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Status of This Document

This specification was developed following the Java™ Community Process (JCP2.10). Comments from experts, participants, and the broader developer community were reviewed and incorporated into this specification.

The SAAJ Specification, version 1.1 was a maintenance release of the Java™ API for XML Messaging (JAXM) 1.0 specification. JAXM 1.0 was the final deliverable of JSR067 Expert Group (EG). The proposed changes specified in the JSR067 changelog and accepted on 15 April 2002, have been incorporated into this document.

The proposed changes specified in the second JSR067 changelog and accepted on 23 April 2003, have been incorporated into this document as SAAJ Specification, version 1.2.

The proposed changes specified in the third JSR067 changelog have been incorporated into this document as SAAJ Specification, version 1.3.

The proposed changes specified in the fourth JSR067 changelog have been incorporated into this document as SAAJ Specification, version 1.4.

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This maintenance release is the product of collaborative work within the Java community.

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Terminology

The keywords MUST, MUST NOT, REQUIRED, SHALL, SHALL NOT, SHOULD, SHOULD NOT, RECOMMENDED, MAY, and OPTIONAL, when they appear in this document, are to be interpreted as described in RFC 2119 as quoted here:

MUST: This word, or the terms "REQUIRED" or "SHALL", mean that the definition is an absolute requirement of the specification.

MUST NOT: This phrase, or the phrase "SHALL NOT", mean that the definition is an absolute prohibition of the specification.

SHOULD: This word, or the adjective "RECOMMENDED", mean that there may exist valid reasons in particular circumstances to ignore a particular item, but the full implications must be understood and carefully weighed before choosing a different course.

SHOULD NOT: This phrase, or the phrase "NOT RECOMMENDED", mean that there may exist valid reasons in particular circumstances when the particular behavior is acceptable or even useful, but the full implications should be understood and the case carefully weighed before implementing any behavior described with this label.

MAY: This word, or the adjective "OPTIONAL", mean that an item is truly optional. One vendor may choose to include the item because a particular marketplace requires it or because the vendor feels that it enhances the product while another vendor may omit the same item. An implementation which does not include a particular option MUST be prepared to interoperate with another implementation which does include the option, though perhaps with reduced functionality. In the same vein an implementation which does include a particular option MUST be prepared to interoperate with another implementation which does not include the option (except, of course, for the feature the option provides.

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Preface

Audience

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This document is intended for developers using the Java™ programming language who wish to produce and consume messages conforming to the SOAP 1.1, and SOAP 1.2 specification and the SOAP Attachments Feature.

Familiarity with the SOAP specifications (including the associated processing model), MIME standards, and XML is assumed.

Abstract

The SOAP with Attachments API for Java™ (SAAJ 1.4) enables developers to produce and consume messages conforming to the SOAP 1.1, SOAP 1.2 and SOAP Attachments Feature.

In the interest of backward compatibility, SAAI continues to offer a client-side communication capability enabling developers to communicate in a point-to-point and request-response manner with SOAP services bound to HTTP. This communication capability, within the context of the SAAJ specification, is optional. However, specifications depending on SAAJ are free to require support for the SOAP to HTTP binding.

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Change History

.1. Changes in Maintenance Release 4

The fourth maintenance release of SAAJ, SAAJ 1.4, clarifies and extends the SAAJ 1.3 specification. The goal of this maintenance release proposal is primarily to adopt changes in Java SE Platform and to make a few corrections and clarifications on the existing SAAJ 1.3 APIs. The proposed API changes in SAAJ 1.4 are backward compatible with SAAJ 1.3 APIs.

The "accepted changes," as specified in JSR067 changelog, have been incorporated in this document. The key changes are as follows:

Changed the definition of the discovery process of SAAJ implementation.

Added support for generics where applicable.

Changed MAY to MUST in javax.xml.soap.SOAPElements methods.

Several corrections and clarifications have been made to the JavaDocs for the API.

.2. Changes in Maintenance Release 3

The third maintenance release of SAAJ, SAAJ 1.3, clarifies and extends the SAAJ 1.2 specification. The goal of this maintenance release proposal is primarily to provide support for SOAP version 1.2 Message Constructs and to make a few corrections and clarifications on the existing SAAJ 1.2 APIs. The proposed API changes in SAAJ 1.3 are backward compatible with SAAJ 1.2 APIs.

SOAP version 1.2 has a number of changes in syntax and provides additional (or clarified) semantics from those described in SOAP 1.1. This proposed changes in this maintenance release are concerned with the following areas:

Support for SOAP version 1.2 message constructs in the API.

Factoring out the creation of all SAAJ Factory classes into a single SPI that allows creation of SOAP version aware Factories.

Addition of a few new classes and new methods in certain existing classes and interfaces.

Support for overloaded QName based methods in certain classes and interfaces.

Clarification of semantics and correction of wording of JavaDocs and specification

A brief summary of the proposed changes follows:

Support for SOAP Version 1.2 message constructs in the API: SOAP Version 1.2 has a number of changes in syntax and introduces several new Message Constructs. SAAJ 1.3 will support SOAP Version 1.2 Message Constructs.

SPI for Creation of Factory Instances: SAAJ 1.3 will support SOAP Version 1.2 Message Constructs, while at the same time being backward compatible in its support for SOAP Version 1.1. We would like to define an SPI (SAAJMetaFactory) for factoring out the creation of SOAP Version aware Factory classes into a single place. Changing out the SAAJMetaFactory has the effect of changing out the entire SAAJ implementation. Backward compatibility is maintained by ensuring that the default protocol is set to SOAP Version 1.1.

Definition of new Class SAAJResult: A SAAJResult object acts as a holder for the results of a JAXP transformation or a JAXB marshalling, in the form of a SAAJ tree. This class will make it easier for the end user when dealing with transformations in situations where the result is expected to be a valid SAAJ tree.

Addition of overloaded methods which accept a QName instead of a Name: QName is the preferred representation of XML qualified names, and hence we would like to introduce overloaded methods in all APIs where a corresponding method was accepting a javax.xml.soap.Name as argument. The Name interface may be deprecated in a future release of SAAJ in favor of QName.

Clarify and correct the wording of JavaDocs and specification: None of these changes will break backward compatibility for SOAP 1.1 users. Corrections of this nature cost little and improve the overall integrity of the specification making correct implementations easier to create, validate and use.

Addition of new methods in certain Interfaces and Classes: A few new methods have been introduced in AttachmentPart, SOAPBody, and SOAPElement. These new methods are intended for ease of use and to assist SAAJ users when dealing with some of the newer SOAP features.

Making SOAPPart a javax.xml.soap.Node: The SOAPPart is also a SOAP Node.

Deferred Changes: The deprecation of Name Interface has been deferred to a later release.

DOM Level 3 Support: Implementations of SAAJ 1.3 must provide support for DOM Level 3 APIs.

.3. Changes in Maintenance Release 2

The second maintenance release of SAAJ, SAAJ 1.2, clarifies and extends the SAAJ 1.1 specification. The "accepted changes", as specified in the Change Log forSOAP with Attachments API for Java™, have been incorporated into this document. A summary of the changes follows:

The core SAAJ classes and interfaces: Node, SOAPElement, SOAPPart, and Text now extend the equivalent interfaces in the org.w3c.dom package: Node, Element, Document and Text respectively.

The ability to get and set properties on SOAPMessage has been added to SOAPMessage in order to facilitate extensibility and two new properties have been added in order to take advantage of this extensibility: CHARACTER SET ENCODING allows the character encoding to be set to "utf-8" or "utf-16" where "utf-8" is the default. Implementations may optionally support other character encodings. WRITE_XML_DECLARATION allows clients to specify whether or not an XML Declaration will be written at the start of the SOAP part of the message. The valid values are "true" and "false" with "false" being the default.

Several APIs have been extended in order to provide greater ease of use. The *Node* interface has gained a setValue () method. SOAPFault has been enhanced with several methods that facilitate the handling of its sub-elements. SOAPMessage, SOAPElement, SOAPBody and SOAPHeader have all been given new methods that enhance navigation of the tree. A removeContents() element has been added to SOAPElement in order to assist in the construction of messages that contain a fault.

Several corrections and clarifications have been made to the JavaDocs for the API.

This specification has been derived from the javax, XML. SOAP package originally defined in the JAXM 1.0 specification. The "accepted changes," as specified in JSR067 changelog, have been incorporated in this document. The key changes are as follows:

javax.xml.soap package was moved from the JAXM specification to this document. In the interest of consistency and for simplifying synchronization of specifications, this document has been designated as version 1.1 of the SAAJ specification. There are no prior versions of the SAAJ specification.

The call method signature of the SOAPConnection object has been modified so as to remove the dependency of SAAJ on JAXM.

The newInstance method of SOAPConnectionFactory may throw an UnsupportedOperationException hence making the implementation of the SOAPConnection.call() functionality optional.

The SOAPElementFactory has been deprecated and a new "super" factory for creating Element, Detail, and Name objects created. The previous SOAPElementFactory methods now delegate to the appropriate SOAPFactory methods.

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Typographic Conventions

| === Typeface 1 | === Meaning | === Examples |
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| | The names of commands, files, and directories; on-screen computer output | Edit your $.login$ file. Use $ls - a$ to list all files. |
| | | _% You have mail |
| AaBbCc123 What you type, when contrasted with on-screen computer output | _%SU | |
| | | _Password:_ |

| === Typeface 1 | === Meaning | === Examples |
|----------------|--|--|
| AaBbCc123 | Book titles, new words or terms, words to be emphasized. Replace command-line variables with real names or values. | Read Chapter 6 in the <i>User's Guide</i> . These are called <i>class</i> options. You <i>must</i> be superuser to do this. To delete a file, type <i>rm filename</i> . |

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Package Overview

This chapter presents an overview of the SAAJ which consists of the single package; javax.xml.soap. The intent here is to provide an overview of the package only, the details of which can be found in the following chapter.

The javax.xml.soap package provides the primary abstraction for SOAP Messages with MIME attachments. Attachments may be entire XML documents, XML fragments, images, text documents, or any other content with a valid MIME type. In addition, this package provides a simple client-side view of a request-response style of interaction with a SOAP service.

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MessageFactory & SOAPMessage Objects

The MessageFactory class is used to create SOAPMessage objects. Clients may create SOAPMessage objects by calling the *MessageFactory.createMessage* method.

The SOAPMessage class is the root class for all SOAP messages. Such messages must contain a single SOAPPart object and may contain one or more AttachmentPart objects. The "on-the-wire" encoding of a SOAP message is governed by whether the SOAPMessage object includes AttachmentPart objects. If it does, the SOAPMessage object is encoded as a MIME message otherwise it is encoded as a simple XML message. Attachments may contain data of any type including XML. The SOAPPart is always XML.

SAAJ allows for creation and consumption of both SOAP 1.1 and SOAP 1.2 messages by introducing the notion of Protocol aware MessageFactories. The protocol here refers to a particular version of SOAP. a SOAP 1.2 aware MessageFactory can be obtained by calling the MessageFactory.newInstance method and passing it the appropriate protocol identifier. The allowed protocol identifiers have been defined in SOAPConstants. For processing incoming messages a special protocol identifier called DYNAMIC_SOAP_PROTOCOL can be used to allow a Node to accept both SOAP 1.1 and SOAP 1.2 messages.

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SOAPPart & AttachmentPart

The SOAPPart object is a MIME part containing the SOAPEnvelope object. The SOAPEnvelope object must contain a single SOAPBody object and may contain a SOAPHeader object.

A SOAPMessage object may contain zero or more AttachmentPart objects. Each AttachmentPart object in turn contains application-specific content and corresponding MIME headers. The MIME headers consist of name/value pairs that are used to identify and describe the content. For MIME content-types of text/plain, text/html and text/xml, the DataContentHandler object performs the necessary conversions to and from the Java types corresponding to the MIME types. Other MIME types can be supported by passing an *InputStream* object (that contains the content data) to the AttachmentPart.setContent method. Similarly, the contents and header from an AttachmentPart object can be retrieved using the *getContent* method. Depending on the *AttachmentPart* objects present, the returned *Object* can be either a typed Java object corresponding to the MIME type or an *InputStream* object that contains the content as bytes. The clearContent method is a helper method intended to facilitate the removal of all the content from an AttachmentPart object while leaving the header information.

A SAAJ 1.4 implementation must support the following MIME types. Additional MIME types may be supported using the *javax.activation.DataHandler* class and the Java™ Activation Framework.

.4. SAAJ 1.4's supported MIME types

.5. MIME Type

.6. Java Type

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_text/plain_
_java.lang.String_
_multipart/*_
_javax.mail.internet.MimeMultipart_
_text/xml_ or _application/xml_
_javax.xml.transform.Source_
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SAAJ provides methods for setting and getting the Raw content of an Attachment. Methods have also been provided to get the content as Base64 encoded character data. Additionally a getAttachment method on the SOAPMessage provides for retrieval of an Attachment referenced from a SOAPElement using an href attribute as described in SOAP Messages with Attachments, or via a single Text child node containing a URI as described in the WS-I Attachments Profile 1.0 for elements of schema type ref:swaRef

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MimeHeader(s) Objects

The MIMEHeaders class is a container for MimeHeader objects and serves as an abstraction for the MIME headers that must be present if an *AttachmentPart* object exists in a *SOAPMessage* object.

The MimeHeader object is the abstraction for a name/value pair of a MIME header. A MimeHeaders object may contain one or more MimeHeader objects.

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SOAP Element

The SOAPElement object is the base class for all of the classes that model the SOAP objects defined by the SOAP1.1 and SOAP 1.2 specifications. A SOAPElement object may be used to model the following:

content in a SOAPBody object

content in a *SOAPHeader* object

content that can follow the SOAPBody object within a SOAPEnvelope object

whatever may follow the detail element in a SOAPFault object

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SOAPEnvelope & SOAPBody objects

The *SOAPEnvelope* object is a container object for the *SOAPHeader* and *SOAPBody* portions of a *SOAPPart* object. The *SOAPEnvelope* object must contain a *SOAPBody* object, but the *SOAPHeader* object is optional.

The *SOAPEnvelope* and *SOAPBody* objects both extend the *SOAPElement* object. The *SOAPBody* object models the contents of the SOAP body element in a SOAP message. A SOAP body element contains XML data that may determine how application-specific content must be processed.

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SOAPBodyElement & SOAPFault

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_SOAPBody_ objects contain _SOAPBodyElement_
objects that model the content of the SOAP body. An example of a
_SOAPBodyElement_ is the _SOAPFault_ object.
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SOAPFaultElement & Detail

The SOAPFaultElement is used to represent the contents of a SOAPFault object.

The *Detail* interface is a container for *DetailEntry* objects that provide application-specific error information associated with the *SOAPBody* object that contains it.

A *Detail* object is part of a *SOAPFault* object and may be retrieved using the *getDetail* method of the *SOAPFault* object.

The DetailEntry object extends SOAPElement and models the contents of a Detail object.

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SOAPHeader & SOAPHeaderElement

A SOAPHeader object is an abstraction of the SOAP header element. A SOAPHeader object can be created using the SOAPEnvelope.addHeader method. SOAPHeader objects can have only SOAPHeaderElement objects as their immediate children. The addHeaderElement method creates a new *HeaderElement* object and adds it to the *SOAPHeader* object.

SOAPHeader and _SOAPHeaderElement_ objects both extend the _SOAPElement_ object. A _SOAPHeaderElement_ object models the contents of the SOAP header of a SOAP envelope.

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SOAPConnection & SOAPConnectionFactory

The SOAPConnection object represents a simple client-side view of a request-response style of SOAP messaging. A SAAJ client may choose to establish a synchronous point-to-point connection to a SOAP service using the createConnection method of the SOAPConnectionFactory object. Subsequently, a SOAPMessage may be sent to a remote party using the call method on the SOAPConnection object. Note that the call method will block until a SOAPMessage object is received.

A SAAJ based application may choose to use the call method to implement the client side of a simple point-to-point synchronous one-way message exchange scenario. In such a case, it is the application's responsibility to ignore the SOAPMessage object returned by the call method because the SOAPMessage object's only purpose is to unblock the client. It is assumed that a one-way service will not return a response to a request using the same connection when the SOAPConnection.call method was used to send the request.

SAAJ also provides support for the SOAP 1.2 Response Message Exchange Pattern (http://www.w3.org/ TR/2003/REC-soap12-part2-20030624/#soapresmep) via the SOAPConnection.get method. This method can be used for pure information retrieval, where the representation of an available resource, identified by a URI, is fetched using a HTTP GET request without affecting the resource in any way

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SOAPException object

The *SOAPException* object extends *java.lang.Exception* and is used to signal SOAP level exceptions.

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Node & Text objects

The *Node* object models a node (element) of a DOM abstraction of an XML document.

The *Text* object extends *Node* and represents a node whose value is text. A *Text* object may model either text that is content or text that is a comment.

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Name

The *Name* object models an XML name. This interface provides methods for getting the local names, namespace-qualified names, the prefix associated with the namespace for the name, and the URI of the namespace.

Name objects are created using the SOAPEnvelope.createName method.

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SOAPFactory & SOAPElementFactory

These factories are intended primarily for the use of application components or tools that require the capability of inserting XML fragments into a SOAP Message. In SAAJ v1.1, the SOAPElementFactory has been deprecated in favor of SOAPFactory which serves as a super factory for the creation of SOAPElement, Name, and Detail objects.

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SAAJMetaFactory

This Factory is the access point for the implementation classes of all the other factories defined in the SAAJ API. All of the newInstance methods defined on factories in SAAJ defer to instances of this class to do the actual object creation. The implementations of newInstance() methods (in SOAPFactory and MessageFactory) that existed in SAAJ 1.2 have been updated to also delegate to the SAAJMetaFactory when the SAAJ 1.2 defined lookup fails to locate the Factory implementation class name.

SAAJMetaFactory is a service provider interface. There are no public methods on this class.

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SAAJResult

This concrete class acts as a holder for the results of a JAXP transformation or a JAXB marshalling, in the form of a SAAJ tree. This class will make it easier for the end user when dealing with transformations in situations where the result is expected to be a valid SAAJ tree. The results can be accessed by using the getResult method.

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Package: javax.xml.soap

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Description

Provides the API for creating and building SOAP messages. This package is defined in the SOAP with Attachments API for Java TM (SAAJ) 1.4 specification.

The API in the *javax.xml.soap* package allows you to do the following:

create a point-to-point connection to a specified endpoint

create a SOAP message

create an XML fragment

add content to the header of a SOAP message

add content to the body of a SOAP message

create attachment parts and add content to them

access/add/modify parts of a SOAP message

create/add/modify SOAP fault information

extract content from a SOAP message

send a SOAP request-response message

In addition the APIs in the javax.xml.soap package extend their counterparts in the org.w3c.dom package. This means that the SOAPPart of a SOAPMessage is also a DOM Level 2 Document, and can be manipulated as such by applications, tools and libraries that use DOM (see http://www.w3.org/DOM/ for more information). It is important to note that, while it is possible to use DOM APIs to add ordinary DOM nodes to a SAAJ tree, the SAAJ APIs are still required to return SAAJ types when examining or manipulating the tree. In order to accomplish this the SAAJ APIs SOAPElement.getChildElements()See getChildElements()) are allowed to silently replace objects that are incorrectly typed relative to SAAJ requirements with equivalent objects of the required type. These replacements must never cause the logical structure of the tree to change, so from the perspective of the DOM APIs the tree will remain unchanged. However, the physical composition of the tree will have changed so that references to the nodes that were replaced will refer to nodes that are no longer a part of the tree. The SAAJ APIs are not allowed to make these replacements if they are not required so the replacement objects will never subsequently be silently replaced by future calls to the SAAJ API.

What this means in practical terms is that an application that starts to use SAAJ APIs on a tree after manipulating it using DOM APIs must assume that the tree has been translated into an all SAAI tree and that any references to objects within the tree that were obtained using DOM APIs are no longer valid. Switching from SAAJ APIs to DOM APIs is not allowed to cause invalid references and neither is using SAAJ APIs exclusively. It is only switching from using DOM APIs on a particular SAAJ tree to using SAAJ APIs that causes the risk of invalid references.

.7. Discovery of SAAJ implementation

There are several factories defined in the SAAJ API to discover and load specific implementation:

SOAPFactory

MessageFactory

SOAPConnectionFactory

SAAJMetaFactory

First three define newInstance() method which uses a common lookup procedure to determine the implementation class:

Checks if a system property with the same name as the factory class is set (e.g. javax.xml.soap.SOAPFactory). If such property exists then its value is assumed to be the fully qualified name of the implementation class. This phase of the look up enables per-IVM override of the SAAI implementation.

Use the configuration file "jaxm.properties". The file is in standard Properties format and typically

located in the conf directory of the Java installation. It contains the fully qualified name of the implementation class with the key being the system property defined above.

Use the service-provider loading facilities, defined by the ServiceLoader class, to attempt to locate and load an implementation of the service using the default loading mechanism.

Finally, if all the steps above fail, SAAJMetaFactory instance is used to locate specific implementation MessageFactory and SOAPFactory) or platform default implementation is used (SOAPConnectionFactory). Whenever SAAJMetaFactory is used, its lookup procedure to get actual instance is performed.

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References

For more information, refer to the following web sites:

SOAP 1.1

http://www.w3.org/TR/SOAP

SOAP 1.2

http://www.w3.org/TR/soap12-part1/

SOAP Messages with Attachments

http://www.w3.org/TR/SOAP-attachments,

http://www.w3.org/TR/soap12-af

JavaBeans™ Activation Framework Version 1.0a

http://www.oracle.com/technetwork/articles/java/index-135046.html

Java™ API for XML Processing Version 1.2 Final Release

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https://jcp.org/en/jsr/detail?id=63

Java™ API for XML Messaging Version 1.1 Final Release

https://jcp.org/en/jsr/detail?id=67

WS-I Attachments Profile 1.0

http://www.ws-i.org/Profiles/AttachmentsProfile-1.0.html

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