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WELCOME TO WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY!

We are happy to welcome again those who were here in 1988 when Wake Forest hosted the very first of these events produced by the Commission on Presidential Debates. We are also pleased to open our campus to those who are visiting for the first time.

Our faculty, staff, and students stand ready to assist you in your work to inform citizens about this Presidential election. Hundreds of student volunteers are eager to contribute to and learn from what you—and the candidates—will do here during the week of the debate.

Founded in 1834, Wake Forest is dedicated to the liberal arts, graduate and professional education. In addition to Wake Forest College, the university includes schools of business and accountancy, graduate business, law, medicine and a newly founded divinity school. Wake Forest is recognized as one of the country's best universities. This fall, *U.S. News & World Report* ranked Wake Forest 28th among national universities. *Yahoo! Internet Life* magazine consistently ranks Wake Forest among the "most wired" universities in the United States. We are distinguished by our emphasis on teaching, small classes, individual attention to students, education rooted in intellect as well as the spiritual values of our founders, innovative use of technology, and Division I athletic programs.

In this packet, you will find facts about the university, a list of faculty experts who can comment on the debate and campaign, news releases, information on helpful local Web sites, and more. You will also find valuable information about Winston-Salem. Please feel free to call the Wake Forest News Service at 336/758-5237 for assistance regarding Wake Forest information and experts.

We look forward to reading, seeing and hearing your coverage of this important event in the political process.

THOMAS K. HEARN, JR.
President, Wake Forest University





Old Gold and Black
School Colors

Demon Deacons
Team Name

Pro Humanitate
Motto

Founded in 1834, Wake Forest is a private, liberal arts university. Situated on 340 acres, the Reynolda Campus has more than 30 buildings, most of which are of modified Georgian architecture and constructed of Old Virginia brick trimmed in granite and limestone. The Bowman Gray Campus, home to the School of Medicine, is located four miles away at the Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center.

PRESIDENT

Thomas K. Hearn Jr. (1983 to present)

Hearn's tenure has been highlighted by The Undergraduate Plan, which made the University a leader in the use of technology as a learning tool; by Wake Forest's growing academic reputation; by the Presidential Debate in 1988; and by his leadership in collegiate athletics, including his service as a member of the Knight Commission.

relocated in 1956. The university became independent and established an autonomous board of trustees in 1986.

TECHNOLOGY

The university launched a new plan in fall 1996 designed to enrich undergraduate education. The Undergraduate Plan dramatically increased the use of technology, introduced first-year seminars, expanded the faculty, added new scholarships for study abroad and brought a variety of other changes to the campus. As part of the plan, entering students are provided an IBM ThinkPad computer, which is upgraded after two years. Students keep their computer upon graduation. All buildings are wired for Internet access. Wireless connections are available in many campus areas.

ENROLLMENT (2000/2001)

<i>Undergraduate College (including Calloway School of Business and Accountancy)</i>	3,938
<i>Graduate School of Arts and Sciences</i>	577
<i>Babcock Graduate School of Management</i>	615
<i>School of Medicine</i>	442
<i>School of Law</i>	477
<i>Divinity School</i>	50
<i>Allied Health Program</i>	136
UNIVERSITY TOTAL	6,235

STUDENT ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ★ *Rhodes scholars—Seven Wake Forest students chosen since 1986.*
- ★ *Debate team—1997 National Champions*
- ★ *Study abroad—50 percent of undergraduate students study abroad during their four years at Wake Forest.*
- ★ *Volunteer Service Corps—About 1,100 students volunteer on a regular basis in VSC community programs.*

STUDENT/FACULTY RATIO 10.5 to 1

SAT SCORES *Middle 50 percent of entering students score between 1210 and 1390*

ENDOWMENT *\$967 million (as of June 30, 2000)*

ACADEMIC MAJORS 34

TUITION (2000-2001) \$22,410

HISTORY

Wake Forest was founded in 1834 in Wake Forest, N.C., by the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. In 1946, Wake Forest accepted a proposal from the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation to move the campus to Winston-Salem and the school

RANKINGS

- ★ *U.S. News & World Report ranked Wake Forest 28th among national universities. The Calloway School of Business and Accountancy was also ranked 28th. The law school, graduate business school and medical school were all ranked in the top 50.*
- ★ *Ranked 19th among the nation's 50 most wired universities and research schools by Yahoo! Internet Life magazine.*
- ★ *Listed among the 50 best public and private colleges and universities in Barron's Guide to the Most Competitive Colleges.*



CHAPEL'S PLACE IN THE LIFE OF WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY

Since its opening in 1956, Wait Chapel has served Wake Forest University in many capacities, including auditorium, concert hall, sanctuary—and debate hall. Distinguished speakers have ranged from United States presidents to Nobel laureates to world-famous authors. Concerts and performances by renowned orchestras and artists from around the world are presented in the Chapel under the auspices of the University's Secrest Artists Series.

The first U.S. president to visit the campus was Harry S Truman in October 1951. He participated in a groundbreaking ceremony for the campus, which was built in the 1950s as a new home for Wake Forest. The University was founded in 1834 in the town of Wake Forest, N.C. Presidents who followed Truman to campus have included Jimmy Carter, Gerald Ford and George Bush.

CHAPEL'S DEBATE HISTORY

Wait Chapel was the site of a 1988 Presidential Debate between George Bush and Michael Dukakis. Initially proposed by three Wake Forest students—Michael Smith, Beth Dawson McAlhany and Scott Dubois—the debate was held on Sept. 25, 1988. Twelve years later, it is host to a debate between presidential candidates George W. Bush and Al Gore.

CONSTRUCTION

Wake Forest's most identifiable building, Wait Chapel was the first building constructed on the University's 340-acre Reynolda Campus. Named in honor of the University's first president—Samuel Wait—it was dedicated in October 1956. (The fall of 1956 marked the first fall semester of classes on the Reynolda Campus, following the University's move from the town of

Wake Forest, N.C.) Like most of the campus' buildings, Wait Chapel is distinguished by its modified Georgian architecture. Its exterior is Old Virginia brick; interior walls are limestone. With its massive spire towering over the University's Plaza (Quad), Wait Chapel faces south toward Reynolda Hall, the University's administrative center.

RECENT RENOVATIONS

Wait Chapel has undergone significant renovation since hosting the 1988 Presidential Debate. Renovations in the late 1990s included the installation of a new ceiling custom-designed to improve the Chapel's acoustics, new flooring, a new sound system, heating and air conditioning improvements, lighting system enhancements, and seating refinishing.

SEATING

Originally designed to seat nearly 2,400 people, Wait Chapel's seating has been reduced during the years—through renovation—to seat approximately 2,250 people. The main level seats 1,588, while the balcony seats 662. Seating will be sharply reduced for the 2000 Presidential Debate, with all balcony seats removed, as well as some main level seats. Similar arrangements were made for the 1988 Presidential Debate in the Chapel.

SIZE

Wait Chapel extends nearly 152 feet from the interior foyer entrance doors to the back of the stage area. The Chapel measures 137 feet at its widest point. Including the balcony, its floor space covers more than 17,000 square feet. Including its steeple, the Chapel is 213 feet tall.



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Loudon can comment on debate as well as political communication. He has published papers on "Audience Recall of Issue and Image in Political Debates" and "Voter Rationality and Media Excess: Image in the 1992 Campaign."

This fall, Loudon will bring a panel of authors of books about presidential debates into his class, "Great Teachers: Presidential Debates." Some of the writers may watch the debate with his students. Under Loudon's leadership, Wake Forest won the national collegiate debate championship in 1997. Wake Forest also sponsors the National Earlybird Forensics Tournament, one of the top 10 high school debate tournaments in the country.

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Smith is an expert on presidential communication. She is co-author of the books, "The White House Speaks: Presidential Leadership as Persuasion," and "The President and the Public: Rhetoric and National Leadership," and has authored several articles on past presidential debates. She also wrote the chapter on Rosalynn Carter for "American First Ladies: A Biographical Encyclopedia." Smith is teaching a course titled, "Topics in Public Policy: Debates and Campaigns," this fall.

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WAKE FOREST GREETES PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES
WITH CLASSES, INTERNET PROJECTS, CORPS OF VOLUNTEERS

When Al Gore and George W. Bush arrive at Wake Forest University for their Oct. 11 debate in Wait Chapel, they will find a campus inspired by its role in the presidential election process.

From the red, white and blue banners at campus entrances to the hundreds of volunteers helping to prepare for the debate, Wake Forest is ready to welcome the candidates. Faculty and students are busy with classes and public events focused on presidential campaigns and debates. Internet projects are under way to encourage young people's interest in those political activities.

"Our preparations for the debate have sparked creativity throughout the university community," said Wake Forest President Thomas K. Hearn Jr. "Since learning of our selection as a debate site last January, students, faculty and staff have been exploring how to make the most of this extraordinary educational opportunity."

Wake Forest's early selection has contributed to the university's ability to benefit fully from the experience, Hearn added.

Wake Forest first hosted a presidential debate on Sept. 25, 1988, when George Bush and Michael Dukakis met in Wait Chapel. It marked the first presidential debate produced by the Commission on Presidential Debates, which has produced all of them since that time.

Wake Forest's experience with hosting the 1988 debate has proved helpful in preparing

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for this event, said Sandra Boyette, Wake Forest's vice president for university advancement.

"There are a number of university staff and faculty who were here in 1988. That has definitely been an advantage."

There are also familiar names among the sponsors for the Wake Forest debate. Wachovia Corporation and US Airways are sponsors for this year's debate, just as they were in 1988.

Wake Forest has named Enterasys Networks as the lead sponsor for the upcoming debate. Other sponsors include BellSouth, Duke Energy, Idealliance, the Winston-Salem Journal and TITAN Technology Partners. Also sponsoring the debate are Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Peebler Jr. of New York, N.Y., members of Wake Forest's Parents' Council.

Wake Forest, which launched a comprehensive technology initiative in the mid-1990s, was chosen as a debate site in part because of its reputation as a liberal arts institution with extraordinary expertise in the use of technology in teaching. Wake Forest has been applying technology in various ways to stimulate interest in the debate among young people.

Several online projects are under way, including one involving Advanced Placement high school students from across the country and another that encourages the participation of young voters in online discussions of campaign issues. The university has created a debate Web site, <http://debate.wfu.edu>, to provide regularly updated information about the debate.

Professors are teaching courses built around presidential debates and campaigns, including "Great Teachers: Presidential Debates," taught by associate professor of communication Allan Loudon; "Debates and Campaigns," taught by political science professor Kathy Smith; and a freshman seminar, "Ways of Thinking About Presidential Campaigns," taught by economics professor David G. Brown.

Reaching beyond the classroom, Wake Forest students and faculty have organized several public events. Panel discussions with visiting experts on presidential debates, a presidential election symposium hosted by Wake Forest's law school and a mock debate presented by Wake Forest's debate team are among them.

In addition to their involvement in debate-related classes, public events and technology initiatives, many students will get an insider's view of staging a presidential debate by working as volunteers with the university, the Commission on Presidential Debates and with the media in the days leading up the debate. Volunteers will be most involved from Oct. 6 through debate night.

On that night, students, alumni, faculty and staff will gather on the Magnolia Quad (beside Benson University Center) to watch a live broadcast of the debate on a giant screen.

"This is a great opportunity for students to come together with the rest of the community to watch the debate," said Amanda Carlson, student government president. "It's going to be very exciting to watch the event finally unfold on our campus after so much planning and study about campaigns."

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TECHNOLOGY PLAYS KEY ROLE
IN WAKE FOREST DEBATE ACTIVITIES

Wake Forest University is helping young people ages 16-24 nationwide use the Internet to learn more about the political process as the university prepares to host the Oct. 11 presidential debate between George W. Bush and Al Gore.

Through a university arrangement with Opinionering Corp., young people across the United States are participating in an online discussion about campaign issues such as foreign policy and tax reform as the debate and election approach. A group of local citizens has also been selected to participate in a national online survey at Wake Forest during the Oct. 11 debate through a university arrangement with Speakout.com.

Students from more than 70 high schools from Florida to Alaska are participating in another online project about campaign issues using a curriculum created by Wake Forest professors. University students designed the Internet site for the high school project.

Young people find their way to the online projects through links on Wake Forest's new debate Web site, <http://debate.wfu.edu>. The university created the site to provide regularly updated information about the debate and about university debate preparations for Wake Forest faculty, staff, students and alumni, as well as the public and the news media. The Wake Forest community has also visited the site to sign-up to volunteer at the debate, and to participate in a possible debate ticket lottery.

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The debate Web site also offers to the media university news releases about the debate, a list of faculty experts, downloadable pictures of Wake Forest (including Wait Chapel) and information about hotel accommodations in the Winston-Salem area.

“The debate Web site has proved to be an extremely valuable tool for us as we prepare for the debate,” said Sandra Boyette, vice president for university advancement. “It has given our community and people everywhere a direct connection to the debate activities, while offering opportunities for innovative and educational activities.”

Wake Forest has been nationally recognized for its use of technology since the 1996 launch of a technology initiative that provides all students with IBM laptop computers. The initiative has increased the role of the Internet in the academic curriculum. Yahoo! Internet Life magazine has ranked Wake Forest 19th among America's "Most Wired" universities and research schools.

In October, Wake Forest will be honored with the 2000 Educause Award for Excellence in Campus Networking. The annual award recognizes the use of strategic, integrated and innovative use of networked technology at higher learning institutions.

Once the university was chosen as a 2000 debate site, plans for related Internet projects began immediately.

"Our two goals are to encourage young people to vote by reaching them through technology, and to enable anyone to experience the debate electronically, including alumni and friends the world over," said Bob Mills, associate vice president for university advancement.

The SpeakOut.com project will debut online on Oct. 11 during the presidential debate at Wake Forest. Through a link from the university's debate site, a focus

group of local citizens at Wake Forest and young people between the ages of 16 and 24 nationwide will be directed to SpeakOut.com to participate in a real-time national online viewer survey about the presidential debate. Participants will watch the debate on television while viewing the Web site. Using Speakout.com's new "Ntercept Dial Poll" technology, survey participants will register their views on the debate.

The second youth project launched Sept. 18 through a partnership with Opinioneering Corp. Through a link from the university's debate site, visitors are meeting a panel of Wake Forest students at Opinioneering.com. The students have developed the topics for online discussion including foreign policy, affirmative action and other election year issues.

Each member of the student panel also posted sets of questions related to each topic listed on the site. Visitors have registered their responses to the questions in an open-ended format designed to draw responses from other viewers. Participants have also read what others have posted and have chosen whether or not to vote in agreement with previous posts.

"We are honored to help Wake Forest students take a centerstage role in this fall's campaign season," said Jeff Zucker, chief executive officer of Opinioneering. "These students have created thoughtful questions and are eager to watch as voters from around the nation weigh in with their views and ideas."

This project will remain active until just after the presidential election.

Heath Bumgardner, a senior from Freeport, Maine; Sandy Salstrom, a junior from Woodstock, Ga.; and Luke Fedlam, a senior from Jeffersonville, N.Y., lead the student group that is working with Opinioneering Corp.

Based in Dallas, Texas, Opinioneering Corp. uses its "Consensus Builder" technology to allow an audience to communicate on a given topic. Participants can read and vote in support of previously posted opinions, and are able to enter their own ideas. Business-to-business and business-to-consumer Web sites use this technology to facilitate communication and feedback. The technology is also used on Intranet systems to allow employee communication within companies.

Wake Forest is also using the Internet to host a special program for students in Advanced Placement Government and U.S. History classes at more than 70 high schools nationwide. The students have been studying 12 campaign issues using an online curriculum designed by Wake Forest faculty members.

The nine-week program, "Linking Debatable Issues, the Wake Forest A.P. Electoral Project" began Sept. 5 using a link from the university's debate Web site. The project's Web site was designed by Wake Forest junior Trinity Manning of Winston-Salem.

"We're trying to educate and excite these students about the electoral process so that when they are of voting age, they will be informed, engaged voters," said Martha Allman, the "Linking Debatable Issues" coordinator.

The high school students completed an online survey about their knowledge of each issue at the beginning of the course, and will be surveyed again at its conclusion. During the program, the students will also participate in several online events including threaded discussions moderated by the university's faculty. They will also answer weekly polls about their political opinions.

Wake Forest is working with the College Board in carrying out the A.P. project.

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WAKE FOREST'S PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE
INSPIRES CLASSES, PUBLIC EVENTS

For many Wake Forest University professors, the presidential debate scheduled for Oct. 11 at the university has provided an opportunity to develop classes and public events that tie in with the 2000 presidential campaign and the debate.

“The presidential debate is generating a great deal of interest in political and social issues on our campus,” said Paul Escott, dean of Wake Forest’s undergraduate College. “I’m delighted that so many of our faculty members are taking advantage of this opportunity to stimulate learning in their specialties. The faculty, the students and the community are going to have a valuable and especially memorable experience.”

Allan Loudon, the director of Wake Forest’s collegiate debate program and associate professor of communication, is among the faculty members focused on the educational opportunities hosting a presidential debate offers.

He is teaching a course titled, “Great Teachers: Presidential Debates,” this semester. During the week of the presidential debate, Loudon will bring to campus a panel of authors who have written books on presidential debates to meet with his class. The panel will meet on Tuesday, Oct. 10, at 12 p.m. in Tribble Hall’s DeTamble Auditorium. Panelists will include:

- William Benoit, University of Missouri, co-author of “Candidates in Conflict: Persuasive Attack and Defense in the 1992 Presidential Debates.”
- Diana Carlin, University of Kansas, co-author of “The 1992 Presidential Debates in Focus.”

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[Debate-related classes, 10/00, 2.](#)

- Sidney Kraus, Cleveland State University, author of “Televised Presidential Debates and Public Policy.”
- Michael Pfau, University of Wisconsin-Madison, co-author of “Televised Presidential Debate.”
- Alan Schroeder, Northeastern University, author of “Presidential Debates: Forty Years of High Risk TV.”

Mitchell S. McKinney, co-author of the book, “The 1992 Presidential Debate in Focus,” and his students will join in the discussion via teleconference from his classroom at the University of Missouri. The debate experts will discuss their work, the upcoming debate and take questions from Wake Forest and Missouri students.

The panelists will also participate in a free, public forum scheduled for 7 p.m. on Oct. 10 in Carswell Hall’s Annenberg Forum. The panelists will preview the Wake Forest debate, discuss the place of debates in the political process and talk about historical trends in presidential debates.

Louden’s students have read the books by these authors and will be discussing presidential debates in class from noon to 12:50 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. In addition, Loudon and members of the Wake Forest debate team will stage a mock debate on Sunday, Oct. 8, at 7 p.m. in Carswell Hall’s Annenberg Forum, three days before George W. Bush and Al Gore are scheduled to face off in Wait Chapel. Debate team members will take the positions of the candidates on various policy issues. The event will be open to the public.

In her course, “Topics in Public Policy: Debates and Campaigns,” Kathy Smith, professor and chair of political science, will address the value of televised debates, the role of money in elections, the ethical issues raised in campaigning and debating, the influence of campaigns and elections on the governing process, and the historical impact of debates.

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Debate-related classes, 10/00, 3.

The class meets from noon to 12:50 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. During the week of the debate, Smith's class will address campaign finance and political action committees.

David G. Brown, vice president and professor of economics, has developed a course titled, "A Way of Thinking About Presidential Campaigns." From an economist's perspective, Brown will cover various aspects of the campaign process, specifically poll-taking and financing. Online readings accompany class lectures and teams of students will create three presidential debate Web sites: one focused on student opinions of the candidates, the campaign and the Wake Forest debate; another that helps individuals evaluate the impact of money upon campaign strategy; and a third devoted to showing the international perspective of the presidential campaign. The pages will be posted on Oct. 4.

On Oct. 9 and Oct. 11, the class will meet with foreign journalists and members of a visiting Elderhostel group at 2 p.m. The journalists will address the principles they use when making decisions about campaign coverage.

Katy Harriger, associate professor of political science, is teaching a first-year seminar called "Deliberative Democracy" this semester. As one of their class assignments, students will analyze the presidential debate as an exercise in civic engagement and will write essays on their personal attitudes about politics and participation.

For the week leading up to the debate, the political science faculty has organized a four-day "Conference on Debatable Issues in the Presidential Campaign." The conference, which is free and open to the public, will feature 12 panel discussions on election issues. Panels will convene at 11 a.m., 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Oct. 3-6. All sessions will be moderated by political science department faculty members and will include guest experts on such topics as foreign

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Debate-related classes, 10/00, 4.

policy, affirmative action, health care, Social Security, public education, taxes, immigration and world trade.

Among the speakers will be Meredith McGehee, vice president for legislation at Common Cause; Laura Murphy, director of the Washington, D.C. office of the American Civil Liberties Union; Jerry Hagstrom, prize-winning agricultural journalist and author of “Beyond Reagan: The New Landscape of American Politics;” Dean Baker, co-director of the Center for Economic and Policy Research; Laurel Beedon, senior policy advisor at AARP; and George Ziegelmuller, a nationally recognized collegiate debate coach and scholar.

Wake Forest’s School of Law will host a “Presidential Election Symposium” on Oct. 9 from 6-8 p.m. in the Worrell Professional Center, Room 1312. Journalist Jack Ford, co-anchor of ABC’s “20/20” and guest anchor on “Good Morning America” and “World News Tonight,” will moderate the event, which is free and open to the public.

Four nationally acclaimed experts on constitutional law will discuss campaign finance reform, how the election could shape the Supreme Court and other election issues. Speakers will be William Van Alstyne, William R. and Thomas S. Perkins Chair of Law at Duke University School of Law; A.E. Howard, White Burkett Miller Professor of Law and Public Affairs at the University of Virginia; Michael K. Curtis, professor of law at Wake Forest School of Law; and Akhil Reed Amar, Southmayd Professor of Law at Yale Law School.

“We hope their comments and discussion about legal issues related to elections will provide information to the community to make a better-educated choice at election time,” said Robert K. Walsh, dean of the School of Law.

To visit any of the classes mentioned or to arrange interviews with any of the students enrolled in them, please contact a member of the Wake Forest News Service staff at 336-758-5237, 336-758-6073 or 1-800-752-8565.

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SPONSORS HELP WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY
BRING PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE TO WINSTON-SALEM

Nine sponsors have contributed their support to Wake Forest University for its Oct. 11 presidential debate in Wait Chapel.

Wake Forest has named Enterasys Networks, the official network provider of the university, as the lead sponsor for the debate. The other sponsors are US Airways, Wachovia Corporation, the Winston-Salem Journal, BellSouth, Duke Energy, Idealliance Inc. and TITAN Technology Partners.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Peebler Jr. of New York, N.Y., are also sponsors of the event. They are members of Wake Forest's Parents' Council.

"Before we made our proposal to the Commission on Presidential Debates, we consulted with several corporate and community leaders who were very encouraging about potential financial support," said Sandra Boyette, vice president for university advancement. "We are extremely grateful to this generous group of sponsors who are making an extraordinary event possible for our students, our community and the nation."

US Airways and Wachovia Corporation also sponsored the 1988 presidential debate at Wake Forest.

More information about the Oct. 11 debate sponsors can be found on the university's debate Web site at <http://debate.wfu.edu>.

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