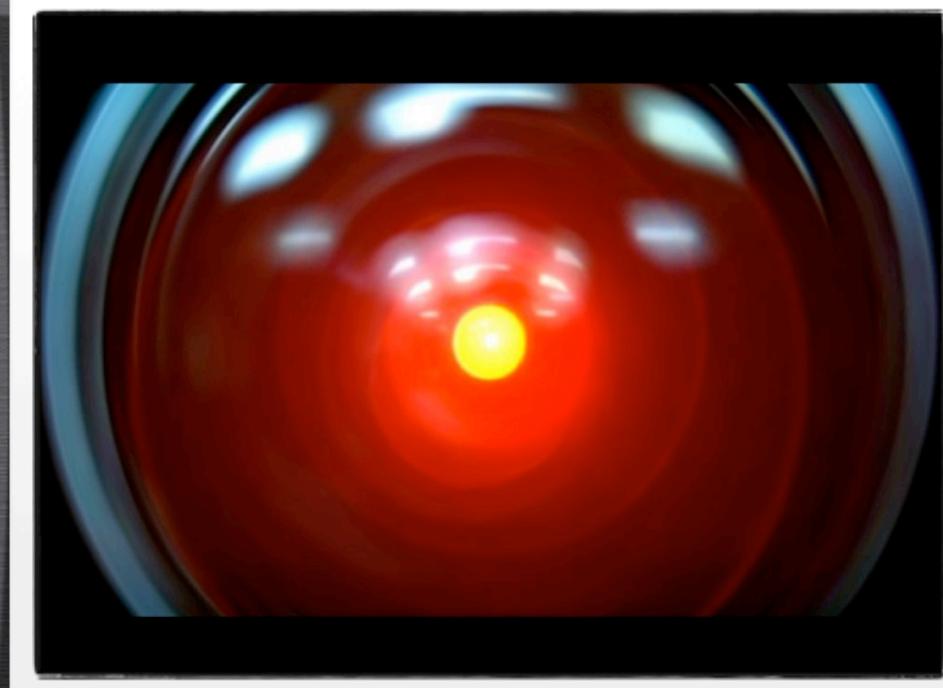


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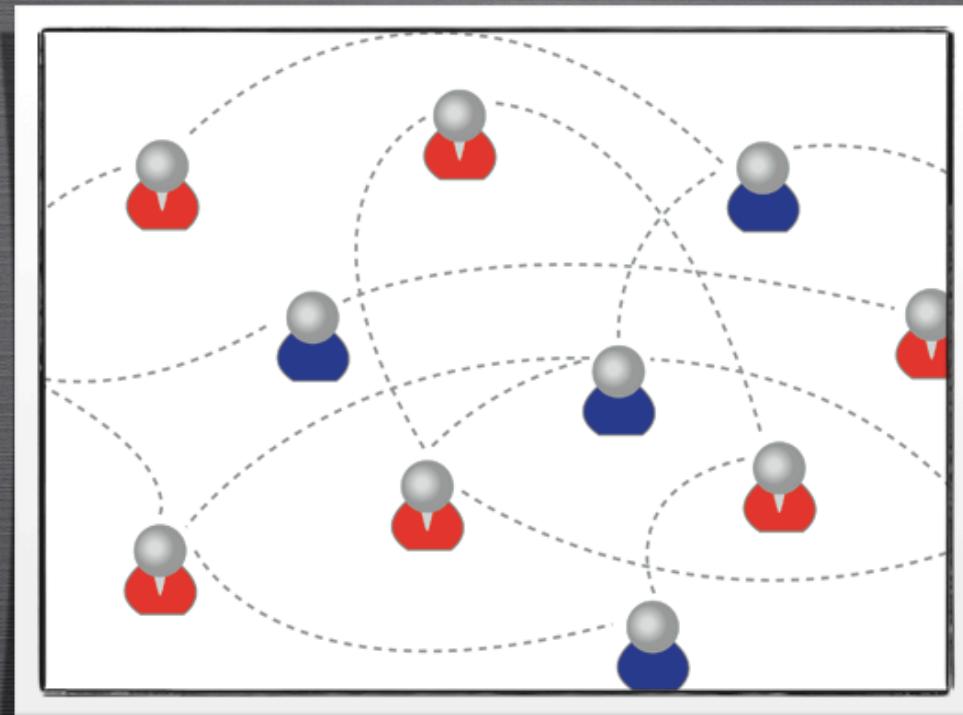
ARGUMENTATION



DIALOGUE SYSTEMS

RESEARCH OVERVIEW

- System Characteristics:
 - Large-Scale
 - Secure
 - Robust
 - Distributed
 - Complex
 - Intelligent
- Applied To/Exploited within:
 - Education & Critical Literacy
 - Entertainment
 - Security
 - Democratic Representation
 - Industrial Automation
 - Commercial Trading
 - Law



WEB-SCALE ARGUMENTATION, PERSUASIVE & SCAFFOLDING TECHNOLOGIES



The image shows a screenshot of the MAgtaLO software interface. At the top left is the logo featuring three stylized human figures and the text "MAgtALO". On the left side, there is a sidebar with two user profiles: "John W." (Director) and "Martin" (Labour N). The main area contains a conversation window titled "Ask Martin a question...".
Question from John W.:
"Why is this the case?"
"Do you have a different reason?"
"Do you agree with this?" (highlighted in green)
"Can you tell me more?"
Martin's Response:
"It will undermine civil liberties
The real target is the people whom the home office has lost
Is the current point is true John?
It will be black people and those from ethnic minorities who will find that they need to show their card most often
Martin:
No, I don't agree. If you are saying the police might discriminate against black people (even though it is illegal), that is a serious problem that needs to be tackled. But should not stop us having ID cards
Current point »
If you are saying the police might discriminate against black people (even though it is illegal), that is a serious problem that needs to be tackled. But should not stop us having ID cards
Buttons at the bottom:
"I Agree With This" and "I Don't Agree With This"
"Who agrees with this?"

WEB-SCALE ARGUMENTATION

MultiAgent Argument Logic & Opinion (MAgtALO) software to support large-scale online interaction within specific complex domains & debates

Sarah Palin – Sarah Palin on the politicization of the Copenhagen climate conference – washingtonpost.com

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and common-sense policies to respond to the coastal erosion, thawing permafrost and melting sea ice that affect Alaska's communities and infrastructure.

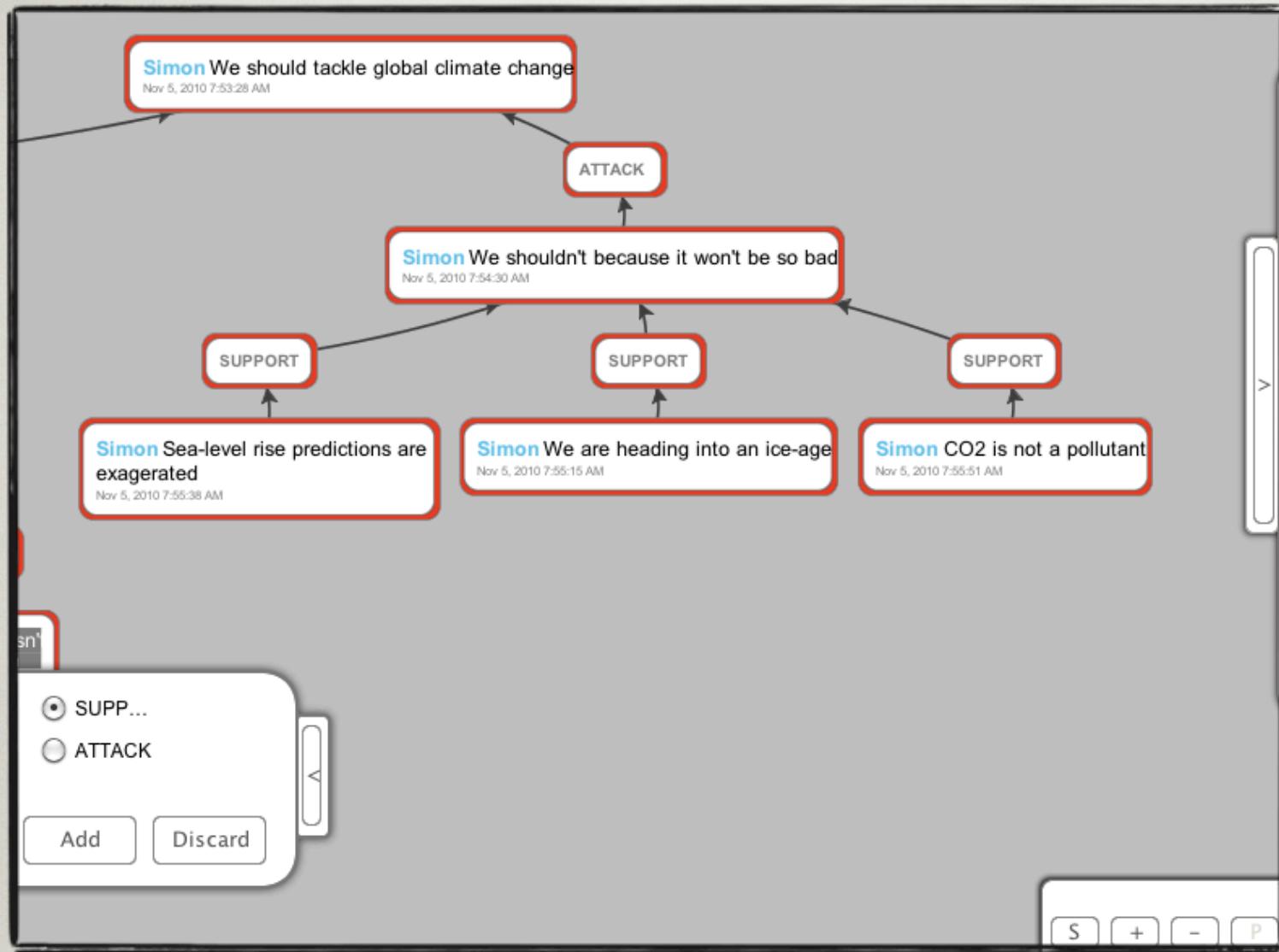
we recognize the occurrence of these natural, cyclical environmental trends, we with assurance that man's activities cause weather changes. We can say, however, potential benefits of proposed emissions reductions are far outweighed by economic costs. And those costs are real. Unlike Copenhagen -- which actually allow them to do so -- the proposal calls for serious cuts in our own long-term energy use. Those would require Congress to pass its cap-and-trade legislation, which would result in job higher energy costs (as Obama admitted during his campaign). Americans are hoping for these days. And as public opposition continues to stall s cap-and-tax legislation, Environmental Protection Agency bureaucrats plan to carbon emissions themselves, doing an end run around the American people.

We're not the only nation whose people are questioning climate change schemes. In the United States, energy prices skyrocketed after it began a cap-and-tax program. Elsewhere, Australia's Parliament recently defeated a cap-and-tax bill. Surely other nations will follow suit, particularly as the climate e-mail scandal continues to unfold.

In his inaugural address, President Obama declared his intention to "restore science to its place." But instead of staying home from Copenhagen and sending a message that the United States will not be a party to fraudulent scientific practices, the president has bet the ante. He plans to fly in at the climax of the conference in hopes of sealing a whatever deal he gets, it will be no deal for the American people. What Obama promises to bring home from Copenhagen is more pressure to pass the Democrats' ~~cap-and-trade bill~~. This is a political move. The last thing America needs is misguided

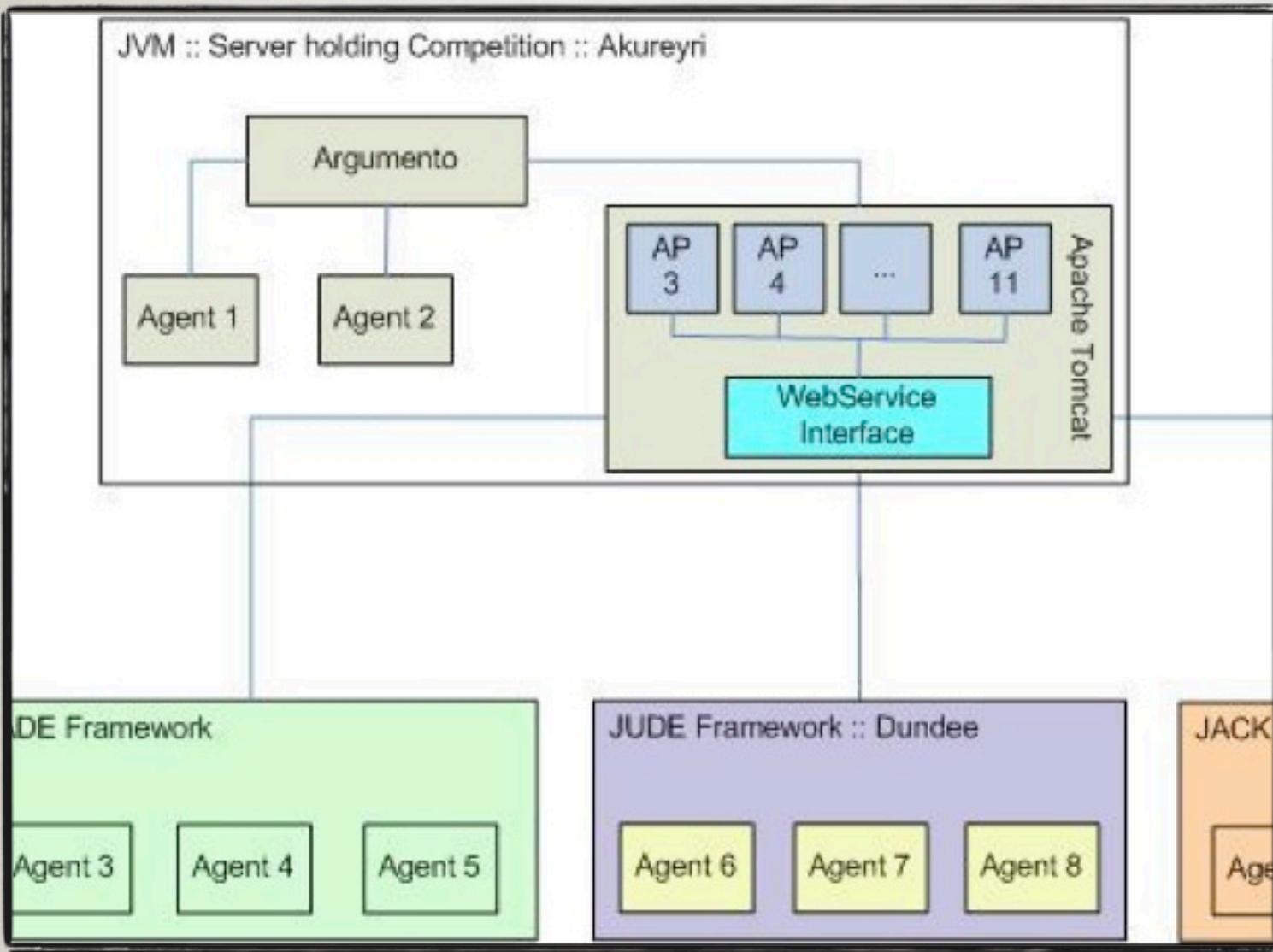
WEB-SCALE ARGUMENTATION

ArguBlogging + FireBack software to support argumentation distributed across the web, integrating and *argument web* within the existing WWW to facilitate greater critical online interaction.



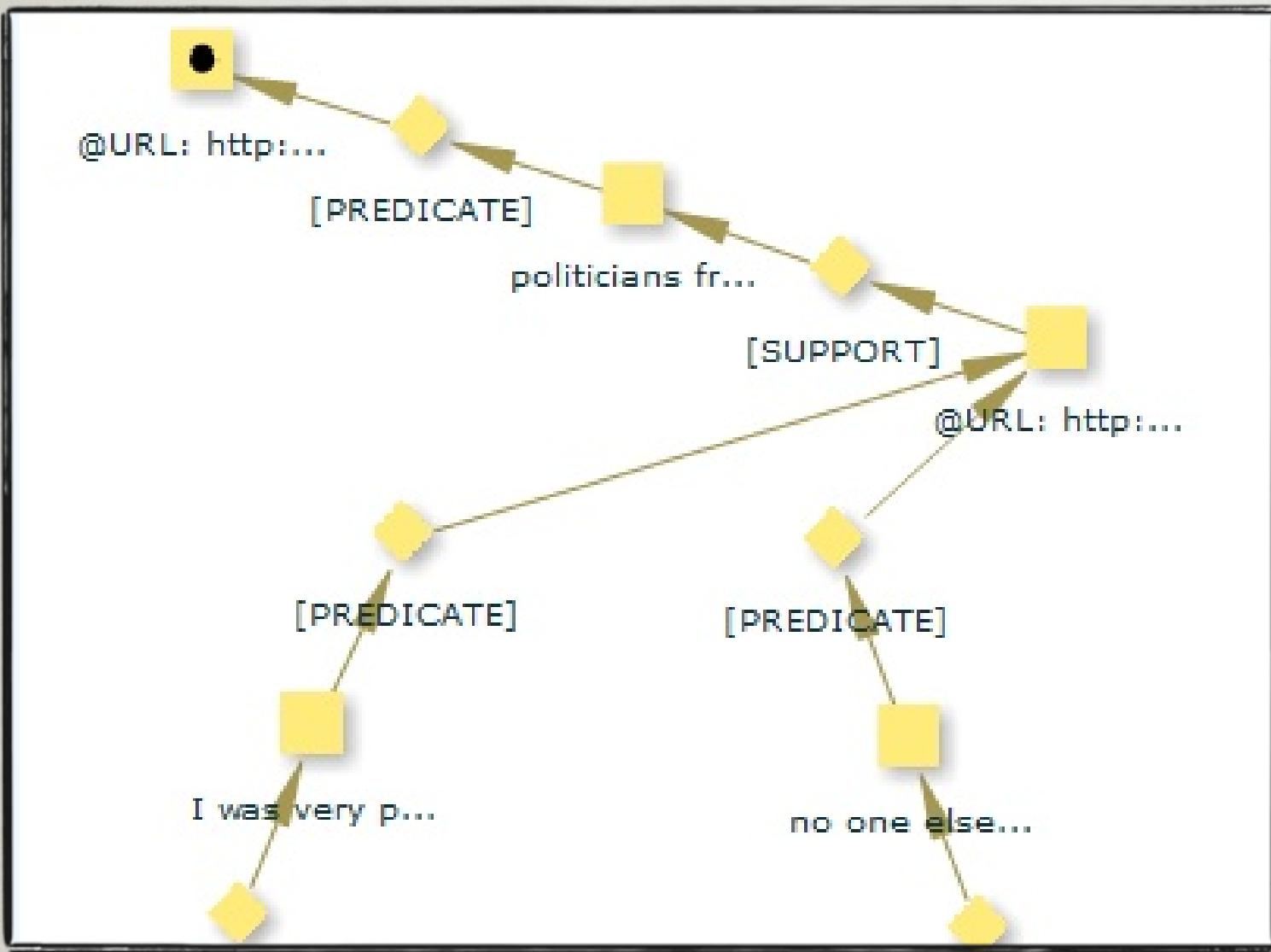
PERSUASIVE TECH

Parley Software to support small-group tutorial work in complex domains



THE ARGUING AGENT COMPETITION

A competitively oriented testbed for benchmarking the performance of automated argumentation systems modelled on the TAC & CAT competitions- Joint work with Akureyri, Toulouse, Vietnam, Warsaw & Dundee



SUPPORTING INFRASTRUCTURE

- DGDL for describing dialogue game rulesets
- AIF - Part of the working group on dialogical extensions
- Online Visualisation of Argument (OVA) flash widget to render visualisations of arguments (& dialogues)
- AIF-DB to store arguments online

APPLICATIONS

- Foundational Argumentation Technologies:
 - AIF2 [*co-author on submission to Argument & Computation*]
 - OVA & AIFDB [*ongoing projects @ Dundee - now part of DAM Project*]
 - DGDL [*Journal of Applied Logic - in press*]
- Web-Scale Argumentation
 - MAgtALO [*IEEE Intelligent Systems*]
 - ArguBlogging [*to be submitted to Journal of Web Semantics*]
- Persuasive Technologies
 - Parley [*to be submitted to British Journal of Educational Tech.*]
 - Strategic Argumentation (*current/immediate future research*)

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