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1 Introduction

Clam AntiVirus is an open source (GPL) anti-virus toolkit for UNIX, designed especially for e-mail scanning on mail gateways. It provides a number of utilities including a flexible and scalable multi-threaded daemon, a command line scanner and advanced tool for automatic database updates. The core of the package is an anti-virus engine available in a form of shared library.

1.1 Features

- Licensed under the GNU General Public License, Version 2
- POSIX compliant, portable
- Fast scanning
- Supports on-access scanning (Linux and FreeBSD only)
- Detects over 158.000 viruses, worms and trojans, including Microsoft Office macro viruses, mobile malware, and other threats
- Scans within archives and compressed files (also protects against archive bombs), built-in support includes:
 - Zip (including SFX)
 - RAR (including SFX)
 - ARJ (including SFX)
 - Tar
 - Gzip
 - Bzip2
 - MS OLE2
 - MS Cabinet Files (including SFX)
 - MS CHM (Compiled HTML)
 - MS SZDD compression format
 - BinHex
 - SIS (SymbianOS packages)
- Supports Portable Executable (32/64-bit) files compressed or obfuscated with:
 - UPX

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- FSG
- Petite
- NsPack
- wwpack32
- MEW
- Upack
- Y0da Cryptor
- Supports almost all mail file formats
- Support for other special files/formats includes:
 - HTML
 - RTF
 - PDF
 - Files encrypted with CryptFF and ScrEnc
 - uuencode
 - TNEF (winmail.dat)
- Advanced database updater with support for scripted updates, digital signatures and DNS based database version queries

1.2 Mailing lists and IRC channel

If you have a trouble installing or using ClamAV try asking on our mailing lists. There are four lists available:

- **clamay-announce*lists.clamay.net** info about new versions, moderated¹.
- clamav-users*lists.clamav.net user questions
- clamav-devel*lists.clamav.net technical discussions
- clamav-virusdb*lists.clamav.net database update announcements, moderated

You can subscribe and search the mailing list archives at: http://www.clamav.net/support/ml/

Alternatively you can try asking on the #clamav IRC channel - launch your favourite irc client and type:

¹Subscribers are not allowed to post to the mailing list

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```
/server irc.freenode.net
/join #clamav
```

1.3 Virus submitting

If you have got a virus which is not detected by your ClamAV with the latest databases, please submit the sample at our website:

http://www.clamav.net/sendvirus

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2.1 Supported platforms

Most popular UNIX operating systems are supported. Clam AntiVirus 0.90 was tested on:

- GNU/Linux
- Solaris
- FreeBSD
- OpenBSD ²
- Mac OS X

Some features may not be available on your operating system. If you are successfully running Clam AntiVirus on a system not listed above please let us know.

2.2 Binary packages

You can find the up-to-date list of binary packages at our website: http://www.clamav.net/download/packages/

²Installation from a port is recommended.

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3 Installation

3.1 Requirements

The following elements are required to compile ClamAV:

- zlib and zlib-devel packages
- gcc compiler suite (tested with 2.9x, 3.x and 4.x series)

The following packages are optional but **highly recommended**:

- bzip2 and bzip2-devel library
- GNU MP 3

It's very important to install the GMP package because it allows freshclam to verify the digital signatures of the virus databases and scripted updates. If freshclam was compiled without GMP support it will display "SECURITY WARNING: NO SUPPORT FOR DIGITAL SIGNATURES" on every update. You can download GNU MP at http://www.swox.com/gmp/

A note for Solaris/SPARC users: you must set the *ABI* system variable to 32 (e.g. setenv ABI 32) before running the configuration script of GMP.

3.2 Installing on shell account

To install ClamAV locally on an unprivileged shell account you need not create any additional users or groups. Assuming your home directory is /home/gary you should build it as follows:

```
$ ./configure --prefix=/home/gary/clamav --disable-clamav
$ make; make install
```

To test your installation execute:

```
$ ~/clamav/bin/freshclam
$ ~/clamav/bin/clamscan ~
```

The --disable-clamav switch disables the check for existence of the *clamav* user and group but clamscan would still require an unprivileged account to work in a superuser mode.

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3.3 Adding new system user and group

If you are installing ClamAV for the first time, you have to add a new user and group to your system: ³

```
# groupadd clamav
# useradd -q clamav -s /bin/false -c "Clam AntiVirus" clamav
```

Consult a system manual if your OS has not *groupadd* and *useradd* utilities. **Don't forget to lock access to the account!**

3.4 Compilation of base package

Once you have created the clamav user and group, please extract the archive:

```
$ zcat clamav-x.yz.tar.gz | tar xvf -
$ cd clamav-x.yz
```

Assuming you want to install the configuration files in /etc, configure and build the software as follows:

```
$ ./configure --sysconfdir=/etc
$ make
$ su -c "make install"
```

In the last step the software is installed into the /usr/local directory and the config files into /etc. WARNING: Never enable the SUID or SGID bits for Clam AntiVirus binaries.

3.5 Compilation with clamav-milter enabled

libmilter and its development files are required. To enable clamav-milter, configure ClamAV with

```
$ ./configure --enable-milter
```

³Cygwin note: If you have not /etc/passwd you can skip this point

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4 Configuration

4.1 clamd

Before you start using the daemon you have to edit the configuration file (in other case clamd won't run):

```
$ clamd
ERROR: Please edit the example config file /etc/clamd.conf.
```

This shows the location of the default configuration file. The format and options of this file are fully described in the *clamd.conf(5)* manual. The config file is well commented and configuration should be straightforward.

4.1.1 On-access scanning

One of the interesting features of clamd is on-access scanning based on the Dazuko module, available from http://dazuko.org/. This module is not required to run clamd - furthermore, you shouldn't run Dazuko on production systems. At the moment Dazuko is available for Linux and FreeBSD, but the following information only covers Linux.

```
$ tar zxpvf dazuko-a.b.c.tar.gz
$ cd dazuko-a.b.c
$ make dazuko
or
$ make dazuko-smp (for smp kernels)
$ su
# insmod dazuko.o
# cp dazuko.o /lib/modules/'uname -r'/misc
# depmod -a
```

Depending on your Linux distribution you may need to add a "dazuko" entry to /etc/modules or run the module during system's startup by adding

```
/sbin/modprobe dazuko
```

to some startup file. You must also create a new device:

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```
$ cat /proc/devices | grep dazuko
254 dazuko
$ su -c "mknod -m 600 /dev/dazuko c 254 0"
```

Now configure Clamuko in clamd.conf and read the 5.3 section.

4.2 clamav-milter

Nigel Horne's clamav-milter is a very efficient email scanner designed for Sendmail. It's written entirely in C and only depends on libclamav or clamd. You can find detailed installation instructions in the INSTALL file that comes with the clamav-milter sources. Basically, to connect it with Sendmail add the following lines to /etc/mail/sendmail.mc:

```
INPUT_MAIL_FILTER('clmilter', 'S=local:/var/run/clamav/clmilter.sock,
F=, T=S:4m;R:4m')dnl
define('confINPUT_MAIL_FILTERS', 'clmilter')
```

If you're running it in --external mode, check entry in clamd.conf of the form:

LocalSocket /var/run/clamav/clamd.sock

Start clamav-milter

/usr/local/sbin/clamav-milter -lo /var/run/clamav/clmilter.sock

and restart sendmail.

4.3 Testing

Try to scan recursively the source directory:

```
$ clamscan -r -l scan.txt clamav-x.yz
```

It should find some test files in the clamav-x.yz/test directory. The scan result will be saved in the scan.txt log file ⁴. To test clamd, start it and use clamdscan (or instead connect directly to its socket and run the SCAN command):

```
$ clamdscan -l scan.txt clamav-x.yz
```

Please note that the scanned files must be accessible by the user running clamd or you will get an error.

⁴To get more info on clamscan options run 'man clamscan'

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4.4 Setting up auto-updating

freshclam is the automatic database update tool for Clam AntiVirus. It can work in two modes:

- interactive on demand from command line
- daemon silently in the background

freshclam is advanced tool: it supports scripted updates (instead of transferring the whole CVD file at each update it only transfers the differences between the latest and the current database via a special script), database version checks through DNS, proxy servers (with authentication), digital signatures and various error scenarios. **Quick test: run freshclam (as superuser) with no parameters and check the output.** If everything is OK you may create the log file in /var/log (owned by *clamav* or another user freshclam will be running as):

```
# touch /var/log/freshclam.log
# chmod 600 /var/log/freshclam.log
# chown clamav /var/log/freshclam.log
```

Now you *should* edit the configuration file freshclam.conf and point the *UpdateLog- File* directive to the log file. Finally, to run freshclam in the daemon mode, execute:

```
# freshclam -d
```

The other way is to use the *cron* daemon. You have to add the following line to the crontab of **root** or **clamav** user:

```
N * * * * /usr/local/bin/freshclam --quiet
```

to check for a new database every hour. N should be a number between 3 and 57 of your choice. Please don't choose any multiple of 10, because there are already too many clients using those time slots. Proxy settings are only configurable via the configuration file and freshclam will require strict permission settings for the config file when HTTPProxyPassword is turned on.

```
HTTPProxyServer myproxyserver.com
HTTPProxyPort 1234
HTTPProxyUsername myusername
HTTPProxyPassword mypass
```

4.4.1 Closest mirrors

The DatabaseMirror directive in the config file specifies the database server freshclam will attempt (up to MaxAttempts times) to download the database from. The default database mirror is database.clamav.net but multiple directives are allowed. In order to download the database from the closest mirror you should configure freshclam to use db.xx.clamav.net where xx represents your country code. For example, if your server is in "Ascension Island" you should have the following lines included in freshclam.conf:

```
DNSDatabaseInfo current.cvd.clamav.net
DatabaseMirror db.ac.clamav.net
DatabaseMirror database.clamav.net
```

The second entry acts as a fallback in case the connection to the first mirror fails for some reason. The full list of two-letters country codes is available at http://www.iana.org/cctld/cctld-whois.htm

5 Usage

5.1 Clam daemon

clamd is a multi-threaded daemon that uses *libclamav* to scan files for viruses. It may work in one or both modes listening on:

- Unix (local) socket
- TCP socket

The daemon is fully configurable via the clamd.conf file ⁵. clamd recognizes the following commands:

• PING

Check the daemon's state (should reply with "PONG").

• VERSION

Print program and database versions.

RELOAD

Reload the databases.

⁵man 5 clamd.conf

SHUTDOWN

Perform a clean exit.

• SCAN file/directory

Scan file or directory (recursively) with archive support enabled (a full path is required).

• RAWSCAN file/directory

Scan file or directory (recursively) with archive and special file support disabled (a full path is required).

• CONTSCAN file/directory

Scan file or directory (recursively) with archive support enabled and don't stop the scanning when a virus is found.

• MULTISCAN file/directory

Scan file in a standard way or scan directory (recursively) using multiple threads (to make the scanning faster on SMP machines).

STREAM

Scan stream: clamd will return a new port number you should connect to and send data to scan.

• SESSION, END

Start/end a clamd session - you can do multiple commands per TCP session (WARNING: due to the clamd implementation the **RELOAD** command will break the session).

and reacts on the special signals:

- SIGTERM perform a clean exit
- **SIGHUP** reopen the log file
- SIGUSR2 reload the database

5.2 Clamdscan

clamdscan is a simple clamd client. In many cases you can use it as a clamscan replacement however you must remember that:

- it only depends on clamd
- although it accepts the same command line options as clamscan most of them are ignored because they must be enabled directly in clamd, i.e. clamd.conf

- scanned files must be accessible for clamd
- it can't use external unpackers

5.3 Clamuko

Clamuko is a special thread in clamd that performs on-access scanning under Linux and FreeBSD and shares internal virus database with the daemon. You must follow some important rules when using it:

- Always stop the daemon cleanly using the SHUTDOWN command or the SIGTERM signal. In other case you can lose access to protected files until the system is restarted.
- Never protect the directory your mail-scanner software uses for attachment unpacking. Access to all infected files will be automatically blocked and the scanner (including clamd!) will not be able to detect any viruses. In the result all infected mails may be delivered.

For example, to protect the whole system add the following lines to clamd.conf:

```
ClamukoScanOnAccess
ClamukoIncludePath /
ClamukoExcludePath /proc
ClamukoExcludePath /temporary/dir/of/your/mail/scanning/software
```

You can also use clamuko to protect files on Samba/Netatalk but a far more better and safe idea is to use the **samba-vscan** module. NFS is not supported because Dazuko doesn't intercept NFS access calls.

5.4 Output format

5.4.1 clamscan

clamscan writes all regular program messages to **stdout** and errors/warnings to **stderr**. You can use the option —stdout to redirect all program messages to **stdout**. Warnings and error messages from libclamav are always printed to **stderr**. A typical output from clamscan looks like this:

```
/tmp/test/removal-tool.exe: Worm.Sober FOUND
/tmp/test/md5.o: OK
/tmp/test/blob.c: OK
```

```
/tmp/test/message.c: OK
/tmp/test/error.hta: VBS.Inor.D FOUND
```

When a virus is found its name is printed between the filename: and FOUND strings. In case of archives the scanner depends on libclamav and only prints the first virus found within an archive:

```
zolw@localhost:/tmp$ clamscan malware.zip
malware.zip: Worm.Mydoom.U FOUND
```

TIP: You can force clamscan to list all infected files in an archive using –no-archive (this option disables transparent decompressors built into libelamav) and enabling external decompressors: –unzip –unrar....

```
zolw@localhost:/tmp$ clamscan --no-archive --unzip malware.zip
Archive: /tmp/malware.zip
inflating: test1.exe
inflating: test2.exe
inflating: test3.exe
/tmp/clamav-77e7bfdbb2d3872b/test1.exe: Worm.Mydoom.U FOUND
/tmp/clamav-77e7bfdbb2d3872b/test2.exe: Trojan.Taskkill.A FOUND
/tmp/clamav-77e7bfdbb2d3872b/test3.exe: Worm.Nyxem.D FOUND
/tmp/malware.zip: Infected.Archive FOUND
```

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The output format of clamd is very similar to clamscan.

```
zolw@localhost:~$ telnet localhost 3310
Trying 127.0.0.1...
Connected to localhost.
Escape character is '^]'.
SCAN /home/zolw/test
/home/zolw/test/clam.exe: ClamAV-Test-File FOUND
Connection closed by foreign host.
```

In the **SCAN** mode it closes the connection when the first virus is found.

```
SCAN /home/zolw/test/clam.zip
/home/zolw/test/clam.zip: ClamAV-Test-File FOUND
```

CONTSCAN and **MULTISCAN** don't stop scanning in case a virus is found. Error messages are printed in the following format:

```
SCAN /no/such/file
/no/such/file: Can't stat() the file. ERROR
```

6 LibClamAV

Libclamav provides an easy and effective way to add a virus protection into your software. The library is thread-safe and transparently recognizes and scans within archives, mail files, MS Office document files, executables and other special formats.

6.1 Licence

Libclamav is licensed under the GNU GPL v2 licence. This means you are **not allowed** to link commercial, close-source applications against it⁶. All software using libclamav must be GPL compliant.

6.2 Supported formats

6.2.1 Executables

The library has a built-in support for 32/64-bit Portable Executable files and 32-bit ELF files. Additionally, it can handle PE files compressed or obfuscated with the following tools:

- UPX (all versions)
- FSG (1.3, 1.31, 1.33, 2.0)
- Petite (2.x)
- NsPack
- wwpack32 (1.20)

⁶You can still use clamd or clamscan instead

- MEW
- Upack
- SUE
- Y0da Cryptor (1.3)

6.2.2 Mail files

Libclamav can handle almost every mail file format including TNEF (winmail.dat) attachments.

6.2.3 Archives and compressed files

The following archive and compression formats are supported by internal handlers:

- Zip (+ SFX)
- RAR (+ SFX)
- Tar
- Gzip
- Bzip2
- MS OLE2
- MS Cabinet Files (+ SFX)
- MS CHM (Compiled HTML)
- MS SZDD compression format
- BinHex
- SIS (SymbianOS packages)

6.2.4 Documents

The most popular file formats are supported:

- MS Office and MacOffice files
- RTF
- PDF
- HTML

6.2.5 Others

Libclamav can handle various obfuscators, encoders, files vulnerable to security risks such as:

- JPEG (exploit detection)
- RIFF (exploit detection)
- uuencode
- ScrEnc obfuscation
- CryptFF

6.3 API

6.3.1 Header file

Every program using libclamav must include the header file clamav.h:

```
#include <clamav.h>
```

6.3.2 Database loading

The following set of functions provides an interface for loading the virus database:

```
const char *cl_retdbdir(void);
int cl_load(const char *path, struct cl_engine **engine,
    unsigned int *signo, unsigned int options);
```

cl_retdbdir returns the default (hardcoded) path to the directory with ClamAV databases. cl_load loads a single database file or all databases from a directory (if path points to a directory). The second argument is used for passing in the engine structure which should be previously initialized with NULL. A number of loaded signatures will be added to signo ⁷. The last argument can pass the following flags:

CL_DB_STDOPT

This is an alias for a recommended set of scan options.

⁷Remember to initialize the virus counter variable with 0.

• CL_DB_PHISHING

Load phishing signatures.

• CL_DB_PHISHING_URLS

Initialize the phishing detection module and load .wdb and .pdb files.

cl_load returns 0 (CL_SUCCESS) on success and a non-negative value on failure.

```
struct cl_engine *engine = NULL;
unsigned int sigs = 0;
int ret;

ret = cl_load(cl_retdbdir(), &engine, &sigs, CL_DB_STDOPT);
```

6.3.3 Error handling

Use cl_strerror to convert error codes into human readable messages. The function returns a statically allocated string:

```
if(ret) {
    printf("cl_load() error: %s\n", cl_strerror(ret));
    exit(1);
}
```

6.3.4 Engine structure

When all required databases are loaded you should prepare the detection engine by calling cl_build. In the case of failure you should free the memory occupied by the engine with cl_free:

```
int cl_build(struct cl_engine *engine);
void cl_free(struct cl_engine *engine);
```

In our example:

```
if((ret = cl_build(engine))) {
    printf("cl_build() error: %s\n", cl_strerror(ret));
    cl_free(engine);
    exit(1);
}
```

6.4 Database reloading

The most important thing is to keep the internal instance of the database up to date. You can watch database changes with the cl_stat family of functions.

```
int cl_statinidir(const char *dirname, struct cl_stat *dbstat);
int cl_statchkdir(const struct cl_stat *dbstat);
int cl_statfree(struct cl_stat *dbstat);
```

Initialization:

```
struct cl_stat dbstat;

memset(&dbstat, 0, sizeof(struct cl_stat));
cl_statinidir(dbdir, &dbstat);
```

To check for a change you just need to call cl_statchkdir and check its return value:

```
if(cl_statchkdir(&dbstat) == 1) {
    reload_database...;
    cl_statfree(&dbstat);
    cl_statinidir(cl_retdbdir(), &dbstat);
}
```

Remember to reset the cl stat structure after reload.

6.4.1 Data scan functions

It's possible to scan a file or descriptor using:

```
int cl_scanfile(const char *filename, const char **virname,
unsigned long int *scanned, const struct cl_engine *engine,
const struct cl_limits *limits, unsigned int options);

int cl_scandesc(int desc, const char **virname, unsigned
long int *scanned, const struct cl_engine *engine, const
struct cl_limits *limits, unsigned int options);
```

Both functions will save a virus name under the pointer virname, the virus name is part of the engine structure and must not be released directly. If the third argument (scanned) is not NULL, the functions will increase its value with the size of scanned data (in CL_COUNT_PRECISION units). Both functions have support for archive limits in order to protect against Denial of Service attacks.

```
struct cl limits {
    unsigned int maxreclevel;
                                  /* maximum recursion level for archives */
                                  /* maximum number of files to be scanned
   unsigned int maxfiles;
                                   * within a single archive
                                   * /
                               /* maximum recursion level for mail files */
    unsigned int maxmailrec;
    unsigned int maxratio;
                            /* maximum compression ratio */
    unsigned long int maxfilesize; /* compressed files larger than this limit
                                   * will not be scanned
                                   * /
    unsigned short archivememlim; /* limit memory usage for some unpackers */
};
```

The last argument (options) configures the scan engine and supports the following flags (that can be combined using bit operators):

• CL_SCAN_STDOPT

This is an alias for a recommended set of scan options. You should use it to make your software ready for new features in the future versions of libclamav.

• CL_SCAN_RAW

Use it alone if you want to disable support for special files.

• CL_SCAN_ARCHIVE

This flag enables transparent scanning of various archive formats.

CL_SCAN_BLOCKENCRYPTED

With this flag the library will mark encrypted archives as viruses (Encrypted.Zip, Encrypted.RAR).

CL_SCAN_BLOCKMAX

Mark archives as viruses if maxfiles, maxfilesize, or maxreclevel limit is reached.

• CL_SCAN_MAIL

Enable support for mail files.

• CL_SCAN_MAILURL

The mail scanner will download and scan URLs listed in a mail body. This flag should not be used on loaded servers. Due to potential problems please do not enable it by default but make it optional.

• CL_SCAN_OLE2

Enables support for OLE2 containers (used by MS Office and .msi files).

• CL_SCAN_PDF

Enables scanning within PDF files.

• CL_SCAN_PE

This flag enables deep scanning of Portable Executable files and allows libclamav to unpack executables compressed with run-time unpackers.

• CL_SCAN_ELF

Enable support for ELF files.

CL_SCAN_BLOCKBROKEN

libclamav will try to detect broken executables and mark them as Broken. Executable.

• CL_SCAN_HTML

This flag enables HTML normalisation (including ScrEnc decryption).

• CL_SCAN_ALGORITHMIC

Enable algorithmic detection of viruses.

• CL_SCAN_PHISHING_DOMAINLIST

Phishing module: restrict URL scanning to domains from .pdf (RECOMMENDED).

• CL_SCAN_PHISHING_BLOCKSSL

Phishing module: always block SSL mismatches in URLs.

• CL_SCAN_PHISHING_BLOCKCLOAK

Phishing module: always block cloaked URLs.

All functions return 0 (CL_CLEAN) when the file seems clean, CL_VIRUS when a virus is detected and another value on failure.

```
struct cl_limits limits;
const char *virname;

memset(&limits, 0, sizeof(struct cl_limits));
limits.maxfiles = 1000; /* max files */
```

6.4.2 Memory

Because the engine structure consumes a few megabytes of system memory, you should release it with cl_free if you no longer need to scan files.

6.4.3 clamav-config

Use clamav-config to check compilation information for libelamav.

```
zolw@localhost:~$ clamav-config --libs
-L/usr/local/lib -lz -lbz2 -lgmp -lpthread
zolw@localhost:~$ clamav-config --cflags
-I/usr/local/include -g -02
```

6.4.4 Example

You will find an example scanner application in the clamav sources (/example). Don't forget that all programs based on libclamav must be linked against it:

```
gcc -Wall ex1.c -o ex1 -lclamav
```

6.5 CVD format

CVD (ClamAV Virus Database) is a digitally signed tarball containing one or more databases. The header is a 512-bytes long string with colon separated fields:

```
ClamAV-VDB:build time:version:number of signatures:functionality level required:MD5 checksum:digital signature:builder name:build time (sec)
```

sigtool --info displays detailed information on CVD files:

```
zolw@localhost:/usr/local/share/clamav$ sigtool -i daily.cvd
```

Build time: 11 Feb 2007 19-28 +0000

Version: 2553

of signatures: 6063
Functionality level: 9

Builder: ccordes

MD5: 7f337b409249e11dea3effb04dd352f2

Digital signature: 6Ybd2eeDHBAs8raaEwmayqzoa5ysGDNnQ5Cc89mS2VCm1jRXZP ke/itmkTyYQTc/rgJc2uQPr+NvzvUxRpsniwoyZ/gIkPniCLnqVCYOOytwtmirivbrV8j0kzxb9nHd+5UQqj/Z3rLbS7T5HCbRX3uE0JX1tAo642Gq9ACH9Fc

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