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Upcoming Contests - Things to Do
The ARRL January VHF Contest is this weekend, beginning at 1900 UTC on Saturday, January 20, and concluding at 0359 UTC on Monday, January 22. Contacts can be made on all amateur frequencies above 50 MHz. Whether your mode of choice is CW, phone, or one of the newer digital modes (such as FT4 and FT8), there are plenty of ways for hams of all experience levels to participate in the event. Single operator participants can enter in all mode or analog-only (CW and phone) categories.
Participants in the FM Only category can now count contacts on 902 MHz and 1.2 GHz toward their scores. Previously, only contacts on the four lowest VHF bands (50, 144, 222, and 432 MHz) counted toward the scores of participants in this category.
For more details, see http://www.arrl.org/january-vhf.

The North American QSO Party, SSB also runs this weekend, starting at 1800 UTC on Saturday, January 20 and concluding at 0559 UTC on Sunday, January 21. For North American stations, the exchange is your name and station location (state, province, or country, while non-North American stations use only their name. This event runs concurrently with the 2024 North American Collegiate Championship,

which is sponsored by the Society of Midwest Contesters. Visit the above links for more information.

The [CQ World Wide 160-Meter Contest, CW](#) begins at 2200 UTC on Friday, January 26, and runs through 2200 UTC on Sunday, January 28. See the website for rules and other contest details.

Winter Field Day, sponsored by the Winter Field Day Association, is the last full weekend of January. It starts at 1900 UTC on Saturday, January 27, and concludes at 1859 UTC onSunday, January 28. The use of any mode that fully supports the exchange is allowed during the contest. Operation on all bands HF, VHF, and UHF, with the exception of 12, 17, 30, and 60 meters is allowed. For more information, visit the [Winter Field Day](#) website.

Bulletins

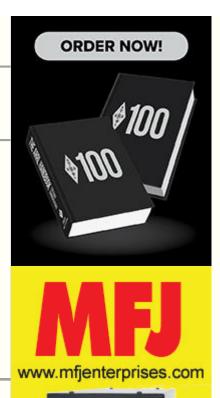**Record Number of ARRL RTTY Roundup Logs Received**

As of Tuesday, January 16, a record number of 1,976 logs have been received for the 2024 [ARRL RTTY Roundup](#). The previous record was in 2013 with 1,908 logs being submitted.
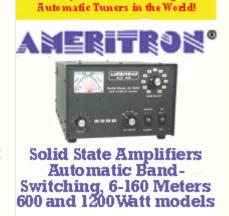
**2024 CQ Contest Hall of Fame Nominations Sought**

CQ World Wide Contest Director John Dorr, K1AR, is seeking nomination applications for the CQ Contest Hall of Fame, which recognizes individuals who have made significant contributions to amateur radio contesting (both in support of others and in personal operating achievements). In addition, candidates should be known for having made significant contributions to the hobby at large.

Please include the following information with your application:

- Name of person being nominated.
- Callsign if they're a licensed amateur. (If they have multiple callsigns, list the most recent.)
- If your nominee is still living, please supply their current contact information as well as a description of their accomplishments/achievements, and why you feel they should be elected to the CQ Contest Hall of Fame.
- Nominating club and contact information. (This is only for the purpose of contacting you in case of questions, and will not be published.)
- The name of the nominating club, your contact name, mailing address, phone number, and email address.

Nominations will be accepted until March 1, 2024. Send your responses to K1AR via email at [cqk1ar@gmail.com](mailto:cqk1ar@gmail.com). The 2024 inductees will be announced during a ceremony at the Dayton Hamvention Contest Dinner on May 18, 2024.

Busted QSOs

In last week's Contest Update, a blog post by Ron Schwartz, VE3VN, was incorrectly attributed to Curt Bowles, VE3ZN. ARRL apologizes for the error. You can read Ron's excellent contesting blog [here](#).

Contest Summary

See the "Contests" section below for complete contest information.

**January 18**

- [Walk for the Bacon QRP Contest](#)
- [NAQCC CW Sprint](#)
- [CWops Test (CWT)](#)
- [NTC QSO Party](#)

**January 19**

- [NCCC FT4 Sprint](#)
- [Weekly RTTY Test](#)
- [QRP Fox Hunt](#)
- [NCCC Sprint](#)
- [K1USN Slow Speed Test](#)

**January 20**

- [Hungarian DX Contest](#)
- [PRO Digi Contest](#)
- [RSGB AFS Contest, SSB](#)
- **[North American QSO Party, SSB](#)**
- [NA Collegiate Championship, SSB](#)
- **[ARRL January VHF Contest](#)**
- [Feld Hell Sprint](#)

**January 21**

- [Classic Exchange, CW](#)
- [Run for the Bacon QRP Contest](#)

**January 22**

- [K1USN Slow Speed Test](#)
- [ICWC Medium Speed Test](#)
- [OK1WC Memorial (MWC)](#)

**January 23**

- [Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest](#)
- [ICWC Medium Speed Test](#)

**January 24**

- [SKCC Sprint](#)
- [QRP Fox Hunt](#)
- [Phone Weekly Test](#)
- [A1Club AWT](#)
- [CWops Test (CWT)](#)

- [Mini-Test 40](#)
- [Mini-Test 80](#)

**January 25**
- [NAQCC CW Sprint](#)
- [CWops Test (CWT)](#)
- [Australia Day Contest](#)

**January 26**
- [NCCC FT4 Sprint](#)
- [Weekly RTTY Test](#)
- [QRP Fox Hunt](#)
- [NCCC Sprint](#)
- [K1USN Slow Speed Test](#)
- [CQ 160-Meter Contest, CW](#)

**January 27**
- [REF Contest, CW](#)
- [BARTG RTTY Sprint](#)
- [UBA DX Contest, SSB](#)
- [Winter Field Day](#)

**January 28**
- [Classic Exchange, Phone](#)

**January 29**
- [K1USN Slow Speed Test](#)
- [QCX Challenge](#)
- [ICWC Medium Speed Test](#)
- [OK1WC Memorial (MWC)](#)
- [QCX Challenge](#)

**January 30**
- [Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest](#)
- [QCX Challenge](#)
- [ICWC Medium Speed Test](#)

**January 31**
- [QRP Fox Hunt](#)
- [Phone Weekly Test](#)
- [A1Club AWT](#)
- [CWops Test (CWT)](#)
- [Mini-Test 40](#)
- [Mini-Test 80](#)
- [UKEICC 80m Contest](#)

News, Press Releases and Special Interest

**2024 Contest Dinner Tickets Now Available**

North Coast Contesters have announced that the 30th Annual Dayton Contest Dinner will be held on Saturday, May 18, 2023, at the [Hope Hotel at Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio](). Tickets are now on sale at [http://contestdinner.com](). This year's Master of Ceremonies is Contest Hall of Fame member and CQ World Wide Contest Director, John Dorr, K1AR. This year's keynote speaker is Tim Duffy, K3LR. Sights and Sounds

**State QSO Party Challenge Presentation**

Anthony Luscre, K8ZT, will be giving a live Zoom presentation about the State QSO Party Challenge on Wednesday, January 17 at 9 PM EST. The live presentation, as well as links to previous presentations, are available at [www.ratpac.us/zoom]().

**Interview with World Class Contesters Dan Craig, N6MJ, and Chris Hurlbut, KL9A**

Kevin Thomas, W1DED, posted an interview with Dan Craig, N6MJ, and Chris Hurlbut, KL9A, on his YouTube channel "W1DED Worldwide Ham Radio." They've competed nine times at the World Radiosport Team Championships (WRTC) and have earned medals together twice, winning Gold in 2014 and Bronze in 2018. In the interview, they discuss their operating strengths and weaknesses, as well as the preparation and station excellence that are required to win.

The interview is available at [https://youtu.be/OEA_Ky2Lg24]().

Results and Records

The Scandinavian Activity Contest (SAC) Committee has announced that the final results for SAC 2023 are available at [https://www.sactest.net/blog/sac-2023-final-results/]()

-- *Thanks to Martti Laine, OH2BH, and Ingo Fogelberg, SM5AJV.*

That's all for this time. Remember to send contesting-related stories, book reviews, tips, techniques, press releases, errata, schematics, club information, pictures, stories, blog links, and predictions to [contest-update@arrl.org]().

73, Paul, N1SFE

Contests

**January 18, 2024 - January 31, 2024**

An expanded, downloadable version of QST's [Contest Corral]() is available as a PDF. Check the sponsors' website for information on operating time restrictions and other instructions.

**HF CONTESTS**

[Walk for the Bacon QRP Contest](#), Jan 18, 0000z to Jan 19, 0300z; CW; Bands: 20; Maximum 13 wpm, RST + (state/province/country) + Name + (Member No./power); Logs due: Jan 25.

[NAQCC CW Sprint](#), Jan 18, 0130z to Jan 18, 0330z; CW; Bands: 80, 40, 20; RST + (state/province/country) + (NAQCC No./power); Logs due: Jan 21.

[CWops Test (CWT)](#), Jan 18, 0300z to Jan 18, 0400z; CW; Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10; Member: Name + Member No./"CWA", non-Member: Name + (state/province/country); Logs due: Jan 20.

[CWops Test (CWT)](#), Jan 18, 0700z to Jan 18, 0800z; CW; Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10; Member: Name + Member No./"CWA", non-Member: Name + (state/province/country); Logs due: Jan 20.

[NTC QSO Party](#), Jan 18, 1900z to Jan 18, 2000z; CW; Bands: 80, 40, 20; NTC Member: RST + Member No., non-Member: RST + "NM", Less than 25 wpm; Logs due: Jan 21.

[NCCC FT4 Sprint](#), Jan 19, 0100z to Jan 19, 0130z; FT4; Bands: (see rules); 4-character grid square; Logs due: Jan 21.

[Weekly RTTY Test](#), Jan 19, 0145z to Jan 19, 0215z; RTTY; Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10; Name + (state/province/country); Logs due: Jan 21.

[QRP Fox Hunt](#), Jan 19, 0200z to Jan 19, 0330z; CW; Bands: 20; RST + (state/province/country) + name + power output; Logs due: Jan 20.

[NCCC Sprint](#), Jan 19, 0230z to Jan 19, 0300z; CW; Bands: (see rules); Serial No. + Name + QTH; Logs due: Jan 21.

[K1USN Slow Speed Test](#), Jan 19, 2000z to Jan 19, 2100z; CW; Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10; Maximum 20 wpm, Name + (state/province/country); Logs due: Jan 21.

[Hungarian DX Contest](#), Jan 20, 1200z to Jan 21, 1159z; CW, SSB; Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10; HA: RS(T) + 2-letter county, non-HA: RS(T) + Serial No.; Logs due: Jan 26.

[PRO Digi Contest](#), Jan 20, 1200z to Jan 21, 1159z; RTTY; Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10; Digi Club Member: RST + "ME", non-Members: RST + Serial No.; Logs due: Jan 28.

[RSGB AFS Contest, SSB](#), Jan 20, 1300z to Jan 20, 1700z; SSB; Bands: 80, 40; RS + Serial No.; Logs due: Jan 21.

**[North American QSO Party, SSB](#)**, Jan 20, 1800z to Jan 21, 0559z; SSB; Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10; NA: Name + (state/DC/province/country), non-NA: Name; Logs due: Jan 28.

[NA Collegiate Championship, SSB](#), Jan 20, 1800z to Jan 21, 0559z; SSB; Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10; NA: Name + (state/DC/province/country), non-NA: Name; Logs due: Jan 28.

[Feld Hell Sprint](#), Jan 20, 2000z to Jan 21, 0559z; Feld Hell; Bands: 160, 80, 40; (see rules); Logs due: Jan 25.

[Classic Exchange, CW](#), Jan 21, 1300z to Jan 24, 0700z; CW; Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, **6**, **2**; Name + RST + (state/province/country) + rcvr/xmtr manuf/model; Logs due: Mar 1.

[Run for the Bacon QRP Contest](#), Jan 21, 2300z to Jan 22, 0100z; CW; Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10; RST + (state/province/country) + (Member No./power); Logs due: Jan 27.

[K1USN Slow Speed Test](#), Jan 22, 0000z to Jan 22, 0100z; CW; Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10; Maximum 20 wpm, Name + (state/province/country); Logs due: Jan 24.

ICWC Medium Speed Test, Jan 22, 1300z to Jan 22, 1400z; CW; Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10; Name + QSO No.; Logs due: Jan 25.

OK1WC Memorial (MWC), Jan 22, 1630z to Jan 22, 1729z; CW; Bands: 80, 40; RST + Serial No.; Logs due: Jan 26.

ICWC Medium Speed Test, Jan 22, 1900z to Jan 22, 2000z; CW; Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10; Name + QSO No.; Logs due: Jan 25.

Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest, Jan 23, 0100z to Jan 23, 0159z; SSB; Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, **6**; RS + age group (OM, YL, Youth YL or Youth); Logs due: Jan 24.

ICWC Medium Speed Test, Jan 23, 0300z to Jan 23, 0400z; CW; Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10; Name + QSO No.; Logs due: Jan 25.

SKCC Sprint, Jan 24, 0000z to Jan 24, 0200z; CW; Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, **6**; RST + (state/province/country) + Name + (SKCC No./"NONE"); Logs due: Jan 28.

QRP Fox Hunt, Jan 24, 0200z to Jan 24, 0330z; CW; Bands: 20; RST + (state/province/country) + name + power output; Logs due: Jan 25.

Phone Weekly Test, Jan 24, 0230z to Jan 24, 0300z; SSB; Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15; NA: Name + (state/province/country), non-NA: Name; Logs due: Jan 26.

A1Club AWT, Jan 24, 1200z to Jan 24, 1300z; CW; Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10; Member: RST + Name; Logs due: Jan 29.

CWops Test (CWT), Jan 24, 1300z to Jan 24, 1400z; CW; Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10; Member: Name + Member No./"CWA", non-Member: Name + (state/province/country); Logs due: Jan 27.

Mini-Test 40, Jan 24, 1700z to Jan 24, 1759z; CW; Bands: 40; RST + Serial No.; Logs due: Jan 26.

Mini-Test 80, Jan 24, 1800z to Jan 24, 1859z; CW; Bands: 80; RST + Serial No.; Logs due: Jan 26.

CWops Test (CWT), Jan 24, 1900z to Jan 24, 2000z; CW; Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10; Member: Name + Member No./"CWA", non-Member: Name + (state/province/country); Logs due: Jan 27.

NAQCC CW Sprint, Jan 25, 0130z to Jan 25, 0330z; CW; Bands: 160; RST + (state/province/country) + (NAQCC No./power); Logs due: Jan 28.

CWops Test (CWT), Jan 25, 0300z to Jan 25, 0400z; CW; Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10; Member: Name + Member No./"CWA", non-Member: Name + (state/province/country); Logs due: Jan 27.

CWops Test (CWT), Jan 25, 0700z to Jan 25, 0800z; CW; Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10; Member: Name + Member No./"CWA", non-Member: Name + (state/province/country); Logs due: Jan 27.

Australia Day Contest, Jan 25, 2200z to Jan 26, 1000z; CW, Phone, Digital; Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10; RST + 4-character grid square; Logs due: Feb 3.

NCCC FT4 Sprint, Jan 26, 0100z to Jan 26, 0130z; FT4; Bands: (see rules); 4-character grid square; Logs due: Jan 28.

Weekly RTTY Test, Jan 26, 0145z to Jan 26, 0215z; RTTY; Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10; Name + (state/province/country); Logs due: Jan 28.

QRP Fox Hunt, Jan 26, 0200z to Jan 26, 0330z; CW; Bands: 20; RST + (state/province/country) + name + power output; Logs due: Jan 27.

NCCC Sprint, Jan 26, 0230z to Jan 26, 0300z; CW; Bands: (see rules); Serial No. + Name + QTH; Logs due: Jan 28.

[K1USN Slow Speed Test](#), Jan 26, 2000z to Jan 26, 2100z; CW; Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10; Maximum 20 wpm, Name + (state/province/country); Logs due: Jan 28.

[CQ 160-Meter Contest, CW](#), Jan 26, 2200z to Jan 28, 2200z; CW; Bands: 160; W/VE: RST + (state/province), DX: RST + CQ Zone; Logs due: Feb 2.

[REF Contest, CW](#), Jan 27, 0600z to Jan 28, 1800z; CW; Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10; French: RST + Department/Prefix, non-French: RST + Serial No.; Logs due: Feb 5.

[BARTG RTTY Sprint](#), Jan 27, 1200z to Jan 28, 1200z; RTTY; Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10; Serial No. (no signal report); Logs due: Feb 4.

[UBA DX Contest, SSB](#), Jan 27, 1300z to Jan 28, 1300z; SSB; Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10; ON: RST + Serial No. + section, non-ON: RST + Serial No.; Logs due: Feb 4.

[Winter Field Day](#), Jan 27, 1900z to Jan 28, 1900z; Any (see rules for exceptions); Bands: All, except WARC; Category + ARRL Section (or MX or DX); Logs due: Mar 1.

[Classic Exchange, Phone](#), Jan 28, 1300z to Jan 31, 0700z; AM, SSB, FM; Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, **6**, **2**; Name + RS + (state/province/country) + rcvr/xmtr manuf/model; Logs due: Mar 1.

[K1USN Slow Speed Test](#), Jan 29, 0000z to Jan 29, 0100z; CW; Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10; Maximum 20 wpm, Name + (state/province/country); Logs due: Jan 31.

[QCX Challenge](#), Jan 29, 1300z to Jan 29, 1400z; CW; Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10; RST + Name + (state/province/country) + Rig; Logs due: Feb 4.

[ICWC Medium Speed Test](#), Jan 29, 1300z to Jan 29, 1400z; CW; Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10; Name + QSO No.; Logs due: Feb 1.

[OK1WC Memorial (MWC)](#), Jan 29, 1630z to Jan 29, 1729z; CW; Bands: 80, 40; RST + Serial No.; Logs due: Feb 2.

[QCX Challenge](#), Jan 29, 1900z to Jan 29, 2000z; CW; Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10; RST + Name + (state/province/country) + Rig; Logs due: Feb 4.

[ICWC Medium Speed Test](#), Jan 29, 1900z to Jan 29, 2000z; CW; Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10; Name + QSO No.; Logs due: Feb 1.

[Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest](#), Jan 30, 0100z to Jan 30, 0159z; SSB; Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, **6**; RS + age group (OM, YL, Youth YL or Youth); Logs due: Jan 31.

[QCX Challenge](#), Jan 30, 0300z to Jan 30, 0400z; CW; Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10; RST + Name + (state/province/country) + Rig; Logs due: Feb 4.

[ICWC Medium Speed Test](#), Jan 30, 0300z to Jan 30, 0400z; CW; Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10; Name + QSO No.; Logs due: Feb 1.

[QRP Fox Hunt](#), Jan 31, 0200z to Jan 31, 0330z; CW; Bands: 20; RST + (state/province/country) + name + power output; Logs due: Feb 1.

[Phone Weekly Test](#), Jan 31, 0230z to Jan 31, 0300z; SSB; Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15; NA: Name + (state/province/country), non-NA: Name; Logs due: Feb 2.

[A1Club AWT](#), Jan 31, 1200z to Jan 31, 1300z; CW; Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10; Member: RST + Name; Logs due: Feb 5.

[CWops Test (CWT)](), Jan 31, 1300z to Jan 31, 1400z; CW; Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10; Member: Name + Member No./"CWA", non-Member: Name + (state/province/country); Logs due: Feb 3.
[Mini-Test 40](), Jan 31, 1700z to Jan 31, 1759z; CW; Bands: 40; RST + Serial No.; Logs due: Feb 2.
[Mini-Test 80](), Jan 31, 1800z to Jan 31, 1859z; CW; Bands: 80; RST + Serial No.; Logs due: Feb 2.
[CWops Test (CWT)](), Jan 31, 1900z to Jan 31, 2000z; CW; Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10; Member: Name + Member No./"CWA", non-Member: Name + (state/province/country); Logs due: Feb 3.
[UKEICC 80m Contest](), Jan 31, 2000z to Jan 31, 2100z; CW; Bands: 80; 6-Character grid square; Logs due: Jan 31.
**VHF+ CONTESTS**
**[ARRL January VHF Contest]()**, Jan 20, 1900z to Jan 22, 0359z; Any; Bands: 50 MHz and up; 4-character grid square; Logs due: Feb 1.
See also: [Classic Exchange, CW](), [Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest](), [SKCC Sprint](), [Classic Exchange, Phone](),
Log Due Dates
**January 18**
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- [QRP Fox Hunt]()
- [ICWC Medium Speed Test]()

**January 19**
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- [Mini-Test 80]()
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**January 20**
- [QRP Fox Hunt]()
- [CWops Test (CWT)]()
- [YB DX Contest]()

**January 21**
- [SKCC Weekend Sprintathon]()
- [NCCC Sprint]()
- [NRAU-Baltic Contest, CW]()
- [NRAU-Baltic Contest, SSB]()
- [NTC QSO Party]()
- [NCCC FT4 Sprint]()
- [North American QSO Party, CW]()
- [DARC 10-Meter Contest]()
- [RSGB AFS Contest, SSB]()
- [UBA PSK63 Prefix Contest]()
- [K1USN Slow Speed Test]()
- [Weekly RTTY Test]()
- [NAQCC CW Sprint]()

**January 22**
- [AGB New Year Snowball Contest]()
- [A1Club AWT]()
- [VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest]()

**January 23**
- [WAB 1.8 MHz Phone]()

**January 24**

- Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest
- K1USN Slow Speed Test

**January 25**
- Feld Hell Sprint
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- QRP Fox Hunt
- ICWC Medium Speed Test

**January 26**
- Mini-Test 40
- Mini-Test 80
- Phone Weekly Test
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- Hungarian DX Contest

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- QRP Fox Hunt
- CWops Test (CWT)

**January 28**
- NCCC Sprint
- NCCC FT4 Sprint
- North American QSO Party, SSB
- NA Collegiate Championship, SSB
- PRO Digi Contest
- K1USN Slow Speed Test
- Weekly RTTY Test
- NAQCC CW Sprint
- SKCC Sprint

**January 29**
- A1Club AWT

**January 31**
- Bogor Old and New Contest
- SARTG New Year RTTY Contest
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