

# Function throws\_to\_chars()

This file is part of the [bowling project \(bowling.ipynb\)](#).

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## Specifications

Here we shall develop function `throws_to_chars()` with the following specs:

- Input: a legal sequence of throws, i.e. list of pins knocked down by a player in his/her individual throws.
- Output: list of at most 21 characters representing the individual throws in 'graphical' form. Strikes shall be denoted by 'X', spares by '/', as usual. In case of strike, the function shall insert a ' ' in front of 'X'.

Let's start with some test again.

```
In [1]: from testing import *
set_default_test_verbosity(0)
```

## Simple frames

```
In [2]: def test_throws_to_chars():
    test_equal(throws_to_chars([]), [], 'No chars for no throws')
```

```
In [3]: def throws_to_chars(throws):
    """Return a list of characters representing the throws of a bowling player"""
    return []
test_throws_to_chars()
```

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OK, we are up and running. Let's define some real test cases.

```
In [4]: def test_throws_to_chars():
    test_equal(throws_to_chars([]), [], 'No chars for no throws')
    test_equal(throws_to_chars([1]), ['1'], 'Single simple throw')
    test_equal(throws_to_chars([1,4]), ['1', '4'], 'Two simple throws')
    test_equal(throws_to_chars([1,4,2]), ['1', '4', '2'], 'Three simple throws')
```

```
In [5]: def throws_to_chars(throws):
    """Return a list of characters representing the throws of a bowling player"""
    chars = []
    for throw in throws:
        chars.append(str(throw))
    return chars
test_throws_to_chars()
```

....

Great, simple cases are not hard. What about some strikes?

## **Strikes**

```
In [6]: def test_throws_to_chars():
    test_equal(throws_to_chars([]), [], 'No chars for no throws')
    test_equal(throws_to_chars([1]), ['1'], 'Single simple throw')
    test_equal(throws_to_chars([1,4]), ['1', '4'], 'Two simple throws')
    test_equal(throws_to_chars([1,4,2]), ['1', '4', '2'], 'Three simple throws')
    # Strikes
    test_equal(throws_to_chars([10]), [' ', 'X'], 'Single strike')
    test_equal(throws_to_chars([10,10]), [' ', 'X', ' ', 'X'], 'Pair of strikes')
    test_equal(throws_to_chars([10,10,10,10,10,10,10,10,10,10,10,10]), [
        ' ', 'X', ' ', 'X',
        ' ', 'X', ' ', 'X', ' ', 'X', ' ', 'X'], 'Perfect game')
    test_throws_to_chars()

....  
Test 'Single strike' at line 7 FAILED.  
[' ', 'X'] expected, but got ['10'].  
  
Test 'Pair of strikes' at line 8 FAILED.  
[' ', 'X', ' ', 'X'] expected, but got ['10', '10'].  
  
Test 'Perfect game' at line 11 FAILED.  
[' ', 'X', ' ', 'X',
  ' ', 'X', ' ', 'X', ' ', 'X'] expected, but got ['10', '10', '10', '10', '10', '10', '10',
  '10', '10', '10', '10', '10'].
```

Obviously, we are not able to handle strikes. Let's try it!

That's better but we are not able to handle the spacial case of the last frame. We must somehow track the frame number and use a special handling of the last 10th frame (or, in other words, we should add the space only in frames 1-9).

```
In [8]: def throws_to_chars(throws, n_frames=10):
    """Return a list of characters representing the throws of a bowling player"""
    chars = []
    frame = 1      # We enter game in the first frame
    for throw in throws:
        if throw == 10:          # Strike!
            if frame < n_frames:
                chars.append(' ')
            chars.append('X')
            frame += 1
        else:
            chars.append(str(throw))
            frame += 1
    return chars
test_throws_to_chars()
.......
```

The tests pass, but the code still may not work well for combinations of simple frames and strikes. Let's add some tests combining these two.

```
In [9]: def test_throws_to_chars(verbosity=1):
    test_equal(throws_to_chars([]), [], 'No chars for no throws')
    test_equal(throws_to_chars([1]), ['1'], 'Single simple throw')
    test_equal(throws_to_chars([1,4]), ['1', '4'], 'Two simple throws')
    test_equal(throws_to_chars([1,4,2]), ['1', '4', '2'], 'Three simple throws')
    # Strikes
    test_equal(throws_to_chars([10]), [' ', 'X'], 'Single strike')
    test_equal(throws_to_chars([10,10]), [' ', 'X', ' ', 'X'], 'Pair of strikes')
    test_equal(throws_to_chars([10,10,10,10,10,10,10,10,10,10,10]),,
               [' ', 'X', ' ',
               'X', ' ', 'X', 'X', 'X', 'X'], 'Perfect game')
    test_equal(throws_to_chars([1,2,10]), ['1', '2', ' ', 'X'], 'Strike after simple frame')
    test_equal(throws_to_chars([10,1,2]), [' ', 'X', '1', '2'], 'Simple frame after strike')
    test_equal(throws_to_chars([10,10,10,10,10,10,10,10,10,10,10,1,2]),,
               [' ', 'X', ' ',
               'X', ' ', 'X', '1', '2'], 'Perfect game spoiled at the end')
    test_equal(throws_to_chars([1,2,10,10,10,10,10,10,10,10,10,10]),,
               ['1', '2', ' ', 'X', ' ',
               'X', ' ', 'X', 'X', 'X', 'X'], 'Bad first frame followed by a perfect game')
    test_equal(throws_to_chars([1,2,10,3,4,10,10,10,10,10,10,10,5]),,
               ['1', '2', ' ', 'X', '3', '4', ' ', 'X', ' ', 'X', ' ', 'X', ' ',
               'X', ' ', 'X', 'X', 'X', '5'], 'Mixed simple frames and strikes')
    test_throws_to_chars()
.......
```

Test 'Bad first frame followed by a perfect game' at line 19 FAILED.  
`['1', '2', ' ', 'X', ' ',
 'X', ' ', 'X', 'X', 'X']` expected, but got `['1', '2', ' ', 'X', ' ', 'X', ' ', 'X', ' ',
 'X', ' ', 'X', ' ', 'X', 'X', 'X', 'X']`.

Test 'Mixed simple frames and strikes' at line 22 FAILED.  
`['1', '2', ' ', 'X', '3', '4', ' ', 'X', ' ', 'X', ' ', 'X', ' ',
 'X', ' ', 'X', 'X', '5']` expected, but got `['1', '2', ' ', 'X', '3', '4', ' ', 'X', ' ',
 'X', ' ', 'X', ' ', 'X', 'X', 'X', '5']`.

Well, the code increments the frame counter after each single simple throw, i.e. 2 times in a single simple frame. The frame counter shall be incremented only when a frame is finished. Let's introduce another variable there.

```
In [10]: def throws_to_chars(throws, n_frames=10):
    """Return a list of characters representing the throws of a bowling player"""
    chars = []
    frame = 1      # We enter game in the first frame
    first_ball_in_frame = True
    for throw in throws:
        if throw == 10:
            if frame < n_frames:
                chars.append(' ')
            chars.append('X')
            frame += 1
        else:
            chars.append(str(throw))
            if not first_ball_in_frame:
                frame += 1
            first_ball_in_frame = not first_ball_in_frame
    return chars
test_throws_to_chars()
.......
```

Great! All tests pass. However, the code starts to look messy. But bear with it a while, we will clean it up in the end.

## Spares

We are still not able to handle any spares. Let's add a first simple case:

```
In [11]: def test_throws_to_chars():
    test_equal(throws_to_chars([]), [], 'No chars for no throws')
    test_equal(throws_to_chars([1]), ['1'], 'Single simple throw')
    test_equal(throws_to_chars([1,4]), ['1', '4'], 'Two simple throws')
    test_equal(throws_to_chars([1,4,2]), ['1', '4', '2'], 'Three simple throws')
    # Strikes
    test_equal(throws_to_chars([10]), [' ', 'X'], 'Single strike')
    test_equal(throws_to_chars([10,10]), [' ', 'X', ' ', 'X'], 'Pair of strikes')
    test_equal(throws_to_chars([10,10,10,10,10,10,10,10,10,10]), [
        ' ', 'X', ' ', 'X'],
               'Perfect game')
    test_equal(throws_to_chars([1,2,10]), ['1', '2', ' ', 'X'], 'Strike after simple frame')
    test_equal(throws_to_chars([10,1,2]), [' ', 'X', '1', '2'], 'Simple frame after strike')
    test_equal(throws_to_chars([10,10,10,10,10,10,10,10,10,10,1,2]), [
        ' ', 'X', ' ', 'X'],
               'Perfect game spoiled at the end')
    test_equal(throws_to_chars([1,2,10,10,10,10,10,10,10,10,10]), [
        '1', '2', ' ', 'X', ' ', 'X'],
               'Bad first frame followed by a perfect game')
    test_equal(throws_to_chars([1,2,10,3,4,10,10,10,10,10,10,5]), [
        '1', '2', ' ', 'X', '3', '4', ' ', 'X', ' ', 'X', ' ', 'X', ' ', 'X', ' ', 'X'],
               'Mixed simple frames and strikes')
    # Spares
    test_equal(throws_to_chars([1,9]), ['1', '/'], 'Single spare')
test_throws_to_chars()
.......
```

Test 'Single spare' at line 24 FAILED.  
['1', '/') expected, but got ['1', '9'].

What can we do to pass the test? It seems that the output is almost OK, but we got 9 instead of /. Seems that we have to check whether the sum of last 2 throws is 10, and in that case put / in the chars instead the second throw. For that purpose, however, we need to remember the most recent throw. Let's introduce a new variable `last_throw`.

```
In [12]: def throws_to_chars(throws, n_frames=10):
    """Return a list of characters representing the throws of a bowling player"""
    chars = []
    frame = 1      # We enter game in the first frame
    first_ball_in_frame = True
    last_throw = 0
    for throw in throws:
        if throw == 10:      # Strike!
            if frame < n_frames:
                chars.append(' ')
            chars.append('X')
            frame += 1
        else:
            if throw + last_throw == 10:    # Spare!
                chars.append('/')
            else:
                chars.append(str(throw))
        last_throw = throw
        if not first_ball_in_frame:
            frame += 1
        first_ball_in_frame = not first_ball_in_frame
    return chars
test_throws_to_chars()

....
```

Great! The tests pass now, but I think that there is still a mistake. This shall show up when the sum of the second throw of the (i-1)-th frame and the first throw of the i-th frame will be equal to 10. Let's create a test case for this:

```
In [13]: def test_throws_to_chars():
    test_equal(throws_to_chars([]), [], 'No chars for no throws')
    test_equal(throws_to_chars([1]), ['1'], 'Single simple throw')
    test_equal(throws_to_chars([1,4]), ['1', '4'], 'Two simple throws')
    test_equal(throws_to_chars([1,4,2]), ['1', '4', '2'], 'Three simple throws')
    # Strikes
    test_equal(throws_to_chars([10]), [' ', 'X'], 'Single strike')
    test_equal(throws_to_chars([10,10]), [' ', 'X', ' ', 'X'], 'Pair of strikes')
    test_equal(throws_to_chars([10,10,10,10,10,10,10,10,10,10,10]), [
        ' ', 'X', ' ',
        'X', ' ', 'X', 'X', 'X'],
               'Perfect game')
    test_equal(throws_to_chars([1,2,10]), ['1', '2', ' ', 'X'], 'Strike after simple frame')
    test_equal(throws_to_chars([10,1,2]), [' ', 'X', '1', '2'], 'Simple frame after strike')
    test_equal(throws_to_chars([10,10,10,10,10,10,10,10,10,1,2]), [
        ' ', 'X', ' ',
        'X', ' ', 'X', '1', '2'],
               'Perfect game spoiled at the end')
    test_equal(throws_to_chars([1,2,10,10,10,10,10,10,10,10,10]), [
        '1', '2', ' ', 'X', ' ',
        'X', ' ', 'X', 'X', 'X'],
               'Bad first frame followed by a perfect game')
    test_equal(throws_to_chars([1,2,10,3,4,10,10,10,10,10,10,5]), [
        '1', '2', ' ', 'X', '3', '4', ' ', 'X', ' ', 'X', ' ', 'X', ' ',
        'X', ' ', 'X', 'X', 'X', '5'],
               'Mixed simple frames and strikes')
    # Spares
    test_equal(throws_to_chars([1,9]), ['1', '/'], 'Single spare')
    test_equal(throws_to_chars([1,9,1]), ['1', '/', '1'], 'Spare + sum 10 across frames')
    test_equal(throws_to_chars([2,7,3]), ['2', '7', '3'], 'Non-spare + sum 10 across frames')
    test_equal(throws_to_chars([0,10,0]), ['0', '/', '0'], 'Zero-Spare-Zero')
    test_equal(throws_to_chars([10,0,10]), [' ', 'X', '0', '/'], 'Strike-Zero-Spare')
test_throws_to_chars()
```

.....  
Test 'Spare + sum 10 across frames' at line 25 FAILED.  
['1', '/', '1'] expected, but got ['1', '/', '/'].

Test 'Non-spare + sum 10 across frames' at line 26 FAILED.  
['2', '7', '3'] expected, but got ['2', '7', '/'].

Test 'Zero-Spare-Zero' at line 27 FAILED.  
['0', '/', '0'] expected, but got ['0', ' ', 'X', '0'].

Test 'Strike-Zero-Spare' at line 28 FAILED.  
[' ', 'X', '0', '/'] expected, but got [' ', 'X', '0', ' ', 'X'].

As expected, these new tests failed. The condition checking for spare does not take into account the frame boundaries. We can take advantage of the `first_ball_in_frame` variable, which is set to `False` on the second throw in a frame.

```
In [14]: def throws_to_chars(throws, n_frames=10):
    """Return a list of characters representing the throws of a bowling player"""
    chars = []
    frame = 1      # We enter game in the first frame
    first_ball_in_frame = True
    last_throw = 0
    for throw in throws:
        if throw == 10:      # Strike !
            if frame <= 9:
                chars.append(' ')
                chars.append('X')
                frame += 1
            else:
                if not first_ball_in_frame and throw + last_throw == 10:  # Spare!
                    chars.append('/')
                else:
                    chars.append(str(throw))
        last_throw = throw
        if not first_ball_in_frame:
            frame += 1
        first_ball_in_frame = not first_ball_in_frame
    return chars
test_throws_to_chars()
```

.....  
Test 'Zero-Spare-Zero' at line 27 FAILED.  
['0', '/', '0'] expected, but got ['0', ' ', 'X', '0'].

Test 'Strike-Zero-Spare' at line 28 FAILED.  
[' ', 'X', '0', '/') expected, but got [' ', 'X', '0', ' ', 'X'].

Well, that helped, but not completely. The test for strike must also be augmented to fire only when a 10 is thrown on the first ball of frame.

```
In [15]: def throws_to_chars(throws, n_frames=10):
    """Return a list of characters representing the throws of a bowling player"""
    chars = []
    frame = 1      # We enter game in the first frame
    first_ball_in_frame = True
    last_throw = 0
    for throw in throws:
        if first_ball_in_frame and throw == 10:  # Strike !
            if frame <= 9:
                chars.append(' ')
                chars.append('X')
                frame += 1
            else:
                if not first_ball_in_frame and throw + last_throw == 10:  # Spare !
                    chars.append('/')
                else:
                    chars.append(str(throw))
        last_throw = throw
        if not first_ball_in_frame:
            frame += 1
        first_ball_in_frame = not first_ball_in_frame
    return chars
test_throws_to_chars()
```

.....

Let's introduce a few other tests to check the function:

```
In [16]: def test_throws_to_chars():
    test_equal(throws_to_chars([]), [], 'No chars for no throws')
    test_equal(throws_to_chars([1]), ['1'], 'Single simple throw')
    test_equal(throws_to_chars([1,4]), ['1', '4'], 'Two simple throws')
    test_equal(throws_to_chars([1,4,2]), ['1', '4', '2'], 'Three simple throws')
    # Strikes
    test_equal(throws_to_chars([10]), [' ', 'X'], 'Single strike')
    test_equal(throws_to_chars([10,10]), [' ', 'X', ' ', 'X'], 'Pair of strikes')
    test_equal(throws_to_chars([10,10,10,10,10,10,10,10,10,10,10,10,10]),
               [' ', 'X', ' ',
               ' ', 'X', ' ', 'X', ' ', 'X'],
               'Perfect game')
    test_equal(throws_to_chars([1,2,10]), ['1', '2', ' ', 'X'], 'Strike after simple frame')
    test_equal(throws_to_chars([10,1,2]), [' ', 'X', '1', '2'], 'Simple frame after strike')
    test_equal(throws_to_chars([10,10,10,10,10,10,10,10,10,1,2]),
               [' ', 'X', ' ',
               ' ', 'X', ' ', 'X', '1', '2'],
               'Perfect game spoiled at the end')
    test_equal(throws_to_chars([1,2,10,10,10,10,10,10,10,10,10,10]),
               ['1', '2', ' ', 'X', ' ',
               ' ', 'X', ' ', 'X', ' ', 'X'],
               'Bad first frame followed by a perfect game')
    test_equal(throws_to_chars([1,2,10,3,4,10,10,10,10,10,10,10,5]),
               ['1', '2', ' ', 'X', '3', '4', ' ', 'X', ' ', 'X', ' ', 'X', ' ',
               ' ', 'X', ' ', 'X', ' ', 'X'],
               'Mixed simple frames and strikes')
    # Spares
    test_equal(throws_to_chars([1,9]), ['1', '/'], 'Single spare')
    test_equal(throws_to_chars([1,9,1]), ['1', '/', '1'], 'Spare + sum 10 across frames')
    test_equal(throws_to_chars([2,7,3]), ['2', '7', '3'], 'Non-spare + sum 10 across frames')
    test_equal(throws_to_chars([0,10,0]), ['0', '/', '0'], 'Zero-Spare-Zero')
    test_equal(throws_to_chars([10,0,10]), [' ', 'X', '0', '/'], 'Strike-Zero-Spare')
    # Additional tests
    test_equal(throws_to_chars([1,9,2,8,3,7,4,6,5,5,6,4,7,3,8,2,9,1,10,10,10]),
               ['1', '/', '2', '/', '3', '/', '4', '/', '5', '/', '6', '/',
               '7', '/', '8', '/', '9', '/', '10', '/',
               '10', ' ', 'X', ' ', 'X'],
               'Spares and strikes')
    test_equal(throws_to_chars([1,4,0,10,6,4,5,5,10,0,1,7,3,7,3,10,2,8,6]),
               ['1', '4', '0', '/', '6', '/', '5', '/', ' ', 'X', '0', '1', '7',
               '/', '7', '/', ' ', 'X'],
               'Normal game 1')
    test_equal(throws_to_chars([1,4,4,5,6,4,5,5,10,0,1,7,3,6,4,10,2,8,6]),
               ['1', '4', '4', '5', '6', '/', '5', '/', ' ', 'X', '0', '1', '7',
               '/', '6', '/', ' ', 'X'],
               'Normal game 2')
test throws to chars()
```

Hmmm, it seems that our function works! But its code is not really readable. Let's refactor it a bit.

## Refactoring

The purpose of refactoring is to make the code better, more readable, more intention-revealing, without changing its function. We have tests, so we can afford to make changes to the code.

The first `if` in the `for` loop tests whether a strike happened. The body of the `if` then handles the strike. Let's separate these two things into short nested functions.

```
In [17]: def throws_to_chars(throws, n_frames=10):
    """Return a list of characters representing the throws of a bowling player"""
    chars = []
    frame = 1      # We enter game in the first frame
    first_ball_in_frame = True
    last_throw = 0

    def strike():
        return first_ball_in_frame and throw == 10

    def process_strike():
        nonlocal frame, chars
        if frame < n_frames:
            chars.append(' ')
            chars.append('X')
            frame += 1

    for throw in throws:
        if strike():
            process_strike()
        else:
            if not first_ball_in_frame and throw + last_throw == 10:
                chars.append('/')
            else:
                chars.append(str(throw))
            last_throw = throw
        if not first_ball_in_frame:
            frame += 1
        first_ball_in_frame = not first_ball_in_frame
    return chars
test_throws_to_chars()
```

.....

The code works the same way as in previous case, but by extracting 2 parts of code and giving them meaningful names, the main body of the function is much more readable.

Let's continue with this process and let's separate also the `else`-block into a function, and the part of code that increments frame as well:

```
In [18]: def throws_to_chars(throws, n_frames=10):
    """Return a list of characters representing the throws of a bowling player"""
    chars = []
    frame = 1      # We enter game in the first frame
    first_ball_in_frame = True
    last_throw = 0

    def strike():
        return first_ball_in_frame and throw == 10

    def process_strike():
        nonlocal frame, chars
        if frame < n_frames:
            chars.append(' ')
        chars.append('X')
        frame += 1

    def spare():
        return not first_ball_in_frame and throw + last_throw == 10

    def update_frame():
        nonlocal last_throw, first_ball_in_frame, frame
        last_throw = throw
        if not first_ball_in_frame:
            frame += 1
        first_ball_in_frame = not first_ball_in_frame

    for throw in throws:
        if strike():
            process_strike()
        else:
            if spare():
                chars.append('/')
            else:
                chars.append(str(throw))
                update_frame()
    return chars
test_throws_to_chars()

....
```

This is already quite readable, and we may be happy with that. Somebody may consider the following version even more clear and intention revealing:

```
In [19]: def throws_to_chars(throws, n_frames=10):
    """Return a list of characters representing the throws of a bowling player"""
    chars = []
    frame = 1      # We enter game in the first frame
    first_ball_in_frame = True
    last_throw = 0

    def strike():
        return first_ball_in_frame and throw == 10

    def process_strike():
        nonlocal frame, chars
        if frame < n_frames:
            chars.append(' ')
            chars.append('X')
        frame += 1

    def spare():
        return not first_ball_in_frame and throw + last_throw == 10

    def update_frame():
        nonlocal last_throw, first_ball_in_frame, frame
        last_throw = throw
        if not first_ball_in_frame:
            frame += 1
        first_ball_in_frame = not first_ball_in_frame

    def process_spare():
        nonlocal chars
        chars.append('/')
        update_frame()

    def process_simple_throw():
        nonlocal chars
        chars.append(str(throw))
        update_frame()

    for throw in throws:
        if strike():
            process_strike()
        elif spare():
            process_spare()
        else:
            process_simple_throw()
    return chars
test_throws_to_chars()
....
```

With all these refactorings, the code gets lengthy, but also more modular, and easier to understand. The last version of the main function has a crystal clear structure on the top level!

All these refactorings are actually made possible thanks to the fact we have a test suite which would detect any (well, not exactly true) error we could make during the refactorings.

## Output module just for reuse

```
In [20]: %%writefile bowling_1.py
def throws_to_chars(throws, n_frames=10):
    """Return a list of characters representing the throws of a bowling player"""
    chars = []
    frame = 1      # We enter game in the first frame
    first_ball_in_frame = True
    last_throw = 0

    def strike():
        return first_ball_in_frame and throw == 10

    def process_strike():
        nonlocal frame, chars
        if frame < n_frames:
            chars.append(' ')
        chars.append('X')
        frame += 1

    def spare():
        return not first_ball_in_frame and throw + last_throw == 10

    def update_frame():
        nonlocal last_throw, first_ball_in_frame, frame
        last_throw = throw
        if not first_ball_in_frame:
            frame += 1
        first_ball_in_frame = not first_ball_in_frame

    def process_spare():
        nonlocal chars
        chars.append('/')
        update_frame()

    def process_simple_throw():
        nonlocal chars
        chars.append(str(throw))
        update_frame()

    for throw in throws:
        if strike():
            process_strike()
        elif spare():
            process_spare()
        else:
            process_simple_throw()
    return chars
```

Overwriting bowling\_1.py

## Notebook config

Some setup follows. Ignore it.

```
In [21]: from notebook.services.config import ConfigManager
cm = ConfigManager()
cm.update('livereveal', {
    'theme': 'Simple',
    'transition': 'slide',
    'start_slideshow_at': 'selected',
    'width': 1268,
    'height': 768,
    'minScale': 1.0
})
```

```
Out[21]: {'height': 768,
          'minScale': 1.0,
          'start_slideshow_at': 'selected',
          'theme': 'Simple',
          'transition': 'slide',
          'width': 1268}
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.CodeMirror { max-width: 100% !important; }
pre, code, .CodeMirror-code, .reveal pre, .reveal code {
    font-family: "Consolas", "Source Code Pro", "Courier New", Courier, monospace;
}
pre, code, .CodeMirror-code {
    font-size: inherit !important;
}
.reveal .code_cell {
    font-size: 130% !important;
    line-height: 130% !important;
}
</style>
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