



SMART AIR POLLUTION HOTSPOT DETECTION AND MONITORING USING IOT AND ML

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ABSTRACT

The alarming rise in pollution levels in both developed and developing countries has made air pollution a major global concern. The deployment of web and affordable monitoring systems is necessary to address this problem. This essay suggests a thorough approach to tracking air pollution and educating the public. The system is installed in certain areas with elevated air pollution, and it is designed to periodically check the concentration of dangerous pollutants. It measures the amounts of pollutants detected using Air Quality Sensors and uses a specialized mechanism to communicate this information to the public. This method improves public awareness of local air quality conditions by providing both numerical and graphical displays of pollutant concentrations and data from air quality sensors. Furthermore, there are plans to incorporate user registration using a web application as part of the system's evolving architecture. Users of this program will effortlessly receive weekly or monthly notifications regarding the quality of the air. The suggested system uses machine learning methods for hotspot prediction in addition to an Arduino controller and an Air Quality Sensor for pollution detection. By enabling proactive steps to reduce air pollution, this integration gives communities the power to make educated decisions about how to enhance air quality

Keywords:

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I. Introduction

As reported by the World Health Organization, air pollution is the term used to describe the variations in environmental features that occur when chemical and biological agents contaminate indoor and outdoor habitats. In addition to contributing to noise pollution, common causes of air pollution include combustion appliances in homes, automobile emissions, and forest fires. The main pollutants that pose a threat to human health are nitrogen dioxide (NO₂), sulphur dioxide (SO₂), ozone (O₃), carbon monoxide (CO) and particulate matter. Air pollution has serious adverse effects on human health, including respiratory and other illnesses that can be lethal.

The World Health Organization has carried out comprehensive evaluations of air quality in around 1500 cities across the globe, exposing concerning pollution levels. Interestingly, the capital of India has continuously been listed as one of the most heavily polluted cities globally. With the greatest amounts of particulate matter smaller than 2.5 micrometers, Pune in particular confronts major issues. However, major environmental and technological challenges face cities worldwide due to pervasive air pollution and inadequate infrastructure for monitoring air quality.

Pollution in all forms has increased dramatically as society has progressed. Air pollution levels have significantly grown as a result of population growth, more industrial activity, increased transportation, and greater use of fossil fuels. As per the 2016 WHO report, the International Energy



Agency and the World Health Organization estimate that in 2012, air pollution caused over 7 million deaths globally. India, the second-most populous country in the world and the largest democracy, suffers from extreme air pollution, which results in 1.2 million premature deaths annually.

In India, vehicle emissions account for 27% of air pollution, followed by industrial emissions (51%), agricultural and waste burning practices (22%), and other sources. Based on WHO assessments, a number of Indian cities are regularly ranked in the top 20 most polluted cities. To tackle this issue, dependable systems that can identify and track pollution hotspots must be developed. Vehicle emissions are a primary source of pollution in major cities such as Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, and Kolkata. Effective pollution control therefore requires the deployment of devices that can locate and reduce pollution hotspots, especially in densely populated urban areas.

II. Literature Survey

Numerous studies have been conducted on the subject of air pollution detection. Using Decision Trees in conjunction with IoT and ML technologies is a critical step in the pursuit of more intelligent air pollution hotspot detection and monitoring. While Internet of Things devices provide real-time data collecting, decision trees provide interpretability and efficiency in the analysis of complicated datasets. Our goal is to create a precise and scalable system for locating pollution hotspots and tracking air quality by utilizing these technologies. This study supports the broader trend of addressing environmental problems with sophisticated computational techniques, opening the door to more proactive pollution mitigation initiatives and better informed decision-making. Sharma et al. [21] proposed that solar-powered Internet of Things sensor nodes should be used to monitor and run agricultural areas. In the field of agriculture, operations like as crop management, crop harvesting, control of water supply, control of animals, distribution of pesticide, and temperature monitoring technologies will also be monitored and managed.

K B Gurumoorthy et al. [1] forecasts the amount of precipitation and wind (velocity and direction) that will contribute to PM_{2.5} buildup. It incorporates an algorithm for machine learning (ML) that is based on conclusions from six years of earth science and pollution data.

Soumyadeep Sur et al. [2] In this study, pollution levels in a selected area of Delhi are estimated, and hotspots for air pollution are identified using various techniques and algorithms. Time series AQI data from CPCB sensors in Delhi are collected. SVM is employed for hotspot classification, while LSTM and PROPHET are used for time series analysis based on pollutants such as PM_{2.5}, PM₁₀, CO, and NO. These models are utilized to forecast pollution levels for the day ahead.

Rohit Adke et al.[3] They focused on creating and predicting air pollution using linear regression based prediction system.

Aditya C R et al.[4] In this paper, Logistic Regression is used to classify whether the data sample is polluted or not. Auto Regression is employed to forecast future values of PM_{2.5} based on previous PM_{2.5} readings.

X. Xi, et al. [5] This paper focuses on predicting AQI levels by using machine learning methods and incorporates data from the WRF-Chem model, which includes pollution, weather, and chemical component forecasts. The paper aims to improve AQI prediction by addressing the issue of outdated source lists.

Zhang, et al.[6] This paper says that Environmental problems, especially air pollution, have a profound impact on human health and ecosystem leading governments to make significant efforts in pollution control.

Yawen Zhang et al.[7] This study utilizes mobile sensing data, specifically air quality sensors installed on vehicles, to detect pollution hotspots. To address the challenge of uneven sampling, they propose a two-step approach that involves local spike detection and sample-weighted clustering.

Saide Pablo E., et al. [8] The study introduces a forecasting system for carbon monoxide (CO) using the WRF-Chem platform. The system aims to predict CO levels, which can then be used to estimate

PM10 and PM2.5 concentrations. The accuracy of the forecasts is evaluated and compared with official data.

Balachandran S, et al.[9] This research explores the effects of airborne particles on respiratory health, highlighting the significance of particle size and the presence of potentially toxic substances.

III. Proposed System

Our proposed system with the help of hardware integration which includes an Arduino board and a MQ-135 sensor our suggested solution can deliver real-time air quality data to customers via an intuitive web interface. This system’s main goal is to provide users with an easy-to-use interface via which they can obtain and interpret the Air Quality Index (AQI) and parts per million (PPM) concentrations of gases that the MQ135 sensor has identified.

The system has a number of important features that are designed to improve user experience. First off, customers are guided effortlessly through the process of acquiring and comprehending air quality data via the website’s extremely easy interface. This guarantees a seamless and effective user experience, making it easy for users to explore the website.

Second, the system precisely monitors PPM concentrations of gases including ammonia, benzene, and carbon dioxide in the surrounding environment by combining the MQ-135 sensor with Arduino and displaying the results on a website. Convenience and accessibility are guaranteed because users can simply access this data from any internet-connected device.

Thirdly, the system provides users with a thorough picture of overall air quality by calculating the AQI based on the PPM concentrations of the identified gases. For those who are worried about the effects of air pollution on their health, this information is essential because it empowers them to make decisions that will safeguard their health.

Additionally, the website presents the PPM concentrations of each gas along with the AQI in an understandable and straightforward manner. The data is efficiently presented using graphs, charts, and visualizations, enabling users to understand and make use of the air quality information supplied by the system for well-informed decision-making.

In summary, our system integrates hardware (an Arduino board and an MQ-135 sensor) to provide a user-friendly method for real-time air quality monitoring, displaying the data through a simple web interface. The technology gives users the ability to make educated decisions about their exposure to the environment by giving accurate AQI and PPM data in an easily readable manner.

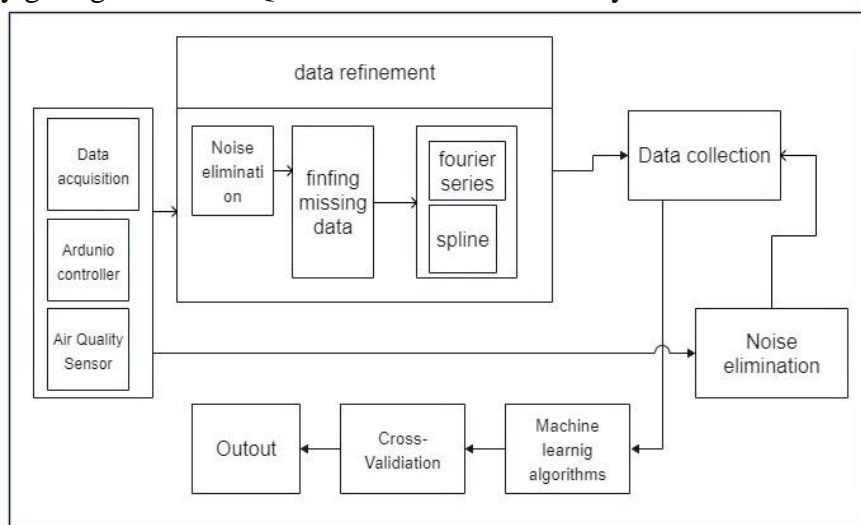


Fig. 1. System Architecture

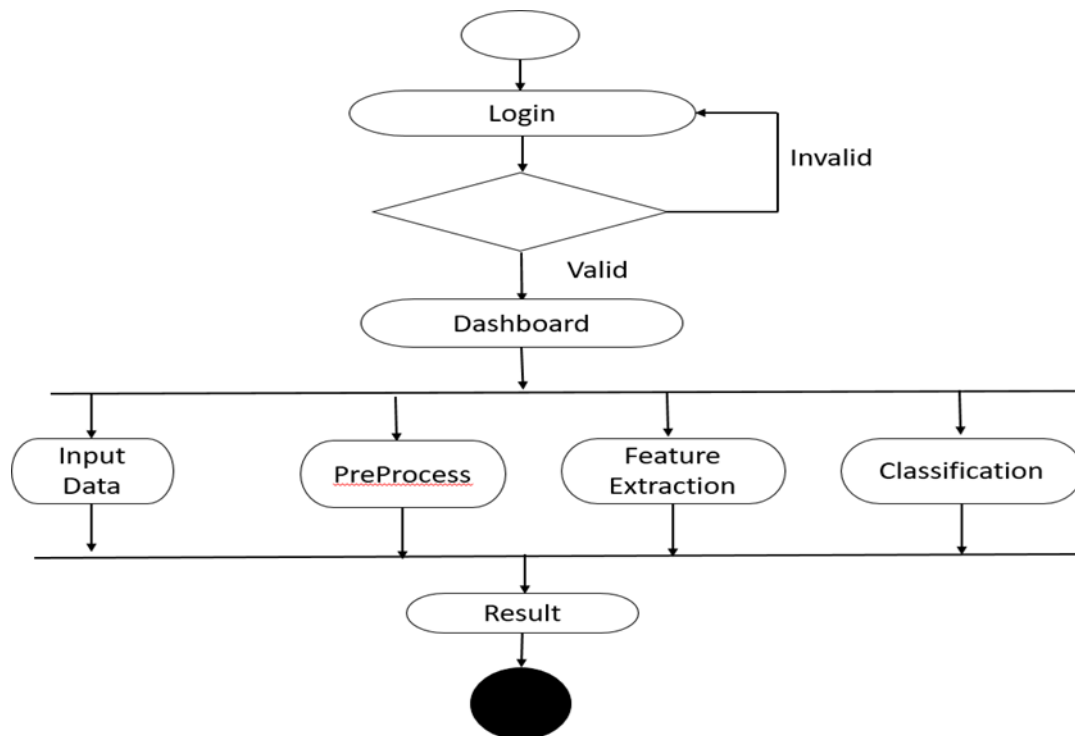


Fig. 2. Activity Diagram

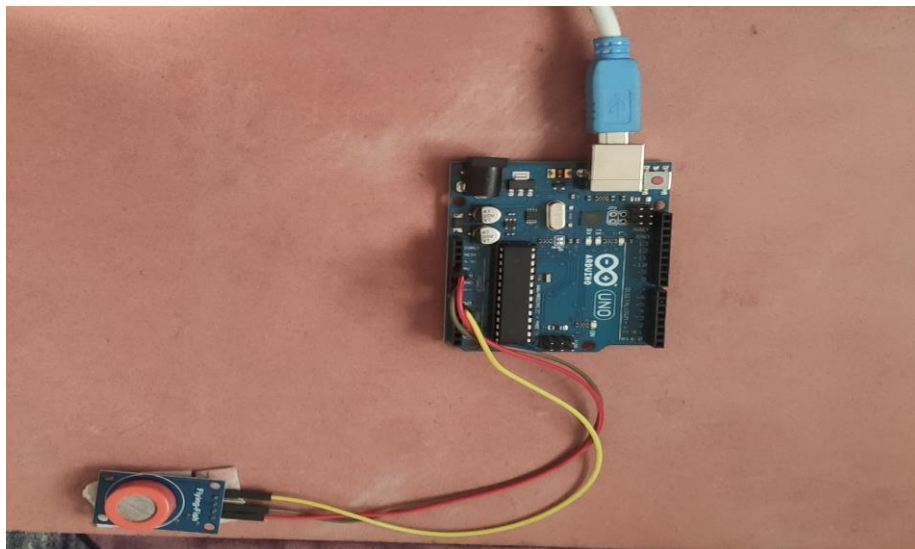


Fig. 3. Air Pollution Detection Unit

IV. Methodology

1. Data Collection

Data collection is a crucial and foundational stage in the training of any machine learning model. To ensure accurate model training, it is imperative to collect a substantial amount of high-quality data. This will help the model effectively learn the different features found in the dataset. The first step in the proposed system is gathering sensor data from several sources, such as satellite imaging, mobile sensors, and fixed monitoring stations. Our dataset consists of two features sensor value and air Quality

2. Data Preprocessing



An essential component of our suggested solution for monitoring air quality with an Arduino and MQ-135 sensor is data preprocessing. Preparing the unprocessed sensor data for analysis and model training entails a number of procedures.

Importing the required Python packages—such as numpy, pandas, and matplotlib—to enable data manipulation and visualization is the first stage in the preprocessing process. To ensure precise tracking of air quality over time, the datetime module is also used to maintain timestamps for real-time data collecting.

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The raw sensor data is loaded into a pandas Data Frame for additional processing when the packages are imported. It is possible to manipulate and analyze the data effectively thanks to its structured representation. The predictor and target variables must be extracted after the data has been loaded. This instance uses the MQ-135 sensor readings in the 'sensor Value' column as the predictor variable and the matching air quality classification in the 'air Quality' column as the target variable.

The train-test split function in the sklearn model selection module divides the dataset into training and testing sets after the predictor and target variables have been extracted. In order to evaluate the model's generalization ability, this stage makes sure that it is trained on a subset of the data and evaluated on unseen data.

Predictions are made using the training data after the model has been trained to assess its accuracy. Metrics are used to compute the accuracy score to measure how well the model performs in identifying the quality of the air based on sensor measurements.

A develop a predict Quality function that loads the learned DTC model from disk and predicts the air quality classification for fresh sensor data in real-time for air quality prediction. The function returns a qualitative assessment of the air quality, classifying it as Good Quality Air, Moderate Air Pollution, or Severe Air Pollution based on the projected class label.

3. Model Selection and Model Training

Given the nature of the data and the problem statement that is currently being addressed, the appropriate model is carefully selected based on a thorough evaluation of various factors. We chose to use the Decision Tree technique in our research because it is easy to understand, suitable for our dataset, and allows us to select and train models. Decision trees provide obvious insights into the decision-making process and are excellent at managing both numerical and categorical data. Our goal is to efficiently divide the feature space in order to identify air quality levels according to sensor readings from the MQ-135 sensor using the Decision Tree Classifier. The algorithm is perfect for our real-time air quality monitoring system because of its transparency and resilience to noisy data. Our preprocessed information is sent into the Decision Tree Classifier during model training, enabling it to identify underlying trends and adjust its parameters for precise air quality classification. Our goal is to create a dependable and comprehensible model that may support efficient environmental management and public health initiatives by utilizing the Decision Tree algorithm.

V. Results

We conducted a thorough data gathering campaign as part of our study project, utilizing real-time air pollution data from various geographical locations by integrating MQ135 sensors with Arduino microcontrollers. A rich dataset illustrating the various concentrations of air contaminants common in these places was produced as a result of this coordinated effort. By means of a thorough investigation, we were able to discover differences in air pollution levels between the investigated regions. Surprisingly, our research showed that about half of these areas had noticeably higher air pollution levels, indicating that they could be hotspots for environmental concerns. The Air Quality Index (AQI) readings at these places were noticeably high, indicating a severe incident of air pollution. This



conclusion emphasizes how crucial our research is to identifying areas with elevated pollution levels and enabling focused interventions and mitigation plans. These kinds of revelations from our data gathering activities are a priceless addition to the continuing conversation about environmental surveillance and public health programs.

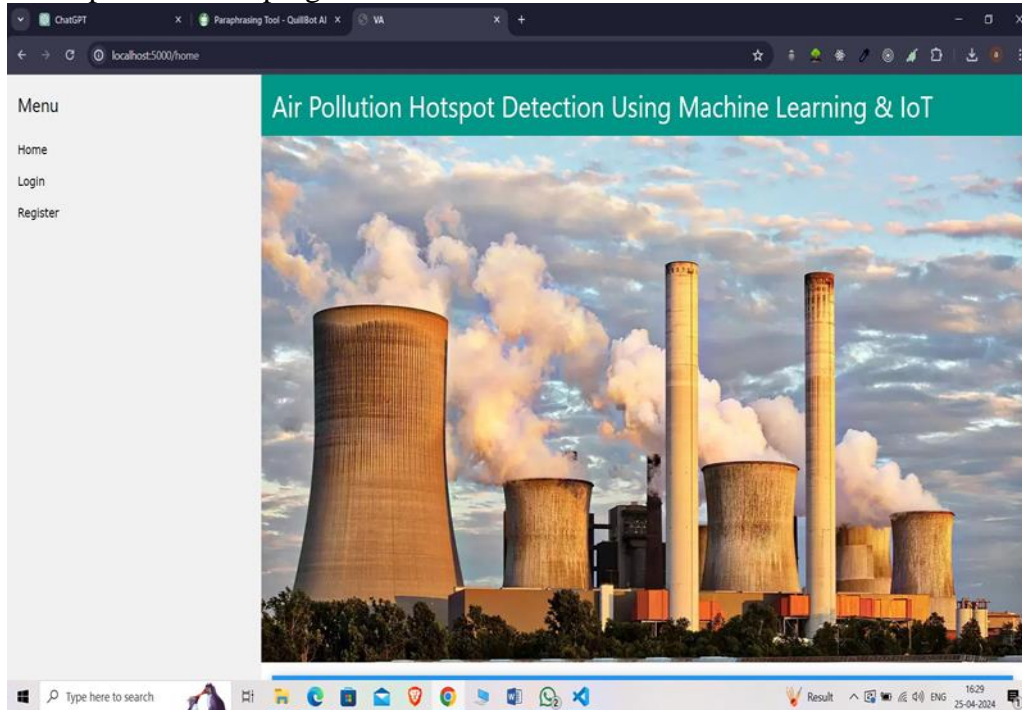


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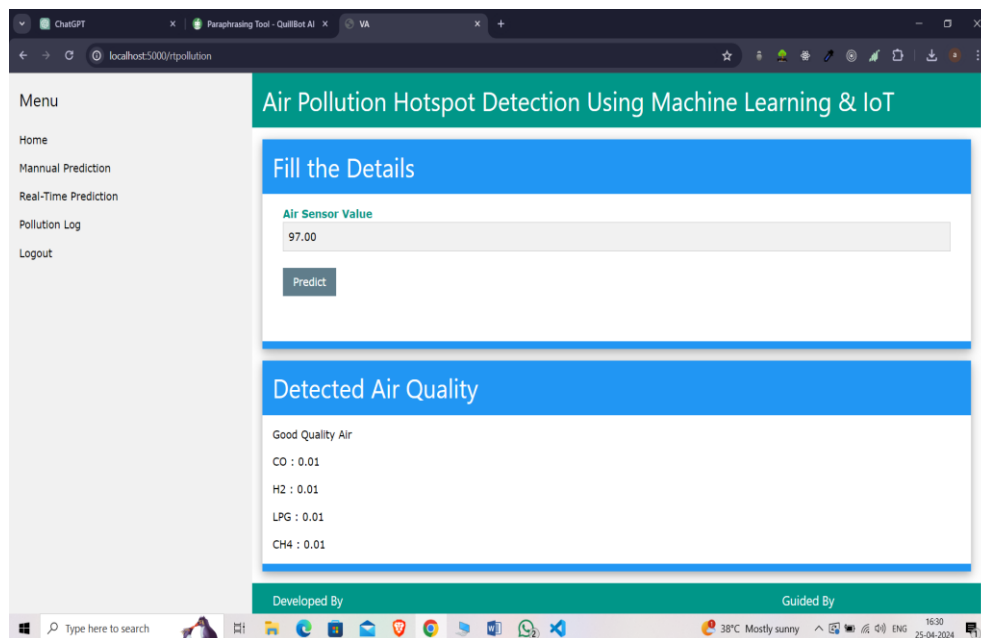


Fig. 5. Output/Result Page

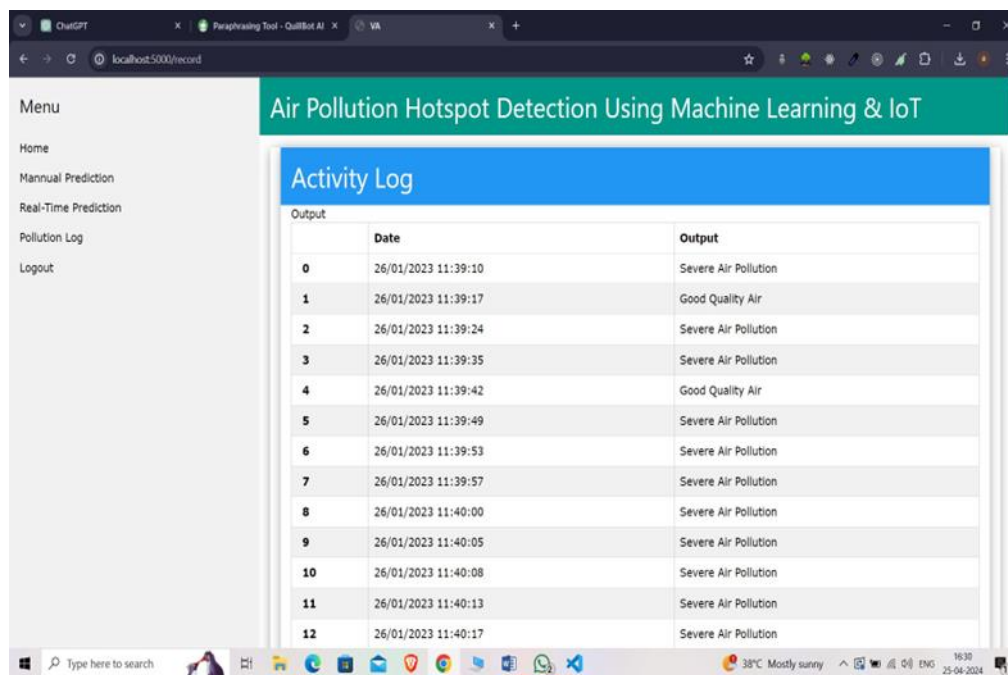


Fig. 6. Activity Log

VI. Applications

1) Urban Planning and Development

To help with decisions about urban planning, such as where to put roads, green spaces, and residential areas, identify locations with high pollution levels.

2) Public Health Management

When pollution events occur, monitor the state of the air in real time to safeguard public health and notify or advise susceptible groups.

3) Environmental Compliance

By locating pollution hotspots and sources, you can help regulatory bodies enforce environmental regulations.

4) Industrial Monitoring

To maintain compliance with environmental rules and limit the impact on nearby communities, keep an eye on emissions and air quality in the vicinity of industrial operations

5) Healthcare and Telemedicine

Utilizing data on air quality, telemedicine services that offer health recommendations based on regional pollution levels can be developed

VII. Conclusion

Regulating air pollution levels is increasingly becoming one of the most important responsibilities. People need to be aware of the extent of pollution in their environment and take action to reduce it. The results show how machine learning models—Decision Trees in particular—work well for determining air quality and pinpointing high-pollution locations. This study can be extended even further by using a simulation system capable of reproducing traffic and pollution conditions in a city. If multiple critical routes can be replicated, we can obtain a general understanding of real-world scenarios and infer the relationship between the city's traffic and pollution levels.

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