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Generate Predict, First, and Follow Sets from EBNF (Extended Backus Naur Form) Grammar

Provide a grammar in Extended Backus-Naur form (EBNF) to automatically calculate its first, follow, and predict sets. See the sidebar for an example.

First sets are used in LL parsers (top-down parsers reading Left-to-right, using Leftmost-derivations).

Follow sets are used in top-down parsers, but also in LR parsers (bottom-up parsers, reading Left-to-right, using Rightmost derivations). These include LR(0), SLR(1), LR(k), and LALR parsers.

Predict sets, derived from the above two, are used by Fischer & LeBlanc to construct LL(1) top-down parsers.

Input Your Grammar

For more details, and a well-formed example, check out the sidebar. \rightarrow

```
compound-statement
if-statement | while-
statement | break-
statement
            continue
statement
            return-
statement
expression-statement
declaration-
statement
if\text{-statement} \,\to\, if
expression compound-
statement else
compound-statement
while-statement -
while expression
compound-statement
break-statement ->
compound-statement ->
Click for Predict, First, and Follow Sets
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First Set

```
First Set
  Non-Terminal Symbol
if
                              if
                              else
else
while
                              while
                              break
break
{\tt continue}
                              continue
                             return
{\tt condition-expression}
                              condition-expression
*=
                              *=
/=
                              /=
+=
                              +=
                              &&=
&&=
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хх=
                            XX =
XX
                            XX
&&
                            &&
==
                            ==
!=
                            !=
<
                            <
<=
                            <=
                            >
                            >=
>=
identifier
                            identifier
                            (
INT-LITERAL
                            INT-LITERAL
BOOL-LITERAL
                            BOOL-LITERAL
                            -initial
-initial
func
                            func
->
void
                            void
var
                            var
class
                            class
const
                            const
{\tt init-expression}
                            init-expression
anonymous-annotation-
                            anonymous-annotation-internal
internal
int
                            int
                            bool
bool
if-statement
                            if
while\mbox{-statement}
                            while
break-statement
                            break
{\tt compound-statement}
                            ε, {, while, continue, if, return, break, ;, -, !, ++, --, identifier, (, INT-LITERAL, BOOL-LITERAL,
statement-list
                            const, class, var
{\tt continue-statement}
                            continue
                            return
return-statement
                            ;, \epsilon, -, !, ++, --, identifier, (, INT-LITERAL, BOOL-LITERAL
expression-statement
expression-list
                            \epsilon, -, !, ++, --, identifier, (, INT-LITERAL, BOOL-LITERAL
                            =, *=, /=, +=, -=, &&=, XX=
assignment-operator
condition-or-expression-
                            ε, ΧΧ
tail
condition-and-expression-
                            &&, ε
tail
equality-expression-tail
                            ε, ==, !=
                            \epsilon , \langle , \langle=, \rangle, \rangle=
rel-expression-tail
additive-expression-tail
                           ε, +, -
                            ε, *, /
m-d-expression-tail
                            -, !, ++, --, identifier, (, INT-LITERAL, BOOL-LITERAL
u-expression
post-expression-tail
                            ., ++, --, ε
                            identifier, (, INT-LITERAL, BOOL-LITERAL
primary-expression
para-list
                            (
proper-para-list-tail
                            ,, ε
para-declaration
                            identifier
arg-list
                            (
proper-arg-list-tail
                            ,, ε
function-definition
                            func
return-type
                            void, int, bool, identifier, {
variable-declaration
                            var
unpack-declaration
                            var
unpack-initial
                            identifier
unpack-decls
unpack-decl-internal-tail ,, \epsilon
unpack-element
                            identifier, {
class-declaration
                            class
```

```
class-body
                           \epsilon, const, class, var, func
class-member
constant-declaration
                           const
initial
anonymous-initial
anonymous-initial-
internal-tail
type-annotation
anonymous
anonymous-internal-tail
                           ., ε
anonymous-type
                           int, bool, {
                           int, bool, identifier, {
type
                           \epsilon, \{, while, continue, if, return, break, ;, -, !, ++, --, identifier, (, INT-LITERAL, BOOL-LITERAL,
top-level
                           const, class, var, func
                           {, while, continue, if, return, break, ;, ε, -, !, ++, --, identifier, (, INT-LITERAL, BOOL-LITERAL,
statement
                           const, class, var
                           identifier, (, INT-LITERAL, BOOL-LITERAL
post-expression
proper-para-list
                           identifier
{\tt declaration-statement}
                           const, class, var
unpack-decl-internal
                           identifier, {
                           int, bool, {
anonymous-internal
                           -, !, ++, --, identifier, (, INT-LITERAL, BOOL-LITERAL
m-d-expression
                           -, !, ++, --, identifier, (, INT-LITERAL, BOOL-LITERAL
additive-expression
                           -, !, ++, --, identifier, (, INT-LITERAL, BOOL-LITERAL
rel-expression
                           -, !, ++, --, identifier, (, INT-LITERAL, BOOL-LITERAL
equality-expression
condition-and-expression -, !, ++, --, identifier, (, INT-LITERAL, BOOL-LITERAL
condition-or-expression
                           -, !, ++, --, identifier, (, INT-LITERAL, BOOL-LITERAL
assignment-expression\\
                           -, !, ++, --, identifier, (, INT-LITERAL, BOOL-LITERAL
expression
                           -, !, ++, --, identifier, (, INT-LITERAL, BOOL-LITERAL
arg
                           -, !, ++, --, identifier, (, INT-LITERAL, BOOL-LITERAL,
anonymous-initial-element -, !, ++, --, identifier, (, INT-LITERAL, BOOL-LITERAL,
proper-arg-list
                           -, !, ++, --, identifier, (, INT-LITERAL, BOOL-LITERAL,
anonymous-initial-internal-, !, ++, --, identifier, (, INT-LITERAL, BOOL-LITERAL,
```

Follow Set

```
Non-Terminal Symbol
                                                                           Follow Set
                          $, {, while, continue, if, return, break, ;, -, !, ++, --, identifier, (, INT-LITERAL, BOOL-LITERAL,
statement
                          const, class, var, func, }
                          $, {, while, continue, if, return, break, ;, -, !, ++, --, identifier, (, INT-LITERAL, BOOL-LITERAL,
if-statement
                          const, class, var, func,
                          $, {, while, continue, if, return, break, ;, -, !, ++, --, identifier, (, INT-LITERAL, BOOL-LITERAL,
while-statement
                          const, class, var, func,
                          $, {, while, continue, if, return, break, ;, -, !, ++, --, identifier, (, INT-LITERAL, BOOL-LITERAL,
break-statement
                          const, class, var, func,
                          else, {, while, continue, if, return, break, ;, -, !, ++, --, identifier, (, INT-LITERAL, BOOL-LITERAL,
compound-statement
                          const, class, var, func, $, }
statement-list
                          , {, while, continue, if, return, break, ;, -, !, ++, --, identifier, (, INT-LITERAL, BOOL-LITERAL, literal)}
continue-statement
                          const, class, var, func,
                          $, {, while, continue, if, return, break, ;, -, !, ++, --, identifier, (, INT-LITERAL, BOOL-LITERAL,
return-statement
                          const, class, var, func, }
                          $, {, while, continue, if, return, break, ;, -, !, ++, --, identifier, (, INT-LITERAL, BOOL-LITERAL,
expression-statement
                          const, class, var, func,
expression-list
expression
                          ), ;, {, ,, }
                         ), ;, {, ,, }
assignment-expression\\
                         condition-expression
assignment-operator
condition-or-expression
                         ), ;, {, ,, }
condition-or-expression-
                         ), ;, {, ,, }
tail
condition-and-expression XX, ), ;, {, ,, }
condition-and-
                         XX, ), ;, {, ,, }
expression-tail
equality-expression
                         ==, !=, &&, XX, ), ;, {, ,, }
equality-expression-tail ==, !=, &&, XX, ), ;, \{, ,, \}
                         ==, !=, &&, XX, ), ;, {, ,, }
rel-expression
rel-expression-tail
                         ==, !=, &&, XX, ), ;, {, ,, }
                          <, <=, >, >=, ==, !=, &&, XX, ), ;, {, ,, }
additive-expression
additive-expression-tail \langle, \langle=, \rangle, \rangle=, ==, !=, &&, XX, ), ;, {, ,, }
m-d-expression
                          +, -, <, <=, >, >=, ==, !=, &&, XX, ), ;, {, ,, }
m-d-expression-tail
                          +, -, <, <=, >, >=, ==, !=, &&, XX, ), ;, {, ,, }
```

```
*, /, =, *=, /=, +=, -=, &&=, XX=, +, -, <, <=, >, >=, ==, !=, &&, XX, ), ;, {, ,, }
u-expression
                         *, /, =, *=, /=, +=, -=, &&=, XX=, +, -, <, <=, >, >=, ==, !=, &&, XX, ), ;, {, ,, }
post-expression
                         *, /, =, *=, /=, +=, -=, &&=, XX=, +, -, <, <=, >, >=, ==, !=, &&, XX, ), ;, {, ,, }
post-expression-tail
                         ., ++, --, *, /, =, *=, /=, +=, -=, &&=, XX=, +, -, <, <=, >, >=, ==, !=, &&, XX, ), ;, {, ,, }
primary-expression
para-list
                         )
proper-para-list
                         )
proper-para-list-tail
                         ,,)
para-declaration
                            ., ++, --, *, /, =, *=, /=, +=, -=, &&=, XX=, +, -, <, <=, >, >=, ==, !=, &&, XX, ), {, ,, }
arg-list
proper-arg-list
                         )
proper-arg-list-tail
                         ,,)
arg
                         const, class, var, func, }, $, {, while, continue, if, return, break, ;, -, !, ++, --, identifier, (, INT-
declaration-statement
                         LITERAL, BOOL-LITERAL
                         {, while, continue, if, return, break, ;, -, !, ++, --, identifier, (, INT-LITERAL, BOOL-LITERAL, const,
function-definition
                         class, var, func,
return-type
                         const, class, var, func, }, $, {, while, continue, if, return, break, ;, -, !, ++, --, identifier, (, INT-
variable-declaration
                         LITERAL, BOOL-LITERAL
                         const, class, var, func, }, $, {, while, continue, if, return, break, ;, -, !, ++, --, identifier, (, INT-
unpack-declaration
                         LITERAL, BOOL-LITERAL
unpack-initial
                         =, ,, }
unpack-decls
unpack-decl-internal
unpack-decl-internal-
tai1
unpack-element
                         ,, }
                         const, class, var, func, }, $, {, while, continue, if, return, break, ;, -, !, ++, --, identifier, (, INT-
class-declaration
                         LITERAL, BOOL-LITERAL
class-body
class-member
                         const, class, var, func, }, $, {, while, continue, if, return, break, ;, -, !, ++, --, identifier, (, INT-
constant-declaration
                         LITERAL, BOOL-LITERAL
initial
anonymous-initial
                         ;, ,, }
anonymous-initial-
internal
anonymous-initial-
internal-tail
anonymous-initial-
{\tt element}
                         ;, ,, )
type-annotation
                         -initial, ,, ;, ), {
anonymous
anonymous-internal
anonymous-internal-tail
anonymous-type
                         ;, ,, ), {
type
top-level
```

Predict Set

```
Expression
                                                                                                 Predict
#
   statement → compound-statement
2 statement → if-statement
                                                                if
3 statement → while-statement
                                                                while
4 statement → break-statement
                                                                break
5 statement \rightarrow continue-statement
                                                                continue
6 statement \rightarrow return-statement
                                                                return
                                                                ;, -, !, ++, --, identifier, (, INT-LITERAL, BOOL-LITERAL
7
  statement → expression-statement
                                                                const, class, var
8
   statement → declaration-statement
   if-statement → if expression compound-statement else
                                                                if
   compound-statement
                                                                while
10 while-statement → while expression compound-statement
11 break-statement → break ;
                                                                break
12 compound-statement → { statement-list }
13 statement-list \rightarrow \epsilon
                                                                {, while, continue, if, return, break, ;, -, !, ++, --, identifier, (,
14 statement-list \rightarrow statement statement-list
                                                                INT-LITERAL, BOOL-LITERAL, const, class, var
15 continue-statement \rightarrow continue;
                                                                continue
16 return-statement \rightarrow return expression;
                                                                return
17 return-statement → return anonymous-initial ;
                                                                return
18 return-statement → return ;
                                                                return
```

```
-, !, ++, --, identifier, (, INT-LITERAL, BOOL-LITERAL, ;
19 expression-statement → expression-list;
                                                                                                 -, !, ++, --, identifier, (, INT-LITERAL, BOOL-LITERAL
20 expression-list \rightarrow expression
21 expression-list \rightarrow \epsilon
                                                                                                 -, !, ++, --, identifier, (, INT-LITERAL, BOOL-LITERAL
22 expression → assignment-expression
23 assignment-expression \rightarrow condition-or-expression
                                                                                                 -, !, ++, --, identifier, (, INT-LITERAL, BOOL-LITERAL
    assignment-expression → u-expression assignment-operator -, !, ++, --, identifier, (, INT-LITERAL, BOOL-LITERAL
24
     condition-expression
25 assignment-operator → =
26 assignment-operator → *=
                                                                                                 *=
                                                                                                 /=
27 assignment-operator → /=
28 assignment-operator \rightarrow +=
                                                                                                 +=
                                                                                                 -=
29 assignment-operator → -=
30 assignment-operator → &&=
                                                                                                 &&=
31 assignment-operator → XX=
                                                                                                 XX =
     condition-or-expression \rightarrow condition-and-expression
32
                                                                                                 -, !, ++, --, identifier, (, INT-LITERAL, BOOL-LITERAL
     condition-or-expression-tail
                                                                                                 ), ;, {, ,, }
33 condition-or-expression-tail \rightarrow \epsilon
     condition-or-expression-tail → XX condition-and-
                                                                                                 XX
     {\it expression condition-or-expression-tail}
     \verb|condition-and-expression| \to \verb|equality-expression|
                                                                                                 -, !, ++, --, identifier, (, INT-LITERAL, BOOL-LITERAL
     condition-and-expression-tail
     condition—and—expression—tail → && equality—expression
     {\it equality-expression-tail}
37 condition-and-expression-tail \rightarrow \epsilon
                                                                                                 XX, ), ;, {, ,, }
     equality-expression → rel-expression equality-
                                                                                                 -, !, ++, --, identifier, (, INT-LITERAL, BOOL-LITERAL
     expression-tail
39 equality-expression-tail \rightarrow \epsilon
                                                                                                 ==, !=, &&, XX, ), ;, {, ,, }
     equality-expression-tail → == rel-expression equality-
40
     expression-tail
     equality-expression-tail → != rel-expression equality-
     expression-tail
42 \hspace{0.2cm} \text{rel-expression} \hspace{0.2cm} \boldsymbol{\rightarrow} \hspace{0.2cm} \text{additive-expression} \hspace{0.2cm} \text{rel-expression-tail-, !, ++, --, identifier, (, INT-LITERAL, BOOL-LITERAL, BOOL-L
                                                                                                 ==, !=, &&, XX, ), ;, {, ,, }
43 rel-expression-tail → ε
     expression-tail
     rel-expression-tail \rightarrow <= additive-expression rel-
     expression-tail
     rel-expression-tail → > additive-expression rel-
     expression-tail
     rel-expression-tail \rightarrow >= additive-expression rel-
     expression-tail
     additive-expression \rightarrow m-d-expression additive-
                                                                                                 -, !, ++, --, identifier, (, INT-LITERAL, BOOL-LITERAL
     expression-tail
49 additive-expression-tail → ε
                                                                                                 <, <=, >, >=, ==, !=, &&, XX, ), ;, {, ,, }
     additive-expression-tail \rightarrow + m-d-expression additive-
     expression-tail
     additive-expression-tail \rightarrow - m-d-expression additive-
     expression-tail
52 m-d-expression → u-expression m-d-expression-tail
                                                                                                 -, !, ++, --, identifier, (, INT-LITERAL, BOOL-LITERAL
53 m-d-expression-tail → ε
                                                                                                 +, -, <, <=, >, >=, ==, !=, &&, XX, ), ;, {, ,, }
54 m-d-expression-tail → * u-expression m-d-expression-tail *
55 m-d-expression-tail \rightarrow / u-expression m-d-expression-tail /
56 u-expression \rightarrow - u-expression
57 u-expression \rightarrow ! u-expression
58 u-expression \rightarrow ++ u-expression
59 u-expression → -- u-expression
60 u-expression \rightarrow post-expression
                                                                                                 identifier, (, INT-LITERAL, BOOL-LITERAL
61 post-expression → primary-expression
                                                                                                 identifier, (, INT-LITERAL, BOOL-LITERAL
62 post-expression → primary-expression post-expression-
                                                                                                 identifier, (, INT-LITERAL, BOOL-LITERAL
63 post-expression-tail \rightarrow . identifier post-expression-tail .
64 post-expression-tail \rightarrow ++ post-expression-tail
                                                                                                 ++
65 post-expression-tail \rightarrow -- post-expression-tail
                                                                                                 *, /, =, *=, /=, +=, -=, &&=, XX=, +, -, <, <=, >, >=, ==, !=, &&, XX,
66 post-expression-tail → ε
                                                                                                 ), ;, {, ,, }
67 primary-expression \rightarrow identifier
                                                                                                 identifier
68 primary-expression → identifier arg-list
                                                                                                 identifier
69 primary-expression \rightarrow ( expression )
                                                                                                 (
70 primary-expression \rightarrow INT-LITERAL
                                                                                                 INT-LITERAL
71 primary-expression → BOOL-LITERAL
                                                                                                 BOOL-LITERAL
72 para-list → ()
73 para-list \rightarrow ( proper-para-list )
74 proper-para-list → para-declaration proper-para-list-
                                                                                                 identifier
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   proper-para-list-tail \rightarrow , para-declaration proper-para-
75
76 proper-para-list-tail → ε
77 para-declaration \rightarrow identifier type-annotation
                                                                    identifier
78 arg-list \rightarrow ()
79 arg-list \rightarrow (proper-arg-list)
80 proper-arg-list \rightarrow arg proper-arg-list-tail
                                                                      !, ++, --, identifier, (, INT-LITERAL, BOOL-LITERAL, {
81 proper-arg-list-tail \rightarrow , arg proper-arg-list-tail
82 proper-arg-list-tail → ε
                                                                    -, !, ++, --, identifier, (, INT-LITERAL, BOOL-LITERAL
83 arg → expression
84 arg → anonymous -initial
85 declaration-statement → constant-declaration
                                                                    const
86 declaration-statement → variable-declaration
                                                                    var
87 declaration-statement → class-declaration
                                                                    class
88 declaration-statement → unpack-declaration
   function-definition → func identifier para-list →
89
                                                                    func
   {\tt return-type\ compound-statement}
                                                                    int, bool, identifier, {
90 return-type → type
91 return-type \rightarrow void
92 variable-declaration \rightarrow var identifier initial;
93 variable-declaration \rightarrow var identifier type-annotation; var
94 unpack-declaration → var unpack-decls = unpack-initial ; var
95 unpack-initial \rightarrow identifier
                                                                    identifier
                                                                    identifier
96 unpack-initial \rightarrow identifier arg-list
97 unpack-decls \rightarrow { unpack-decl-internal }
   unpack-decl-internal \  \, \hbox{$\rightarrow$ unpack-element unpack-decl-}
                                                                    identifier, {
   internal-tail
   unpack-decl-internal-tail \rightarrow , unpack-element unpack-
   decl-internal-tail
100 unpack-decl-internal-tail → ε
101 unpack-element → identifier
                                                                    identifier
102unpack-element \rightarrow unpack-decls
103 class-declaration → class identifier class-body ;
                                                                    class
104 class-body → { class-member }
105 class-member \rightarrow declaration-statement class-member
                                                                    const. class, var
                                                                    func
106 class-member \rightarrow function-definition class-member
107 class-member → ε
constant-declaration \rightarrow const identifier init-expression
                                                                    const
constant-declaration \rightarrow const identifier type-annotation
                                                                    const
110 initial \rightarrow = expression
111 initial → = anonymous-initial
112 anonymous-initial → { anonymous-initial-internal }
                                                                    {
anonymous-initial-internal → anonymous-initial-element
                                                                    -, !, ++, --, identifier, (, INT-LITERAL, BOOL-LITERAL, {
   anonymous-initial-internal-tail
114 anonymous-initial-internal-tail \rightarrow , anonymous-initial-element anonymous-initial-internal-tail
115 anonymous-initial-internal-tail \rightarrow \epsilon
                                                                    -, !, ++, --, identifier, (, INT-LITERAL, BOOL-LITERAL
116 anonymous-initial-element → expression
117 anonymous-initial-element → anonymous-initial
118 type-annotation → : type
119 anonymous → { anonymous-annotation-internal }
anonymous-internal → anonymous-type anonymous-internal-
                                                                    int, bool, {
_{121}\,\mathrm{anonymous}\textsc{-internal-tail} \rightarrow , anonymous-type anonymous-internal-tail
122 anonymous-internal-tail → ε
123 anonymous-type → int
                                                                    int.
124 anonymous-type → bool
                                                                    boo1
125 anonymous-type → anonymous
126 type → int
                                                                    int
127 type → bool
                                                                    boo1
128 type → identifier
                                                                    identifier
129 type → anonymous
                                                                    {, while, continue, if, return, break, ;, -, !, ++, --, identifier, (,
130 top-level → statement top-level
                                                                    INT-LITERAL, BOOL-LITERAL, const, class, var
131 top-level → function-definition top-level
                                                                    func
132 top-level \rightarrow \epsilon
```

LL(1) Parsing Table

On the LL(1) Parsing Table's Meaning and Construction

- The top row corresponds to the columns for all the potential terminal symbols, augmented with \$ to represent the end of the parse.
- The leftmost column and second row are all zero filled, to accommodate the way Fischer and LeBlanc wrote their parser's handling of abs()
- The remaining rows correspond to production rules in the original grammar that you typed in.
- Each entry in that row maps the left-hand-side (LHS) of a production rule onto a line-number. That number is the line in which the LHS had that specific column symbol in its predict set.
- If a terminal is absent from a non-terminal's predict set, an error code is placed in the table. If that terminal is in follow(that non-terminal), the error is a POP error. Else, it's a SCAN error.

```
POP error code = # of predict table productions + 1

SCAN error code = # of predict table productions + 2
```

In practice, you'd want to tear the top, label row off of the table and stick it in a comment, so that you can make sense of your table. The remaining table can be used as is.

LL(1) Parsing Table as JSON (for Easy Import)

LL(1) Parsing Push-Map (as JSON)

This structure maps each production rule in the expanded grammar (seen as the middle column in the predict table above) to a series of states that the LL parser pushes onto the stack.

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How to Calculate First, Follow, & Predict Sets

Specify your grammar in EBNF and slam the button. That's it.

EBNF Grammar Specification Requirements

Productions use the following format:

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A \rightarrow (A) \mid Two
Two -> a
Two \rightarrow b
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- Symbols are inferred as terminal by absence from the left hand side of production rules. "->" designates definition, "|" designates alternation, and newlines designate termination.
- $x \rightarrow y \mid z$ is EBNF short-hand for x -> y $x \rightarrow z$
- Use "EPSILON" to represent ϵ or "LAMBDA" for λ productions. (The two function identically.) E.g., A -> b | EPSILON.
- Be certain to place spaces between things you don't want read as one symbol. (A) \neq (A)

About This Tool

Intended Audience

Computer science students & autodidacts studying compiler design or parsing.

Purpose

Automatic generation of first sets, follow sets, and predict sets speeds up the process of writing parsers. Generating these sets by hands is tedious; this tool helps ameliorate that. Goals:

- Tight feedback loops for faster learning.
- Convenient experimentation with language tweaks. (Write a generic, table/dictionary-driven parser and just plug in the JSON output to get off the ground quickly.)
- Help with tackling existing coursework or creating new course material.

Underlying Theory

I'll do a write-up on this soon. In the interim, you can read about:

- how to determine first and follow sets (PDF from Programming Languages course at University of Alaska Fairbanks)
- significance of first and follow sets in top-down (LL(1)) parsing.
- follow sets' involvement in bottom-up parsing (LALR, in this case)
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