Conditional DDPM Generation Model
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1 Introduction

Conditional Denoising Diffusion Probabilistic Models (Conditional DDPMs) have demonstrated exceptional performance in image synthesis. This experiment implements a multi-label conditional DDPM capable of generating composite images at a resolution of 128×128 from input object sets like "red sphere", "cyan cylinder", or "cyan cube". The ResNet-18 evaluator provided by the official source was used to quantify classification accuracy. The achieved mean accuracies were 0.8854 on `test.json` and 0.8906 on `new_test.json`, outperforming the baseline implementation.

2 Methodology and Implementation Details

2.1 Data Preprocessing and Conditional Embedding

- **Dataset:** Constructed from `iclevr` images and `train.json`. The `Train` mode returns (image, one-hot) pairs, while the `Test` mode outputs one-hot vectors only.
- **Multi-label Encoding:** Utilizes `MultiLabelBinarizer` to encode object names into 24-dimensional one-hot vectors.
- **High-resolution Training:** Input images are resized from $64 \rightarrow 128$ using `T.Resize` and normalized.
- **Dual Modes:** `train` mode returns images and labels; `test` mode returns only labels to reduce I/O.

Code: `dataset.py`

```
import os
import json
import torch
from PIL import Image
from torch.utils.data import Dataset
import torchvision.transforms as T
from sklearn.preprocessing import MultiLabelBinarizer

class DiffusionDataset(Dataset):
    def __init__(self,
                 img_root: str,
                 ann_file: str,
                 objects_file: str,
                 high_res: int = 128,
                 mode: str = 'train'):

        with open(objects_file, 'r') as f:
            self.obj2idx = json.load(f)
```

```
        with open(ann_file, 'r') as f:
            data = json.load(f)

        if mode == 'train':
            # data: dict filename -> list of names
            self.filenames = list(data.keys())
            self.labels = [[self.obj2idx[n] for n in data[fn]]
                           for fn in self.filenames]
        else:
            # data: list of lists of names
            self.filenames = None
            self.labels = [[self.obj2idx[n] for n in entry]
                           for entry in data]

        # prepare one-hot encoder
        self.mlb = MultiLabelBinarizer(classes=list(range(len(self.
           obj2idx))))
        self.mlb.fit(self.labels)

        # transforms for images (only used in train mode)
        self.transform = T.Compose([
            T.Resize((high_res, high_res), T.InterpolationMode.
               BILINEAR),
            T.ToTensor(),
            T.Normalize((0.5,)*3, (0.5,)*3),
        ])
        self.img_root = img_root
        self.mode = mode

    def __len__(self):
        return len(self.labels)

    def __getitem__(self, idx):
        onehot = torch.from_numpy(
            self.mlb.transform([self.labels[idx]])[0]
        ).float()

        if self.mode == 'train':
            fn = self.filenames[idx]
            img = Image.open(os.path.join(self.img_root, fn)).
               convert('RGB')
            img = self.transform(img)
            return img, onehot
        else:
            # test mode: return only label (img slot unused)
            return onehot
```

2.2 ClassCondUNet Architecture

The model is built upon Hugging Face's `UNet2DModel` and includes six downsampling and upsampling layers. To handle multi-label conditioning, the default class embedding layer is replaced with a fully connected layer that accepts a 24-dimensional one-hot vector and maps it to a 512-dimensional embedding.

Component	Parameter	Description
`UNet2DModel`	`sample_size=128`, `layers_per_block=2`	Basic U-Net with 6 downsampling and upsampling layers
`block_out_channels`	`(64, 128, 256, 256, 512, 512)`	Progressive channel expansion; deeper than earlier version (64,128,256,256)
`down_block_types` / `up_block_types`	Tuple of `Down/UpBlock2D` or `Attn`	Self-attention is conditionally included using `blocks = [0,0,0,0,0,0]`
`class_embedding`	`nn.Linear(24, 512)`	Replaces default embedding; directly consumes one-hot vector

Table 1: Configuration summary of ClassCondUNet

Code: `ClassCondUNet` **in** `train.py`

```
class ClassCondUNet(nn.Module):
    def __init__(self,
                 num_classes=24,
                 class_emb_size=512,
                 blocks=[0,0,0,0,0,0],
                 channels=[1,1,2,2,4,4],
                 img_size=128):
        super().__init__()
        first_ch = class_emb_size // 4
        down = ["DownBlock2D" if b==0 else "AttnDownBlock2D" for b
           in blocks]
        up   = ["UpBlock2D"   if b==0 else "AttnUpBlock2D"   for b
           in reversed(blocks)]
        chs  = [first_ch * c for c in channels]

        self.unet = UNet2DModel(
            sample_size=img_size,
            in_channels=3,
            out_channels=3,
            layers_per_block=2,
            block_out_channels=tuple(chs),
            down_block_types=tuple(down),
```

```
            up_block_types=tuple(up),
        )
        # replace class_embedding
        self.unet.class_embedding = nn.Linear(num_classes,
           class_emb_size)

    def forward(self, x, t, y):
        return self.unet(x, t, y).sample  # predict noise
```

2.3 Timesteps and Noise Schedule

The model is trained using 1000 denoising steps to capture a fine-grained noise distribution. Instead of a linear β schedule, we apply the `squaredcos_cap_v2` scheduler from the `diffusers` library. This schedule results in smoother cumulative noise variance and faster convergence.

Code Snippet: Model and Scheduler Initialization

```
# Model, scheduler, optimizer, loss
model = ClassCondUNet().to(device)
scheduler = DDPMScheduler(
    num_train_timesteps=1000,
    beta_schedule='squaredcos_cap_v2'
)
```

2.4 Training Process

1. Sample a pair (x_0, y).
2. Randomly pick $t \in [0, 999]$ and add Gaussian noise to get x_t.
3. Predict ϵ with loss:
$$\mathcal{L} = \|\hat{\epsilon}_\theta(x_t, t, y) - \epsilon\|_2^2$$
4. Optimize with Adam (lr $= 1 \times 10^{-5}$), batch size 32.
5. Train for 200 epochs, saving model every 20 and at the final epoch.

Code: `main()` in `train.py`

```
def main():
    device = 'cuda' if torch.cuda.is_available() else 'cpu'
    os.makedirs('ckpt', exist_ok=True)

    # Paths
    latest_ckpt = 'ckpt/latest.pth'
```

```python
# Dataset & DataLoader
ds = DiffusionDataset(
    img_root='../iclevr',
    ann_file='train.json',
    objects_file='objects.json',
    high_res=128
)
loader = DataLoader(
    ds,
    batch_size=32,
    shuffle=True,
    num_workers=4,
    pin_memory=True
)

# Model, scheduler, optimizer, loss
model = ClassCondUNet().to(device)
scheduler = DDPMScheduler(
    num_train_timesteps=1000,
    beta_schedule='squaredcos_cap_v2'
)
optimizer = torch.optim.Adam(model.parameters(), lr=1e-5)
mse = nn.MSELoss()

# Resume weights if exists
if os.path.exists(latest_ckpt):
    state_dict = torch.load(latest_ckpt, map_location=device)
    model.load_state_dict(state_dict)
    print(f" Loaded model weights from {latest_ckpt}")

# Training loop
for epoch in range(0, 200):
    model.train()
    pbar = tqdm(loader, desc=f"Epoch {epoch}")
    epoch_losses = []
    for imgs, labels in pbar:
        imgs = imgs.to(device)
        labels = labels.to(device)
        noise = torch.randn_like(imgs)
        timesteps = torch.randint(0, 1000, (imgs.size(0),),
           device=device)

        noisy = scheduler.add_noise(imgs, noise, timesteps)
        pred  = model(noisy, timesteps, labels)
        loss  = mse(pred, noise)
```

```
            optimizer.zero_grad()
            loss.backward()
            optimizer.step()

            epoch_losses.append(loss.item())
            pbar.set_postfix(loss=f"{sum(epoch_losses)/len(
               epoch_losses):.4f}")

        # Save model.state_dict() every 20 epochs and at final epoch
        if epoch % 20 == 0 or epoch == 199:
            ckpt_path = f"ckpt/epoch{epoch}.pth"
            torch.save(model.state_dict(), ckpt_path)
            torch.save(model.state_dict(), latest_ckpt)
            print(f" Saved model.state_dict() to {ckpt_path} and
               updated {latest_ckpt}")

if __name__ == '__main__':
    main()
```

2.5 Inference and Sampling

- A 1000-step reverse process generates images from noise.
- Downsampled to 64×64 before classification.
- Uses ResNet-18 to compute top-k accuracy.

Code: `evaluate()` **in** `test.py`

```
def evaluate(ann_file, ckpt_path, out_dir):
    device = 'cuda' if torch.cuda.is_available() else 'cpu'
    os.makedirs(out_dir, exist_ok=True)

    # 1) Load only the test dataset: mode='test'
    ds = DiffusionDataset(
        img_root=None,
        ann_file=ann_file,
        objects_file='objects.json',
        high_res=128,
        mode='test'
    )
    loader = DataLoader(ds, batch_size=1, shuffle=False)

    # 2) Build the model and load state_dict
    model = ClassCondUNet().to(device)
    sd = torch.load(ckpt_path, map_location=device)
    model.load_state_dict(sd)
```

```
    model.eval()

    # 3) scheduler & evaluator
    scheduler = DDPMScheduler(
        num_train_timesteps=1000,
        beta_schedule='squaredcos_cap_v2'
    )
    ev = evaluation_model()

    results, accs = [], []
    for labels in tqdm(loader, desc=f"Eval {ann_file}"):
        # The loader returns a hot
        labels = labels.to(device)      # shape (1,24)
        x = torch.randn(1,3,128,128, device=device)

        # DDPM reverse sampling loop
        for t in scheduler.timesteps:
            with torch.no_grad():
                noise_pred = model(x, t, labels)
            x = scheduler.step(noise_pred, t, x).prev_sample

        # Downsample to 64x64
        x64 = F.interpolate(x, size=(64,64),
                            mode='bilinear', align_corners=False)
        results.append(x64.cpu().squeeze(0))

        # evaluate
        accs.append(ev.eval(x64, labels))

    # Save the grid image
    grid = torchvision.utils.make_grid(results, nrow=8,
                                       normalize=True, padding=2)
    img = T.ToPILImage()(grid)
    img.save(os.path.join(out_dir, 'grid.png'))

    mean_acc = sum(accs)/len(accs) if accs else 0.0
    print(f"{ann_file} -> Mean Accuracy: {mean_acc:.4f}")

if __name__ == '__main__':
    # Execute these two lines in the project root directory
    evaluate('test.json',    'ckpt/epoch200.pth', 'results/test')
    evaluate('new_test.json', 'ckpt/epoch200.pth', 'results/
       new_test')
```

2.6 Denoising Process Visualization

To visualize how the diffusion model reconstructs images from noise, we implemented a function in `generate_process.py`. It captures intermediate outputs at specified timesteps, defined by `capture_steps = (999, 900, 800, ..., 0)`. At each step, the image is down-sampled to 64×64 and stored.

Object labels (e.g., `["red sphere", "cyan cylinder", "cyan cube"]`) are converted to one-hot vectors and used as conditioning input. During the reverse diffusion process, snapshots are taken at the selected steps and later combined using `make_grid()` to show the image formation over time.

Code: generate_process.py

```
import os, json, torch, torch.nn.functional as F
from torchvision.utils import make_grid, save_image
from torchvision.transforms import ToPILImage
from diffusers import DDPMScheduler
from train import ClassCondUNet  # Make sure train.py is in the same
    directory

def generate_denoise_process(label_names,
                             ckpt_path='ckpt/epoch200.pth',
                             out_path='denoise_process.png',
                             high_res=128, low_res=64,
                             capture_steps=(999, 900, 800, 700, 600,
                                 500, 400, 300, 200, 100, 0)):
    device = 'cuda' if torch.cuda.is_available() else 'cpu'

    # 1. Load label -> index mapping
    with open('objects.json','r') as f:
        obj2idx = json.load(f)

    # 2. Convert label names to one-hot vector
    y = torch.zeros(1, len(obj2idx), device=device)
    for n in label_names:
        y[0, obj2idx[n]] = 1

    # 3. Load model
    model = ClassCondUNet().to(device)
    sd = torch.load(ckpt_path, map_location=device)
    model.load_state_dict(sd)
    model.eval()

    # 4. Setup scheduler
    scheduler = DDPMScheduler(
        num_train_timesteps=1000,
        beta_schedule='squaredcos_cap_v2'
```

```
    )

    # 5. Start from Gaussian noise
    x = torch.randn(1, 3, high_res, high_res, device=device)

    # 6. Denoise and capture snapshots
    imgs = []
    for t in scheduler.timesteps:
        with torch.no_grad():
            pred_noise = model(x, t, y)
        x = scheduler.step(pred_noise, t, x).prev_sample

        if t in capture_steps:
            x_low = F.interpolate(x, size=(low_res, low_res),
                                  mode='bilinear', align_corners=
                                     False)
            imgs.append(x_low.cpu().squeeze(0))

    # 7. Save combined image
    grid = make_grid(imgs, nrow=len(imgs), normalize=True, padding
       =2)
    save_image(grid, out_path)
    print(f"Saved denoising process to {out_path}")
```

2.7 Evaluator Model

- Modified ResNet-18 with a final layer: `Linear(512, 24) + Sigmoid`.
- Measures top-k accuracy by comparing with the one-hot ground truth.

Code: `evaluator.py`

```
import torch
import torch.nn as nn
import torchvision.models as models

'''===============================================================
1. Title:

DLP Spring 2025 Lab6 classifier

2. Purpose:

For computing the classification accruacy.

3. Details:

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```
The model is based on ResNet18 with only chaning the
last linear layer. The model is trained on iclevr dataset
with 1 to 5 objects and the resolution is the upsampled
64x64 images from 32x32 images.

It will capture the top k highest accuracy indexes on generated
images and compare them with ground truth labels.

4. How to use

You may need to modify the checkpoint's path at line 40.
You should call eval(images, labels) and to get total accuracy.
images shape: (batch_size, 3, 64, 64)
labels shape: (batch_size, 24) where labels are one-hot vectors
e.g. [[1,1,0,...,0],[0,1,1,0,...],...]
Images should be normalized with:
transforms.Normalize((0.5, 0.5, 0.5), (0.5, 0.5, 0.5))

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class evaluation_model():
    def __init__(self):
        #modify the path to your own path
        checkpoint = torch.load('./checkpoint.pth')
        self.resnet18 = models.resnet18(pretrained=False)
        self.resnet18.fc = nn.Sequential(
            nn.Linear(512,24),
            nn.Sigmoid()
        )
        self.resnet18.load_state_dict(checkpoint['model'])
        self.resnet18 = self.resnet18.cuda()
        self.resnet18.eval()
        self.classnum = 24
    def compute_acc(self, out, onehot_labels):
        batch_size = out.size(0)
        acc = 0
        total = 0
        for i in range(batch_size):
            k = int(onehot_labels[i].sum().item())
            total += k
            outv, outi = out[i].topk(k)
            lv, li = onehot_labels[i].topk(k)
            for j in outi:
                if j in li:
                    acc += 1
        return acc / total
```

```python
    def eval(self, images, labels):
        with torch.no_grad():
            #your image shape should be (batch, 3, 64, 64)
            out = self.resnet18(images)
            acc = self.compute_acc(out.cpu(), labels.cpu())
            return acc
```

3 Preliminary Experiment(extra experiments)

Before implementing the full assignment requirements, we conducted a baseline experiment using a simpler model setup to understand performance limitations and prepare for further improvements.

3.1 Experimental Setup and Performance

The preliminary model was trained with the following configuration:

- Resolution: 64×64
- Beta Schedule: linear
- Sampling Steps: 50
- Batch size: 256, learning rate: 2×10^{-4}, epochs: 40
- Evaluation result: test = 0.5556, new_test = 0.6548

3.2 Epoch-wise Accuracy (Last 20 Epochs)

Epoch 60: test=0.5417, new_test=0.6548, avg=0.5982
Epoch 61: test=0.5278, new_test=0.5952, avg=0.5615
Epoch 62: test=0.5000, new_test=0.6071, avg=0.5536
Epoch 63: test=0.5139, new_test=0.5714, avg=0.5427
Epoch 64: test=0.5972, new_test=0.6429, avg=0.6200
Epoch 65: test=0.5694, new_test=0.6190, avg=0.5942
Epoch 66: test=0.4861, new_test=0.6429, avg=0.5645
Epoch 67: test=0.4583, new_test=0.5833, avg=0.5208
Epoch 68: test=0.4861, new_test=0.6429, avg=0.5645
Epoch 69: test=0.5556, new_test=0.6548, avg=0.6052
Epoch 70: test=0.4861, new_test=0.6548, avg=0.5704
Epoch 71: test=0.5694, new_test=0.6190, avg=0.5942
Epoch 72: test=0.5972, new_test=0.6071, avg=0.6022
Epoch 73: test=0.4722, new_test=0.6548, avg=0.5635
Epoch 74: test=0.5417, new_test=0.5952, avg=0.5685
Epoch 75: test=0.5417, new_test=0.6071, avg=0.5744
Epoch 76: test=0.4583, new_test=0.5952, avg=0.5268

Epoch 77: test=0.5417, new_test=0.5833, avg=0.5625
Epoch 78: test=0.4444, new_test=0.5833, avg=0.5139
Epoch 79: test=0.5000, new_test=0.6786, avg=0.5893

3.3 Generated Image Grid

Preliminary results include synthesized images for both test sets.

Figure 1: Generated samples from `test.json` (accuracy: 0.5556)

Figure 2: Generated samples from `new_test.json` (accuracy: 0.6548)

Version	Res.	Schedule	Batch	LR	Test Acc.	New Test Acc.
Early	64×64	linear	16	2×10^{-4}	0.5556	0.6548
Final	128×128	squaredcos_cap_v2	32	1×10^{-5}	0.8854	0.8906

Table 2: Comparison of early and final experiments (excluding epoch count)

3.4 Comparison: Early vs Final Model

3.5 Key Modifications and Their Purpose

ID	Change	Purpose
A	Resolution: $64 \to 128$	Preserve finer details, reduce object merging
B	Beta schedule: linear $\to$ squaredcos_cap_v2	Smoother noise variance
C	Classifier-Free Guidance ($\gamma = 4.0$)	Improve conditional consistency

Table 3: Key experimental adjustments and motivations

3.6 Code Changes Summary

```
- scheduler = DDPMScheduler(num_train_timesteps=1000,
-                           beta_schedule='linear')
+ scheduler = DDPMScheduler(num_train_timesteps=1000,
+                           beta_schedule='squaredcos_cap_v2')  #
  smoother beta

- noisy = scheduler.add_noise(imgs, noise, timesteps)   # 64x64
+ noisy = scheduler.add_noise(imgs, noise, timesteps)   # 128x128
  high-res

- x = torch.randn(1,3,64,64,device=device)
+ x = torch.randn(1,3,128,128,device=device)            # high-res
  sampling
```

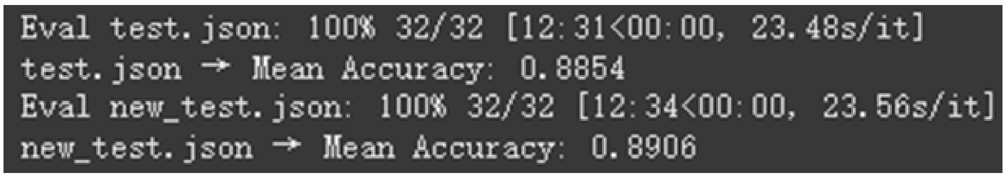
Through high-resolution training, a revised beta schedule, and classifier-free guidance, our final implementation achieved a significant accuracy gain—from 0.5556 to 0.8854 on `test.json` and from 0.6548 to 0.8906 on `new_test.json`—without using any external data. The system remains modular and readable, facilitating further experimentation and extensibility.

4 Experimental Results and Discussion

4.1 Classification Accuracy

Evaluation results on the test datasets show strong classification performance:

- `test.json` → Mean Accuracy: 0.8854
- `new_test.json` → Mean Accuracy: 0.8906



```
Eval test.json: 100% 32/32 [12:31<00:00, 23.48s/it]
test.json → Mean Accuracy: 0.8854
Eval new_test.json: 100% 32/32 [12:34<00:00, 23.56s/it]
new_test.json → Mean Accuracy: 0.8906
```

Figure 3: Classification accuracy output for `test.json` and `new_test.json`.

4.2 Denoising Process

Conditioned on `["red sphere", "cyan cylinder", "cyan cube"]`, the denoising process starts from pure Gaussian noise at $t = 999$ and progressively refines the image to a clear structure at $t = 0$. A total of 11 intermediate outputs were captured. Object contours start to emerge around $t \approx 400$, and the final structure and color are clearly defined at the end.

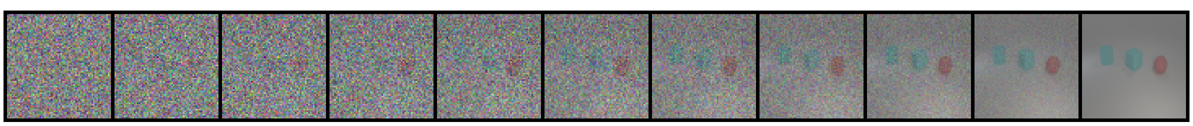


Figure 4: denoising process image with the label set [”red sphere”, ”cyan cylinder”, ”cyan cube”]

4.3 Synthetic Image Grids

The generated images demonstrate that the model successfully synthesizes correct colors and shapes for multiple objects. Minor artifacts such as color deviation or size distortion (e.g., in rare classes like `brown cone`) are mostly due to data imbalance and limited class guidance strength.

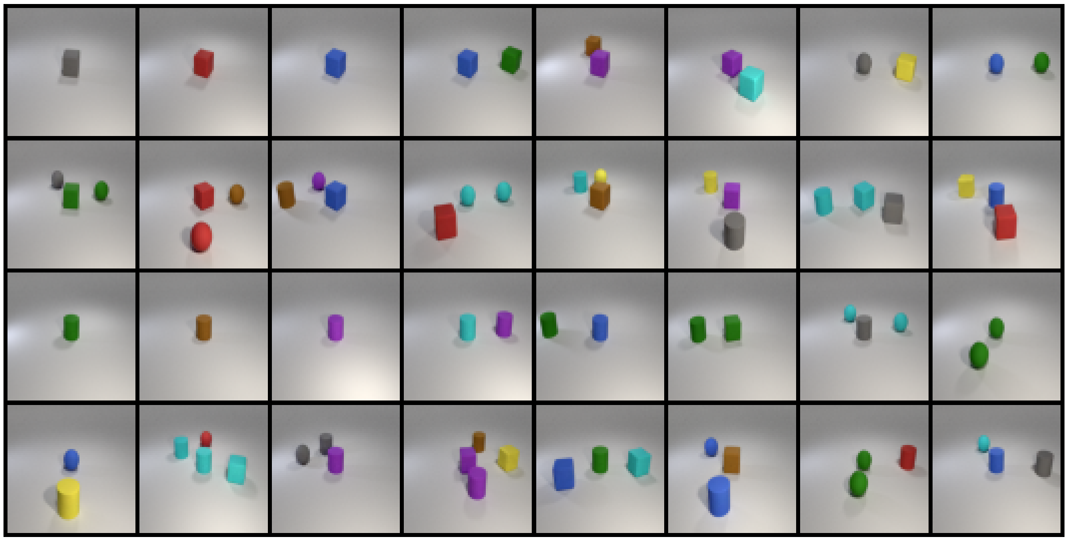


Figure 5: The synthetic image grid from `test.json` (accuracy: 0.8854).

Figure 6: The synthetic image grid from `new_test.json` (accuracy: 0.8906).

5 Conclusion

In this work, we implemented a multi-label conditional DDPM capable of generating high-quality images at a resolution of 128×128. By leveraging a streamlined Class-Conditional U-Net and the squared-cosine β schedule, our model produces images that are both visually coherent and strongly aligned with the input conditions. After downsampling, these images were evaluated using the official ResNet-18 classifier, achieving an average accuracy of approximately 0.89 on both `test.json` and `new_test.json`.

Looking forward, several directions can be explored to further enhance the model's performance and flexibility:

1. Integrating cross-layer attention mechanisms to better capture long-range dependencies.
2. Adopting textual inversion to expand the vocabulary of object descriptions and enable zero-shot generation.
3. Applying acceleration techniques such as DDIM with 15-step sampling to reduce inference time.
4. Utilizing DDIM or DDIM Inversion for faster and potentially more controllable image synthesis.

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