JAX-RS Overview

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Topics

- JAX-RS quick overview
- Creating resources
 - > @Path, @PathParam, @QueryParam
 - > Sub-resource locators
- HTTP method annotations (Uniform interface)
 - > @GET, @POST, @PUT, @DELETE
- Representations
 - > @Produces, @Consumes

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 - > Singleton, Container-Item
- Supported types
- Creating responses
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- Building URIs
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- Security
 - > @Context, SecurityContext class
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- Samples

JAX-RS Quick Overview

Problem in Using Servlet API For Exposing a Resource (Too much coding)

```
public class Artist extends HttpServlet {
   public enum SupportedOutputFormat {XML, JSON};
   protected void doGet(HttpServletRequest request, HttpServletResponse response)
        throws ServletException, IOException {
        String accept = request.getHeader("accept").toLowerCase();
        String acceptableTypes[] = accept.split(",");
        SupportedOutputFormat outputType = null;
        for (String acceptableType: acceptableTypes) {
            if (acceptableType.contains("*/*") || acceptableType.contains("application/*") ||
                acceptableType.contains("application/xml")) {
                outputType=SupportedOutputFormat.XML;
            } else if (acceptableType.contains("application/json")) {
                outputType=SupportedOutputFormat.JSON;
                break:
        if (outputType==null)
            response.sendError(415);
        String path = request.getPathInfo();
        String pathSegments[] = path.split("/");
        String artist = pathSegments[1];
        if (pathSegments.length < 2 && pathSegments.length > 3)
            response.sendError(404);
        else if (pathSegments.length == 3 && pathSegments[2].equals("recordings")) {
            if (outputType == SupportedOutputFormat.XML)
                writeRecordingsForArtistAsXml(response, artist);
                writeRecordingsForArtistAsJson(response, artist);
        } else {
            if (outputType == SupportedOutputFormat.XML)
                writeArtistAsXml(response, artist);
            else
                writeArtistAsJson(response, artist);
   private void writeRecordingsForArtistAsXml (HttpServletResponse response, String artist) { ... }
   private void writeRecordingsForArtistAsJson(HttpServletResponse response, String artist) { ... }
   private void writeArtistAsXml(HttpServletResponse response, String artist) { ... }
   private void writeArtistAsJson(HttpServletResponse response, String artist) { ... }
```

Design Goals of JAX-RS: Java API for RESTful Web Services

- Clear mapping to REST concepts
 - > Everything is a resource
 - Every resource is address'able via URI
 - > HTTP methods provides uniform interface
 - > Representations
- High level and Declarative
 - Use @ annotation in POJOs
- Generate or hide the boilerplate code
 - No need to write boilerplate code for every app

JAX-RS (JSR 311) & Jersey

- Jersey reference implementation of JAX-RS
 - > Download it from http://jersey.dev.java.net
 - > Comes with Glassfish, Java EE 6
 - > Tools support in NetBeans
- Four other open source implementations:
 - > Apache CXF
 - > JBoss RESTEasy
 - > Restlet
 - > Triaxrs

Creating a Resource with URI using @Path Annotation

How to Create Root Resource Class?

- Create a POJO (Plain Old Java Object) and annotate it with @Path annotation with relative URI path as value
 - > The base URI is the application context
- Implement resource methods inside the POJO with HTTP method annotations
 - > @GET, @PUT, @POST, @DELETE

Example: Root Resource Class

```
// Assume the application context is http://example.com/catalogue, then
// GET http://example.com/catalogue/widgets - handled by the getList ()
// method
// GET http://example.com/catalogue/widgets/nnn - handled by the
// getWidget() method.
@Path("widgets")
public class WidgetsResource {
 @GET
 String getList() {...}
 @GET @Path("{id}")
 String getWidget(@PathParam("id") String id) {...}
```

URI Path Template

What is URI Path Template?

- URI path templates are URIs with variables embedded within the URI syntax.
- To obtain the value of the username variable, the @PathParam may be used on method parameter of a request method

```
// Will respond to http://example.com/users/SangShin
@Path("/users/{username}")
public class UserResource {
    @GET
    @Produces("text/xml")
    public String getUser(@PathParam("username") String userName) {
        ...
}
```

@PathParam, @QueryParam

- Annotated method parameters extract client request information
 - PathParam extracts information from the request URI
 - http://host/catalog/items/123
 - > @QueryParam extracts information from the request URI query parameters
 - http://host/catalog/items/?start=0

Example: @PathParam, @QueryParam

```
@Path("/items/")
@Consumes("application/xml")
public class ItemsResource {
  // Example request: http://host/catalog/items/123
  @Path("{id}/")
  ItemResource getItemResource(@PathParam("id")Long id) {
  // Example request: http://host/catalog/items/?start=0
  @GET
  ItemsConverter get(@QueryParam("start")int start) {
```

URI Path template variable with Reg. Expression pattern

- @Path("users/{username: [a-zA-Z][a-zA-Z_0-9]}")
 - > username variable will only match user names that begin with one upper or lower case letter and zero or more alpha numeric characters and the underscore character.
 - > If a user name does not match that a 404 (Not Found) response will occur.

Demo: Building & Testing "Hello World" RESTful Web Service

Sub-Resource Locators

What is Sub-resource locator?

- Sub-resource locator is a method
 - > Annotated with @Path
 - > Not annotated with @GET or @POST
 - > Returns sub-resource, which contains methods with @GET or @POST annotations
- Sub-resource locators support polymorphism
 - > A sub-resource locator may return different subtypes depending on the request (for example a sub-resource locator could return different subtypes dependent on the role of the principle that is authenticated).

Example: Sub-resource Locator

```
@Path("/item")
public class ItemResource {
  // Sub-resource locator
  @Path("content")
  public ItemContentResource getItemContentResource() {
    return new ItemContentResource();
  @GET
  @Produces("application/xml")
  public Item get() { ... }
public class ItemContentResource {
  @GET public Response get() { ... }
  @PUT @Path("{version}")
  public void put(
       @PathParam("version") int version,
       @Context HttpHeaders headers,
       byte[] in) { ... }
```

HTTP Methods
Annotations:
@GET, @POST, @PUT,
@DELETE

Clear mapping to REST concepts: HTTP Methods

- Annotate resource class methods with standard HTTP method
 - > @GET, @PUT, @POST, @DELETE

Uniform interface: methods on resources

```
@Path("/employees")
class Employees {
  @GET <type> get() { ... }
  @POST <type> create(<type>) { ... }
@Path("/employees/{eid}")
class Employee {
  @GET <type> get(...) { ... }
  @PUT void update(...) { ... }
  @DELETE void delete(...) { ... }
```

Java method name is not significant.

CRUD Operations are Performed through "HTTP method" + "Resource"

CRUD Operations

Create (Single)

Read (Multiple)

Read (Single)

Update (Single)

Delete (Single)

HTTP method Resource

POST

GET

GET

PUT

DELETE

Collection URI

Collection URI

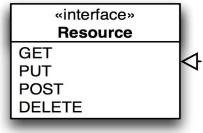
Entry URI

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HTTP Methods:

Customer Order Management Example



http://www.infog.com/articles/rest-introduction

/orders

GET - list all orders

PUT - unused

POST - add a new order

DELETE - unused

/orders/{id}

GET - get order details

PUT - update order

POST - add item

DELETE - cancel order

/customers

GET - list all customers

PUT - unused

POST - add new customer

DELETE - unused

/customers/{id}

GET - get customer details

PUT - update customer

POST - unused

DELETE - delete customer

/customers/{id}/orders

GET - get all orders for customer

PUT - unused

POST - add order

DELETE - cancel all customer orders

HTTP Methods:

- /orders
 - GET list all orders
 - POST submit a new order

/orders/{order-id}

- GET get an order representation
- > PUT update an order
- DELETE cancel an order

/orders/average-sale

- GET calculate average sale
- /customers
 - GET list all customers
 - POST create a new customer

/customers/{cust-id}

- > GET get a customer representation
- DELETE- remove a customer

/customers/{cust-id}/orders

GET - get all orders of a customer

http://www.infoq.com/articles/restintroduction

GET /customers

```
// Handles http://localhost:8080/CustomerDB/resources/customers/
@Path("/customers/")
public class CustomersResource {
  /**
   * Get method for retrieving a collection of Customer instance in XML format.
   * @return an instance of CustomersConverter
   */
  @GET
  @Produces({"application/xml", "application/json"})
  public CustomersConverter get(...) {
    try {
       return new CustomersConverter(getEntities(start, max, query),
                          uriInfo.getAbsolutePath(), expandLevel);
     } finally {
       PersistenceService.getInstance().close();
```

GET /customer/{id}

```
// Handles http://localhost:8080/CustomerDB/resources/customers/1
@Path("/customers/")
public class CustomersResource {
   * Returns a dynamic instance of CustomerResource used for entity navigation.
   * @return an instance of CustomerResource
   */
  @Path("{customerId}/")
  public CustomerResource
  getCustomerResource(@PathParam("customerId") Integer id) {
     CustomerResource resource =
               resourceContext.getResource(CustomerResource.class);
     resource.setId(id);
     return resource;
```

Representations: @Produces & @Consumes

Formats in HTTP

Request

```
GET /music/artists/beatles/recordings HTTP/1.1
```

```
Host: media.example.com
Accept: application/xml
```

Response

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
```

Date: Tue, 08 May 2007 16:41/58 GMT

Server: Apache/1.3.6

Content-Type: application/xml; charset=UTF-8

State transfer

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<recordings xmlns="...">
    <recording>...</recording>
    ...
</recordings>
```

Representation

Multiple Representations

- Resources can have multiple representations
 - Specified through 'Content-type' HTTP response header
 - Acceptable format through 'Accept' HTTP request header
- Type of representations
 - > text/html regular web page
 - > application/xhtml+xml in XML
 - > application/rss+xml as a RSS feed
 - > application/octet-stream an octet stream
 - > application/rdf+xml RDF format

@Produces

- Used to specify the MIME media types of representations a resource can produce and send back to the client
- Can be applied at both the class and method levels
 - > Method level overrides class level

@Produces

```
@Path("/myResource")
@Produces("text/plain")
public class SomeResource {
 // defaults to the MIME type of the @Produces
 // annotation at the class level
  @GET
  public String doGetAsPlainText() {
  // overrides the class-level @Produces setting
  @GET
  @Produces("text/html")
  public String doGetAsHtml() {
```

Choice of Mime Type Based on Client Preference

- If a resource class is capable of producing more that one MIME media type, then the resource method chosen will produce the most acceptable media type as declared by the client.
 - Accept header of the HTTP request
- For example,
 - > Accept: text/plain doGetAsPlainText method will be invoked
 - > Accept: text/plain;q=0.9, text/html doGetAsHtml method will be invoked

Multiple types can be declared

```
@GET
// More than one media type may be declared in the same
// @Produces annotation.
//
// The doGetAsXmlOrJson method will get invoked if either of the
// media types "application/xml" and "application/json" are acceptable.
// If both are equally acceptable then the former will be chosen
// because it occurs first.
@Produces({"application/xml", "application/json"})
public String doGetAsXmlOrJson() {
```

@Consumes

- Used to specify the MIME media types of representations a resource can consume
- Can be applied at both the class and method levels
 - Method level override a class level
- A container is responsible for ensuring that the method invoked is capable of consuming the media type of the HTTP request entity body.
 - If no such method is available the container must respond with a HTTP "415 Unsupported Media Type"

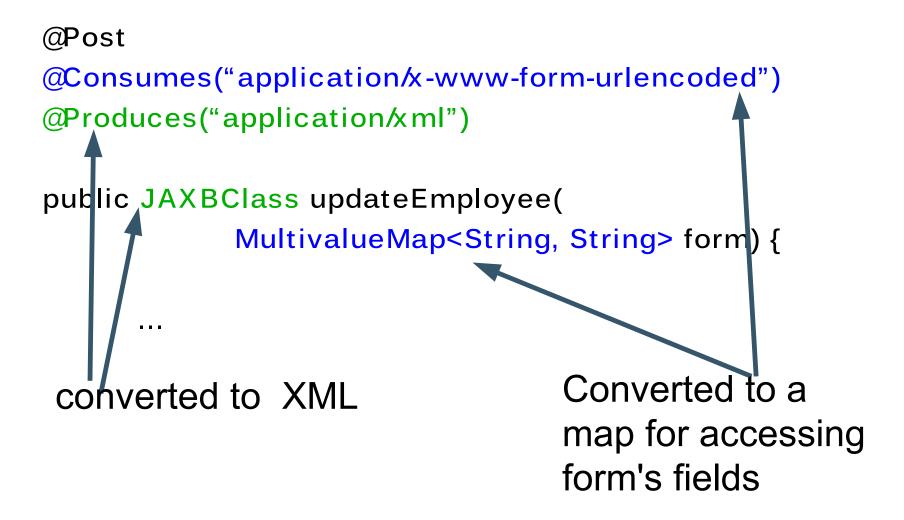
@Consumes

```
@POST
// Consume representations identified by the MIME media type "text/plain".
// Notice that the resource method returns void. This means no representation
// is returned and response with a status code of 204 (No Content) will be
// returned.
@Consumes("text/plain")
public void postClichedMessage(String message) {
    // Store the message
}
```

Demo: Building RESTful Web Services from Database Tables

XML Binding via JAXB

Producing via @Produces



Produces XML from Complex Object

```
// Method that returns XML of complex object graph
@GET
@Produces({"application/xml", "application/json"})
public CustomerConverter get(@QueryParam("expandLevel")
                         @DefaultValue("1") int expandLevel) {
  try {
    // See the next slide for the CustomerConverter class
     return new CustomerConverter(getEntity(),
                     uriInfo.getAbsolutePath(), expandLevel);
  } finally {
     PersistenceService.getInstance().close();
```

Produces XML from Complex Object

```
@XmlRootElement(name = "customer")
public class CustomerConverter {
  private Customer entity;
  private URI uri;
  private int expandLevel;
  @XmlElement
  public Integer getCustomerId() {
    return (expandLevel > 0) ? entity.getCustomerId() : null;
  @XmlElement
  public String getZip() {
    return (expandLevel > 0) ? entity.getZip() : null;
```

Produces XML from Complex Object

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
 <customer
uri="http://localhost:8080/CustomerDB/resources/customers/2/">
    <addressline1>9754 Main Street</addressline1>
    <addressline2>P.O. Box 567</addressline2>
    <city>Miami</city>
    <creditLimit>50000</creditLimit>
    <customerId>2</customerId>
    <discountCode
uri="http://localhost:8080/CustomerDB/resources/customers/2/discou
ntCode/"/>
    <email>www.tsoftt.com</email>
    <fax>305-456-8889</fax>
    <name>Livermore Enterprises</name>
    <phone>305-456-8888</phone>
    <state>FL</state>
    <zip>33055</zip>
 </customer>
```

Common Patterns

Common Patterns

- Singleton
- Container-Item
- Client-Controlled Container-Item

Common Patterns: Container-Item Server in control of URI

- Container a collection of items
- List catalog items:
 - > GET /catalog/items
- Add item to container:
 - > POST /catalog/items with a new item in request
 - URI of item returned in HTTP response header
 - e.g. http://host/catalog/items/1
- Update item
 - > PUT /catalog/items/1 with updated item in request
- Good example: Atom Publishing Protocol

Common Patterns: Container-Item Client in control of URI

- List key-value pairs: GET /map
- Put new value to map: PUT /map/{key}
 - > with entry in request
- Read value: GET /map/{key}
- Update value: PUT /map/{key}
 - with updated value in request
- Remove value: DELETE /map/{key}
- Good example: Amazon S3



Creating Response with Response Class

Building Responses

- Sometimes it is necessary to return additional information in response to a HTTP request.
 Such information may be built and returned using Response and Response.ResponseBuilder
- Response building provides other functionality such as setting the entity tag and last modified date of the representation.

HTTP Response Codes

- JAX-RS returns default response codes
 - > GET returns 200 OK
 - > PUT returns 201 CREATED
- HTTP response codes
 - http://www.w3.org/Protocols/rfc2616/rfc2616-sec10.html

200 OK

201 Created

202 Accepted

203 Non-Authoritative Information

204 No Content

205 Reset Content

206 Partial Content

207 Multi-Status

226 IM Used

HTTP response for HTTP Post for Creating an item

```
C: POST /items HTTP/1.1
C: Host: host.com
C: Content-Type: application/xml
C: Content-Length: 35
C:
C: <item>dog</item>
S: HTTP/1.1 201 Created
S: Location: http://host.com/employees/1234
S: Content-Length: 0
```

Creating a Response using Response class

```
@POST
@Consumes("application/xml")
// A common RESTful pattern for the creation of a new resource is to support a
// POST response that returns a 201 (Created) status code and a Location
// header whose value is the URI to the newly created resource
public Response post(String content) {
  URI createdUri = ...
  create(content);
  return Response.created(createdUri).build();
```

Buidling URIs with UriBuilder & UriInfo Classes (Linking Things Together)

UriBuilder Class

- A very important aspect of REST is hyperlinks, URIs, in representations that clients can use to transition the Web service to new application states
 - > "hypermedia as the engine of application state"
- Building URIs and building them safely is not easy with java.net.URI, which is why JAX-RS has the UriBuilder class that makes it simple and easy to build URIs safely

UriInfo Class

- Provides base URI information
 - The URIs that will be returned are typically built from the base URI the Web service is deployed at or from the request URI

UriBuilder & UriInfo

```
@Path("/users/")
public class UsersResource {
  @Context UriInfo uriInfo;
  @GET
  @Produces("application/json")
  // The getUsersAsJsonArray method constructs a JSONArrray where
  // each element is a URI identifying a specific user resource
  public JSONArray getUsersAsJsonArray() {
     JSONArray uriArray = new JSONArray();
     for (UserEntity userEntity : getUsers()) {
       UriBuilder ub = uriInfo.getAbsolutePathBuilder();
       URI userUri = ub.
            path(userEntity.getUserid()).
            build();
       uriArray.put(userUri.toASCIIString());
     return uriArray;
```

UriBuilder for extracting query parameters

Exception

NotFoundException

```
@Path("items/{itemid}/")
public Item getItem(@PathParam("itemid") String itemid) {
    Item i = getItems().get(itemid);
    // Shows the throwing of a NotFoundException.
    // The NotFoundException exception is a Jersey specific
    // exception that extends WebApplicationException
    //and builds a HTTP response with
    // the 404 status code and an optional message
    //as the body of the response:
    if (i == null)
       throw new NotFoundException("Item,
                                     + itemid + ", is not found");
    return i:
```

WebApplicationException

public class NotFoundException extends WebApplicationException {

```
/**
* Create a HTTP 404 (Not Found) exception.
public NotFoundException() {
  super(Responses.notFound().build());
/**
* Create a HTTP 404 (Not Found) exception.
* @param message the String that is the entity of the 404 response.
public NotFoundException(String message) {
  super(Response.status(Responses.NOT FOUND).
       entity(message).type("text/plain").build());
```

ExceptionMapper

```
// In other cases it may not be appropriate to throw instances of
// WebApplicationException, or classes that extend
// WebApplicationException, and instead it may be preferable
// to map an existing exception to a response.
// For such cases it is possible to use the ExceptionMapper interface.
// For example, the following maps the EntityNotFoundException to a
// 404 (Not Found) response.
@Provider
public class <a href="EntityNotFoundMapper">EntityNotFoundMapper</a> implements
     ExceptionMapper<javax.persistence.EntityNotFoundException> {
  public Response
  toResponse(javax.persistence.EntityNotFoundException ex) {
     return Response.status(404).
        entity(ex.getMessage()).
       type("text/plain").
        build();
```

Security

Getting SecurityContext

- Security information is available by obtaining the SecurityContext using @Context, which is essentially the equivalent functionality available on the HttpServletRequest
- SecurityContext can be used in conjunction with sub-resource locators to return different resource depending on a user's role
 - > For example, a sub-resource locator could return a different resource if a user is a preferred customer:

SecurityContext

```
@Path("basket")
// Sub-resource locator could return a different resource if a user
// is a preferred customer:
public ShoppingBasketResource get(@Context SecurityContext sc) {
  if (sc.isUserInRole("PreferredCustomer") {
    return new PreferredCustomerShoppingBaskestResource();
  } else {
    return new ShoppingBasketResource();
```

Deployment Options

Servlet

- JAX-RS applications are packaged in WAR like a servlet
- For JAX-RS aware containers (Java EE 6)
 - web.xml can point to Application subclass
- For non-JAX-RS aware containers (Java EE 5)
 - web.xml points to the servlet implementation of JAX-RS runtime
- Application declares resource classes
 - Can create your own by subclassing
 - > Reuse PackagesResourceConfig

JavaSE 6

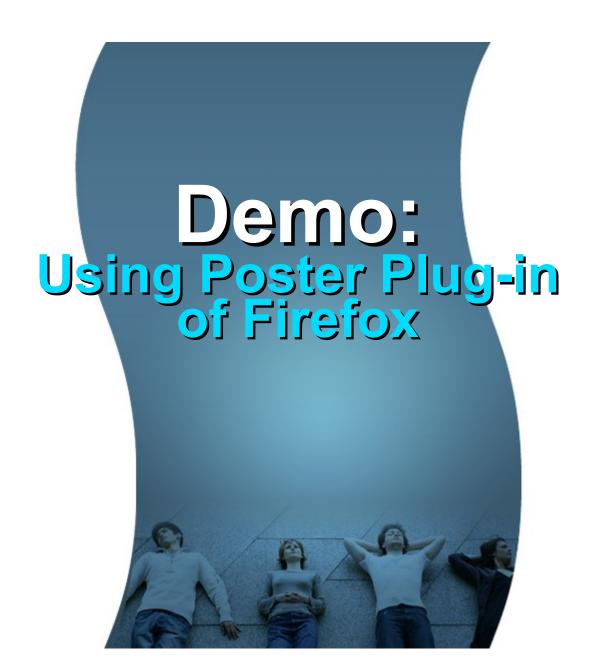
- Use RuntimeDelegate to create instance of end point
- Provides configuration information
 - > Subclass of Application
- Jersey supports Grizzly, LW HTTP server and JAX-WS provider

```
Application app = new MyRESTApplication();
RuntimeDelegate rd = RuntimeDelegate.getInstance();
Adapter a = rd.createEndpoint(app, Adapter.class);
SelectorThread st = GrizzlyServerFactory.create(
"http://127.0.0.1:8084/", a);
```

Tools & Samples

Development Tools

- IDE for general purpose RESTful Web service development
 - NetBeans, Eclipse
- Client tools for sending HTTP requests
 - "Poster" plug-in to Firefox
 - > Several command line tools
 - curl http://curl.haxx.se/
 - soapUI
- Browser



Samples

- http://download.java.net/maven/2/com/sun/jersey/samples/jerseysamples/1.0.3/jersey-samples-1.0.3-project.zip (They are Maven projects)
- HelloWorld: This is how everybody starts using Grizzly as in the process HTTP server.
- HelloWorld Web app: This is how everybody starts using a Web application.
- Bookmark Web app: Demonstrates how to use JPA in the backend.
- Bookstore Web app: Demonstrates how to use polymorphism with resources and views that are JSP pages.
- EntityProvider: Demonstrates pluggable entity providers.
- Extended WADL Web app:Demonstrates how to customize generation of WADL.
- Generate WADL: Demonstrates how to customize generation of WADL.
- Jaxb: Demonstrates the use of JAXB-based resources.
- JMaki-backend Web app: Provides JSON to be consumed by jMaki widgets.
- JsonFromJaxb: Demonstrates how to use JSON representation of JAXBbased resources.

Samples

- Mandel: A Mandelbrot service written in Scala using Scala's actors to scale-up the calculation.
- OptimisticConcurrency: Demonstrates the application of optimistic concurrency to a web resource.
- SimpleAtomServer:Simple Atom server that partially conforms to the Atom Publishing Format and Protocol.
- SimpleConsole: Demonstrates a simple service using Grizzly.
- SimpleServlet: Demonstrates how to use a Servlet container.
- Sparklines: A sparklines application inspired by Joe Gregorio's python application.
- Spring annotations: An example leveraging Jersey's Springbased annotation support.
- StorageService: Demonstrates a basic in-memory web storage service.







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