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iPad 101

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Sunday, March 23, 2014
2:00-3:30

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Wednesday, March 26, 2014
2:30-4:00

Bring your iPad to this beginning level, hands-on workshop. We'll review some of the basic built-in apps and learn some tips & tricks for organizing apps.

The demonstration will be with an iPad using iOS 7.

Due to demand, reservations are required. Attendance is limited to 24 seats per location. Please call the library to make a reservation.

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HCL, 02/2014

Emergency Kit

by

Frank Petrie

Due to recent events that would make for a riveting feature film (the part of Frank Petrie will be played by Jack Black), I spent an inordinate amount of 2013 in hospital and rehab. But I learned that I could still carry on socially and professionally with a bit of advanced planning. I know the topic is a tad ghoulish but you'll be glad should you ever find yourself in this situation.

FIRST: What Do You Hope To Do?

Figure out what goals you wish to accomplish. Do you want to keep friends and colleagues apprised of your situation? Would you rather just carry on with your social life without missing a beat? Or would you simply like to watch TV shows, movies or podcasts? Read? Maybe (GULP!) work?

Whatever your pleasure is, it will dictate which piece(s) of hardware best to pack. Also, whatever files you want to work if will also guide your choices.

iPhone - Text messaging, surfing and mail can be handled easily. Just make sure that your data and/or texting plans cover your needs. (Although, I have dictated a couple of this year's articles directly into the iPhone and was able to gather a bunch of graphics, as needed, for inclusion!)

iPad - Gaming, TV/movie/podcast viewing and all reading. The screen real estate (Air or Mini) is perfect for viewing and much more pleasurable for reading, be it a book or any of your news apps (including video reports).

MacBook - If you need to do any heavy lifting, the Air fits the bill perfectly. (I was pleasantly surprised how

much heavy lifting I could accomplish from a hospital bed.)

SECOND: What Accessories Do You Need To Pull This Off Successfully?

Power Charger-

Job One is locating power! Outlets are few and far between in the rooms. And, seemingly by-law, ALWAYS purposely out of reach! Therefore, your first and foremost accessory is a power charger, without question. A friend of mine, who travels extensively, turned me onto a series of incredibly powerful, reasonably priced chargers. I chose the



New Trent iCarrier <http://www.amazon.com/s?ie=UTF8&keywords=new+trent&tag=mhob-20&index=aps&hvadid=1471274125&ref=pd_sl_79ct23xgie_e> on Amazon. I was able to charge my iPhone 5C approximately five times from a single charge, which is brilliant as you don't want to bother your nurses or CNAs (Certified Nursing Assistants) with constantly plugging and unplugging your device(s).

All that you require is the attending plug/unplug your charger once every several days. I reduced my reliance on the staff a tad further by having visiting friends, family members and myself if possible, plug the charger into the outlet mid-afternoon. Let it charge all afternoon and evening, then have the CNA unplug it before bedtime. Keeps me juiced and them happy and out of their hair!

Connection Needs - Do you need a thirty-pin or Lightning connector? Do you need an AC adapter for the charger or any of your device(s)? Plus, if your hospital

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doesn't have Wi-Fi, you'll need the necessary knowledge to turn your iPhone into a HotSpot.

EarPods - And in the likely event that you are sharing a room, best bring along your EarPods. If not only for the privacy/good neighbor policy, then for the better quality of sound alone.

My Experience

After watching reruns of 'The Big Bang Theory' for the third time, I kicked on Hulu PLUS and began watching the TV shows that I had missed during my stay. And, my beloved podcasts (BTW, have you ever caught ScreenCastsOnline? Ripping!). And I wrote this article, as well, with my 11" MacBook Air.

I followed my audio podcasts, BBC News and wrote the article for an earlier SCO Monthly on my iPhone 5C. I've tweeted, texted and Skyped. I sent links to app updates to my mail account for when I returned home. Kept in touch with family and friends. Researched medications, symptoms and treatments.

Sadly, there was no iPad in this equation. Bad timing, I fear. I sold my iPad 3 at the end of October to generate more funds for an iPad Mini Retina purchase in late November. But my body was sent to hospital, even though my heart was in line at the Apple Store. But I would have been an extremely happy camper!

...one last thing.

As a final note, I know that many of you already have a travel kit assembled and are thinking, "I'll just use that as my hospital goto." I suggest that you prune it down even further. For even though they lob off bits in hospital, things such as electronics tend to grow legs.

Go figure.

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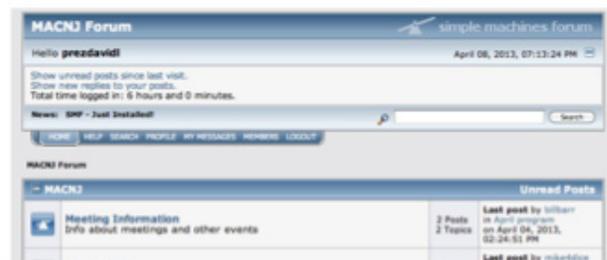
Our forum, using new software to keep out spambots, is only as good as we make it. All members are encouraged to use the forum. It can be of great help in answering questions, providing news, etc., between meetings.

To Register:

There are two links to the forum on the MACNJ home page; or go to macnj.org/forum/ and you are there.

Click on "register" (top right). You'll have to agree to conditions.

Enter a user name which can be used to identify you as member of MACNJ—not strange encrypted names such as xyz123— or you won't be approved. Check the member list to see what names have been accepted.



Enter a valid email address.

Enter and confirm your password. Then remember it! **You can also stay logged-in**, if desired. Look under Profile Information and **enter your location** (City, State). This is mandatory. Enter any other profile information which you choose to use. Click "submit" button, bottom of page. You will be notified by email that you are registered as a MACNJ Forum member. Most questions about the forum are answered in the FAQ Section.



Software Review: Bartender Menu manager for the Mac *by Dave Greenbaum*

Bartender is a nifty Mac utility that does one simple thing but does it VERY well: keeps your menu bar clean. With so many programs such as Time Machine, Google Drive, and Dropbox wanting to put icons in the menu bar, the bar gets quite crowded. Not all programs allow you to disable the menu icon and some are handy, you just don't need them that often. < <http://www.macbartender.com/>>

Bartender allows you to completely hide the item or put the item in the Bartender submenu as well as allow the icon to come to the front when a notification occurs such as a new item in your Dropbox or a new tweet from your Twitter client. In addition to clicking on the menu bar, you can toggle the menu items with a hot key. Finally I can see how much battery is left without visually sorting through over a dozen icons. Some see menu items as a badge of honor, I find them a necessary evil to be avoided if possible.

The pricing is a bit off at \$15 and support is a bit unreliable but the product is rock solid and simply works.

For those of us on smaller laptops, screen real estate is essential and Bartender allows you to keep easy access via the menu bar to key items without cluttering up your screen.

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NewsBar RSS reader

News

★★★★★ 27 Ratings

\$4.99

Software Review: Newsbar for Mac and iOS

from the AppStore

by Dave Greenbaum

Newsbar fills a key gap in RSS readers left by the demise of Google Reader: ubiquitous synchronization of your content and read items. Newsbar has a Mac OS and an iOS client (sold separately) that uses iCloud to synchronize among devices. If you are logged into iCloud on the device, you've got your news items and the read, unread and starred items are synced. Other solutions use a hybrid web and app solution but Newsbar creates a full app based experience.

Both the iOS and the MacOS app tends to be a bit slow and resource heavy if you've got lots of items unread in your RSS feed and it takes a while to sync if you've got multiple categories. The MacOS app allows you to either lock the Newsbar in a particular position on a display or allow it to float either transparently anywhere on your computer and change the colors and backgrounds of individual news feeds so you can tell by color the blog source and makes the reading much easier. Best of all you can specify keywords to notify

you of and Newsbar will notify you via the menu bar.

What is missing is the dock icon doesn't show the unread news count which I think is an annoying oversight and hopefully a feature forthcoming. While the current version imports from and to Feedly it won't synchronize, but that feature I'm told is in the works.

The iOS app doesn't have as many features as the MacOS app such as specifying the colors of the feeds but it will completely synchronize the content with its desktop counterpart via iCloud which makes for easy reading everywhere.

Overall this is a handy product for those of us who need our newsfeeds native on our devices rather than using a web interface.

Pros: *Desktop app highly configurable, syncs with all your iCloud devices*

Cons: *Can be a bit slow syncing many items, no sync with Feedly*

How to Solve Wi-Fi Connectivity Problems

by Alicia Katz Pollock

One of the benefits of Apple products is that the company has gone to great lengths to make the underlying technology invisible, to the extent possible. Think about Internet connectivity. Remember the lengthy screech and squeal of a modem handshaking with your ISP? Today, thanks to wireless networking (and broadband Internet connections), you can open your MacBook Air and be browsing the Web within moments.

At least, you can when Wi-Fi is working properly. As a consultant, I occasionally come across a Mac that insists that you choose the Wi-Fi network from the menu bar icon every time. Perhaps the Mac drops the Wi-Fi connection, or won't connect at all. Here are a few troubleshooting steps that should fix it. Note that I'm talking just about the wireless network connection here, not Internet connectivity, since that's another whole ball of wax.

Restart the Mac -- Just do it, and if you're helping someone else, make sure he or she does it. You may think that restarting is obvious, but several times my clients have told me they restarted, and, after two hours of troubleshooting, admitted they hadn't actually done so, because they thought it would take too long. A restart fixes many ills, including recalcitrant Wi-Fi, so it's always worth a try. If that doesn't work...

Restart the Wireless Router -- The next step is to reboot the wireless router, often an AirPort base station. Just as many issues are solved by restarting the Mac, the same goes for Wi-Fi hardware. That hardware may come in the form of a single device from the Internet service provider, a cable/DSL modem with Wi-Fi built in. Or, you may have a standalone cable/DSL modem that relies on an AirPort base station, Time Capsule, or third-party wireless router.

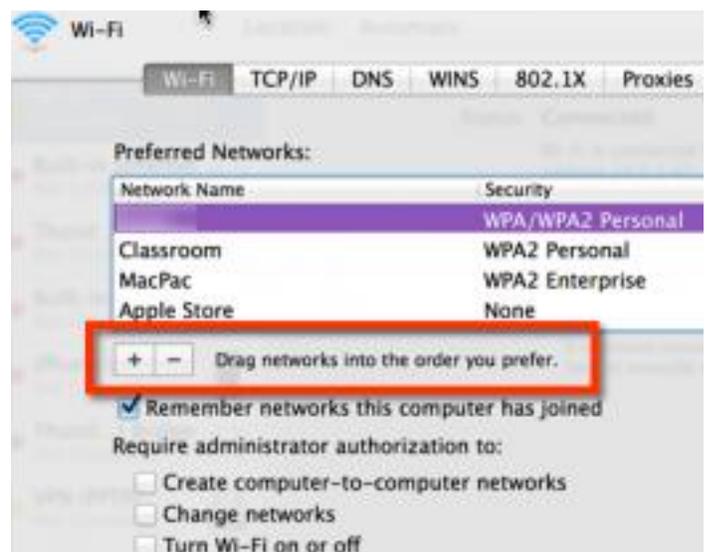
These devices often lack reset or power switches, so the easiest way to restart them is to pull the power. Unplug the device (either end; it's generally safest to unplug the cable that goes into the device rather than risk pulling the wrong cord from the wall) and wait a few seconds to be certain any internal capacitors have discharged.

If you're dealing with a separate cable/DSL modem and wireless router, restarting the modem won't generally affect Wi-Fi. But if you do unplug it as well, make sure to plug it in first, wait for its lights to indicate that it's back online, and then plug the wireless router back in.

Once the wireless router is back up (this can take a minute or two), see if the Mac can connect to the Wi-Fi network. If not, restart the Mac to force it to reconnect, and if even that doesn't work, read on.

Recreate Your Preferred Network -- It's possible that the Mac's wireless connection settings have become corrupted. To fix this, delete the connection and recreate it. Follow these steps:

1. Open the Network pane of System Preferences.
2. Select the Wi-Fi connection in the list of network adapters on the left.
3. Click the Advanced button at the bottom right of the window. In the Wi-Fi view, you'll see a list of every wireless network you've ever used. This is where your Mac remembers Wi-Fi details that enable it to connect automatically the next time that network is available.



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Wi-Fi *(continued)*

4. Find the desired wireless network name in the list and select it.
5. Click the - button below the list to delete that network.
6. Click the + button, and in the dialog that appears, click the Choose a Network button.
7. Wait for the right wireless network to appear. Select it and click the OK button, entering the network password if prompted.

Because it's your most frequently used network, your home or office wireless network should appear at the top of the Preferred Networks list. If it's farther down, drag it to the top to make sure it's used preferentially.

While you're there, take a moment to peruse the list. Every wireless network you've ever joined is listed. A few may be from places you'll never visit again. There's no harm in having a long list, but if you took a trip to Hawaii, you probably won't need your hotel's wireless network again, so you can remove it.

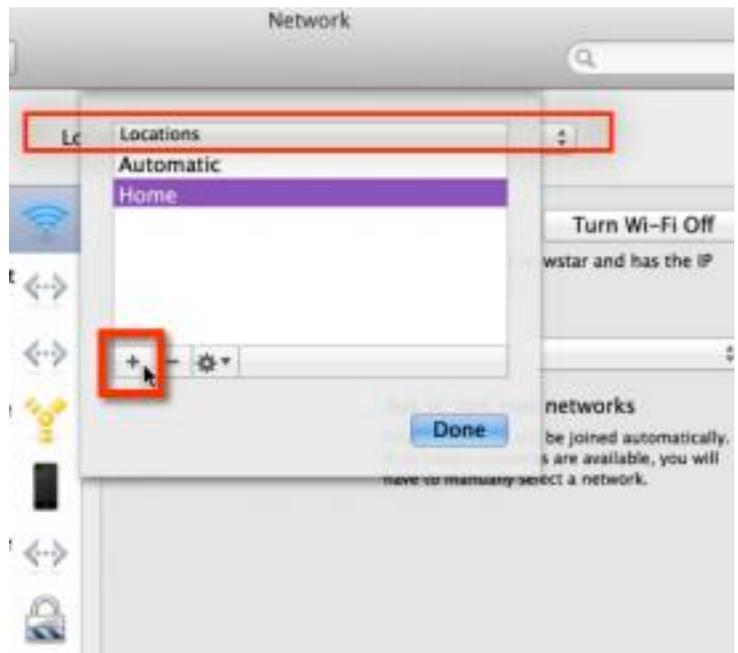
Restart your Mac to see if your it joins the network automatically. Are you on, and does it stay on? If yes, congratulations! If not... onward and upward.

Create a New Location -- A little-known feature of the Network preference pane is the capability to create multiple "locations." This feature enables you to maintain separate sets of networking preferences for different places. For example, you could create a "Mobile" location that removes all network services except Wi-Fi and Bluetooth, or a "Work" location that includes only Ethernet.

Creating a new location gives you a clean slate of wireless network settings and may clear up any remaining glitches. Follow these steps:

1. In the Network pane of System Preferences, choose Edit Locations from the Locations pop-up menu at the top.

2. Click the + at the bottom and type a new



You'll notice that your list of network adapters will clean itself up.

3. Using the buttons at the bottom of the list, you can set the order of the network adapters in the list at the left, and add or remove any that you want. Once everything is adjusted (probably with Wi-Fi at the top), click the Apply button.

It's a good idea to restart your Mac to make sure everything is refreshed; you may be asked for your Wi-Fi password again. Does your Wi-Fi stay connected? It should! This solution hasn't failed me yet.

Last Ditch Efforts -- Of course, there are a number of other possibilities, some of which are difficult to fix. In order:

- It's conceivable that your wireless router's settings have become scrambled to the point where restarting it isn't sufficient. To resolve this, reset it to factory defaults (consult the manual) and reconfigure it from scratch. It's best to write down all the settings before you nuke its little brain.

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Wi-Fi *(continued)*

•Worse yet, wireless routers do die, despite their lack of moving parts. If no computer can pick up the wireless network, and a factory reset doesn't help, it's possible that a new AirPort base station is in your future. Luckily, you usually get new Wi-Fi flavors when you upgrade. If you have a combined modem/wireless router, you may have to call your ISP for a replacement.

• If your Mac can't see any other wireless network at all, it's possible that its AirPort card has failed. That might be reason to visit the Apple Store, but if you're feeling ambitious, [iFixit](http://www.ifixit.com/) [<http://www.ifixit.com/>] has free repair guides for nearly everything you might want to replace, along with tools and replacement parts for sale.

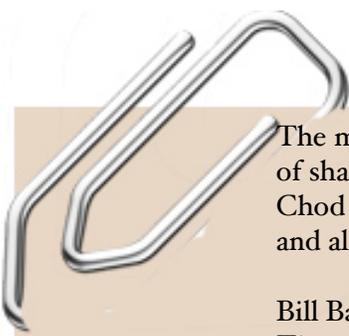
• Finally, and most frustratingly, Mac OS X upgrades are often accompanied by numerous

complaints on the Apple Support Communities forums about Wi-Fi dropouts. The suggestions I've made above will often resolve these problems, but sometimes the solutions are specific to Wi-Fi settings (like switching to a particular channel instead of letting it be chosen automatically) or to corrupted files outside of what would you'd normally think. If all else fails, calling Apple is your best bet.

Conclusion -- There's little more frustrating than having to connect manually to your favorite wireless network repeatedly, so I hope this advice will help you avoid that inconvenience.

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Meeting Notes, February 8, 2014



The meeting began with a demonstration of how President Davis had solved the problem of sharing with the audience to their iOS devices via AirPlay by buying an Air Server. Chod Lang described Chromecast which plugs into HDTV with an HDMI connection and allows displaying videos from devices via WiFi.

Bill Barr described his problems when he replaced his malfunctioning 5 year old Airport Time Capsule with the newest version. He quickly found it was not compatible with the 2 Airport Express stations he had installed to expand the range of his in-home network. He found online an Airport Utility 5.6.1.dmg file which allowed the install of Airport Utility 5.6.1 to solve that problem. But it still wouldn't recognize the AEx's till pressing the RESET button on them and even RESETing the wireless printer too. The latest upgrade of Airport Utility is required with the new Time Capsule and recommended for Mavericks, but it does not recognize older Airport Express'. The new Time Capsule is fast and backed up his computer in about 4 hours compared to 12 - 14 hours for the earlier version.

The remainder of the meeting was devoted to a showing of the movie Jobs, released in 2013, which covered the life of Steve Jobs from his college days in 1974 to the filming of the Think Different commercial in 1997. The movie starred Ashton Kutcher as Steve Jobs and Josh Gad as Steve Wozniak.

Hugh Murphy Jr.

3 Hardware Reviews *by Dave Greenbaum*

• MyCharge Hub 6000

Mycharge.com calls this “Swiss Army Knife of portable power devices,” and trademark issues aside they have it right on the money. Starting off with this is a 6000mAh Lithium Ion battery providing up to 27 hours of talk time. A battery pack is simply a battery pack, expect when it's a Hub charger.



\$49.99

This device has a retractable micro-usb and an Apple compatible Lightning connector to charge most modern devices out there as well as a standard USB port to use older devices such as 30-pin or mini-usb cables.

I'm disappointed the 30-pin wasn't included but I understand Apple has discontinued that style. All three charging ports (usb, Lightning, Micro) can be used at once allowing you to charge three devices simultaneously. To charge the pack a retractable AC plug comes out and can plug into a wall and when not in use its well-hidden to prevent snagging.

Aesthetically this device is a beauty and matches Apple's design style with silver metallic base and white plastic edging (ok black would have been better) and with smooth edges it should easily fit in most backpacks, briefcases and carry ones.

With the right connectors, the power and the style of this battery pack modern road warriors will be able to go all day long without skipping a beat

Pros: Power, connectors
Cons: No 30-pin connector

Five out of Five Dogcows

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• MyCharge Amp 2000

The Mycharge Amp2000 is a small convenient cylindrical battery pack that has the right balance of portable and power. Measuring in at 1.3 x 1 x 3.9 inches and a soft rubberized finish on the outside this charger fits just about anywhere: your pocket, your glove compartment or your carry on giving you that extra boost of power with it's 2000 mAh battery that can provide up to 9 hours of extra talk time.

The package includes a micro usb cord for charging and the device has a standard USB Output of 1.0A for charging (bring your own charging cable). Also included is a lanyard that you can use to wear around your neck although I'm not sure why you'd want to do that.

A nice easy power boost to get you through the day or an emergency!



\$29.99

Pros: small, cylindrical, just enough power
Cons: none

Five out of Five Dogcows

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• MyCharge Peak 6000 battery

When traveling I can't seem to get enough power but I absolutely despise filling up my carry on with a bunch of extra chargers and cables. While there are lots of chargers on the market, this one is as close to all in one as you get with retractable cables and AC adapter as well as a USB port and even an audible indicator telling you what is charging and how much charge is left. Due its somewhat large size it took up two wall

plugs.



\$79.99

In addition to the 30-Pin there is a retractable micro-usb cable as well as a standard USB port and the beauty of this is all three can be used simultaneously so I can charge my phone and Bluetooth headphones at once.

Starting off, this has a powerful 6000mAh battery which according to specs provide up to 27 hours of talk time for your (the iPhone has a 1,400 mAh battery). The device has a built in 30 pin charger (see other products for Lightning adapter) and I can easily put my iPhone on top of the device and charge it without excess cable getting in the way

When you plug in a device, an audible alert tells you the device is charging and you can press a button to see how much charge is left in the battery as well as receive an audible indicator. At a quiet location (think library) this could be annoying but otherwise I found this a great feature because I knew it was working and could quickly tell how much battery is left.

For travel this is the ultimate balance of power and convenience for users of Apple devices pre-iPhone 5 and iPads with Lightning chargers. If your primary goal is to charge Lightning devices you'd probably be better off with another product but for the rest of us in the 30 pin era this device rocks.

Five out of Five Dogcows

Pros: Powerful battery, retractable cables and connectors

Cons: Audible alert could be annoying, no Lightning connector

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MACNJ's general monthly meetings are usually held on the second Saturday of each month at Voorhees High School, in High Bridge, New Jersey, from 9 AM to noon. Visitors are welcome.

From the Morristown area

Go west on State Route 24 to County Route 513. Go southwest on 513 for 4.9 miles through Califon. Continue on 513.

Voorhees High School will be on the left at 256 Route 513, across from Voorhees State Park.

From the Somerville area

Go north on US Route 202 until it intersects with interstate 287. Take I-287 northwest for 4.2 miles to I-78 west. Follow I-78 west for 13 miles to Route 31 north (this is the Clinton/Washington exit.) Follow Route 31 north 2.1 miles to a traffic light where there will be a sign for High Bridge. Turn right onto County Route 513. Follow 513 north for two miles into the town of High Bridge. Voorhees High School is two miles further north at 256 Route 513, on the right, across from Voorhees State Park.

From points west

Go east on I-78 to exit 15 (Clinton/Washington exit for Route 31 north) Follow 31 north 2.1 miles to a traffic light with a sign for High Bridge. Turn right onto County Route 513 North. Follow 513 for two miles into the town of High Bridge. Voorhees High School is two miles further at 256 Route 513, on the right, across from Voorhees State Park.

From the Flemington area

Take Route 31 north past Clinton to a traffic light with a sign for High Bridge. Turn right onto County Route 513 north. Follow 513 for two miles into the town of High Bridge. Voorhees High School is two miles further at 256 Route 513, on the right, across from Voorhees State Park.

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Photo by Bill Barr



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MACNJ Membership
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