abstract. We determine the structure of finite groups whose non-normal subgroups are of prime order.

1. Introduction. The structure of groups whose subgroups are all normal (called *Dedekind groups*) was completely determined by R. Dedekind and R. Baer (see [R93, Theorem 5.3.7]). Since then, many authors dealt with generalizations of this kind of groups. Here we mention some of these. Pic [P49] considered finite groups in which every subgroup S is quasinormal, that is, $SH = HS$ for all subgroups H of G . Buckley etc. [BLW92] dealt with groups whose subgroups form at most two conjugacy classes. In particular, Huaguo Shi etc. [SHC17] and Brandl [B95] classified groups whose non-normal subgroups are all pairwise conjugate.

In this paper, we consider a generalization of groups considered in [SHC17] and [B95], namely finite groups whose non-normal subgroups are all of prime order. Our main result is a classification of such groups:

MAIN THEOREM 1.1. *Let G be a group. Then all non-normal subgroups of G are of prime order if and only if G is isomorphic to one of the following groups:*

- (1) $G = \langle u, v \mid u^p = 1, v^{q^m} = 1, v^{-1}uv = u^k \rangle$ for some different primes p, q and an integer k with $p \equiv 1 \pmod{q}$, $k \not\equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ and $k^q \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$;
- (2) $G = \langle u, v \mid u^{p^n} = 1, v^p = 1, v^{-1}uv = u^{1+p^{n-1}} \rangle$ for some $n \geq 2$ and some prime $p \geq 3$;
- (3) $G = \langle u, v \mid u^{2^n} = 1, v^2 = 1, v^{-1}uv = u^{1+2^{n-1}} \rangle$ for some $n \geq 3$;
- (4) $G = \langle u, v \mid u^p = v^p = 1, [u, v] = c, c^p = 1, [u, c] = [v, c] = 1 \rangle$ for some odd prime p ;

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- (5) $G = \langle u, v, w \mid u^p = v^p = w^{p^m} = 1, [u, v] = w^{p^{m-1}}, [u, w] = 1, [v, w] = 1$
or $w^{p^{m-1}} \rangle$ for some $m \geq 2$ and some odd prime p ;
- (6) $G = \langle a_1, \dots, a_n \mid a_k^2 = 1, [a_i, a_j] = c, c^2 = 1, [a_k, c] = 1, 1 \leq i, j, k \leq n,$
 $i \neq j \rangle$ for some $2 \leq n \leq 4$;
- (7) $G = \langle a_1, a_2, b \mid a_1^2 = a_2^2 = b^4 = 1, [a_1, a_2] = [a_2, b] = b^2, [a_1, b] = 1 \rangle$;
- (8) $G = \langle a_1, a_2, a_3, b \mid a_i^2 = b^{2^m} = 1, [a_i, a_j] = b^{2^{m-1}}, a_1 a_2 a_3 = b^{2^{m-2}},$
 $[a_i, b] \in \{1, b^{2^{m-1}}\}, 1 \leq i, j \leq 3, i \neq j \rangle$ for some $m \geq 3$;
- (9) $G = \langle u, v, w \mid u^p = v^p = w^q = 1, v^{-1}uv = u, w^{-1}uw = v, w^{-1}vw =$
 $u^m v^n \rangle$ for some different primes p, q and some integers n, m such that
 $x^2 - nx - m$ is irreducible in the polynomial ring $F_p[x]$, where F_p is the
field with p elements, and $x^2 - nx - m$ is a factor of the polynomial
 $x^q - 1$.

Throughout this paper, only finite groups are considered. Our notation and terminology are standard. For example, we denote by $A \rtimes B$ the semidirect product of A and B , and $|g|$ denotes the order of an element g in a group G . All unexplained notation and terminology can be found in [G80] and [R93].

2. Some preliminaries. Here we first note that the classification of finite groups whose non-normal subgroups are all pairwise conjugate was given in [SHC17] and [B95]:

LEMMA 2.1 ([SHC17, Main Theorem]). *Let G be a finite group. Then all non-normal subgroups of G are pairwise conjugate in G if and only if G is isomorphic to one of the following groups:*

- (1) $G = \langle u, v \mid u^p = 1, v^q = 1, v^{-1}uv = u^k \rangle$ for some primes p, q and some integer k , where $p \equiv 1 \pmod{q}$, $k \not\equiv 1 \pmod{p}$, and $k^q \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$;
- (2) $G = \langle u, v \mid u^{p^n} = 1, v^p = 1, v^{-1}uv = u^{1+p^{n-1}} \rangle$ for some $n \geq 2$ and $p \geq 3$;
- (3) $G = \langle u, v \mid u^{2^n} = 1, v^2 = 1, v^{-1}uv = u^{1+2^{n-1}} \rangle$ for some $n \geq 3$.

By Lemma 2.1, to classify finite groups whose non-normal subgroups are all of prime order, it is enough to consider groups G such that not all non-normal subgroups of G are conjugate. In the following when writing about groups all of whose non-normal subgroups are of prime order, we always assume that G actually contains a non-normal subgroup, since the structure of Dedekind groups is known.

LEMMA 2.2. *Suppose that all non-normal subgroups of G are of prime order. If G is nilpotent, then G is a p -group.*

Proof. Let A be a non-normal subgroup of prime order in G . Then there is a Sylow p -subgroup P in G such that $A < P \trianglelefteq G$ since G is nilpotent.

If $G \neq P$, then there exists a Sylow q -subgroup $Q \trianglelefteq G$. Now $AQ \trianglelefteq G$ by hypothesis, and hence $A = P \cap AQ \trianglelefteq G$, a contradiction. Thus G is a p -group. ■

LEMMA 2.3. *Suppose that each non-normal subgroup in G is of prime order. If G is not nilpotent, then $G = P \rtimes Q$, where P is a Sylow p -subgroup of G , and Q is a Sylow q -subgroup of G which is of order q , where p, q are primes.*

Proof. Let H be the subgroup of G generated by all normal Sylow subgroups of G . Then H is a nilpotent normal subgroup of G . Hence all Sylow subgroups of G/H are cyclic since all non-normal subgroups of G are of prime order. Thus G is solvable.

Let $\{P_1, \dots, P_n\}$ be a Sylow basis of G , where $P_i \in \text{Syl}_{p_i}(G)$, $i = 1, \dots, n$, and $P_1 \not\trianglelefteq G$ without loss of generality. Hence $P_1 P_i \trianglelefteq G$ for $2 \leq i \leq n$ since all non-normal subgroups of G are of prime order. If $n > 2$, then we get $P_1 P_2 \trianglelefteq G$ and $P_1 P_3 \trianglelefteq G$. Hence $P_1 = P_1 P_2 \cap P_1 P_3 \trianglelefteq G$, a contradiction. Therefore $n = 2$, and $G = P_1 P_2$. Now $P = P_2$ and $Q = P_1$ are the groups we need. ■

LEMMA 2.4 ([G80, Ch. 3, Theorem 3.2], Maschke's Theorem). *Let G be a p' -group of automorphisms of an abelian p -group V and suppose V_1 is a G -invariant direct factor of V . Then $V = V_1 \times V_2$, where V_2 is also G -invariant.*

3. The proof of Main Theorem. In this section, we will prove our main theorem by using several lemmas and theorems.

THEOREM 3.1. *Let G be a p -group, where $p \geq 3$ is a prime. Suppose that all non-normal subgroups of G are of prime order. Then not all non-normal subgroups of G are conjugate in G if and only if G is isomorphic to one of the following groups:*

- (i) $G = \langle u, v \mid u^p = v^p = 1, [u, v] = c, c^p = 1, [u, c] = [v, c] = 1 \rangle$ for some odd prime p ;
- (ii) $G = \langle u, v, w \mid u^p = v^p = w^{p^m} = 1, [u, v] = w^{p^{m-1}}, [u, w] = 1, [v, w] = 1 \text{ or } w^{p^{m-1}} \rangle$ for some $m \geq 2$ and some odd prime p .

Proof. We divide the proof into two cases:

(1) Suppose the exponent $\exp(G)$ of G is p . Let A, B be two non-normal subgroups of G of order p which are not conjugate in G , and let $C \leq Z(G)$ be a minimal subgroup of G . Then $AC \trianglelefteq G$ and $BC \trianglelefteq G$ since all non-normal subgroups of G are of prime order. Moreover, AC is a proper subgroup of G since A is non-normal in G . If $AB \leq G$, then $AB \trianglelefteq G$. On the other hand, AB, AC are both subgroups of order p^2 , so $A = AB \cap AC$. Hence

$A \trianglelefteq G$, a contradiction since $A \not\trianglelefteq G$. So $AB \not\trianglelefteq G$. Hence $\langle A, B \rangle = ACB$ since $ACB = AC \cdot CB \leq G$. Moreover, $[A, B] = C$.

Now we claim that each subgroup D of G of order p is contained in $\langle A, B \rangle$. Otherwise we would obtain $[A, D] = C$. Choose three proper generators a, b, d in A, B, D respectively such that $a^b = a^d$. Then $bd^{-1} \in C_G(A)$ and $A\langle bd^{-1} \rangle \trianglelefteq G$. Hence $A = A\langle bd^{-1} \rangle \cap AC \trianglelefteq G$, contradicting $A \not\trianglelefteq G$.

It is easy to see that every non-normal subgroup of $\langle A, B \rangle$ is of order p and the non-normal subgroups of $\langle A, B \rangle$ are not all conjugate. Let u, v be generators of A, B respectively. Then $G = \langle u, v \rangle$, that is, G is a group of type (i).

(2) Suppose $\exp(G) \neq p$. Let A, B be two non-normal subgroups of G of order p which are not conjugate in G . By the same argument as in (1), we deduce that $\langle A, B \rangle \leq G$, and every subgroup of order p in G is contained in $\langle A, B \rangle$. Hence $\Omega_1(G) = \langle A, B \rangle = ACB$, where C is the unique subgroup in $Z(G)$ of order p . Since all non-normal subgroups of G are of prime order, we have $\langle g, \Omega_1(G) \rangle \trianglelefteq G$ for any $g \in G$. Hence $G/\Omega_1(G)$ is a Dedekind group. Thus $G/\Omega_1(G)$ is abelian.

Now we claim that $G/\Omega_1(G)$ is cyclic. Indeed, otherwise there are two elements $g\Omega_1(G), h\Omega_1(G)$ in $G/\Omega_1(G)$ such that $\langle g\Omega_1(G), h\Omega_1(G) \rangle = \langle g\Omega_1(G) \rangle \times \langle h\Omega_1(G) \rangle$ and $g^{p^{m_1}} = h^{p^{m_2}} = 1$. Clearly $m_1, m_2 \geq 2$. Without loss of generality we may assume that $m_1 \geq m_2$. Since all non-normal subgroups of G are of prime order, we have $\Omega_1(\langle g \rangle) = C = \Omega_1(\langle h \rangle)$. Thus we can choose two proper elements g, h such that $g^{p^{m_1-1}} = h^{p^{m_2-1}}$. Hence $(g^{p^{m_1-m_2}}h)^{p^{m_2-1}} = 1$, and thus the order of $\langle g^{p^{m_1-m_2}}h\Omega_1(G) \rangle$ is less than the order of $\langle h\Omega_1(G) \rangle$. But $\langle g\Omega_1(G), h\Omega_1(G) \rangle = \langle g\Omega_1(G), g^{p^{m_1-m_2}}h\Omega_1(G) \rangle$, which contradicts $\langle g\Omega_1(G), h\Omega_1(G) \rangle = \langle g\Omega_1(G) \rangle \times \langle h\Omega_1(G) \rangle$. Hence $G/\Omega_1(G)$ is cyclic.

Now there exists a cyclic subgroup H in G such that $G = \langle A, B, H \rangle$, where H is of order $> p$. If AH or BH is abelian (say AH is abelian), then we can choose three proper generators u, v, w in A, B, H respectively such that $G = \langle u, v, w \rangle$. That is, G is a group of type (ii).

If AH and BH are non-abelian, then we can choose three proper generators a, b, w in A, B, H respectively such that $w^{p^m} = 1$ and $[a, w] = [b, w] = w^{p^{m-1}}$. Let $u = ab^{-1}$ and $v = b$. Then $G = \langle u, v, w \rangle$ is a group of type (ii) too.

It is easy to check that all non-normal subgroups of type (ii) are of order p and not all of them are conjugate. ■

THEOREM 3.2. *Let G be a 2-group. Suppose that all non-normal subgroups of G are of prime order. Then not all non-normal subgroups of G are conjugate in G if and only if G is isomorphic to one of the following groups:*

- (i) $G = \langle a_1, \dots, a_n \mid a_k^2 = 1, [a_i, a_j] = c, c^2 = 1, [a_k, c] = 1 \rangle$ for some $2 \leq n \leq 4$;
- (ii) $G = \langle a_1, a_2, b \mid a_1^2 = a_2^2 = b^4 = 1, [a_1, a_2] = [a_2, b] = b^2, [a_1, b] = 1 \rangle$;
- (iii) $G = \langle a_1, a_2, a_3, b \mid a_i^2 = b^{2^m} = 1, [a_i, a_j] = b^{2^{m-1}}, a_1 a_2 a_3 = b^{2^{m-2}}, [a_i, b] \in \{1, b^{2^{m-1}}\}, 1 \leq i, j \leq 3, i \neq j \rangle$ for some $m \geq 3$.

Proof. Let A, B be two non-normal subgroups of G which are not conjugate in G , and let $C \leq Z(G)$ be a minimal subgroup in G . Then $AC \trianglelefteq G$, $BC \trianglelefteq G$ and $AB \not\trianglelefteq G$. Now $ACB \leq G$, thus $[A, B] = C$.

Let $\{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$ be a minimal generating system of $\Omega_1(G)$, and $c \in Z(G)$ an element of order 2. Then by the above paragraph, we have the following conclusions:

- (a) $Z(G)$ contains a unique element of order 2.
 (b) The conjugacy class of each a_i has two elements.
 (c) $\langle a_i \rangle$ is not normal in G for $i = 1, \dots, n$.

By (a)–(c) we can deduce that $[a_i, a_j] = c$ when $i \neq j$, that is, $a_i a_j a_i a_j = c$ and $a_i a_j = a_j a_i c$. Thus $a_i a_j a_k = a_j a_i c a_k = a_j (a_i a_k) c = a_j a_k a_i c c = a_j a_k a_i$ for i, j, k pairwise distinct. In addition, if $n > 4$, we have $(a_2 a_3 a_4 a_5)^2 = (a_2 a_3)^2 (a_4 a_5)^2 = c c = 1$, and $[a_1, a_2 a_3 a_4 a_5] = 1$. Hence $\langle a_1 \rangle \langle a_2 a_3 a_4 a_5 \rangle \trianglelefteq G$. Also $\langle a_1 \rangle \langle c \rangle \trianglelefteq G$. Thus $\langle a_1 \rangle = \langle a_1 \rangle \langle a_2 a_3 a_4 a_5 \rangle \cap \langle a_1 \rangle \langle c \rangle \trianglelefteq G$, a contradiction. Therefore $n \leq 4$.

If $G = \Omega_1(G)$, then $G = \langle a_1, \dots, a_n \mid a_k^2 = 1, [a_i, a_j] = c, c^2 = 1, [a_k, c] = 1 \rangle$ for some $2 \leq n \leq 4$. It is easy to check that all non-normal subgroups of G are of order 2. That is, G is a group of type (i).

In the following we assume that $G \neq \Omega_1(G)$. In this case, $\Omega_1(G)$ is a group of type (i).

Now we claim that if $\exp(G) > 4$, then $n = 3$. Indeed, otherwise there is an element b of order 8 in G . Then $b^2 \in C_G(\Omega_1(G))$ since the size of the conjugacy class of each non-normal subgroup is 2 and $b^4 = (a_1 a_2)^2$. Hence $b^{-2} a_1 a_2 \in \Omega_1(G)$. Therefore $b^2 \in Z(\Omega_1(G))$. By calculation, if $n = 2$ or 4, then $|Z(\Omega_1(G))| = 2$. Thus we have $n = 3$, proving the claim. By the previous discussion, we obtain $\Omega_2(\langle g \rangle) = \langle a_1 a_2 a_3 \rangle$ for any element g of order more than 4.

(1) If $n = 2$, then $\exp(G) = 4$ by the above paragraph. Choose $b \in G \setminus \Omega_1(G)$. Then $b^2 = (a_1 a_2)^2$. If $[b, a_1 a_2] = 1$, then $(b^{-1} a_1 a_2)^2 = 1$, hence $b^{-1} a_1 a_2 \in \Omega_1(G)$. This implies that $b^{-1} \in \Omega_1(G)$, a contradiction. Thus $[b, a_1 a_2] \neq 1$ and hence only one element in $\{a_1, a_2\}$ (say a_1) commutes with b . If $G \neq \langle \Omega_1(G), b \rangle$, let $d \notin \langle \Omega_1(G), b \rangle$; then $d^2 = (a_1 a_2)^2$ and $[d, a_1 a_2] \neq 1$. Therefore $[bd, a_1 a_2] = 1$. If $(bd)^2 = 1$, then $bd \in \Omega_1(G)$. Thus $d \in \langle \Omega_1(G), b \rangle$, a contradiction. If $(bd)^2 \neq 1$, then $(bda_1 a_2)^2 = 1$. Hence we also get $d \in \langle \Omega_1(G), b \rangle$, a contradiction. Therefore $G = \langle \Omega_1(G), b \rangle$, and

hence $G = \langle a_1, a_2, b \mid a_1^2 = a_2^2 = b^4 = 1, [a_1, a_2] = [a_2, b] = b^2, [a_1, b] = 1 \rangle$. It is easy to check that all non-normal subgroups of G are of order 2. That is, G is a group of type (ii).

(2) If $n = 3$, we assume that $\exp(G) = 2^m$ with $m \geq 3$. Choose an element b in G with order 2^m . We claim that all elements of order 4 in G are in $\Omega_1(G)$. Indeed, otherwise choose $d \notin \Omega_1(G)$ of order 4. Then $\langle d \rangle \trianglelefteq G$, and $d^{a_i} = d$ or d^3 , where $i = 1, 2, 3$. Hence at least one element in $\{a_1a_2, a_1a_3, a_2a_3\}$ commutes with d , say a_1a_2 . Then $(a_1a_2d)^2 = (a_1a_2)^2d^2 = c \cdot c = 1$, and hence $d \in \Omega_1(G)$, a contradiction. Thus our claim is proved.

If $G \neq \langle \Omega_1(G), b \rangle$, let $g \notin \langle \Omega_1(G), b \rangle$. Clearly $|g| \geq 8$. If $g^2 \in \langle b \rangle$, then $\langle b, g \rangle$ is a generalized quaternion group of order more than 16, or G is a split extension of $\langle b \rangle$ by an element of order 2 in G by [KS04, 5.3.2]. If $\langle b, g \rangle$ is a generalized quaternion group of order more than 16, then there exists a non-normal subgroup of order 4, contradicting the hypothesis. If $\langle b, g \rangle$ is a split extension of $\langle b \rangle$ by an element of order 2, then $g \in \langle \Omega_1(G), b \rangle$, a contradiction too. Thus $g^2 \notin \langle b \rangle$. By the same argument, we have $b^2 \notin \langle g \rangle$. Since b^2, g^2 are both in $C_G(\Omega_1(G))$, we find that $\langle b^2, g^2 \rangle$ is a quaternion group of order 8. Let $K = \langle b, g \rangle$, $b^8 = 1, g^8 = 1, \langle b \rangle \trianglelefteq K, \langle g \rangle \trianglelefteq G$. Then $\langle b^2, g^2 \rangle$ is an abelian group by calculation, a contradiction too.

Thus we get $G = \langle \Omega_1(G), b \rangle$. Now $G = \langle a_1, a_2, a_3, b \mid a_i^2 = b^{2^m} = 1, [a_i, a_j] = b^{2^{m-1}}, a_1a_2a_3 = b^{2^{m-2}}, [a_i, b] \in \{1, b^{2^{m-1}}\}, 1 \leq i, j \leq 3, i \neq j \rangle$ for some $m \geq 3$. It is easy to check that all non-normal subgroups of G are of order 2. That is, G is a group of type (iii).

(3) If $n = 4$, then $\exp(G) = 4$. By the same argument as in case (2), we find that all elements of order 4 in G are in $\Omega_1(G)$, which implies that $G = \Omega_1(G)$, a contradiction. ■

In the following we will classify non-nilpotent groups whose non-normal subgroups are of prime order.

THEOREM 3.3. *Let G be a non-nilpotent group. Suppose that all non-normal subgroups of G are of prime order. Then not all non-normal subgroups of G are conjugate in G if and only if $G = \langle u, v, w \mid u^p = v^p = w^q = 1, u^v = u, u^w = v, v^w = u^m v^n \rangle$, where p and q are different primes, $x^2 - nx - m$ is irreducible in $F_p[x]$, and $x^2 - nx - m$ is a factor of $x^q - 1$.*

Proof. By Lemma 2.3, we have $G = P \rtimes Q$. It is easy to see that either P is a Dedekind group or all non-normal subgroups of P are of prime order. By Lemmas 2.1 and 2.2 and Theorem 3.1, either $\Omega_1(P) = \langle u, v \mid u^p = v^p = 1, [u, v] = c, c^p = 1, [u, c] = [v, c] = 1 \rangle$ for some odd prime p , or $\Omega_1(P)$ is an abelian group. Our proof will be divided into the following six steps:

(1) $\Omega_1(P)$ is an abelian group.

Suppose that $\Omega_1(P) = \langle u, v \mid u^p = v^p = 1, [u, v] = c, c^p = 1, [u, c] = [v, c] = 1 \rangle$ where p is a prime. It is easy to see that $\langle c \rangle = \Omega_1(P)'$. Hence $\langle c \rangle \trianglelefteq G$, since $P \trianglelefteq G$, and thus $Q\langle c \rangle \trianglelefteq G$. By Lemma 2.3, the number of subgroups conjugate to Q in G is p , and so these subgroups are contained in $Q\langle c \rangle$. This implies that $H = N_{\Omega_1(P)}(Q)$ is of order p^2 . Now by hypothesis, Q is normal in HQ , and both H and HQ are normal in G . Hence $Q \trianglelefteq G$, a contradiction.

(2) $\Omega_1(P)$ is not a cyclic subgroup.

If $\Omega_1(P)$ is cyclic, then all subgroups of order p are normal in G . Hence, all non-normal subgroups are conjugate to Q since they are all of prime order; this is a contradiction since not all non-normal subgroups of G are conjugate in G .

(3) $\Omega_1(P)$ is an abelian group of type (p, p) .

Suppose that there exist three subgroups T_1, T_2, T_3 of order p in $\Omega_1(P)$ such that $T_1 \times T_2 \times T_3 \leq \Omega_1(P)$. Then $T_1T_2Q \trianglelefteq G$ and $T_1T_3Q \trianglelefteq G$ by hypothesis. This implies that $T_1Q \trianglelefteq G$. By the same argument as in (1) we get $Q \trianglelefteq G$, a contradiction.

(4) P is an abelian group of type (p, p) .

Suppose that P has a cyclic subgroup P_1 of order p^2 satisfying $P_1 \trianglelefteq G$. Then there is a subgroup P_2 of order p which is also normal in G , hence $P_2Q \trianglelefteq G$ by hypothesis. Again by the same argument as in (1) we get $Q \trianglelefteq G$, a contradiction.

(5) Q acts irreducibly on P .

Suppose that Q acts reducibly on P . Then by Lemma 2.4 there exist two Q -invariant proper subgroups A and B of P such that $P = A \times B$. By hypothesis, $AQ \trianglelefteq G$ and $BQ \trianglelefteq G$. Therefore $Q = AQ \cap BQ \trianglelefteq G$, a contradiction.

(6) *Conclusion.*

By (5), G itself is not an abelian group, but every proper subgroup of G is abelian, that is, G is a minimal non-abelian group. By the structure of minimal non-abelian groups, $G = \langle u, v, w \mid u^p = v^p = w^q = 1, u^v = u, u^w = v, v^w = u^m v^n \rangle$, where p and q are different primes, $x^2 - nx - m$ is irreducible in $F_p[x]$, and $x^2 - nx - m$ is a factor of $x^q - 1$.

It is easy to check that all non-normal subgroups of G are of order p and not all of them are conjugate. ■

Proof of Main Theorem 1.1. This follows from Lemma 2.1 and Theorems 3.1, 3.2 and 3.3. ■

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