



Human Habitat Modelling – identifying the preferred urban setting in NZ

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Population change by urban areas 1976-2013





Percent Change of the 10 Fastest Growing Urban Places.

Percent Change of the 10 Fastest
Declining Urban Places

Rolleston	544.9
Arrowtown	381.2
Snells Beach	349.5
Mangawhai Heads	317.6
Wanaka	300.0
Queenstown	243.3
Athenree	223.8
Pauanui Beach	195.2
Woodend	170.6
Rural Centre Waikuku	167.3

Murupara	-38.8
Kaingaroa Forest	-39.2
Turangi	-41.0
Patea	-42.4
Rural Centre Waitoa	-46.5
Rural Centre Ohai	-50.8
Waiouru	-54.8
Otematata	-55.4
Rural Centre Ohura	-60.7
Twizel Community	-76.0

If only the 39 urban places in 1981 with a population greater than 10,000 are examined

Percent Change of the 10 Fastest Growing Urban Places. Percent Change of the 10 Least Growing Urban Places.

Tauranga	96.4
Kapiti	83.7
Southern Auckland Zone	68.1
Northern Auckland Zone	67.7
Pukekohe	67.0
Western Auckland Zone	62.8
Cambridge Zone	51.2
Таиро	47.1
Central Auckland Zone	41.4
Hamilton Zone	41.2

Masterton0.3Wanganui-1.1Hawera-7.0Timaru-8.2Oamaru-10.6Greymouth-11.8Invercargill-13.0Gore-19.2Tokoroa-31.0	Gisborne	1.0
Wanganui-1.1Hawera-7.0Timaru-8.2Oamaru-10.6Greymouth-11.8Invercargill-13.0Gore-19.2Tokoroa-31.0	Masterton	0.3
Hawera-7.0Timaru-8.2Oamaru-10.6Greymouth-11.8Invercargill-13.0Gore-19.2Tokoroa-31.0	Wanganui	-1.1
Timaru-8.2Oamaru-10.6Greymouth-11.8Invercargill-13.0Gore-19.2Tokoroa-31.0	Hawera	-7.0
Oamaru-10.6Greymouth-11.8Invercargill-13.0Gore-19.2Tokoroa-31.0	Timaru	-8.2
Greymouth-11.8Invercargill-13.0Gore-19.2Tokoroa-31.0	Oamaru	-10.6
Invercargill-13.0Gore-19.2Tokoroa-31.0	Greymouth	-11.8
Gore -19.2 Tokoroa -31.0	Invercargill	-13.0
Tokoroa -31.0	Gore	-19.2
	Tokoroa	-31.0

Main Ultimate (rather than Proximate) Drivers of Net Migration

Employment

Surrounding Land-use and Resources, including Tourism Resources Access to Local Markets - Critical Population Mass Access to Distant Markets – Ports and Airports

Lifestyle

Friends, Family, Cultural Peer Groups Climate Natural Aesthetics – coast, lakes, mountains, nature Cultural Opportunities / Services

Essential Services

Health facilities – hospitals Education Transport – local buses, and airports

Demography

Population Age Structure Natural Change - birth and deaths Age

Other Potential Drivers

War (not relevant in NZ) Natural Hazards – earthquakes and floods Cost of living – house prices Safety – crime

Drivers

Drivers	Surrogate Indices
Surrounding Land-use and Resources	Area of Landcover productive landcover classess in surrounding region (50km radius)
Access to Local Markets	Travel time to different size population centres
Access to Distant Markets – Ports and Airports	Travel time to ports and airports
Friends, Family, Cultural Peer Groups	Travel time to different size population centres; Population of Urban area
Climate	Mean wind speed, temperature, and solar radiation
Natural Aesthetics – coast, lakes, mountains, nature	Length of coatline, area of different landscape classes in in surrounding region (50km radius)
Cultural Opportunities / Services	Travel time to different size population centres; Population of Urban area
Health facilities – hospitals	Travel time to different size hospitals
Education	Travel time to tertiary education services
Transport – local buses, and airports	Travel time to airports; Population of Urban area
Population Age Structure	Population age ratios - work entry age/work exit age
Natural Change - birth and deaths	Population of people aged between 20-40, and 65+

Population	TotalCount Entry15_24Percent Exit55_65Percent Retire65PlusPercent PrimeWork20_65Percent
	Port_1_Time_hrs_ Port_2_Time_hrs_
	Airport_1_Time_hrs_ Airport_2_Time_hrs_ Urban_50km
	High_Producing_50km_ Low_Producing_50km_
Employment (Markets and Resources)	Natural_50km_ TravelTime_HrstoPopgt20k
	TravelTime_HrstoPopgt50k
	TravelTime_HrstoPopgt100k

TravelTime_HrstoPopgt200k

	Natural_50km_
	Solar_Rad
	Temp
	Wind
	Rainfall
Natural Amenity	Percent_Water_View
	CoastlineLengthWithin50km
	MountainsWithin50km
	HillsAndHighHillsWithin50km
	TravelTime_HrstoPopgt20k
	TravelTime_HrstoPopgt50k
Cultural Opportunities	TravelTime_HrstoPopgt100k
Cultural Opportunities	TravelTime_HrstoPopgt200k
	Medical_1_Time_hrs_
	Medical_2_Time_hrs_
Essential Services	Tertiary_1_Time_hrs_
	Tertiary_2_Time_hrs_
	Verebility Explained

Pearson Correlation Matrix is a helpful start to understanding relationships

Row Labels	Net Mig. 76-86	Net Mig. 86-96	Net Mig. 96 -06	Net Mig. 06-13	Net Mig. 76-13	Population - all	Entry Age 15-24 yrs	Exit Age 55-64 yrs	Retire Age 65 + yrs	Working Age 20-64 yrs	Travel Time to Pop. > 20k	Travel Time to Pop. > 50k	Travel Time to Pop. > 100k	Travel Time to Pop. > 200k	Travel Time to Large Port	Travel Time to a Port	Travel Time to an Int. Airport	Travel Time to an Airport	Urban Area within 50km	High Producing Land	Low Producing Land	Natural Land	Solar Radiation	Temperature	Wind	Rainfall	Water View	Coastline	Mountains	Hills	Major Hospital	Hospital	University	Tertiary Education
Net Mig. 76-86	1.00	0.62	0.36	0.39	0.75	-0.05	-0.25	0.43	0.36	0.09	0.03	-0.07	-0.10	-0.19	-0.11	-0.04	-0.21	-0.08	0.18	-0.16	-0.06	-0.05	0.24	0.00	0.01	0.02	0.39	0.29	0.05	-0.27	-0.06	0.12	-0.06	-0.02
Net Mig. 86-96	0.62	1.00	0.47	0.43	0.75	0.03	-0.29	0.38	0.41	0.15	-0.01	-0.10	-0.21	-0.29	-0.10	-0.06	-0.29	-0.15	0.27	-0.19	-0.14	-0.12	0.21	0.00	0.04	-0.02	0.48	0.36	-0.04	-0.31	-0.13	0.05	-0.13	-0.04
Net Mig. 96 -06	0.36	0.47	1.00	0.54	0.78	0.08	-0.13	0.19	0.17	0.23	-0.06	-0.14	-0.18	-0.26	-0.01	-0.14	-0.29	-0.15	0.34	-0.04	-0.07	-0.06	0.14	0.01	-0.05	-0.08	0.10	0.29	0.06	-0.30	-0.11	-0.05	-0.13	-0.13
Net Mig. 06-13	0.39	0.43	0.54	1.00	0.67	0.02	-0.22	0.21	0.36	0.02	-0.16	-0.26	-0.29	-0.32	0.12	-0.31	-0.29	-0.28	0.29	0.09	-0.07	-0.19	-0.02	-0.01	0.06	-0.26	0.13	0.13	0.05	-0.39	-0.18	-0.15	-0.28	-0.25
Net Mig. 76-13	0.75	0.75	0.78	0.67	1.00	-0.01	-0.28	0.39	0.36	0.13	-0.03	-0.13	-0.20	-0.27	-0.06	-0.11	-0.31	-0.17	0.29	-0.11	-0.06	-0.08	0.20	0.00	0.00	-0.08	0.32	0.32	0.04	-0.32	-0.12	0.05	-0.15	-0.10
Population - all	-0.05	0.03	0.08	0.02	-0.01	1.00	0.22	-0.17	-0.07	0.15	-0.26	-0.27	-0.24	-0.22	-0.11	-0.24	-0.14	-0.21	0.45	0.03	-0.11	-0.14	0.09	0.08	0.07	-0.04	0.05	0.23	-0.11	-0.08	-0.23	-0.31	-0.23	-0.29
Entry Age 15-24 yrs	-0.25	-0.29	-0.13	-0.22	-0.28	0.22	1.00	-0.60	-0.53	0.31	0.00	0.02	0.07	0.08	0.08	0.01	0.08	-0.01	0.02	0.04	0.09	0.14	-0.10	0.02	0.02	0.16	-0.26	-0.17	-0.01	0.02	0.05	-0.05	0.03	-0.01
Exit Age 55-64 yrs	0.43	0.38	0.19	0.21	0.39	-0.17	-0.60	1.00	0.65	-0.03	0.08	0.06	-0.04	-0.07	0.00	0.02	-0.10	0.01	-0.07	-0.14	-0.09	-0.12	0.05	-0.02	0.04	-0.10	0.44	0.17	0.00	-0.16	0.00	0.16	-0.01	0.09
Retire Age 65 + yrs	0.36	0.41	0.17	0.36	0.36	-0.07	-0.53	0.65	1.00	-0.40	-0.05	-0.06	-0.16	-0.13	0.04	-0.12	-0.11	-0.13	-0.05	0.06	-0.16	-0.22	-0.04	0.00	0.01	-0.15	0.30	0.12	-0.09	-0.12	-0.12	0.02	-0.17	-0.06
Working Age 20-64 yrs	0.09	0.15	0.23	0.02	0.13	0.15	0.31	-0.03	-0.40	1.00	0.23	0.15	0.08	0.05	0.30	0.06	0.02	0.00	0.11	-0.27	0.06	0.30	-0.17	-0.01	0.09	0.17	0.14	0.01	0.24	-0.29	0.19	0.15	0.09	0.15
Travel Time to Pop. > 20k	0.03	-0.01	-0.06	-0.16	-0.03	-0.26	0.00	0.08	-0.05	0.23	1.00	0.72	0.43	0.29	0.29	0.71	0.05	0.38	-0.40	-0.51	0.05	0.60	-0.19	-0.08	-0.12	0.49	0.14	-0.15	0.42	-0.20	0.51	0.79	0.48	0.61
Travel Time to Pop. > 50k	-0.07	-0.10	-0.14	-0.26	-0.13	-0.27	0.02	0.06	-0.06	0.15	0.72	1.00	0.60	0.52	0.35	0.79	0.26	0.60	-0.51	-0.44	0.13	0.47	-0.23	0.02	0.04	0.32	0.13	-0.04	0.32	-0.10	0.58	0.64	0.69	0.61
Travel Time to Pop. > 100k	-0.10	-0.21	-0.18	-0.29	-0.20	-0.24	0.07	-0.04	-0.16	0.08	0.43	0.60	1.00	0.66	0.18	0.52	0.48	0.84	-0.57	-0.42	0.07	0.45	0.03	-0.01	0.14	0.30	0.04	-0.18	0.41	-0.07	0.83	0.36	0.89	0.44
Travel Time to Pop. > 200k	-0.19	-0.29	-0.26	-0.32	-0.27	-0.22	0.08	-0.07	-0.13	0.05	0.29	0.52	0.66	1.00	0.51	0.26	0.66	0.53	-0.59	-0.20	0.21	0.29	-0.44	-0.05	0.11	0.02	0.01	-0.34	0.31	0.08	0.65	0.32	0.68	0.26
Travel Time to Large Port	-0.11	-0.10	-0.01	0.12	-0.06	-0.11	0.08	0.00	0.04	0.30	0.29	0.35	0.18	0.51	1.00	-0.05	0.33	0.01	-0.30	-0.06	0.17	0.20	-0.86	-0.06	0.06	-0.29	-0.06	-0.39	0.48	-0.36	0.39	0.19	0.17	0.08
Travel Time to a Port	-0.04	-0.06	-0.14	-0.31	-0.11	-0.24	0.01	0.02	-0.12	0.06	0.71	0.79	0.52	0.26	-0.05	1.00	0.18	0.51	-0.44	-0.37	0.10	0.44	0.08	0.03	0.04	0.43	0.09	-0.01	0.19	0.15	0.37	0.62	0.53	0.58
Travel Time to an Int. Airport	-0.21	-0.29	-0.29	-0.29	-0.31	-0.14	0.08	-0.10	-0.11	0.02	0.05	0.26	0.48	0.66	0.33	0.18	1.00	0.24	-0.46	-0.07	0.02	0.20	-0.39	-0.04	0.29	-0.06	-0.11	-0.37	0.23	0.16	0.36	0.09	0.35	0.08
Travel Time to an Airport	-0.08	-0.15	-0.15	-0.28	-0.17	-0.21	-0.01	0.01	-0.13	0.00	0.38	0.60	0.84	0.53	0.01	0.51	0.24	1.00	-0.48	-0.55	0.10	0.36	0.21	0.02	0.01	0.41	0.16	0.06	0.23	0.00	0.77	0.28	0.94	0.41
Urban Area within 50km	0.18	0.27	0.34	0.29	0.29	0.45	0.02	-0.07	-0.05	0.11	-0.40	-0.51	-0.57	-0.59	-0.30	-0.44	-0.46	-0.48	1.00	0.20	-0.23	-0.35	0.25	0.00	-0.03	-0.09	0.02	0.49	-0.29	-0.21	-0.49	-0.40	-0.54	-0.30
High Producing Land	-0.16	-0.19	-0.04	0.09	-0.11	0.03	0.04	-0.14	0.06	-0.27	-0.51	-0.44	-0.42	-0.20	-0.06	-0.37	-0.07	-0.55	0.20	1.00	-0.16	-0.51	-0.18	-0.01	-0.06	-0.39	-0.43	-0.17	-0.39	0.28	-0.54	-0.45	-0.59	-0.30
Low Producing Land	-0.06	-0.14	-0.07	-0.07	-0.06	-0.11	0.09	-0.09	-0.16	0.06	0.05	0.13	0.07	0.21	0.17	0.10	0.02	0.10	-0.23	-0.16	1.00	0.29	0.00	-0.02	-0.34	-0.30	-0.05	-0.32	0.42	0.28	0.16	0.23	0.19	0.02
Natural Land	-0.05	-0.12	-0.06	-0.19	-0.08	-0.14	0.14	-0.12	-0.22	0.30	0.60	0.47	0.45	0.29	0.20	0.44	0.20	0.36	-0.35	-0.51	0.29	1.00	-0.03	-0.03	-0.27	0.37	-0.03	-0.27	0.72	0.07	0.59	0.56	0.51	0.39
Solar Radiation	0.24	0.21	0.14	-0.02	0.20	0.09	-0.10	0.05	-0.04	-0.17	-0.19	-0.23	0.03	-0.44	-0.86	0.08	-0.39	0.21	0.25	-0.18	0.00	-0.03	1.00	0.06	-0.10	0.22	0.16	0.43	-0.16	0.12	-0.11	-0.04	0.09	0.04
Temperature	0.00	0.00	0.01	-0.01	0.00	0.08	0.02	-0.02	0.00	-0.01	-0.08	0.02	-0.01	-0.05	-0.06	0.03	-0.04	0.02	0.00	-0.01	-0.02	-0.03	0.06	1.00	0.03	0.04	0.02	0.08	-0.05	0.02	-0.09	-0.09	-0.01	-0.08
Wind	0.01	0.04	-0.05	0.06	0.00	0.07	0.02	0.04	0.01	0.09	-0.12	0.04	0.14	0.11	0.06	0.04	0.29	0.01	-0.03	-0.06	-0.34	-0.27	-0.10	0.03	1.00	0.00	0.15	0.13	-0.17	-0.27	0.03	-0.14	0.00	-0.02
Rainfall	0.02	-0.02	-0.08	-0.26	-0.08	-0.04	0.16	-0.10	-0.15	0.17	0.49	0.32	0.30	0.02	-0.29	0.43	-0.06	0.41	-0.09	-0.39	-0.30	0.37	0.22	0.04	0.00	1.00	0.07	0.17	-0.14	-0.02	0.32	0.17	0.37	0.28
Water View	0.39	0.48	0.10	0.13	0.32	0.05	-0.26	0.44	0.30	0.14	0.14	0.13	0.04	0.01	-0.06	0.09	-0.11	0.16	0.02	-0.43	-0.05	-0.03	0.16	0.02	0.15	0.07	1.00	0.29	0.01	-0.22	0.10	0.19	0.16	0.10
Coastline	0.29	0.36	0.29	0.13	0.32	0.23	-0.17	0.17	0.12	0.01	-0.15	-0.04	-0.18	-0.34	-0.39	-0.01	-0.37	0.06	0.49	-0.17	-0.32	-0.27	0.43	0.08	0.13	0.17	0.29	1.00	-0.36	-0.15	-0.22	-0.11	-0.09	0.04
Mountains	0.05	-0.04	0.06	0.05	0.04	-0.11	-0.01	0.00	-0.09	0.24	0.42	0.32	0.41	0.31	0.48	0.19	0.23	0.23	-0.29	-0.39	0.42	0.72	-0.16	-0.05	-0.17	-0.14	0.01	-0.36	1.00	-0.24	0.57	0.43	0.43	0.20
Hills	-0.27	-0.31	-0.30	-0.39	-0.32	-0.08	0.02	-0.16	-0.12	-0.29	-0.20	-0.10	-0.07	0.08	-0.36	0.15	0.16	0.00	-0.21	0.28	0.28	0.07	0.12	0.02	-0.27	-0.02	-0.22	-0.15	-0.24	1.00	-0.23	-0.02	-0.06	0.01
Major Hospital	-0.06	-0.13	-0.11	-0.18	-0.12	-0.23	0.05	0.00	-0.12	0.19	0.51	0.58	0.83	0.65	0.39	0.37	0.36	0.77	-0.49	-0.54	0.16	0.59	-0.11	-0.09	0.03	0.32	0.10	-0.22	0.57	-0.23	1.00	0.40	0.89	0.35
Hospital	0.12	0.05	-0.05	-0.15	0.05	-0.31	-0.05	0.16	0.02	0.15	0.79	0.64	0.36	0.32	0.19	0.62	0.09	0.28	-0.40	-0.45	0.23	0.56	-0.04	-0.09	-0.14	0.17	0.19	-0.11	0.43	-0.02	0.40	1.00	0.42	0.73
University	-0.06	-0.13	-0.13	-0.28	-0.15	-0.23	0.03	-0.01	-0.17	0.09	0.48	0.69	0.89	0.68	0.17	0.53	0.35	0.94	-0.54	-0.59	0.19	0.51	0.09	-0.01	0.00	0.37	0.16	-0.09	0.43	-0.06	0.89	0.42	1.00	0.42
Tertiary Education	-0.02	-0.04	-0.13	-0.25	-0.10	-0.29	-0.01	0.09	-0.06	0.15	0.61	0.61	0.44	0.26	0.08	0.58	0.08	0.41	-0.30	-0.30	0.02	0.39	0.04	-0.08	-0.02	0.28	0.10	0.04	0.20	0.01	0.35	0.73	0.42	1.00

	t Mig. 76-86	t Mig. 86-96	t Mig. 96-06	t Mig. 06-13	t Mig. 76-13	
Row Labels	Ne	Ne	Ne	Ne	Ne	
Population - all	-0.05	0.03	0.08	0.02	-0.01	
Entry Age 15-24 yrs	-0.25	-0.29	-0.13	-0.22	-0.28	
Exit Age 55-64 yrs	0.43	0.38	0.19	0.21	0.39	
Retire Age 65 + yrs	0.36	0.41	0.17	0.36	0.36	
Working Age 20-64 yrs	0.09	0.15	0.23	0.02	0.13	
Travel Time to Pop. > 20k	0.03	-0.01	-0.06	-0.16	-0.03	
Travel Time to Pop. > 50k	-0.07	-0.10	-0.14	-0.26	-0.13	
Travel Time to Pop. > 100k	-0.10	-0.21	-0.18	-0.29	-0.20	
Travel Time to Pop. > 200k	-0.19	-0.29	-0.26	-0.32	-0.27	

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		76-86	36-96	90-96	6-13	76-13
		Mig. 7	Mig. 8	Mig. 9	Mig. 0	Mie. 7
	Row Labels	Net	Net	Net	Net	Net
	Travel Time to Large Port	-0.11	-0.10	-0.01	0.12	-0.0
	Travel Time to a Port	-0.04	-0.06	-0.14	-0.31	-0.1
Employment	Travel Time to an Int. Airport	-0.21	-0.29	-0.29	-0.29	-0.3
(Markets and	Travel Time to an Airport	-0.08	-0.15	-0.15	-0.28	-0.1
Resources)	Urban Area within 50km	0.18	0.27	0.34	0.29	0.2
	High Producing Land	-0.16	-0.19	-0.04	0.09	-0.1
	Low Producing Land	-0.06	-0.14	-0.07	-0.07	-0.0
	Natural Land	-0.05	-0.12	-0.06	-0.19	-0.0
	Solar Radiation	0.24	0.21	0.14	-0.02	0.2
	Temperature	0.00	0.00	0.01	-0.01	0.0
	Wind	0.01	0.04	-0.05	0.06	0.0
Natural Amenity	Rainfall	0.02	-0.02	-0.08	-0.26	-0.0
	Water View	0.39	0.48	0.10	0.13	0.3
	Coastline	0.29	0.36	0.29	0.13	0.3
	Mountains	0.05	-0.04	0.06	0.05	0.04
	Hills	-0.27	-0.31	-0.30	-0.39	-0.3
	Major Hospital	-0.06	-0.13	-0.11	-0.18	-0.1
Eccontial Sonvicos	Hospital	0.12	0.05	-0.05	-0.15	0.0
essential services	University	-0.06	-0.13	-0.13	-0.28	-0.1
	Tertiary Education	-0.02	-0.04	-0.13	-0.25	-0.1

Need to be careful with collinearity

Row Labels	Urban Area within 50km	High Producing Land	Low Producing Land	Natural Land	Solar Radiation	
Travel Time to Pop. > 200k	-0.59	-0.20	0.21	0.29	-0.44	
Travel Time to Large Port	-0.30	-0.06	0.17	0.20	-0.86	
Travel Time to a Port	-0.44	-0.37	0.10	0.44	0.08	
Travel Time to an Int. Airport	-0.46	-0.07	0.02	0.20	-0.39	
Travel Time to an Airport	-0.48	-0.55	0.10	0.36	0.21	
Urban Area within 50km	1.00	0.20	-0.23	-0.35	0.25	
High Producing Land	0.20	1.00	-0.16	-0.51	-0.18	
Low Producing Land	-0.23	-0.16	1.00	0.29	0.00	
Natural Land	-0.35	-0.51	0.29	1.00	-0.03	
Solar Radiation	0.25	-0.18	0.00	-0.03	1.00	

Also need to be careful that outliers don't overly distort the model.

Multivariate Regression Models can be highly unstable making it difficult to make conclusions



Average Importance plot



	1976_1986	1986_1996	1996_2006	2006_2013
Top 10 explanitory drivers listed by order of importance	Exit Age 55-64 yrs	Entry Age 15-24 yrs	Access to an Int. Airport	Retire Age 65 + yrs
	Entry Age 15-24 yrs	Exit Age 55-64 yrs	Mountains	Hills
	Population - all	Retire Age 65 + yrs	Retire Age 65 + yrs	Entry Age 15-24 yrs
	Retire Age 65 + yrs	Water View	Population - all	Access to Pop. > 200k
	Natural Land	Mountains	Hospital	Exit Age 55-64 yrs
	Water View	Hills	Access to Pop. > 200k	Access to an Int. Airport
	Solar Radiation	Temperature	Hills	Population - all
	Working Age 20-64 yrs	Working Age 20-64 yrs	Urban Area within 50km	Urban Area within 50km
	Hills	Coastline	Working Age 20-64 yrs	Access to Pop. > 100k
	Coastline	Solar Radiation	Entry Age 15-24 yrs	Tertiary Education
Varability explained by				
model using all 29	0.47	0.49	0.30	0.30
variables				

Variability Explained for Different Driver Groups



Net Migration



Net Migration





The Choice of Spatial Unit for Analysis is Important Urban Areas are "Natural Boundary Units" while TAs are artificial boundaries People can identify with urban towns and cities as a units



Net migration for urban places is difficult to model with a high degree of certainty, but is a fascinating challenge, and we are making progress.

Thankyou

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