Southern Districts Computer Users Club Inc

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MEETINGS are held on the third Wednesday of the month at 7.30 pm, in the Hall at the rear of St Mary's Catholic Church Morphett Vale. (Corner Bains Road and Main South Road)

Visitors most welcome. After three visits, visitors will be requested to become members.

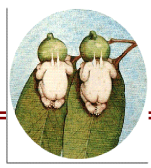
Cost $2 per person, which includes the Newsletter, plus coffee/ tea and biscuits.

Subscriptions for twelve months
Single $18
Family membership $24

Novice and experienced computer users will be warmly welcomed

Welcome to Autumn

Editors: Bib and Bub



Our next meeting is scheduled for

Wednesday 15th April 2015 at 7.30 pm.

Topic: Broadband & NBN Developments

The Committee in 2014 / 2015

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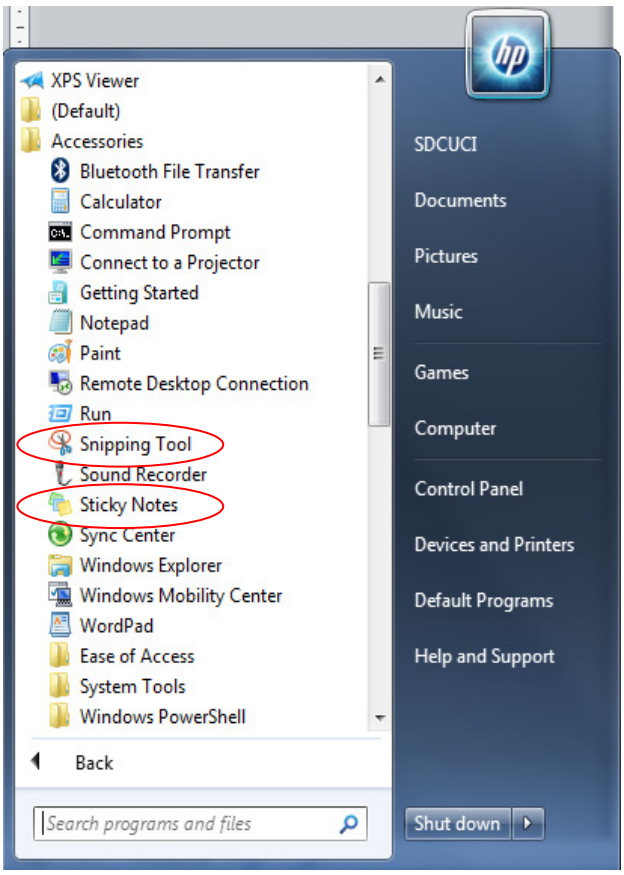
Last month's meeting (February) - Skype

A great turnout last month to hear Dean Vice give an interesting, informative and entertaining presentation. **Thank you Dean**.

Skype is a computer program that can be used to make free voice and video calls over the Internet to anyone else who is also using **Skype**.
It can be downloaded from :
http://www.skype.com/en/download-skype/skype-for-computer/
It is suggested that if using a desktop or laptop computer that you download and use **Skype for Desktop**. Skype for Desktop can be used by all operating systems including Windows 8 and/or 8.1, If using an iPad or tablet, then download the app from your app store. While Windows 8 and/or 8.1 also has an app, it is suggested that you still download the **Skype for Desktop** as it is more user friendly.
Skype is free and considered easy to download and use, and works with most computers, but for good quality video you need to have a fast broadband connection.
Voice calls, text messages, or video calls via **Skype** from a computer to another computer are *free*. But if using **Skype** to phone a landline or mobile phone there is a *fee* for these calls. As a guide, there is a connection fee of 7¢ plus 3¢ per minute, but this varies with the country you are calling. Calls to mobiles are slightly higher.
To pay these charges you need to prepay and use **Skype Credit,** You must use your **Skype Credit** at least once in each 180 day period or it becomes inactive. Once it becomes inactive, you can reactivate by signing into your account online and follow the option to reactivate credit.
Skype is available in 33 languages and is used in almost every country around the world.
35 percent of **Skype** users utilize it for business purposes.
Once downloaded, save the file to your computer, and run a scan using your anti-virus program, any and all anti-spy ware programs you have. You can also check the file for viruses or spyware by going to the web site https://www.virustotal.com/ When installing **Skype** be sure to un-tick any toolbar or programs you *do not want to install*.
Skype wants to update on a regular basis and the latest version has changed the fonts and icons to a smaller size. But most updates do improve the overall program.
For full instructions on using Skype visit http://www.forwardit.sa.gov.au/home/basics/Skype_im/skype
But as stated above, **Skype** is updated on a regular basis so the tutorial may be slightly out of date. But you should be able to adapt with very little trouble, you may just have to click on a few buttons or icons to learn their functions.

SNIPPING TOOL AND STICKY NOTES

Since Windows 7 onward, Microsoft have included a couple of quite useful little tools into the "Accessories" Group at "Start up".

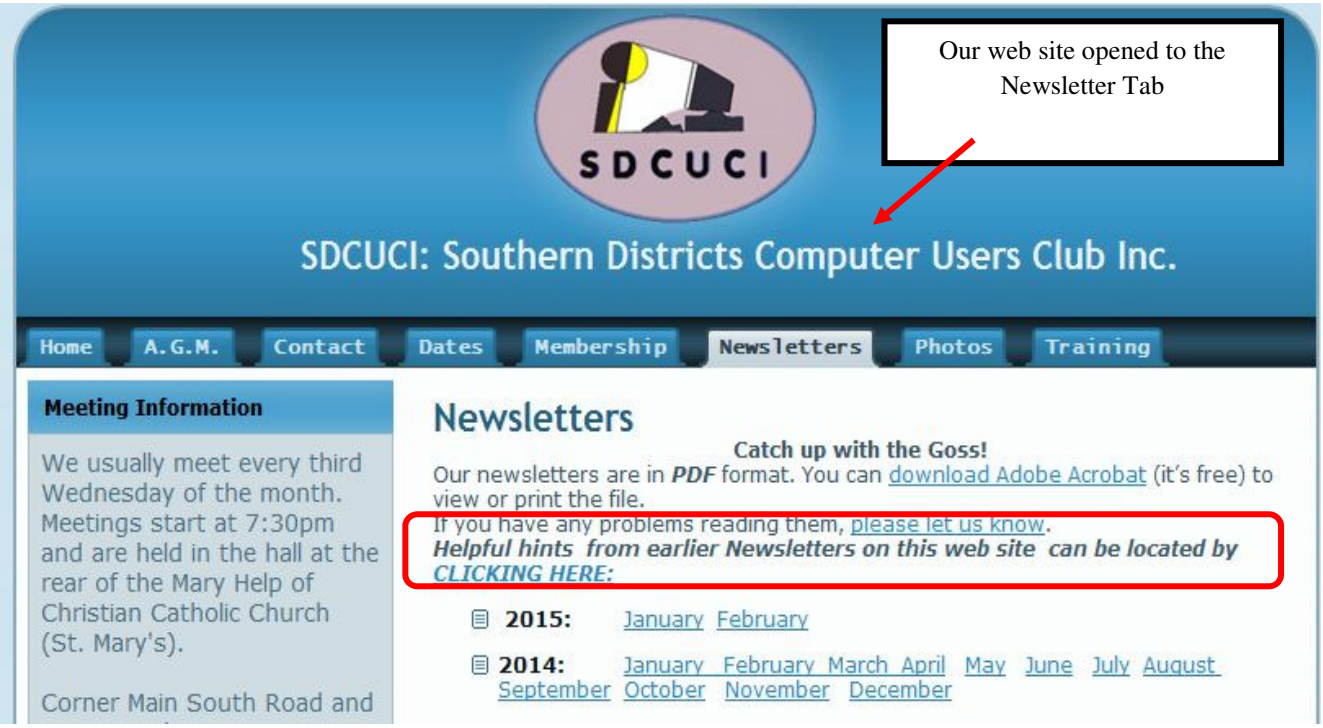


The first of these is "Snipping Tool".
By opening ***SnippingTool*** one can select any portion of the current screen, (whether it be images or text) and either "Save it" or "Copy" it, just by a simple "click and drag" to select; then deciding to "Save" as a file on your drive or "Copy and Paste" into some other program that you have open. The outcome is a jpg file.
Give it a try . . . have a practice.
Click *Snipping Tool*. You will notice that the open screen will reduce in brightness and the Snipping Tool Options come available.
Highlight an area of the screen you would like to copy or save and see how you go!

Likewise with ***Sticky Notes,*** if you click on *"Sticky Notes"* from Accessories a small open window or dialogue box will appear on your screen.
The size of this box is regulated by the quantity of note that you insert or, in the usual fashion of altering the size of boxes, by grabbing a corner and extending or reducing it in size.
Very handy for making notes while you work without having to change screens!
Several "Notes" can operate at the one time and can be seen in varying colours.
If you like either of these tools, (at the Accessories stage), highlight the tool required, use the "right click" option for either tool and select "Pin to Start Menu".

This article was provided by Trevor Francis.

Have you yet seen – *www.sdcuci.com*. In particular the Newsletter Tab:



Here is a sample of some of the Helpful Hints we have had in our Newsletters from about 2008. Have a look at this.

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Also in the coming weeks/ months we want to include another listing noting the free "clean" programs we have on USB – available for you to copy to you to copy onto your own USB
More on this later.

THE YARDBROOM REPORT NO 3/15.

REPORT FROM OUR PRESIDENT

I hope the editors give me a shining new halo for this report (to replace the black one from last month). I will find out when you find out as I have no influence on editorial content - nor should I have. I live in hope!!

How many members were enthused by last month's meeting and are now regular Skype users? Dean's interesting and informative presentation certainly answered a lot of questions I had about Skype. It is quite astounding that this facility is available free (barring data charges).

This month's presentation deals with cartridges and printing. Everyone prints something from time to time. We may learn how to do this more effectively tonight. Leighton Sheedy will be our guest speaker.

We extend our condolences to our VP, John Kirby, and his family. John was in England this past fortnight attending to the myriad of commitments following the passing of his mum recently.

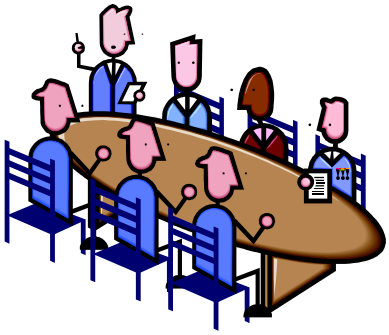
The proceeds of the raffle tonight (at the meeting closest to Easter), will be donated to the Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church. Your generosity will be appreciated.

Enjoy your evening!

Lionel Leddra
The Yardbroom President)

Editor's note: Mr Yardbroom, we hope you like your new ' halo' and apologise for the black one.

Committee Capers.



This month's committee meeting was held on Monday March 9th.

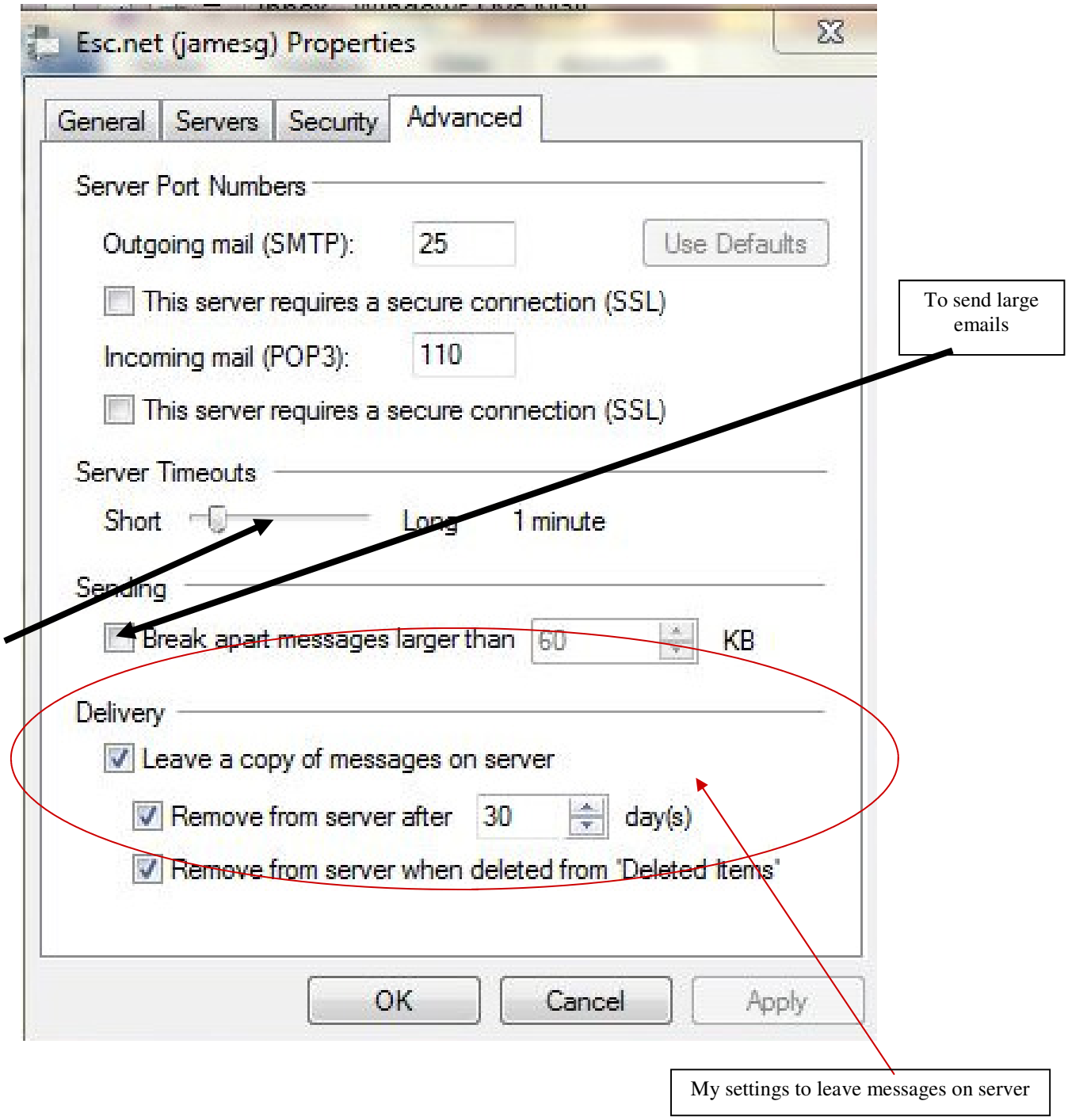
Subjects up for discussion were:

- Grant applications have been sent to City of Onkaparinga and Office for the Aging.
- Treasurer's report read and accepted.
- Office 365 renewal has been confirmed.
- Two adaptors to be purchased to assist in " unusual" set-up conditions.
- Subscription to PC Tech Authority has been sent. No magazine received to date.
- A list of programs available on USB's to be available to members.
- Due to John Kirby's bereavement, Powerpoint course has been delayed. New dates are 16th and 23rd April. Participants will be notified.
- Reminder email to members regarding the proceeds of this year's Easter Raffle to be donated to the Mary Help of Christian Catholic Church.
- Speakers for upcoming meetings discussed.

A valuable suggestion from Jim:

If you are unable to send a large attachment, use the following email settings.

If your server will not transmit a large email,
Increase Server timeouts.
Tick :- Break apart messages larger than.
I suggest set to about 10KB.



Thankyou Jim for your welcome advice.

Expert Assist List.

Keep this Contact list handy and phone these people first if you have a problem with any one of the subjects mentioned below.

Email, Windows Live Mail	Lionel Leddra	8381 2821
Email, Thunderbird	Trevor Francis	8327 6061
E-readers	Lionel & Anne Leddra	8381 2821
Hardware & operating systems, re-loads, CD DVD fix	Jim Greenfield	8382 4912
Microsoft Office, Word, Excel, Powerpoint and Publisher	Trevor Francis	8327 6061
Microsoft Movie Maker	Lorraine Loader	8382 7243
Photographic, Windows Photo Gallery, Paint Shop Pro	Anne & Lionel Leddra	8381 2821
Photographic, Photoshop	Trevor Francis	8327 6061
Tablets	John Kirby	7007 4819
Video programming to CD/DVD	Cheryl McDonald	8382 3660
Wi-Fi connections & Tablets	Emma Boss	8386 2723

Computer Courses for 2015.

- **PowerPoint** - 2 week course, April 16th and 23rd (Thursdays)
- Other computer courses will be structured into this year's calendar according to need.

If you wish to attend any Course, please contact a Committee Member . Cost is $40 per course.

If you have a special request regarding a program, eg Word, Publisher, Excel etc, please let a committee member know. We may be able to schedule a course to suit, sometime in the future.

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CONDOLENCES

We would like to pass our condolences on to John Kirby whose mother recently passed away. Our love and thoughts to you and your family.

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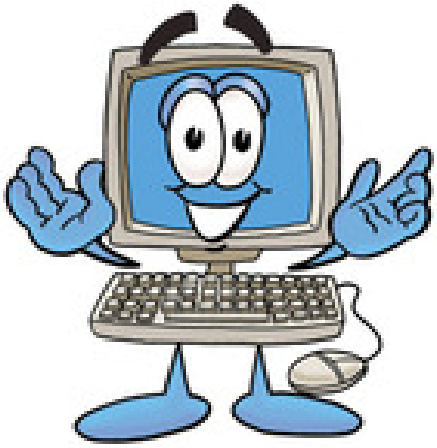

Coordinator: Lindsay Chuck
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Website: http://lindsaychuck.wix.com/scg

R E C I P E

(for those who missed this page last month)

AUTUMN CAKE

INGREDIENTS:

1¾ cup (220g) plain flour
1 tsp carb soda
1½ tsp salt
¾ tsp nutmeg
½ tsp ground ginger
½ tsp ground cloves
125g butter
1 cup (220g) white sugar
2 eggs
¾ cup cooked and pureed pumpkin
¾ cup dark chocolate chips
¾ cup chopped walnuts

Glaze

¼ cup icing sugar
¼ tsp each ground nutmeg and cinnamon
2 tbs thickened cream

METHOD

Preheat oven 180°. Grease and flour a loaf tin.

In medium bowl, mix flour, carb soda, salt, nutmeg, ginger and cloves. Set aside.

In large bowl, cream butter and sugar til light and fluffy. Beat in eggs. Add flour mixture alternatively with pumpkin. Stir in choc chips and ½ cup walnuts. Pour into loaf tin and sprinkle remaining walnuts on top.

Cook 65-70 minutes or until skewer comes out clean. While still warm, drizzle with glaze.

Glaze

In medium bowl, combine icing sugar, nutmeg and cinnamon. Mix then add 1-2 tbs cream til it reaches drizzle consistency.

* * Items for Sale * *

CAR RADIO - practically new $50 ono

More information contact Ian Loader on 8382 7243

Sundry Camping Gear including:

1 gasmate gas lantern $10.00

1 gasmate gas heater $10.00.

1 piece of annexe matting size 2.5 metres x 1.43 metres $50.00.

Many other items to be sold

contact **Anne** on **8381 8378** for more info.

Jim Greenfield always seems to have **desktop** and **lap-top computers** for sale.
If you are interested, please contact him for more details.

If you have something for sale, please let us know and we will advertise it for FREE. Fill in the sheet at the front desk, or email:
Lorraine at **lorian23@bigpond.com**
Or Wanda at **rmcd3779@bigpond.net.au**

We will keep running your ad until you advise the item is either sold or "taken off the market".

MEETING RULES

We are allowed to use the facilities at the Hall at the rear of St Mary's Catholic Church Morphett Vale. (Corner Bains Road and Main South Road) in return of a small fee plus respect for their property. We ask for your co-operation in respect to the above. While we can not control what our members do away from our club meetings, Piracy of copyright material can not be condoned at our meetings.

March

This month we would like to wish the following members a

Very Happy Birthday.

Ian Loader, Detlef Baucks and Mary DeKreuyf

March -

Starts on the same day as November every year.
The March equinox on the 21st or 22nd, marks the astronomical beginning of autumn in the Southern Hemisphere.

Congratulations to **Rob and Ann Zeugofsge** who celebrate 50 years of marriage this month **(**they also moved into their new home on Monday).

Events -

St Patrick's Day (17th)
Napolean Bonaparte married his Josephine in 1796
Alexander Graham Bell's first telephone call in 1876
General Douglas MacArthur vowed "I shall return", in 1942

Symbols -

Birthstone: Aquamarine—believed to protect sailors and guarantee a safe voyage.
Flower: Daffodil—unequalled love
Zodiac signs: Pisces and Aries

Editors: Our apologies if we missed your birthday this Month. If you haven't given us your birthday month, please see Bib or Bub.

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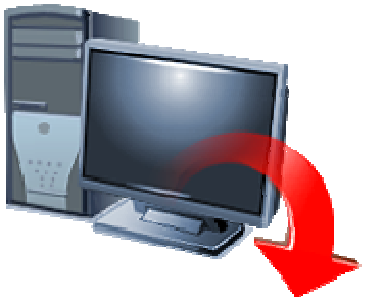

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More Aussie culcha!

SERVER: The person at the pub who brings out the counter lunch.

MAIL SERVER: the bloke at the pub who brings out the counter lunch.

USER: The neighbour who keeps borrowing things.

NETWORK: What you do when you need to repair the fishing net.

INTERNET: Where you want the fish to go

NETSCAPE: What the fish do when they discover a hole in the net.

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NOTES

IT & COMPUTERS

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Christies Beach 8186 2736
(Same block as Woolies on Beach Road)
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