

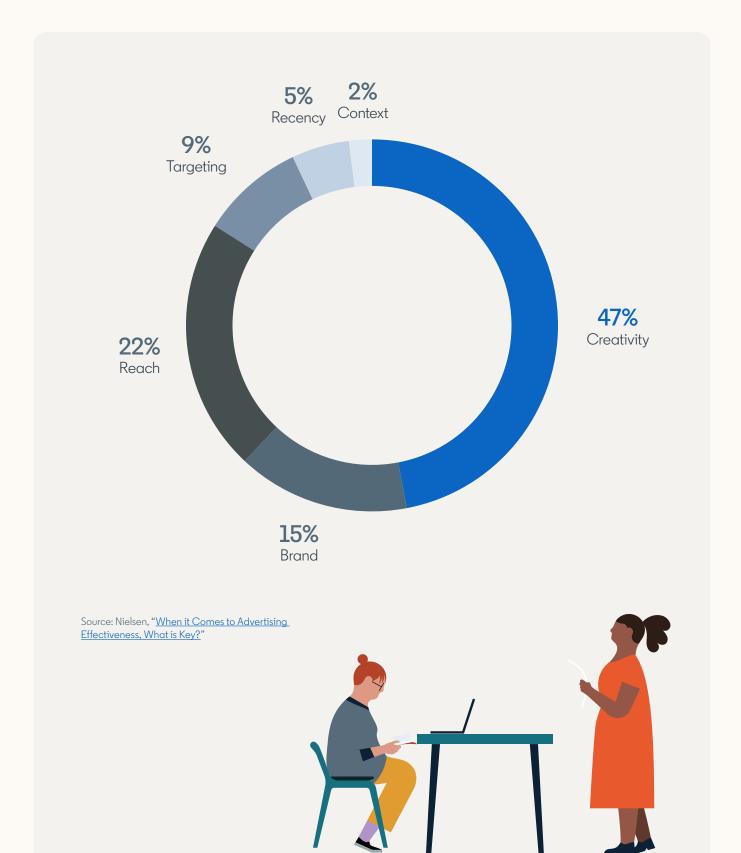
Pocket Guide

5 Key Ingredients for a Unified Brand

While there isn't a single recipe for building your unified brand, here are some key ingredients we recommend

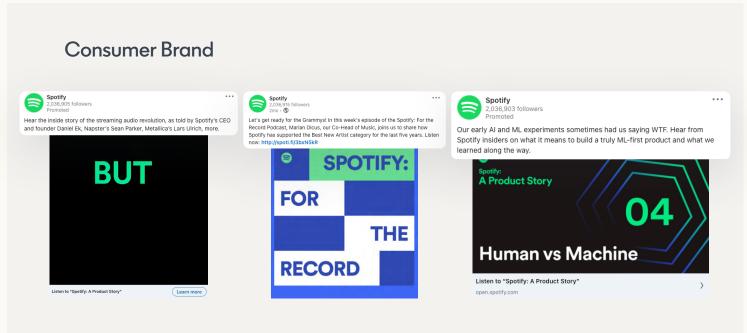


Creativity is the most important factor in building awareness and memories

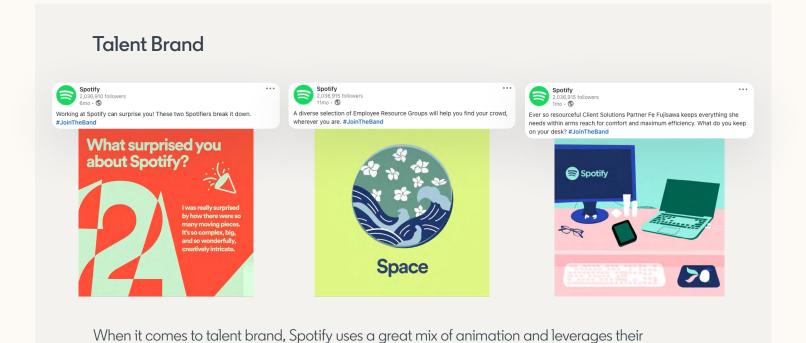


Unexpected creative

#JoinTheBand hashtag.



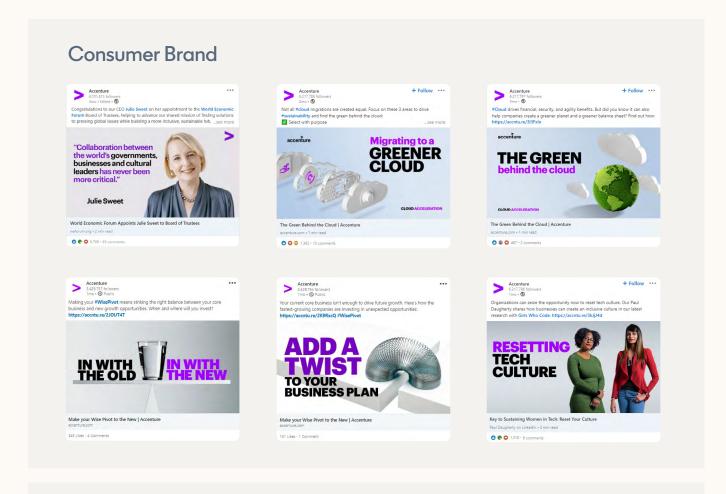
Spotify boosts their consumer brand, focusing on their products, with a strong visual language and messaging.



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Distinctive consistency

Accenture make good use of their brand codes and assets to ensure they are consistently distinctive.

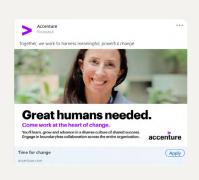


Talent Brand

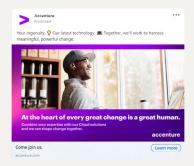














Coke: Shapes



Mastercard: Logo



Nike: Slogans / taglines



FedEx:

Colour combinations



Nintendo:

Mascots / characters



IBM:

Fonts / typefaces



Microsoft:

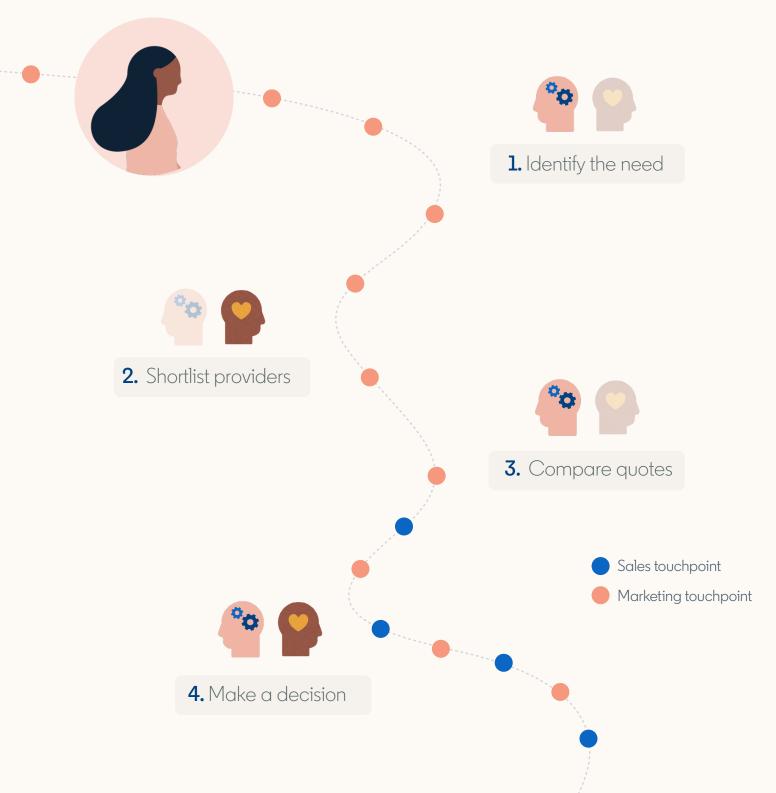
Jingles / sounds



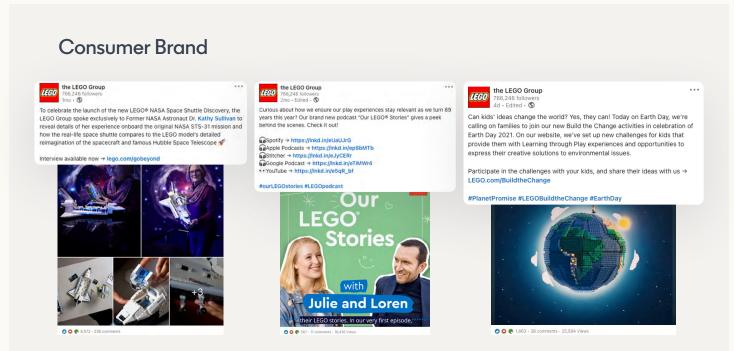


"B2B Buying is both emotional and rational"

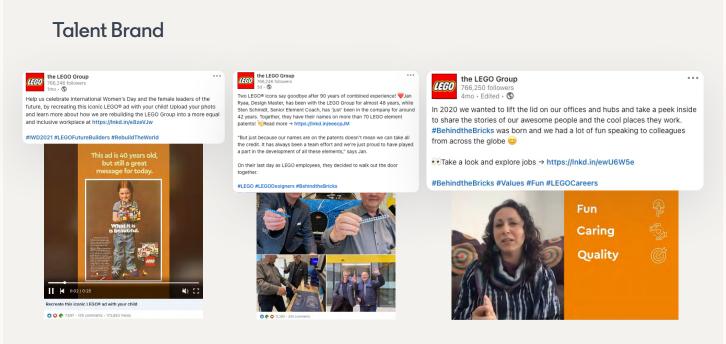
Robert Schwartz, Strategy Director, Mediacom



Power of emotion



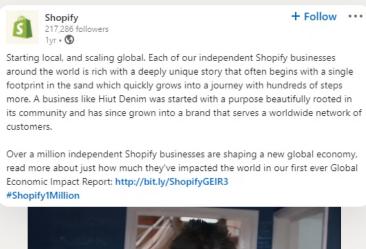
While focusing on the emotion their product brings to consumers, they also focus on education and sustainability for the younger target market.



LEGO always taps into the heritage of their brand and brings up the emotion of childhood, while showcasing their employees in many ways.

Harnessing emotion

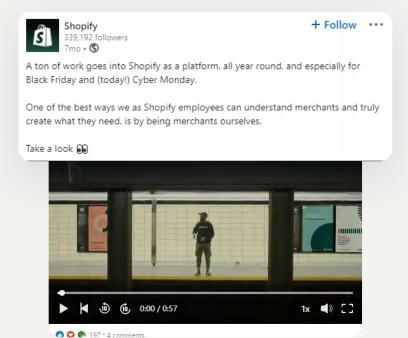
Consumer Brand



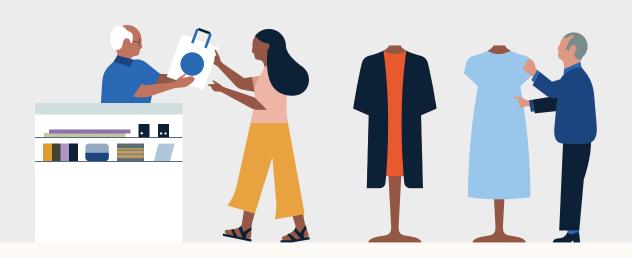


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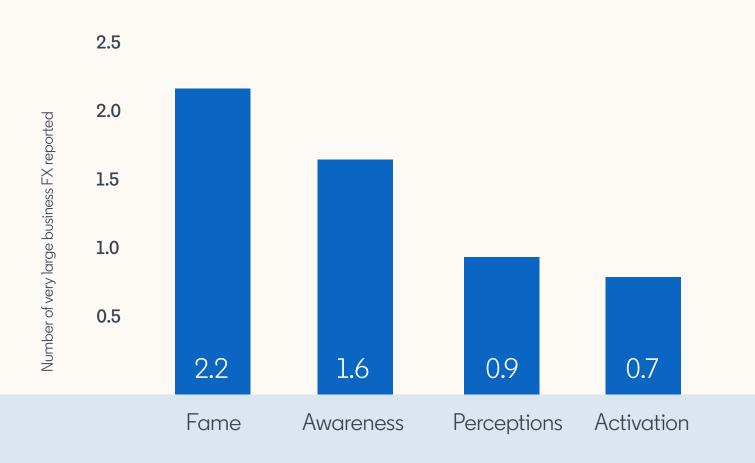
Talent Brand



Brands with the highest share of mind have the highest share of sales



Primary campaign objectives



Ensure you are always on

Build trust and manage reputation over time

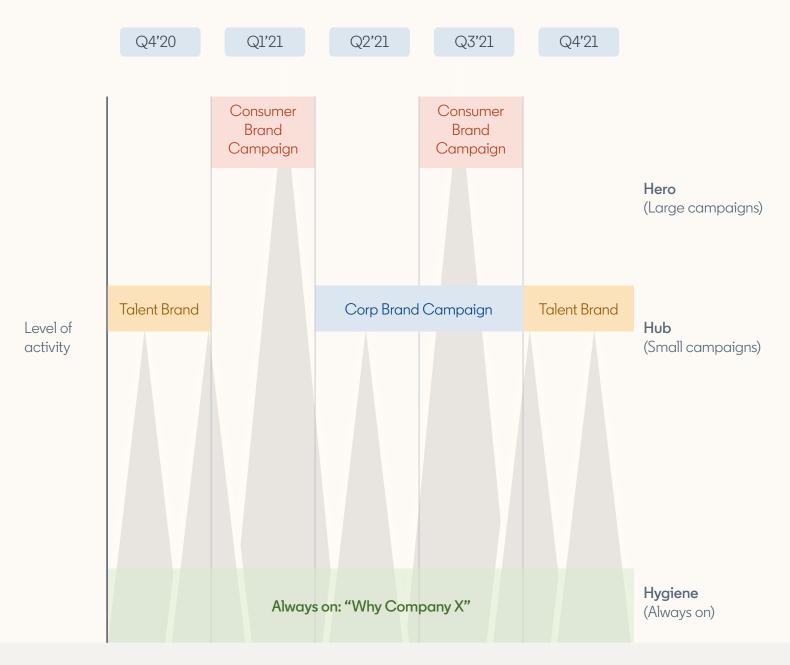
Greater cost efficiency and better performance from "always on" campaigns





Putting it all together: Example always on strategy

A comprehensive approach allows company x to drive engagement, fuel positive perceptions, and build their brand across, talent, corporate, and consumer audiences.

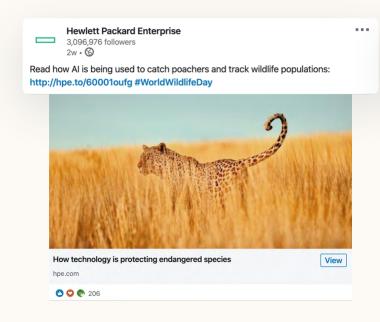


Time

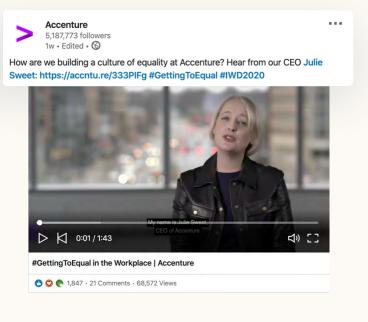
Humanize your brand

Business buyers are human, and they want to work with businesses that make them feel good.

Community & causes



Diversity & equality



Personal stories



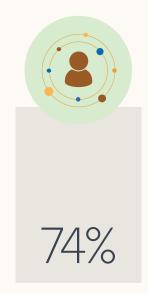
Passion & aspiration



B.E.T.A.s, the next generation of B2B buyers, care about multiculturalism, community contribution, and sustainability



I like to be surrounded by different people, cultures, ideas, and lifestyles.



I think it is very important to contribute to the community I live in.

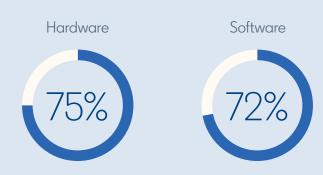


I would pay more for sustainable/eco-friendly products.

% of Business Professionals aged 21–40 who agree with the above statements

Published in "Work in BETA: The Rising B2B Decision Makers" by The B2B Institute, 2020

Globally, BETAs make up the majority of ultimately decision makers in hardware and software



% of Ultimate Decision-Makers who are BETAs

Find the right story for each audience

Stakeholder	What do they care about?	What is their core question?	Why should I care?
Employees	Culture, belonging, vision, leadership, job safety	Am I working in the right place?	Retain talent & maximize human capital
Investors	Vision, leadership, profitability, financials	Is this a good investment?	Attract capital & increase company value
Customers	Reliability, trust, value	Can this company solve my problems & create value for me?	Win & retain business
Suppliers	Reliability, trust, financials	Is this a trustworthy business partner?	Build trusted partnerships
Government	Taxes, adherence to regulations, innovation	Is this company a positive actor for our country?	Good relationship with policy makers
Society	Corporate responsibility, sustainability, contribution to society	Is this company acting in the best interest of society at large?	Public perception
Talent	Innovation, challenge, inspiration, vision	Is this a great place to work?	Attract hard-to-hire talent & skills of the future
Press	Company news, stories	What is happening in this company?	Favorable press coverage

Leverage your leaders

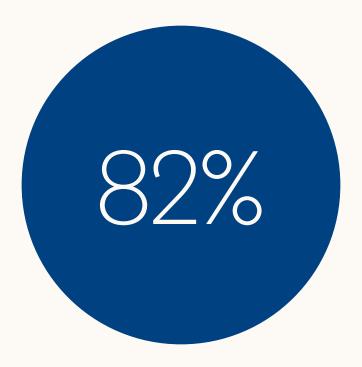
Leaders embody your Brand DNA. Tap into your executives and subject matter experts to establish authority and credibility on key topics.

- Take control of the narrative around their business and industry
- Demonstrate a thoughtful and authentic voice
- Build a sense of connectedness among their stakeholder community

Mary Barra, Chairman & CEO at General Motors visits a manufacturing facility to pledge commitment to making a meaningful contribution.

Arne Sorenson, CEO, Marriott International exhibited compassionate leadership with an emotive note to Marriott associates.





Decision makers said thought leadership shared by someone they know and respect is a critical factor in getting them to engage

Executive thought leadership across all dimensions of brand



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The Audi e-tron GT will hit the showroom floors around the world soon. Together with our dealer partners we cannot wait to present this new brand hero to you! Presale starts this Thursday, February 18 in all major European markets.

In order to prepare our international retail team in the best way possible, we continue our steadfast commitment to digital transformation within our business. With the second digital Central Launch Experience (CLX) now live, we have welcomed more than 10.000 participants from dealerships around the globe onto our Audi digital training and event platform. This is not just about sharing the passion and detail for the Audi e-tron GT, but also about connecting and engaging our Audi retail teams together. As a global sales team, we are passionate and dedicated to our quest to a more sustainable future, to innovative products and a consistent customer-centric mindset.

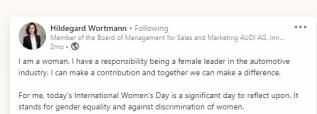
Together with our Audi retail teams around the world, we are getting ready for the Audi e-tron GT to hit the market.

Who is ready for a test drive?

#Audi #FuturelsAnAttitude #Sales #Digitalization #ElectricMobility







This day is an important sign. However, it is not enough. Gender equality should be taken for granted on 365 days a year. I choose to challenge the status quo, always pay attention and take chances for creating impact. I choose to inspire all the women around to shape a future in which gender equality is no longer a topic.

There are so many amazing women out there, changing society with their courage and ideas. Like Ella Fitzgerald once said: "Just don't give up trying to do what you really want to do. Where there is love and inspiration, I don't think you can go wrong." Let's keep making progress together. Be brave and follow your dreams! Every step matters!

Today's stage belongs to my strong female colleagues around the world.

Representative for our sales and marketing community, five of them tell you what this day means to them. So proud to have you all in my team!

#Audi #OneTeamAudi #WomenEmpowerment #InternationalWomensDay #ChooseToChallenge







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creates content to support
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Thanks to our Audi fans and customers and proud of our great international team!

Audi delivered 6.4 % more cars worldwide in the third quarter than in the ...see more



Align around your Brand DNA across the key teams to maximize impact



Brand

- Core brand narratives
- Look, feel and identity
- Existing campaigns



Talent Acquisition & HR

- Talent brand campaigns
- Key talent audiences and hiring challenges
- Employee experience and internal comms



Corporate comms

- Corporate narrative
- Reputational risks, media relationships and opportunities
- Integrating corp comm priorities into unified messaging



Content & digital teams

- Intersection of key themes and other content narratives
- Channel & distribution strategy, including paid and organic media

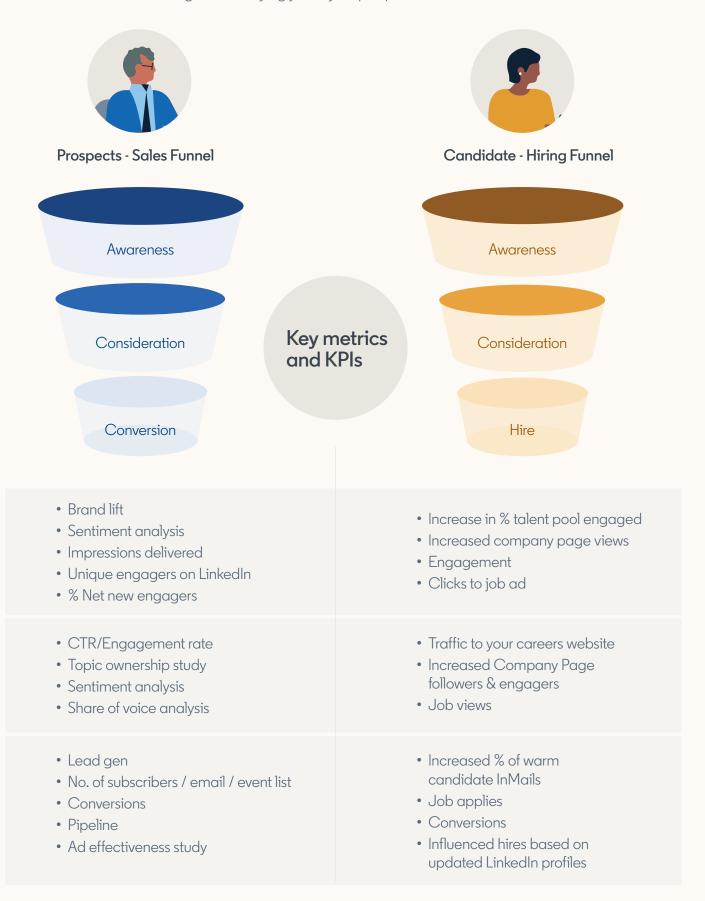


Exec comms

- Who should be involved
- Content themes
- Workflows & production
- Measuring impact

Measure and optimize across the funnel

Measure success at each stage of the buying journey for prospects and candidates



Paid and organic work together



Organic nurtures communities

- Keep an "always on" pulse and presence for your interested communities, and test content for paid campaigns
- Hashtags and page targeting can help connect with specific interest groups or audiences



Paid charts new territory

- Reach audiences that look similar to the people you know but that you aren't connected to yet
- Directly engage known prospects with targeted content and campaigns to deepen their engagement

Balance reach and frequency

Continuous reach is important when building brand continuity and recognition





Play our formats to your organic and paid strengths

Multiple content touchpoints and formats provide a range of tools to engage with audiences and develop audience-specific as well as blended buying journeys.



Sponsored Content Video Ad Single Image Ad Carousel Ad



Sponsored Messaging Message Ad Conversation Ad



Lead Gen Forms

Posts & updates



Additional ad formats Dynamic Ad Text Ad



LinkedIn Pages Company Page Showcase Page





LinkedIn articles



LinkedIn Live and Events LinkedIn Live streamina Virtual events solution

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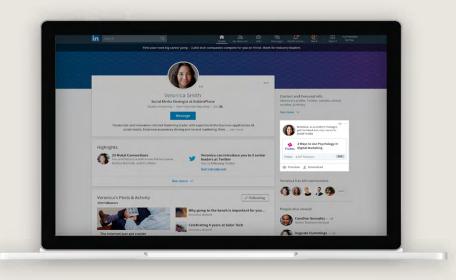
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