

KICS Workshop

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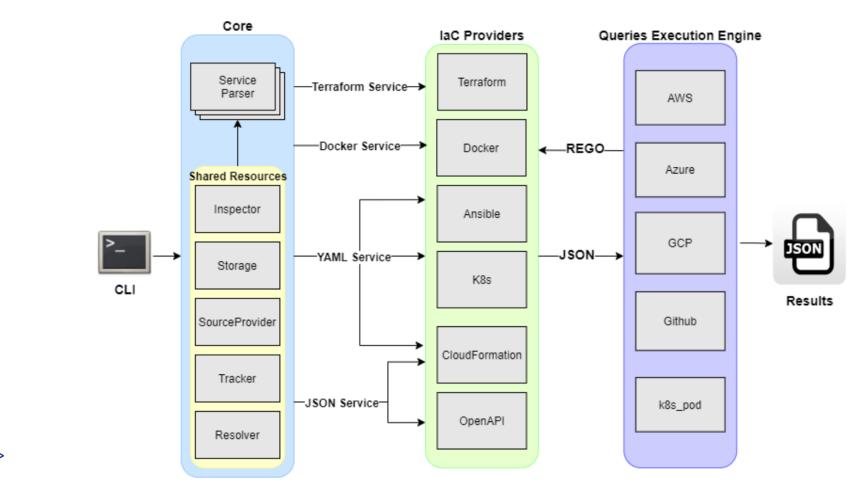
Edit/Create KICS security query

Integrate KICS in Pipelines

KICS explained

- > KICS stands for Kipping Infrastructure as Code Secure
- > Checkmarx product to find in IaC
 - + Security issues
 - + Compliance issues
 - + Infrastructure misconfigurations
- > Open-source
 - + Written in Golang using Open Policy Agent (OPA)
 - + Security Queries written in Rego
- > Covers vulnerability check in AWS, GCP, Azure

KICS architecture











Ansible

Azure Resource

AWS

CloudFormation

Crossplane

.yaml

.json

Manager

.json

.yaml

.yaml









Azure Blueprints

Docker

.dockerfile

Docker Compose

gRCP

Note: For the

queries porposes,

this is recognized

as Azure Resource

Manager.

.yaml

Google Remote

Procedure Call

.proto

.json











Helm

Knative

.yaml

Kubernetes

OpenAPI

Note: For queries

porposes, this is

recognized as

Kubernetes.

.yaml

.yaml

.json

.yaml

Swagger 2.0 and

OpenAPI 3.0





.yml





Pulumi

.yaml

ServlessFW

Google

Deployment

Manager

.yaml

AWS SAM

Servless

Application Model

Note: For queries

porposes, this is

recognized as

Cloud Formation

.yaml

Supported Platforms



Terraform

Terraform Plan

.tf

.terraform.tfvars

.auto.tfvars

.json

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Install KICS Windows locally

- > Install go from https://golang.org/dl/
- > Clone KICS repo
 - + git clone https://github.com/Checkmarx/kics.git
- > Build kics binaries
 - + make build
- > Scan
 - + ./bin/kics scan -p '<path-of-your-project-to-scan>' --report-formats json -o ./results

Install KICS Docker

- > Pre-requisit
 - + Have docker running
- > Get the image
 - + docker pull checkmarx/kics:latest
- > Run scan
 - + docker run -t -v "{path_to_host_folder_to_scan}":/path checkmarx/kics scan -p "/path"-o "/path/"

Install KICS some flags

> -p

- + Path of the volume
- + docker run -v "C:\Users\soniad\Documents\kics":/path checkmarx/kics:latest scan -p "/path
- + docker run checkmarx/kics scan -p git:: https://github.com/SoniaDias/docker helloWorld

> -V

- + to create a local volume sync with container volume
- + docker run -v "C:\Users\soniad\Documents\kics":/path checkmarx/kics:latest

> -0

- + for the output folder
- + docker run -v "C:\Users\soniad\Documents\kics":/path checkmarx/kics:latest scan -p "/path" -o "/path"

Install KICS some flags

- > --log-level DEBUG
- > -v verbose
- > docker run checkmarx/kics scan -p git::https://github.com/SoniaDias/docker_helloWorld --log-level DEBUG -v
- -d or -payload-path to generate the payload
 - JSON model(to be explained in queries module, some slide ahead)

Install KICS reporting

- https://docs.kics.io/latest/commands/
- > Flag
 - + --report-formats
- > Supported
 - + --report-formats "glsast"
 - + --report-formats "all"
 - + --report-formats "sarif"
 - + --report-formats "junit"
 - + --report-formats "sonarqube"

- + --report-formats "html"
- + --report-formats "pdf"
- + --report-formats "cyclonedx"
- + --report-formats "asff"
- + --report-formats "csv"
- + --report-formats "codeclimate"

Install KICS - DEMO

- > Get KICS docker image
- > Execute a KICS scan in a local folder
- > The folder can be cloned from
 - + https://github.com/SoniaDias/docker_helloWorld

Install KICS – useful documentation

> https://docs.kics.io/latest/documentation/

> https://github.com/Checkmarx/kics/blob/master/docs/getting-started.md

CI/CD Pipelines

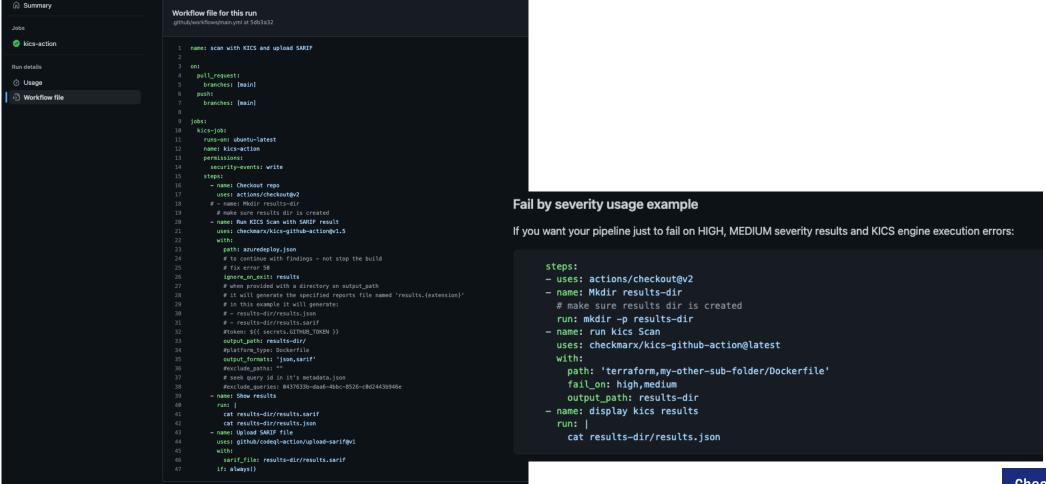
- > Supported pipelines
 - + https://github.com/Checkmarx/kics/blob/master/docs/integrations.md
- > For this workshop, will be used
 - + GiHubActions
 - + Azure DevOps
- > Code being scanned
 - + Azure Resource Manager (ARM) .json
 - + https://github.com/SoniaDias/Azure-Resource-Manager-ARM-Example

CI/CD Pipelines – GitHub Actions DEMO

> Referrer links

- > https://github.com/Checkmarx/kics/blob/master/docs/integrations_ghaction s.md
- > https://docs.kics.io/latest/integrations_ghactions/

CI/CD Pipelines – GitHub Actions DEMO



CI/CD Pipelines – Azure DevOps DEMO

> Referrer links

- > https://docs.kics.io/latest/integrations_azurepipelines/
- https://github.com/Checkmarx/kics/blob/master/docs/integrations_azurepip elines.md

CI/CD Pipelines – Azure DevOps DEMO

```
CmdLine
← Jobs in run #20230116.3
    SoniaDias.Azure-Resource-Manager-ARM-
    Example
                                                        O'TALLI TIME LITCO SCHILLER! S
                                                    21 6:10PM INF Lines scanned: 95
Jobs
                                                    22 6:10PM INF Parsed files: 3
                                                    23 6:10PM INF Lines parsed: 95
                                          49s
                                                    24 6:10PM INF Oueries loaded: 321
                                                    25 6:10PM INF Queries failed to execute: 0

    Initialize job

                                           1s
                                                    26 6:10PM INF Inspector stopped
                                                    27 6:10PM INF Results saved to file /_w/1/s/results.json fileName=results.json
      Initialize containers
                                          31s
                                                    28 6:10PM INF Results saved to file /_w/1/s/results.sarif fileName=results.sarif
                                                    29 6:10PM INF Scan duration: 8292ms
         Checkout SoniaDias/Azure-Reso...
                                          1s
                                                    31 {
      CmdLine
                                           9s
                                                                "kics_version": "v1.6.7",
                                                                "files_scanned": 3,
      PublishBuildArtifacts
                                          <1s
                                                                "lines scanned": 95,
                                                                "files parsed": 3.
          Post-job: Checkout SoniaDias/...
                                          <1s
                                                                "lines_parsed": 95,
                                                                "files_failed_to_scan": 0,
      Stop Containers
                                                                "queries_total": 321,
                                                                "queries_failed_to_execute": 0,
      Finalize Job
                                                    40
                                                                "queries_failed_to_compute_similarity_id": 0,
                                                                "scan_id": "console",
                                                                "severity_counters": {
                                                                        "HIGH": 0,
                                                                        "INFO": 0,
                                                                        "LOW": 1,
                                                                        "MEDIUM": 0,
                                                                        "TRACE": 0
                                                                "total_counter": 1,
                                                                "total_bom_resources": 0,
                                                                "start": "2023-01-16T18:10:26.358097754Z",
                                                                "end": "2023-01-16T18:10:34.426902412Z",
                                                                "paths": [
                                                                        "/__w/1/s"
                                                                "queries": [
```

CI/CD Pipelines – useful documentation

> https://github.com/Checkmarx/kics/blob/master/docs/integrations.md

> https://docs.kics.io/latest/integrations/

KICS Security Queries

- > KICS gets the IaC file to scan and internally creates a JSON file in a universal format
 - + Same structure for almost all platforms being scanned
 - + So,
 - You pass a .tf or a .yaml file
 - KICS generates a .json from it
- > This JSON is an internal representation of the code being scanned
- > Array of Documents

KICS Security Queries

- > The KICS queries will be executed in this JSON file
- > If we want to edit our queries to remove or add results, generate this file is our first step
- > The JSON can be outputted so the user of KICS can see what is going to be scanned
 - + To obtain the JSON file use -d <path of the file> or - payload-path <path of the file>

KICS Security Queries — json creation

```
resource "aws launch configuration" "positive1" {
  image id = data.aws ami_ubuntu.id
  instance type = "m4.large"
  spot_price = "0.001"
  user_data_base64 = "c29tZUtleQ--" # someKey
   create before destroy = true
  ebs_block_device {
   device_name = "/dev/xvda1"
resource "aws_launch_configuration" "positive2" {
  image_id = data.aws_ami.ubuntu.id
  instance_type - "m4.large"
  spot price - "0.001"
  user_data_base64 = "c29tZUtleQ==" # someKey
   create_before_destroy = true
  ebs block device {
   device name = "/dev/xvda1"
resource "aws_launch_configuration" "positive3" (
 name - "test-launch-config"
  root block device {
   encrypted = false
```

```
"id": "751c9fb6-0d5a-4024-a9c4-e841d3cb0931",
     "image_id": "${data.aws_ami.ubuntu.id}",
      "spot price": "0.001",
      "user data base64": "c29tZUtleQ--"
      "spot price": "0.001",
      "user_data_base64": "c29tZUtleQ=="
"file": "assets/gueries/terraform/aws/launch configuration is not encrypted/test/positivel.tf"
```

KICS Security Queries – JSON creation

```
FROM openjdk:10-jdk

VOLUME /tmp

ADD http://source.file/package.file.tar.gz /temp

RUN tar -xjf /temp/package.file.tar.gz \
    && make -C /tmp/package.file \
    && rm /tmp/ package.file.tar.gz

ARG JAR_FILE

ADD ${JAR_FILE} app.jar

ENTRYPOINT ["java","-Djava.security.egd=file:/dev/./urandom","-jar","/app.jar"]
```

```
"file": "assets/queries/dockerfile/add instead of copy/test/positive.dockerfile",
      "Cmd": "from",
      "Original": "FROM openjdk:10-jdk",
        "openjdk:10-jdk"
      "Original": "VOLUME /tmp",
       "/tmp"
      "Cmd": "add",
      "Original": "ADD http://source.file/package.file.tar.gz /temp",
       "/temp"
```

KICS Security Queries

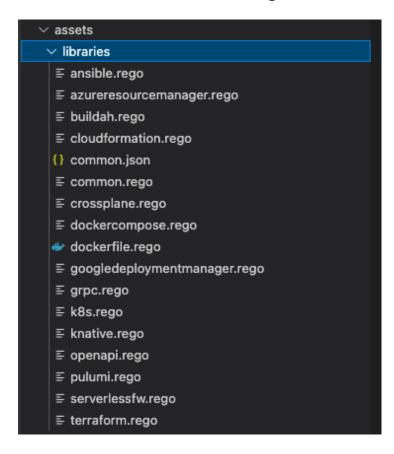
- > We have the JSON file
- > We need to create **positive** and **negative cases**
- > We need to create out **metadata.json**
- > We need to write our **security queries**

> The security queries in KICS are written in rego

KICS Security Queries – query file tree

```
1    - <terraform>
2    | - <aws>
3    | | - <instance_with_no_vpc>
4    | | | - test
5    | | | | - positive.tf
6    | | | | - negative.tf
7    | | | | - positive_expected_result.tf
8    | | | - metadata.json
9    | | | - query.rego
```

KICS Security Queries – libraries



```
≡ common.rego ×
assets > libraries > ≡ common.rego
      package generic.common
      import future.keywords.in
     # build_search_line will convert all values to string, and build path with given values
      # values need to be in the correct order
      # obj case is for the walk function although it can be used as needed
  8  # if you already have the complete path and have no need for the obj just pass the obj empty []
     # build_search_line(["father", "son", "grandson"], [])
 # build_search_line(["father", "son"], ["grandson"])
 # build_search_line(path, ["grandson"])
 build_search_line(path, obj) = resolvedPath {
          resolveArray := [x | pathItem := path[n]; x := convert_path_item(pathItem)]
          resolvedObj := [x | objItem := obj[n]; x := convert_path_item(objItem)]
          resolvedPath = array.concat(resolveArray, resolvedObj)
      convert_path_item(pathItem) = convertedPath {
          is_number(pathItem)
          convertedPath := sprintf("%d", [pathItem])
     } else = convertedPath {
          convertedPath := sprintf("%s", [pathItem])
     concat_path(path) = concatenated {
          concatenated := concat(".", [x | x := resolve_path(path[_]); x != ""])
 32 resolve_path(pathItem) = resolved {
          any([contains(pathItem, "."), contains(pathItem, "="), contains(pathItem, "/")])
          resolved := sprintf("{{%s}}", [pathItem])
      } else = resolved {
          is_number(pathItem)
```

KICS Security Queries - metadata

```
"id": "should be filled with a UUID. You can use the builtin command to generate this: go run ./cmd/console/main.go generate-id",
   "queryName": "describes the name of the vulnerability",
   "severity": "can be filled with HIGH, MEDIUM, LOW or INFO",
   "category": "can be filled with Access Control, Availability, Backup, Best Practices, Build Process, Encryption, etc.",
   "descriptionText": "should explain with detail the vulnerability and if possible provide a way to remediate",
   "descriptionUrl": "points to the official documentation about the resource being targeted",
   "platform": "query target platform (e.g. Terraform, Kubernetes, etc.)",
   "descriptionID": "should be filled with the first eight characters of the go run ./cmd/console/main.go generate-id output",
   "cloudProvider": "should specify the target cloud provider, when necessary (e.g. AWS, AZURE, GCP, etc.)",
   "aggregation" : "[optional] should be used when more than one query is implemented in the same query.rego file",
   "override": "[optional] should only be used when a metadata.json is shared between queries from different platforms or different specification versions"
}
```

KICS Security Queries - metadata

> Terraform AWS EC2 with no VPC example

```
{
  "id": "a31a5a29-718a-4ff4-8001-a69e5e4d029e",
  "queryName": "Instance With No VPC",
  "severity": "MEDIUM",
  "category": "Insecure Configurations",
  "descriptionText": "Instance should be configured in VPC (Virtual Private Cloud)",
  "descriptionUrl": "https://registry.terraform.io/providers/hashicorp/aws/latest/docs/resources/instance",
  "platform": "Terraform",
  "descriptionID": "225a9f30",
  "cloudProvider": "aws"
}
```

KICS Security Queries – negative.tf

- > No result to be outputted
- > The condition that needs to be verified so there is no vulnerability

```
resource "aws_instance" "negative1" {
  ami = "ami-003634241a8fcdec0"
  instance_type = "t2.micro"
  vpc_security_group_ids = ["aws_security_group.instance.id"]
                                                                                            source = "terraform-aws-modules/ec2-instance/aws"
                                                                                           version = "~> 3.0"
                                                                                           name = "single-instance"
                                                                                                             = "ami-ebd02392"
                                                                                           instance_type
                                                                                                             = "t2.micro"
                                                                                           vpc_security_group_ids = ["sg-12345678"]
                                                                                             Terraform = "true"
                                                                                             Environment = "dev"
```

KICS Security Queries – positive.tf

- > What outputs a result
- > The condition that needs to be verified so **there is** a security vulnerability

```
resource "aws_instance" "positive1" {
  ami = "ami-003634241a8fcdec0"
                                                         1 module "ec2_instance" {
                                                               source = "terraform-aws-modules/ec2-instance/aws"
  instance_type = "t2.micro"
                                                               version = "~> 3.0"
                                                               name = "single-instance"
                                                                                 = "ami-ebd02392"
                                                               instance type
                                                                                 = "t2.micro"
                                                                                 = "user1"
                                                               monitoring
                                                               subnet_id
                                                                                 = "subnet-eddcdzz4"
                                                               tags = {
                                                                Terraform = "true"
                                                                Environment = "dev"
```

KICS Security Queries – expected.tf

Is expected a. output being created is conditions on positive_expected_result.json are met – meaning is vulnerable

```
"queryName": "Instance With No VPC",
              "severity": "MEDIUM",
             "line": 1,
 6
              "fileName": "positive1.tf"
         },
              "queryName": "Instance With No VPC",
              "severity": "MEDIUM",
10
11
              "line": 1,
12
              "fileName": "positive2.tf"
13
14
15
```

```
package Cx
# you can import libraries by using: import data.generic.<library name> as <alias>
CxPolicy[result] {
    # QUERY CODE
    result := {
        "documentId": "id of the sample where the vulnerability occurs",
        "searchKey": "should indicate where the breaking point occurs in the sample",
        "issueType": "pick one of the following: IncorrectValue, MissingAttribute, or RedundantAttribute",
        "keyExpectedValue": "should explain the expected value",
        "keyActualValue": "should explain the actual value detected",
        "overrideKey": "[optional] should be used when the query can be applied to more than one platform
            (for now, it is used for both OpenAPI 3.0 and Swagger)",
        "searchValue": "[optional] should be used when the query returns more than one result for the same line",
        "searchLine": "[optional] path where the breaking point occurs in the sample",
```

> Search key

- + String representation of what you are looking for in the file
- + KICS will look for it in the file

> Special charcaters

```
+ =
```

Is the value in key=value

+

Break line

+ {{}}

Ignore special characters

+

Same line

```
resource "aws_s3_bucket" "positive" {
bucket = "my-tf-test-bucket"
acl = "private"

tags = {
Name = "My.bucket"
Environment = "Dev"
}

versioning {
mfa_delete = true
}
}
```

resource[positive].tags.Name={{My.bucket}}

- > Search line
 - + Uses JSON path to find line
 - + Uses common lib function build_search_line
 - It receives 2 arrays
 - First array is the path
 - Last array can be empty

```
resource "aws_s3_bucket" "positive" {
bucket = "my-tf-test-bucket"
acl = "private"

tags = {
Name = "My.bucket"
Environment = "Dev"
}

versioning {
mfa_delete = true
}
}
```

> In our Instance with no VPC example

```
resource "aws_instance" "positive1" {
  ami = "ami-003634241a8fcdec0"
  instance type = "t2.micro"
       resource "aws_instance" "negative1" {
         ami = "ami-003634241a8fcdec0"
        instance_type = "t2.micro"
        vpc_security_group_ids = ["aws_security_group.instance.id"]
                                "document": [
                                       "id": "6222ca09-b524-4f79-90bf-4841ad69e160",
                                       "resource": {
                                           "aws instance": {
                                               "positive1": {
                                                  "ami": "ami-003634241a8fcdec0",
                                                  "instance type": "t2.micro"
         </ 38 >
                                        "file": "C:\\CxCode\\CxKICS\\kics\\assets\\quer:
```

```
package Cx
     import data.generic.common as common lib
     import data.generic.terraform as tf_lib
     CxPolicv[result] {
         resource := input.document[i].resource.aws_instance[name]
         not common_lib.valid_key(resource, "vpc_security_group_ids")
10
         result := {
             "documentId": input.document[i].id,
12
13
             "resourceType": "aws_instance",
             "resourceName": tf_lib.get_resource_name(resource, name),
             "searchKey": sprintf("aws_instance[%s]", [name]),
             "issueType": "MissingAttribute",
             "keyExpectedValue": "Attribute 'vpc_security_group_ids' should be defined and not null",
             "keyActualValue": "Attribute 'vpc_security_group_ids' is undefined or null",
             "searchLine": common_lib.build_search_line(["resource", "aws_instance", name], []),
20
```

KICS Security Queries – useful functions

- > valid_key (obj, key)
 - + Receives object and key that needs to be checked
 - + Checks if the key exists or not
- > json_unmarshall(json)
 - + Deserializes a *JSON* encoded string to a term
 - + Receives a JSON string as argument
 - + Returns an empty JSON is there is no string
- > walk(x, [path, value])
 - + Creates a path and value pair for documents under x x is the resource (an array)

KICS Security Queries *DEMO*

- Create a query that finds Terraform resources with encryption disabled
 - + Encryption should be set to false
 - + Use walk function
- > Resources
 - + query_development_training_encryption_disabled zip
 - + Docker
 - + Rego Playground to test the code, https://play.openpolicyagent.org/

KICS Security Queries DEMO

- > Create the query with the help of rego playground
 - Edit the /query_development_training/query_development_training_encryption_disabled/query.rego
 based on /query_development_training/payload.jsonpayload.json
- Set docker image of KICS and execute the query

docker pull checkmarx/kics:latest docker run -v /YOUR_PATH_TO_THE_QUERY:/query checkmarx/kics:latest scan -p /query -q /query --no-progress

Note: to verbose execution add –v in the end

Note2: to create a report add -o /query --report-formats "pdf"

Note3: to create a JSON respresentation

KICS Security Queries – important links

> https://github.com/Checkmarx/kics/blob/master/docs/queries.md

> https://docs.kics.io/latest/queries/

KICS Support

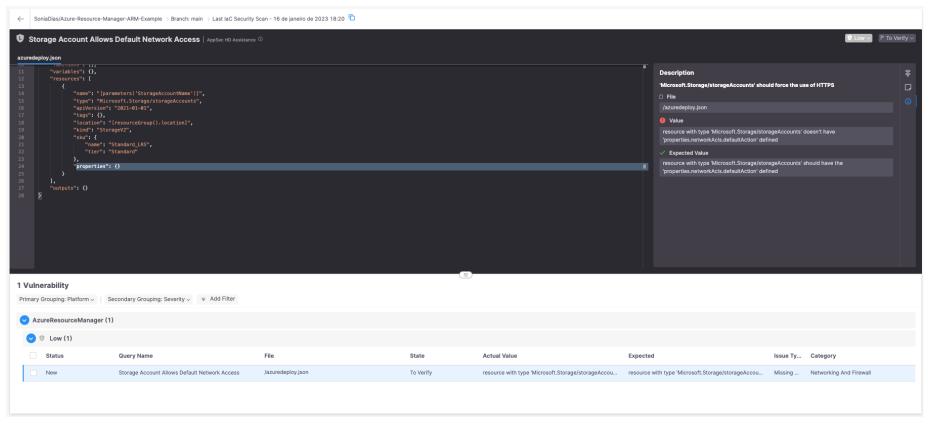
- https://github.com/Checkmarx/kics/issues
 - + https://github.com/Checkmarx/kics/issues/5559#issuecomment-1246576485

> https://github.com/Checkmarx/kics/discussions

KICS how to contribute?

> https://docs.kics.io/latest/CONTRIBUTING/

KICS in CxOne



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