

CLASSROOM OBSERVATION TOOL-RPMS for PROFICIENT TEACHERS (Teacher I-III)

in the time of the COVID-19 pandemic

S.Y. 2021-2022

RUBRIC LEVEL SUMMARY

LEVEL	LEVEL LABEL	LEVEL DESCRIPTION
3	ORGANIZING	The teacher demonstrates a limited range of loosely-associated pedagogical aspects of the indicator.
4	DEVELOPING	The teacher demonstrates a range of associated pedagogical aspects of the indicator that sometimes are aligned with the learners' developmental needs.
5	APPLYING	The teacher demonstrates a range of associated pedagogical aspects of the indicator that usually are aligned with the learners' developmental needs.
6	CONSOLIDATING	The teacher uses well-connected pedagogical aspects of the indicator that consistently are aligned with student development and support students to be successful learners.
7	INTEGRATING	The teacher uses well-connected pedagogical aspects of the indicator to create an environment that addresses individual and group learning goals.

3	4	5		6	7
The teacher demonstrates minor content errors either in presenting the esson or in responding to learners' questions or comments. The lesson content displays simple coherence.	The teacher demonstrates accurat knowledge of key concepts both in presenting the lesson and in respon to learners' questions or comment The lesson content displays coher The teacher attempts to make connections across curriculum teat areas, if appropriate.	in-depth knowledge of most concepts in presenting the lesson and in responding to learners' questions in a manner that attempts to be responsive to student developmental learning needs. The teacher makes connections across	in-dept presen to learn is resp needs The te connect	acher demonstrates accurate and th knowledge of all concepts in ting the lesson and in responding ners' questions in a manner that onsive to learners' developmental and promotes learning. acher makes meaningful tions across curriculum teaching if appropriate.	The teacher applies accurate, in-depti and broad knowledge of content and pedagogy that creates a conducive learning environment that enables an depth and sophisticated understandin of the teaching and learning process t meet individual or group learning need within and across curriculum teaching areas.
		FEATURES OF PRACTICE			
 The teacher indicates some awareness of other ideas in the same teaching area that are connected to the lesson, but does not make solid connections. The teacher makes few content errors in presenting the lesson but does not affect entirely the learning process. 	 The teacher clearly explains concepts and makes no conte errors. The content appears to be acc and its focus shows awarenes the ideas and structure of the teaching areas. The teacher demonstrates fac knowledge of subject matter a attempts to connect content ac teaching areas. 	concepts and structure of the teaching area. s of 2. The teacher presents conceptual knowledge of the subject and makes connections within the teaching area. tual nd	2. The accord	e teacher displays extensive owledge of content. e teacher addresses content curately, and its focus is ngruent with the big ideas and/or ucture of the teaching area.	 The teacher applies extensive knowledge of content beyond his/her area of specialization. The teacher motivates learners to investigate the teaching area to expand their knowledge and satisf their curiosity. The teacher cites intra and interdisciplinary content relationships. The teacher shows expertise in the content and uses appropriate pedagogy in delivering the lesson.
		CLARIFICATIONS			
MINOR CONTE insignificant degree of errors i KEY CON central ideas of the COHERE logical and/or developmental sequ SIMPLE COH basic logic in the sequence of the less PEDAG method and pract In the context of Indigenous People articulated in the IP's Indigenous Learn	n the content of the lesson CEPTS a topic or lesson ENCE uence in presenting the lesson HERENCE son with one part linked to the next OGY ice of teaching s Education (IPEd), pedagogy is	ACCURATE KNOWLEDGE error-free content IN-DEPTH KNOWLEDGE foundational knowledge and finer details within the teaching area BROAD KNOWLEDGE knowledge across curriculum teaching are		different learning/subject areas to which includes areas for Kind Alternative Learning Syst For IPEd, learning/subject areas a curriculum competencies with the Indigenous Knowledge Systems KNOWLEDGE OF (integration of expertise an appropriateness of t WITHIN CURRIC inclusion of appropriately choss learning competencies with learning/subject ACROSS CURRI making meaningful connections	IM TEACHING AREAS aught and learned in the K to 12 curriculum lergarten Education, Special Education, tem, Indigenous Peoples Education are contextualized by interfacing the nation community competencies identified in the s and Practices (IKSPs) (DO 32, s. 2015). CONTENT AND PEDAGOGY Id teaching skill for a particular area; the pedagogy to teaching area CULUM TEACHING AREA sen intra-disciplinary topics and enabling hin the curriculum guide of a specific ect area and grade level CULUM TEACHING AREA and including appropriate interdisciplinary tencies cited in the curriculum guide

Display proficient use of Mother Tongue, Filipino and English to facilitate teaching and learning

3	4	5	6	7
The teacher displays Intermediate Mid sublevel proficiency in the use of Mother Tongue, and/or Filipino, and/or English that loosely facilitates teaching and learning.	The teacher displays Intermediate High sublevel proficiency in the use of Mother Tongue, and/or Filipino, and/or English that fairly facilitates teaching and learning	The teacher displays Advanced Low sublevel proficiency in the use of Mother Tongue, and/or Filipino, and/or English that regularly facilitates teaching and learning.	The teacher displays Advanced Mid sublevel proficiency in the use of Mother Tongue, and/or Filipino, and/or English that progressively facilitates teaching and learning including probing questions and feedback.	The teacher displays Advanced High sublevel proficiency in the use of Mother Tongue, and/or Filipino, and/or English that extensively facilitates teaching and learning including probing questions and feedback.
		FEATURES OF PRACTICE		
 Teacher's use of Mother Tongue, and/or Filipino, and/or English is characterized by occasional pauses and self- corrections as he/she searches for adequate vocabulary and appropriate language forms in delivering the lesson. The teacher rarely has difficulty linking ideas and using communication strategies, such as code switching and translation. 	 Teacher's use of Mother Tongue, and/or Filipino, and/or English is primarily framed using connected ideas. Teacher's use of Mother Tongue, and/or Filipino, and/or English manifests minimal linguistic challenges. 	 Teacher's use of Mother Tongue, and/or Filipino, and/or English is mostly sufficient, accurate, clear, and precise in conveying ideas to learners without misrepresentation or confusion. Teacher's use of Mother Tongue, and/or Filipino, and/or English is generally understood by the learners. 	 Teacher's use of Mother Tongue, and/or Filipino, and/or English is marked by a substantial flow of ideas. His/her vocabulary is fairly extensive and appropriate to the level of learners. Teacher's use of Mother Tongue, and/or Filipino, and/or English is concrete, accurate, clear and precise, conveying his/her ideas without misinterpretations or confusion. 	 Teacher's use of Mother Tongue, and/or Filipino, and/or English demonstrates a well- developed ability in using communication strategies, such as code switching and translation. The teacher uses precise vocabulary and intonation to express meaning and often shows great fluency and ease in delivering the lesson.

CLARIFICATIONS

INTERMEDIATE MID SUBLEVEL PROFICIENCY

able to lead class discussions in any of the mediums of instruction (Mother Tongue/Filipino/English) in a variety of simple communicative tasks in learning situations

INTERMEDIATE HIGH SUBLEVEL PROFICIENCY

able to lead class discussions in any of the mediums of instruction (Mother Tongue/Filipino/English) with ease and confidence when dealing with routine tasks and learning situations

ADVANCED LOW SUBLEVEL PROFICIENCY

able to consistently handle class discussions in any of the mediums of instruction (Mother Tongue/ Filipino/English) in a variety of communicative tasks in learning situations

ADVANCED MID SUBLEVEL PROFICIENCY

able to consistently handle class discussions in any of the mediums of instruction (Mother Tongue/ Filipino/English) with ease and confidence in a large number of communicative tasks

ADVANCED HIGH SUBLEVEL PROFICIENCY

able to consistently handle class discussions in any of the mediums of instruction (Mother Tongue/ Filipino/English) with linguistic ease, confidence, and competence in complex communicative tasks

(Adapted from ACTFL Proficiency Guidelines, 2012)

MOTHER TONGUE

the native language or the first language the learner learns as a child (PPST, 2017)

PROFICIENCY

the use of language (medium of instruction) to communicate effectively in speech and in writing, including code switching (alternating between 2 or more languages in a single discourse) and translation (communicating meaning from one language to another)

Proficiency for SPED teachers handling learners with hearing impairment: use of Total Communication (TC), that is incorporating various modes of communication such as speech, gestures, body language, lipreading, and formal signs (e.g., American Sign Language (ASL), Filipino Sign Language (FSL), Signed Exact English (SEE))

Use effective verbal and non-verbal classroom communication strategies to support learner understanding, participation, engagement and achievement

3	4	5	6	7
The teacher uses limited verbal and non-verbal communication strategies, which are loosely associated and support only some of the learners.	The teacher uses sufficient verbal and non-verbal communication strategies, which are somewhat aligned with each other and support the majority of learners.	The teacher uses a variety of verbal and non-verbal communication strategies, which are generally aligned with each other and support most of the learners.	The teacher uses a variety of verbal and non-verbal communication strategies, which are well aligned with each other and support all of the learners.	The teacher uses a variety of verbal and non-verbal communication strategies to create a learning environment that provides opportunities for inquiry and involvement of learners individually and in groups.
		FEATURES OF PRACTICE		
 The teacher rarely uses non- verbal communication strategies, such as hand gestures, facial expressions, etc., to reinforce appropriate learner understanding 	 The teacher speaks clearly and at an appropriate pace, but occasionally monopolizes the discussions. 	 Teacher uses clear verbal communication employing wide vocabulary along with appropriate non-verbal communication to ensure learning expectations are comprehensible to most learners. 	 The teacher clearly and concisely communicates written and oral content, expectations, explanations, directions, and procedures using appropriate verbal and non-verbal communication methods. The teacher speaks clearly and at an appropriate pace and successfully facilitates learner discussion. 	 The teacher establishes classroom practices which promote open communication between the teacher and learners, and among the learners and their peers.

CLARIFICATIONS

VERBAL COMMUNICATION STRATEGIES

use of spoken words and written information that includes short phrases, instructions, etc.

NON-VERBAL COMMUNICATION STRATEGIES

use of non-spoken messages that include facial expressions, gestures, Picture Exchange Communication System (PECS), etc.

LOOSELY ASSOCIATED

association substantially mismatched with other strategies

SOMEWHAT ALIGNED minimal degree of association with other strategies

GENERALLY ALIGNED

usually matched with other strategies

WELL ALIGNED perfectly matched with other strategies

LIMITED

insufficient strategies employed when more are required by the learning situation

SUFFICIENT minimum strategies employed as required by the learning situation

VARIETY a range of different strategies employed as required by the learning situation

> SOME less than half

MAJORITY more than half

MOST almost all, approaching 100%

Establish safe and secure learning environments to enhance learning through the consistent implementation of policies, guidelines and procedures

3	4	5	6	7
The teacher rarely implements safety policies, guidelines, and procedures to establish a safe and secure learning environment and only some learners follow such rules.	The teacher occasionally implements safety policies, guidelines, and procedures to establish a safe and secure learning environment and majority of the learners follow such rules.	The teacher frequently implements safety policies, guidelines, and procedures to establish a safe and secure learning environment and most of the learners follow such rules.	The teacher generally implements safety policies, guidelines, and procedures to establish a safe and secure learning environment and all learners follow such rules.	The teacher consistently implements safety policies, guidelines, and procedures to regularly maintain a safe and secure learning environment to enhance individual and group learning.
		FEATURES OF PRACTICE		
 The teacher implements safety guidelines and practices to very few selected tasks. 	 The teacher implements safety guidelines and practices to several learning tasks. 	 The teacher implements safety guidelines and practices to most of the learning tasks. 	1. The teacher implements safety guidelines and practices in almost all of the learning tasks.	1. The teacher ensures that learners can articulate and adhere to the safety guidelines and practices in all the learning tasks.

CLARIFICATIONS

RARELY seldom occurs

OCCASIONALLY irregularly occurs

FREQUENTLY often occurs

GENERALLY normally occurs

CONSISTENTLY constantly occurs

SOME less than half

MAJORITY more than half

MOST almost all, approaching 100%

SAFE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

every aspect of creating a positive experience for students which includes the physical space and the relationships between students, teachers, and the learning community as a whole (UNHCR, 2007)

SECURE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

school spaces and activities that free learners from physical harm or risks to promote their well-being and support their learning (NCSSLE, 2019)

SAFETY POLICIES, GUIDELINES, AND PROCEDURES

involve proper conduct in relating to adults and peers; arrangement of chairs, tables, and equipment; general cleanliness; precautions in handling, storage, and disposal of hazardous chemicals in laboratories; proper use of tools; etc.

Maintain learning environments that promote fairness, respect and care to encourage learning

3	4	5	6	7
The teacher-learner interactions occasionally support fairness, respect, and care, which results in some learners feeling accepted and encouraged to learn.	The teacher-learner interactions are generally fair, respectful, and caring, and the majority of learners feel accepted and encouraged to learn.	The teacher-learner interactions are consistently fair, respectful, and caring, and most learners feel accepted and encouraged to learn.	The teacher-learner interactions are consistently fair, respectful, and caring, and all learners feel accepted and encouraged to learn.	The teacher promotes a supportive and nurturing learning environment where all learners feel accepted, encouraged to learn, and free to take learning risks.
		FEATURES OF PRACTICE		
 The teacher encourages social positive interactions with learners and among learners but occasional inconsistencies like favoritism, or disregard for learners' differences are evident. 	 The teacher promotes generally positive interactions with learners and among learners but some conflict and/or occasional insensitivity are displayed. 	1. The teacher maintains polite and respectful interactions with learners and among learners.	 The teacher establishes positive social interactions with learners and among learners. Disagreements, if present, are handled respectfully. 	 The teacher enhances polite and respectful interactions with learners and among learners, and exhibits sensitivity to learners' differences.

 FAIRNESS
impartial and just treatment or behavior
 FAIRNESS

 RESPECT
due regard for the feelings, rights, and culture of others
 OCCASIONALLY
learner-teacher interactions are moderately acceptable
GENERALLY

SOME less than half

MAJORITY more than half

MOST almost all, approaching 100% GENERALLY learner-teacher interactions are mostly acceptable

CONSISTENTLY learner-teacher interactions are highly acceptable

INDICATOR 6*

Maintain learning environments that nurture and inspire learners to participate, cooperate and collaborate in continued learning

3	4	5	6	7
The teacher provides limited learning opportunities, which are loosely associated with the learning goals, and engages only some learners to participate, cooperate, and collaborate in continued learning.	The teacher provides sufficient learning opportunities, which are somewhat aligned with the learning goals, and engages majority of the learners to participate, to cooperate, and to collaborate in continued learning.	The teacher provides sufficient learning opportunities, which are usually aligned with the learning goals, and engages most learners to participate, cooperate, and collaborate in continued learning.	The teacher provides a variety of learning opportunities, which are well aligned with the learning goals, and engages all learners to participate, cooperate, and collaborate in continued learning.	The teacher consistently provides varied learning opportunities, which are well aligned with the learners' individual and group learning needs, and engages learners to participate, cooperate, and collaborate in continued learning.
		FEATURES OF PRACTICE		
 The teacher puts learners in small groups to complete a certain task. However, group constitution and tasks are poorly structured. Only some learners are actively engaged in group learning activities. 	 The teacher conducts collaborative work which is structured. The majority of learners are engaged in the tasks. 	1. The teacher engages learners in a structured task that features some elements of cooperative learning: positive interdependence, individual accountability, and face-to-face interaction.	1. The teacher clearly provides the class with structured tasks involving most elements of cooperative learning.	 The teacher constructs carefully- structured groups in which learners are engaged in learning experiences that clearly reflect all elements of cooperative learning. The teacher provides complex tasks in which all learners share the authority of setting goals, assessing learning, and facilitating learning.

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PRINCIPLES OF COLLABORATIVE LEARNING

- heterogeneous grouping
- mixed abilities
- mixed gender
- interdependence

STRUCTURED TASKS

specific tasks given to learners in group activities

For SPED classrooms: A healthy balance of structured and unstructured processes is important to maintain an organized classroom and limit distractions.

> SUPPORTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT child-friendly and conducive to learning

LOOSELY ASSOCIATED association substantially mismatched with the other learning goals

SOMEWHAT ALIGNED minimal degree of association with the other learning goals

USUALLY ALIGNED generally matched with the other learning goals

WELL ALIGNED perfectly matched with the other learning goals

LIMITED insufficient strategies employed when more are required by the learning situation

SUFFICIENT minimum strategies employed as required by the learning situation

VARIETY a range of different strategies employed as required by the learning situation

> SOME less than half

MAJORITY more than half

MOST almost all, approaching 100%

* This COT-RPMS indicator supplements SET B in the Means of Verification (MOV) of Objective 7 in the RPMS Tool for Proficient Teachers and RPMS Tool for Proficient Teacher-Broadcasters.

INDICATOR 7*

Apply a range of successful strategies that maintain learning environments that motivate learners to work productively by assuming responsibility for their own learning

3	4	5	6	7		
The teacher applies limited strategies, which are loosely associated with the learning goals, and motivates only some of the learners to work productively and be responsible for their own learning.	The teacher applies sufficient strategies, which are somewhat aligned with the learning goals, and motivates the majority of the learners to work productively and be responsible for their own learning.	The teacher applies sufficient strategies, which are usually aligned with the learning goals, and motivates most learners to work productively and be responsible for their own learning.	The teacher applies a variety of strategies, which are well aligned with the learning goals, and motivates all learners to work productively and be responsible for their own learning.	The teacher consistently applies strategies, which are well aligned with the learners' individual and group learning needs, and motivates them to work productively and be responsible for their own learning.		
	FEATURES OF PRACTICE					
 The teacher displays little knowledge on how to motivate learners and engages only some of the learners during the lesson. The teacher motivates the learners to accept the learning tasks but fails to engage them to work productively. 	 The teacher uses strategies that are likely to motivate and engage majority of the learners during the lesson. The teacher engages the learners to exhibit commitment to complete the work on their own but a few do not work productively. 	 The teacher displays comprehensive knowledge to engage almost all learners. The teacher succeeds in motivating almost all learners to understand their role and to consistently expend effort to learn. 	 The teacher applies extensive knowledge to engage all learners. The teacher succeeds in motivating all learners to expend effort to complete high-quality work. 	 The teacher is able to create a learning environment that sustains learners' active engagement and self-motivation. 		

CLARIFICATIONS

LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

diverse physical locations, contexts, cultures in which students learn (The Glossary of Education Reform, 2013)

In the context of IPEd classroom, the ancestral domain is the primary learning environment and space for indigenous learners. It includes not only the physical environment but the total environment including the spiritual and cultural bonds to the areas (DO 32, s. 2015).

LIMITED

insufficient strategies employed when more are required by the learning situation

SUFFICIENT

minimum strategies employed as required by the learning situation

VARIETY

a range of different strategies employed as required by the learning situation

SOME less than half

MAJORITY more than half

MOST almost all, approaching 100%

LOOSELY ASSOCIATED association substantially mismatched with the other learning goals

SOMEWHAT ALIGNED minimal degree of association with the other learning goals

USUALLY ALIGNED generally matched with the other learning goals

perfectly matched with the other learning goals

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INDICATOR 8*

Design, adapt and implement teaching strategies that are responsive to learners with disabilities, giftedness and talents

3 The teacher employs strategies which are somewhat appropriate in addressing the learning needs of learners with special educational needs.	4 The teacher employs strategies which are partially appropriate in addressing the learning needs of learners with special educational needs.	5 The teacher employs strategies which are appropriate in addressing the learning needs of learners with special educational needs.	6 The teacher employs a variety of strategies which are appropriate in addressing the learning needs of learners with special educational needs.	7 The teacher employs extensive repertoire of strategies to create a learner-centered environment that addresses the learning needs of the individual and group of learners with special educational needs.
 The teacher demonstrates a limited understanding of the educability of individual learners. The teacher gives opportunities to only few learners to actively engage in the learning activities. 	1. The teacher displays familiarity of learners' background but occasionally lacks responsiveness in addressing them.	FEATURES OF PRACTICE 1. The teacher demonstrates an understanding of the purpose and value of learning about learners' background to inform instructions.	 The teacher provides thoughtful and appropriate instructional adaptation for individual learner needs. The adaptation of instruction is realistic and effective. The teacher provides diverse learners with opportunities to actively engage in various learning activities. 	 The teacher demonstrates an expanded understanding of the educability of individual learners. The teacher's instructional strategies respond to individual and group of learners' background, thus creating an environment where learners feel equally involved.

CLARIFICATIONS

SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS

a restriction that makes learning challenging to a person with physical, sensory, mental, social, or learning disability, or other conditions

EDUCABILITY observed variations in the learners' capacity to perform tasks

VARIETY a range of different strategies employed as required by the learning situation

> EXTENSIVE REPERTOIRE wide and comprehensive range of strategies

> > **SOMEWHAT APPROPRIATE** minimal degree of appropriateness

PARTIALLY APPROPRIATE moderate degree of appropriateness

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LEARNERS WITH DISABILITY, GIFTEDNESS AND TALENTS

persons 1) who are gifted or talented and those 2) who have physical, mental, social or sensory impairment and cultural differences; these persons may be:

aifted/talented

visually impaired

hearing impaired

learning disabled

speech impaired

with behavior problemsorthopedically handicapped

• with special health problems

• multiple handicapped (DO 117, s. 1987)

fast learner mentally retarded

INDICATOR 9*

Adapt and use culturally appropriate teaching strategies to address the needs of learners from indigenous groups

3 The teacher employs strategies which are somewhat culturally appropriate in addressing the learning needs of learners from indigenous groups	4 The teacher employs strategies which are partially culturally appropriate in addressing the learning needs of learners from indigenous groups.	5 The teacher employs strategies which are culturally appropriate in addressing the learning needs of learners from indigenous groups.	6 The teacher employs a variety of strategies which are culturally appropriate in addressing the learning needs of learners from indigenous groups.	7 The teacher employs extensive repertoire of strategies to create a learner-centered environment that addresses the learning needs of individual and group of learners from indigenous groups.
		FEATURES OF PRACTICE		
 The teacher demonstrates a limited understanding of a culture-based education. The teacher gives opportunities to only few learners to actively engage in the learning activities. 	1. The teacher displays familiarity of learners' cultural background but sometimes lacks responsiveness in addressing them.	 The teacher demonstrates an understanding of the purpose and value of learning in the learners' context. 	 The teacher provides a culture- based instruction to meet the needs of learners. The adaptation of instruction is realistic and effective. The teacher provides diverse learners with opportunities to actively engage in various learning activities. 	 The teacher demonstrates a wider understanding of a culture- based education. Teacher's instructional strategies respond to individual and group of learners' cultural background, thus creating an environment where learners feel equally involved.

CLARIFICATIONS

CULTURE-BASED EDUCATION

an education that is grounded in the context of the indigenous communities' life, recognizes their Indigenous Knowledge Systems and Practices (IKSPs), and is inclusive of their cultural perspectives (DO 32, s. 2015, Enclosure p.4)

CONTEXTUALIZATION

the educational process of relating the curriculum to a particular setting, situation or area of application to make the competencies relevant, meaningful, and useful to all learners; distinguished into two: localization and indigenization (DO 32, s. 2015, Enclosure p.6)

VARIETY

a range of different strategies employed as required by the learning situation

EXTENSIVE REPERTOIRE

wide and comprehensive range of strategies

SOMEWHAT APPROPRIATE

minimal degree of appropriateness

PARTIALLY APPROPRIATE

moderate degree of appropriateness

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LEARNERS FROM INDIGENOUS GROUPS

people who have, under claims of ownership since time immemorial, occupied, possessed, and utilized ancestral territories, shared common bonds of language, customs, traditions, and other unique cultural traits (RA 8371, IPRA)

TEACHING STRATEGIES

In the context of IPEd, teaching strategies are embedded in an indigenous cultural community's (ICC) Indigenous Learning System (ILS), which is an ICC's system of educating succeeding generations of youth into the community's cultural system (DO 32, s. 2015).

LEARNING NEEDS

comprise both essential learning tools (literacy, oral expression, numeracy, and problem solving) and the basic learning content (knowledge, skills, values, and attitudes) required by human beings to be able to survive, to develop their full capacities, to live and work in dignity, to participate fully in development, to improve the quality of their lives, to make informed decisions, and to continue learning (UNESCO, 1992)

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