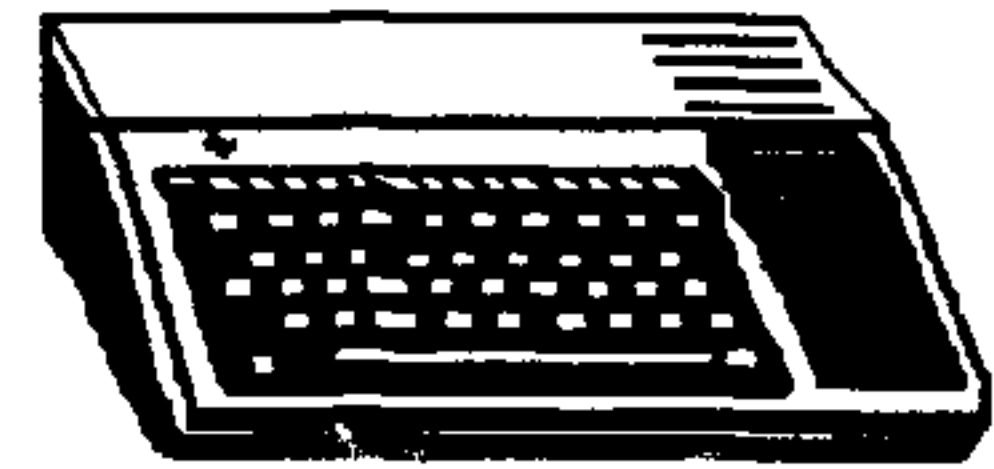




TI-Chips

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From the Editor's Desk:



Hi Tiers,

Tom Wills has started another User Group server. Eventually, the Majordomo Listserver will be deleted for the new server. To sign up, Send Email to:

ti99-4a@egroups.com ...and write in the body of the letter... subscribe ti99-4a

They will send you an Email asking you to confirm that you want to join. You then can go to the site and sign up for the online part of the TI egroup and use the bulletin board & chat room. I haven't been all over the site yet, but it looks very interesting.

There is a special page for the passing of Les Israel for his wife, Marian. Les was a fine man and very active in computers and amatuer radio groups. He will be missed by all that knew him!

CU @ meeTing Time, Harry

TI-Chips November '99 Minutes

The November meeting of the TI-Chips was opened by yours truly. Chips' President, Fred Ialacci, came in a little late and was feeling a bit under the weather. We hope Fred is feeling better. The reading of the minutes from the October meeting was waived. Lin Shaw reported, as best as his memory would allow, that the Chips' treasury was doing nicely and that he had received all moneys collected from the meetings he was unable to attend.

Membership Chairman, John Parken, was unable to attend this month. Therefore there was no membership report. Les Kee said there was no activity in the disk library to report. I gave Deanna Sheridan the 2 gig hard drive I had promised and seven 250 meg drives were given to Les Kee for his astronomy project. Deanna expressed thanks for the 2 gig hard drive for her church youth group computer system. Les said the mirror-like surface on the hard drive disks might be able to be put together to form a parabolic mirror for a refractory telescope. Les said this was an idea he had been toying with for some time. I hope Les will remember the TI-Chips when he receives the patent for his Hard Drive Disk Telescope Mirror.

Lin Shaw brought in a bunch of TI stuff he had around the house. Lin said he would dumpster anything that was not taken. There was some neat stuff including a free standing double SSSD disk drive.

Les Kee talked about the advantages of LINUX over Windows98. I stated that this operating system, although gaining popularity, will still need a bridge to the WIN98 OS to gain wide spread acceptance (Much like Apple had to do with its Macintosh computers and the MS-DOS systems. Les replied that LINUX does have such a bridge built in to the system.

Many very important items were discussed at this meeting.

Harry Hoffman informed us that Chips member, Terri Babione, is recovering from surgery, and Jack Koryta told us that his father was recently placed in a nursing home. The TI-Chips wish nothing but the best for Terri Babione and Jack Koryta's father.

I brought in several samples of Jim Peterson Achievement Award certificates that could be issued to the winners of this honor in 2000. I asked for a group opinion of which certificate motif would be acceptable. The Chips chose the certificate with the marble background. It was stated that the marble background made the certificate a very attractive one to be framed. I also read the list of Jim Peterson Achievement Award nominations I had received so far.

We also talked about the Chicago Faire and the MAUG e-newsletter. The Faire was considered to have been a well organized and successful affair, and the MAUG newsletter is still an ambitious effort. Speaking of newsletters, Harry Hoffman agreed to redesign the masthead of our newsletter to reflect that it is now a TI-Chips publication only. It was suggested that the masthead have TI-Chips in a super size font with, The Cleveland Area TI-99/4A User Group in a smaller font size, in brackets and just below TI-Chips. Harry also said he will change the header on his return address label on the newsletter. Fred Ialacci suggested that Harry include which library room the TI-Chips meetings will be held in the club's calendar.

Harry stated that he was making 45 hard copies of the newsletter and mailing 40 out to subscribers and user groups. Harry stated that he found he was mailing more than one newsletter to the same address, but to different recipients. Harry said this practice has been stopped. Harry then brought up the fact that the dues structure of the TI-Chips was outdated. There was a discussion about revising the club's dues and it was unanimously decided that the TI-Chips dues will now be \$10 for individual and \$15 for family memberships. It was also decided that the Newsletter Only membership would be dropped. Away members would have library privileges.

I said that the December meeting was the meeting at which the next year's officers were to be elected. Fred Ialacci remarked that it had been a long time since we had anyone in the office of CO-President (Vice-president). Therefore it was suggested, and unanimously accepted, that the office of CO-President (Vice-president) be dropped from the TI-Chips' organization roster.

The December meeting will also be the TI-Chips' Christmas party in the LARGE meeting room at the library. Fred reminded the Chips to bring goodies for the party.

We are all sure that Fred left the November meeting feeling much better. Fred won the 50:50 raffle. Congratulations Fred.
Glenn Bernasek

TI-Chips December '99 Minutes

By Glenn Bernasek

The December Christmas party meeting of the TI-Chips was opened by Fred Ialacci. There were several items of business to be conducted before the festivities began. The November minutes were read and approved and Lin Shaw gave the Treasurer's report. Lin stated the TI-Chips will be starting the new millennium well in the black. John Parken reported that we still have 18 members on the roster. John handed out printouts of an updated membership listing. John also requested that any and all TI-Chips member's e-mail addresses be reported to him so that he can include them in the list.

Old business pending was brought up as status reports on items discussed at the November meeting. Harry and Nina Hoffman said Terri Babione is doing very well. Jack Koryta said his father is being kept as comfortable as possible. Harry reported that he is working on redesigning the newsletter masthead. Harry wants to create the new masthead on his TI-99/4A using special TI fonts. We are all looking forward to seeing what Harry publishes.

The members were reminded that the new dues structure is \$10 for individual membership and \$15 for family. There were two renewals at the meeting.

Les Kee handed out a fliers announcing the meeting of the local UNIX user group.

Rich Polivka announced that he has started a project to put all MICROpendium issues on CDs. Rich will let us know the status of his ambitious project at future meetings. We are looking forward to Rich's reports. Ron Markus brought in the 'final' issue of MICROpendium. Several members bought these pieces of history from Ron at the meeting.

The TI-Chips held elections of officers for 2000. Fred Ialacci (President), Glenn Bernasek (Secretary) and Linwood Shaw (Treasurer) all said they will be willing to stay on, for another year, in their respective offices. A motion was made to elect the present officers to another term for the year 2000. The motion was passed unanimously. Les Kee and John Parken, Disk Librarian and Membership Chairman respectively, also agreed to continue in their positions through the next year.

I brought in a TI-99/4A console and said it could be raffled off along with the 50:50 raffle as a Christmas party special. The members suggested the TI be awarded to the winner of the 50:50 raffle. Ron Markus won the raffle and immediately gave the TI to Deanna Sheridan for her church youth group. Congratulations Ron and Deanna thanks you for the surprise Christmas present.

Fred adjourned the business portion of the December meeting to start the annual Christmas party. Everyone enjoyed the goodies brought in by Glenn Bernasek, Deanna Sheridan, Nina Hoffman, Fred Ialacci, and Ada Markus. Not to mention the usual great tasting coffee & cookies prepared by Les Kee. Thanks to all, everybody had a great time.

In keeping with a time honored tradition, a party platter of TI-Chips' Christmas party goodies was made up and given to the North Royalton library staff to enjoy.

Secretary's Note:

The following information came to my attention when I arrived home from the December meeting of the TI-Chips.

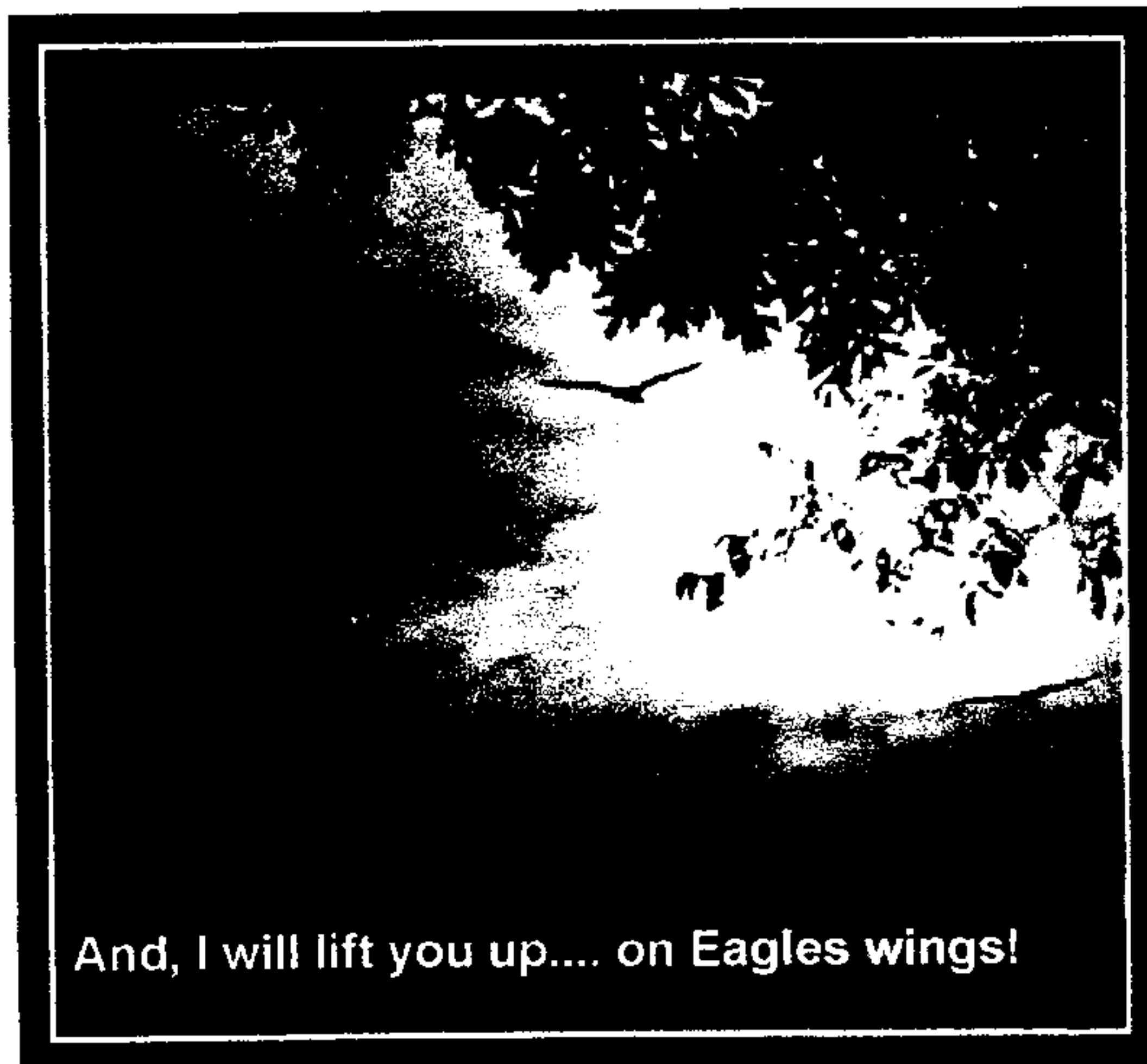
Les Israel, long time TI-Chips member and first recipient of our honorary Lifetime Membership award died at the age of 93 on November 27, 1999. Les was an amazing person in that he never lost his ability to explore and learn new computer systems even during his advanced years. Les was a good friend and an inspiration to us all. I shall personally treasure the memories of the many rides Les and I shared on our way to and from the MUG conferences in Lima, Ohio. Les Israel will be missed by all who knew him.

Lester W. Israel

Lester W. Israel, 93, died Nov. 27, 1999, at Manor Care of Akron.

He was born Aug. 15, 1906, in Wallington, N.Y., and resided in Richfield, Ohio, for 35 years. He was an active member of amateur radio (call sign W2AAR), a life member of QCWA, also a member of the American Radio Relay League for over 65 years, and a former councilman of Richfield.

Mr. Israel is survived by his wife, Marian; brother, Kenneth Israel of Sodus, N.Y.; and several nieces and nephews.



Nominations for the Jim Peterson Achievement Awards are CLOSED. Voting for selection of the award recipients is now open. Deadline for voting is midnight (USA Eastern Standard Time), April 30, 2000.

The following have been nominated for Jim Peterson Achievement Awards in their respective categories. (Please note, the achievements attributed to each nominee is posted exactly as received. I will be happy to make achievement corrections as required.)

(Vote for only ONE from EACH category.)

TI-99/4A Community Service:

Charles Good	Scanning of TI documentation.
Don O'Neil	FTP site.
Hal Shanafield	Organizing the 1999 Chicago Faire.
Harold Mayo	Orphanage BBS
John Koloen and Laura Burns	MICROpendium
Mike Wright	Archiving TI documents.
TI-Chips	Organizing and hosting TIMUG'99.
Tom Wills	The List Server.

TI-99/4A Software:

Bruce Harrison	His Midi routines for the TI-99/4A.
John Bull	Contract Bridge program.
Leonard Taffs	Many published specialty/utility programs.

TI-99/4A Hardware:

Don O'Neil	SCSI cards.
Michael Becker	Distributing and servicing SNUG cards.

Myarc, Geneve 9640:

Jim Uzzell	ABASIC 4.0
Tim Tesch	Servicing the 9640.

Land mail votes to:

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-or-

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The next few meetings will be held in the small conference room at the back of the North Royalton Cuyahoga County Library! All meetings are scheduled to be held on the third Saturday of each Month.

Bring a friend. Teach someone to use a great computer. Like the TI-99/4A computer!



**Harry & Nina want
all TI-ers to have a
great Valentine's
experience!!!
Especially our best
Friends from
TI-Chips User Group**



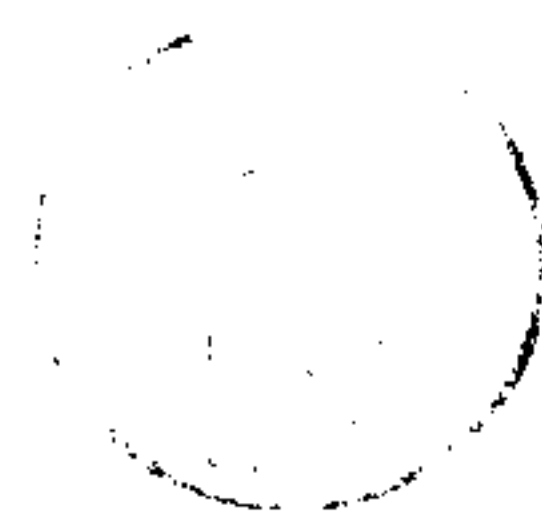
Happy

Birthday!

George Washington,
Abe Lincoln + all Presidents
of the
United States of America!
February 21st, 2000

Last minute scrambling for page 8 due to a loss of my
PC! I was going to make this an all PC newsletter, but
PC's aren't as reliable as the TI-99/4A :-)

**TI-Chips User Group
% Harry Hoffman
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All members; away or in Cleveland pay only \$10:00 per year, excluding newsletter exchange groups. All have library privileges!

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**TI-Chips meets the Third Saturday of every month.
From 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM at the:
North Royalton Cuyahoga County Library**

**The Library is located 1/4 mile South of RT. 82 on
State Rd. Coming from St. Rt. 71, head East on 82.
Coming from St. Rt. 77, head West on RT. 82.**

**We welcome all people who are TI-99/4A owners or
ex-owners who know how great this machine is.
New owners will find help running there TI-99 at our
meetings. If you want to join, dues are only \$10.00
per year.**

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