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IOT-based intelligent drainage and dust identification system for enhanced hygiene and efficiency

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Abstract

In this abstract, we propose an innovative IoT-based Intelligent Drainage and Dust Identification System aimed at improving hygiene and operational efficiency across diverse environments. By leveraging interconnected sensors, actuators, and intelligent algorithms, the system automates drainage issue detection and dust accumulation identification. Sensors monitor fluid levels, detect blockages, and identify leaks, triggering timely responses such as alert notifications or automated valve controls. Concurrently, advanced image processing and optical sensors monitor dust accumulation, enabling real-time cleanliness assessment and automated cleaning when needed. Machine learning algorithms enhance system intelligence, continuously learning from data to optimize resource utilization and adapt to changing conditions. Versatile and applicable across residential, commercial, and industrial settings, this system promises to elevate hygiene standards, minimize disruptions, and optimize efficiency with its proactive approach to maintenance and cleanliness.

Keywords: Arduino UNO; Ultrasonic sensor; Flow sensor; Gas sensor; Dust sensor

1. Introduction

In both residential and industrial environments, the efficient management of resources like water and the monitoring of environmental parameters such as air quality have become increasingly critical. Traditionally, monitoring drainage sinks has been a manual and periodic task, often prone to human error and oversight. However, with the advancement of Internet of Things (IoT) technology and the availability of affordable microcontrollers like the ESP8266, it is now feasible to develop sophisticated monitoring systems that provide real-time insights into drainage sink operations. This project proposes the development of a comprehensive drainage sink monitoring system using the ESP8266 microcontroller along with various sensors including flow, ultrasonic, and gas sensors. The system aims to offer a holistic view of the drainage sink's performance by monitoring parameters such as water flow rates, sink water levels, and air quality in the surrounding environment. By integrating the monitoring system with the Blynk mobile application, users gain the ability to remotely access and manage drainage sink parameters from their smartphones or tablets, enhancing user convenience and facilitating prompt response to any deviations from desired operational conditions. The project not only addresses the need for efficient resource management but also contributes to environmental protection by enabling early detection of anomalies such as leaks and monitoring of air pollutant levels.

Furthermore, the scalability and adaptability of the proposed system make it suitable for deployment in diverse residential and industrial settings. In summary, the development of a drainage sink monitoring system represents a practical application of IoT technology in enhancing resource efficiency, promoting environmental sustainability, and facilitating informed decision-making in the management of drainage systems.

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1.1. Problem statement

The problem at hand encompasses the inefficiencies and risks inherent in traditional drainage system management and dust accumulation identification, prevalent across residential, commercial, and industrial environments. Conventional methods of manual inspection often lead to delayed detection of blockages, leaks, and dust buildup, posing hygiene hazards and operational disruptions. To overcome these challenges, there is a critical need for an IoT-based intelligent system capable of real-time monitoring, anomaly detection, and automated responses for drainage issues and dust identification. This system must seamlessly integrate with existing infrastructure while providing user-friendly interfaces for comprehensive management. By addressing these issues, the proposed solution aims to enhance hygiene standards, minimize disruptions, and optimize resource utilization across diverse environments.

2. Literature survey

In [1] Prof S.D.Anap proposed that the Wang and colleagues introduced an innovative approach to drainage control by leveraging ARM microcontrollers. Their system integrates a variety of sensors dedicated to measuring water levels and detecting obstacles within drainage channels. Alongside these sensors, the inclusion of actuators allows for precise control over the flow of water within the system. The integration of wireless communication modules is a crucial feature, enabling seamless real-time data transmission and remote monitoring capabilities. Through their study, Wang et al. showcased the system's efficacy in not only addressing drainage issues but also bolstering the resilience of urban infrastructure against flooding and related challenges. This comprehensive approach marks a significant step forward in the management of drainage systems, promising improved efficiency and adaptability to evolving urban environments.

In [2] Gaurang Sonawane proposed that the smart drainage systems emphasizes the importance of using sensors and wireless networks for effective urban drainage management. Real-time monitoring helps prevent urban flooding and reduces health risks from gas buildup. Wireless sensor networks are cost-effective for detecting blockages and floods. Integrating IoT technologies improves monitoring and maintenance by enabling data analysis. Developing smart drainage systems with Arduino-based sensors enhances detection capabilities. Real-time alert systems enhance reliability in identifying drainage issues and gas concentrations. These findings stress the significance of sensor-driven monitoring and wireless communication in improving urban drainage infrastructure and resilience against flooding and health hazards.

In [3] Tushar Pathak proposed that the on smart drainage monitoring systems emphasizes the integration of wireless sensor networks (WSNs) and Internet of Things (IoT) technologies to enhance urban drainage infrastructure. These systems utilize sensor nodes to sample parameters like water levels and gas concentrations, transmitting data to a network coordinator for cloud storage via Wi-Fi. Interfacing various sensors with Arduino Uno boards enables real-time monitoring of underground drainage networks, facilitating prompt alerts to municipal authorities when sensor values exceed thresholds. Smart drainage systems offer numerous advantages, including improved safety for manual cleaning, real-time analysis, and user-friendly interfaces. Implementation results demonstrate the system's efficacy in detecting and addressing drainage issues promptly, thus enhancing urban infrastructure resilience and safety.

In [4] G Chandhini proposed it reveals a pressing need for enhanced safety measures in monitoring underground drainage systems, particularly in India, where manual methods result in frequent accidental deaths among sewage workers due to exposure to hazardous gases. Various studies underscore the detrimental health effects and high mortality rates associated with such exposure, including diseases like paratyphoid fever and hepatitis. In response, a proposed solution leveraging IoT-based underground drainage monitoring systems emerges as a promising approach. This solution integrates six gas sensors—MQ136, MQ135, MQ4, MQ7, SO2, and NO2—connected to a Node MCU, which communicates with a digital dashboard and a smartphone application. The system alerts workers via a buzzer and LED when gas levels exceed predefined thresholds, providing real-time monitoring and potential lifesaving warnings. By mitigating the risks associated with manual monitoring, this IoT-based approach aims to significantly reduce the incidence of fatalities among sewage workers, thus addressing a critical public health concern.

In [5] D. Deepak Kumar proposed it delves into the importance of underground drainage systems and the development of an automated driver assistance system. These systems are vital for urban cleanliness but face challenges with manual management, such as locating manholes and detecting blockages. The proposed project aims to create an automated system that monitors drainage efficiently using sensors and technology like Arduino and Raspberry Pi. It also includes features for obstacle avoidance and traffic sign recognition. The goal is to offer a cost-effective solution for managing urban infrastructure, improving city cleanliness and functionality.

In [6] Aditya Pate proposed that the proposed drainage water automation system encompasses key areas including occupational safety in sewer cleaning, sensor technology for environmental monitoring, real-time data analysis techniques, smart city infrastructure integration, user interface design principles, and system architecture with security considerations. It examines existing research on occupational hazards faced by sewer cleaners, sensor technology for detecting harmful gases and monitoring water levels, real-time data analysis methodologies, IoT integration in smart city infrastructure, user interface design for web and mobile applications, and system architecture design with a focus on security. By exploring these areas, researchers aim to develop a comprehensive understanding of relevant technologies and methodologies to inform the design, implementation, and evaluation of the proposed system, ultimately enhancing monitoring, management, and safety measures in sewer and drainage infrastructure.

In [7] K.Viswanadh proposed that the importance of improving the management of underground drainage systems in urban areas. Existing research emphasizes the challenges posed by manual maintenance, blockages, and environmental risks associated with drainage issues. To address these challenges, there is a growing need for automated systems capable of monitoring water levels, detecting blockages, and providing timely alerts to authorities. Key components of such systems include sensors for monitoring and detecting blockages, as well as Arduino flow meters based on the Hall effect principle for measuring flow rates. Additionally, the integration of the Blynk application enables remote monitoring and control of hardware components, facilitating real-time data visualization and analysis. The literature also discusses the features and benefits of the Blynk platform, which supports various hardware platforms and offers user-friendly widgets for easy integration and communication. Overall, the literature survey underscores the importance of implementing innovative solutions to enhance the efficiency and reliability of underground drainage management, leading to cleaner cities and smarter infrastructure.

In [8] Raakeshvarshan SThe literature review emphasizes the importance of managing drainage systems in cities, which consist mainly of pipes and sewers and play a crucial role in separating clean and dirty water since 1840 (Ferriman, 2007). In India, open drainage systems, which made up 33% in 2007, pose health risks and increase accidents. During the rainy season, drainage systems often struggle with capacity, leading to maintenance and pollution issues. Transitioning away from open systems began in the 1950s and expanded publicly in the 1960s. The project aims to create an affordable IoT-based solution to monitor water levels and areas affected in real-time using sensors like MQ4 Methane Natural Gas Sensor and ultrasonic sensors. This research underscores the need to improve drainage infrastructure to reduce health risks and enhance urban sanitation.

2.1. Existing system

Traditional methods of monitoring drainage sinks involve labor-intensive manual inspections and periodic checks, which are prone to human error and may not capture real-time changes or anomalies in operations. In residential settings, homeowners visually inspect sinks for leaks and clogs, while industrial facilities employ basic monitoring devices like flow meters and level sensors. However, these methods have limitations including infrequency, lack of real-time monitoring, and the need for physical presence.

Recent advancements in IoT technology have led to automated monitoring systems for drainage sinks, offering real-time data collection, analysis, and predictive maintenance insights. While commercial solutions exist, challenges such as infrastructure investment, data security, and privacy concerns persist. Nonetheless, the demand for sustainable water management practices continues to drive innovation, necessitating cost-effective, user-friendly solutions that cater to diverse users and address concerns regarding data accuracy, privacy, and scalability.

2.2. Proposed system

The proposed system, as depicted in Fig. 9, comprises GPS sensor nodes, a network coordinator, and Cloud storage, with a remote graphical user interface for data analysis. In this system architecture, sensor nodes sample physical parameters and convert them to measurable voltage levels through respective sensors. The acquired data is transmitted to the coordinator via a wireless connection using the Blynk server. The coordinator focuses on constellation maintenance, data collection, and transfers the compiled information to Cloud storage using Wi-Fi and mobile internet.

The custom-made Blynk platform facilitates versatile data collection and visualization, supporting a large volume of sensor data and GPS locations. This system, designed for underground drainage monitoring, enhances city health and safety while reducing the workload of government personnel. It employs various sensors (including Ultrasonic, temperature, and gas sensors) interfaced with an Arduino Uno to create a smart system. When sensor values exceed threshold levels, indications are sent to the controller, which then relays the signal and manhole location to the municipal corporation via GSM and GPS. This enables officials to pinpoint problematic manholes and take necessary actions promptly. Additionally, Arduino Uno updates real-time sensor values for all manholes in the area using IoT, with messages also displayed on an LCD screen.

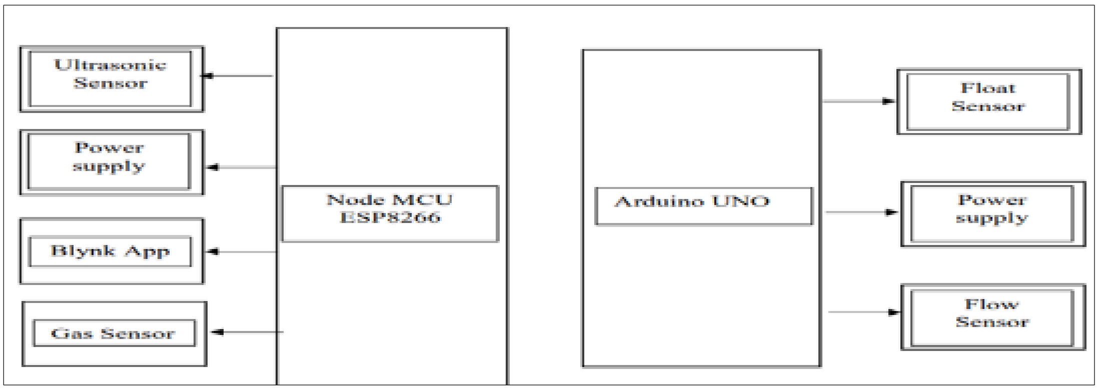

Figure 1 Block Diagram of proposed

3. Methodology

The implementation of the drainage sink monitoring system involves a comprehensive approach encompassing hardware setup and software development. Initially, the hardware components, including the ESP8266 microcontroller, flow sensor (YF-S201), ultrasonic sensor (HC-SR04), and gas sensor (MQ135), are assembled and interconnected to ensure seamless integration and accurate data collection. The setup involves connecting the sensors to the appropriate pins of the ESP8266 microcontroller, ensuring compatibility and proper wiring for effective data transmission. The flow sensor measures water flow rates, the ultrasonic sensor monitors water levels, and the gas sensor detects air pollutants. Following the hardware setup, software development entails writing code to interface with the sensors, collect data, and transmit it to the Blynk mobile application for visualization and analysis using Arduino IDE as the development platform.

The software code is structured to read sensor data regularly, process it, and transmit relevant information to the Blynk app using virtual pins, enabling real-time monitoring of drainage sink parameters. Calibration and testing procedures are then conducted to ensure the accuracy and reliability of sensor readings. Calibration involves adjusting sensor parameters and thresholds to align with operational requirements and environmental conditions. Rigorous testing validates the functionality and performance of the monitoring system under diverse scenarios and environmental factors. Throughout implementation, emphasis is placed on documentation, troubleshooting, and iterative refinement to address technical challenges and optimize system performance. Continuous feedback from stakeholders is sought to incorporate enhancements and improvements, ensuring the effectiveness and usability of the drainage sink monitoring system.

3.1. Sensors working principle

The main sensor working principle for an IoT-based intelligent drainage and dust identification system revolves around the integration of various types of sensors to detect and monitor both drainage conditions and dust levels. Here's an overview of the main sensor types and their working principles:

3.1.1. Drainage Sensors

- **Ultrasonic Sensors**: These sensors work on the principle of sending out ultrasonic waves and measuring the time it takes for the waves to bounce back after hitting an object or surface. They can be used to measure the level of liquid in drainage pipes or reservoirs. When the liquid level rises to a certain point, it triggers an alert indicating that drainage maintenance is required.
- **Flow Sensors**: Flow sensors can also be employed to detect liquid levels in drainage systems. They work by measuring the pressure exerted by the liquid in the drainage pipes. As the liquid level changes, the pressure exerted on the sensor changes accordingly, allowing the system to determine the level of liquid in the drainage system.

3.1.2. Dust Identification Sensors:

- **Optical Dust Sensors**: These sensors detect dust particles based on the light scattering principle. They emit light and measure the intensity of light scattered by dust particles in the air. By analyzing the intensity of scattered light, the sensor can estimate the concentration of dust particles in the air.
- **Laser Dust Sensors**: Similar to optical dust sensors, laser dust sensors use laser beams to detect dust particles. They emit a laser beam and analyze the scattering pattern produced by dust particles in the air to determine the dust concentration.

3.1.3. Working Principle:

The IoT-based intelligent drainage and dust identification system integrate various sensors to monitor liquid levels and dust concentrations. Ultrasonic and pressure sensors detect liquid levels in drainage systems, while optical or laser dust sensors monitor air quality for dust particles. These sensors operate by emitting signals and measuring responses, such as ultrasonic waves' reflection or light scattering patterns. Data collected from these sensors is transmitted wirelessly to a central IoT platform. There, it undergoes real-time analysis to assess drainage conditions and air quality. Depending on predefined thresholds, the system triggers alerts for maintenance or activates cleaning mechanisms to ensure optimal hygiene and efficiency. This integration of sensor data with IoT technology enables proactive monitoring and management of drainage and dust levels, enhancing overall environmental cleanliness and operational effectiveness.

3.2. Components

3.2.1. ARDUINO UNO

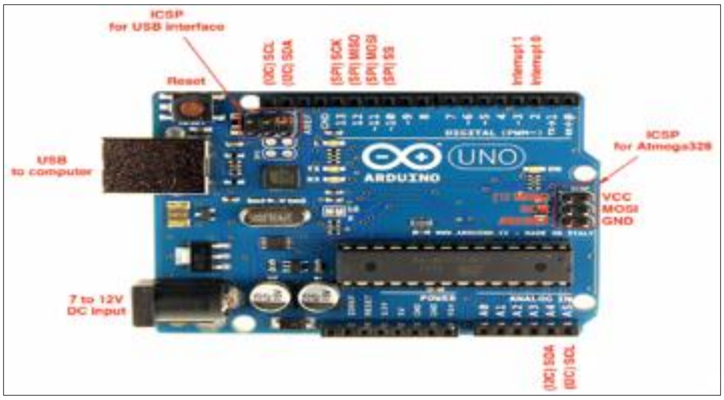

Figure 2 Arduino UNO

Arduino Uno can detect the surroundings from the input. Here the input is a variety of sensors and these can affect its surroundings through controlling motors, lights, other actuators, etc. The ATmega328 microcontroller on the Arduino board can be programmed with the help of an Arduino programming language and the IDE (Integrated Development Environment). Arduino projects can communicate by software while running on a PC.

3.2.2. Ultrasonic sensor

Figure 3 Ultrasonic sensor

Ultrasonic sensors are integral to drainage monitoring systems, detecting liquid levels accurately to prevent overflow and flooding. They enable real-time monitoring and control, activating pumps and triggering alerts as needed.

Additionally, ultrasonic sensors provide valuable data for analyzing drainage infrastructure, supporting informed decisions on maintenance and upgrades. Their use enhances the efficiency, reliability, and safety of drainage systems, particularly in remote or inaccessible areas.

3.2.3. GAS sensor

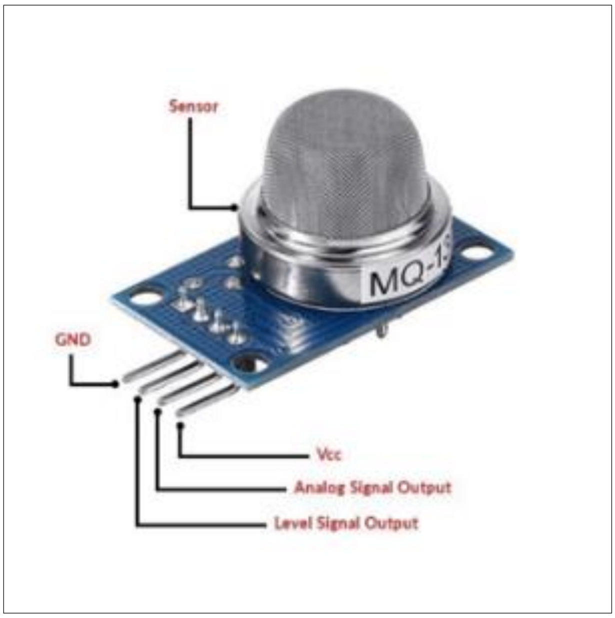

Figure 4 Gas Sensor

Gas sensors in drainage monitoring systems detect harmful gases like methane, hydrogen sulfide, and carbon dioxide that can build up in sewage systems, posing health and safety risks. By constantly monitoring gas levels, these sensors can alert authorities if concentrations become dangerous, helping prevent accidents and ensuring the proper functioning of drainage systems while protecting public health.

3.2.4. Flow sensor

Figure 5 Flow Sensor

The flow sensor in a drainage monitoring system serves to measure the rate of fluid passing through a pipe or channel. By monitoring flow rates, it provides crucial data for assessing drainage system performance, detecting blockages, and identifying potential overflow risks. This information enables timely maintenance interventions, aids in flood prevention efforts, and enhances overall infrastructure management by ensuring efficient drainage operations.

3.2.5. Dust sensor

Figure 6 Dust Sensor

In a drainage monitoring system, a dust sensor serves to detect particulate matter suspended in the air, indicating the level of pollution or dust accumulation in the drainage environment. By monitoring dust levels, the sensor helps gauge the cleanliness and efficiency of drainage systems, offering insights into potential blockages or environmental concerns. Integrating the dust sensor enables proactive maintenance and timely intervention to prevent drainage issues and maintain optimal functionality, promoting overall system reliability and environmental health.

4. Result and Discussion

The Smart Drainage Sink Identification and Dust Monitoring System represents a comprehensive solution for monitoring and managing drainage sinks and indoor air quality. Enhanced with a Gas Sensor MQ-13 for odor detection and integrated with the Blynk app for notifications, the system demonstrated effective functionality. Utilizing sensors such as the ultrasonic sensor for precise sink blockage identification, the float sensor for supplementary data on water levels, and the flow sensor for monitoring liquid flow rates, the system ensured prompt intervention to prevent potential water damage. Additionally, the integration of these sensors facilitated real-time dust monitoring, triggering alerts when dust levels exceeded predefined thresholds and enabling proactive maintenance to mitigate health risks associated with poor air quality.

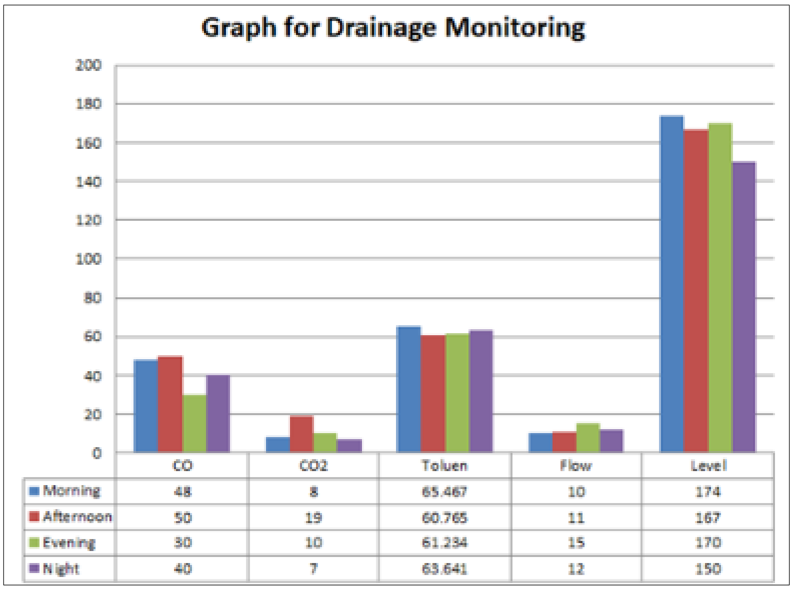

Figure 7 Graph for Drainage Monitoring

Furthermore, the Gas Sensor MQ-13 successfully detected odorous gases emitted from drainage sinks, offering valuable insights into indoor air quality and hygiene issues. When gas concentrations surpassed acceptable levels, the system promptly generated alerts, prompting timely intervention to address potential hygiene concerns. Integrated with the Blynk app, the system facilitated seamless communication with users, enabling real-time monitoring and notification delivery to mobile devices. Overall, by leveraging advanced sensor technology and mobile app integration, the Smart

Drainage Sink Identification and Dust Monitoring System offers a comprehensive solution for promoting healthier indoor environments and minimizing hazards associated with poor drainage and air quality. Further optimization and refinement hold the potential for enhanced performance and reliability in real-world applications.

5. Conclusion

In conclusion, the development of a drainage sink monitoring system using IoT technology presents a promising solution to address the challenges associated with traditional manual inspection methods. By leveraging the capabilities of sensors, microcontrollers, and wireless communication protocols, the proposed system offers real-time monitoring, data analytics, and remote management capabilities for drainage sinks in residential and industrial settings.

The integration of sensors such as flow sensors, ultrasonic sensors, and gas sensors enables comprehensive monitoring of water flow rates, water levels, and air quality parameters within the vicinity of the drainage sink. The ESP8266 microcontroller serves as the central processing unit, collecting sensor data and transmitting it to the Blynk mobile application for visualization and analysis. Through the intuitive interface of the Blynk app, users can monitor drainage sink parameters in real-time, set threshold alerts, and receive notifications for abnormal conditions. The system promotes resource efficiency, environmental sustainability, and user convenience by enabling proactive maintenance, early detection of anomalies, and informed decision-making.

Moreover, the scalability and flexibility of the proposed system make it suitable for deployment in diverse residential and industrial environments, accommodating varying sink configurations, monitoring requirements, and user preferences. With its cost-effective implementation and potential for savings in water bills and maintenance costs, the drainage sink monitoring system represents a practical application of IoT technology in enhancing resource management and environmental stewardship.

In summary, the proposed system offers a holistic approach to drainage sink monitoring, empowering users to optimize resource usage, improve operational efficiency, and promote occupant health and well-being. As technology continues to evolve and innovation progresses, the integration of IoT solutions holds great promise for transforming traditional infrastructure into smart, connected systems that contribute to a sustainable future.

Compliance with ethical standards

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