



# SolidJS

Reaktivität einfach gemacht

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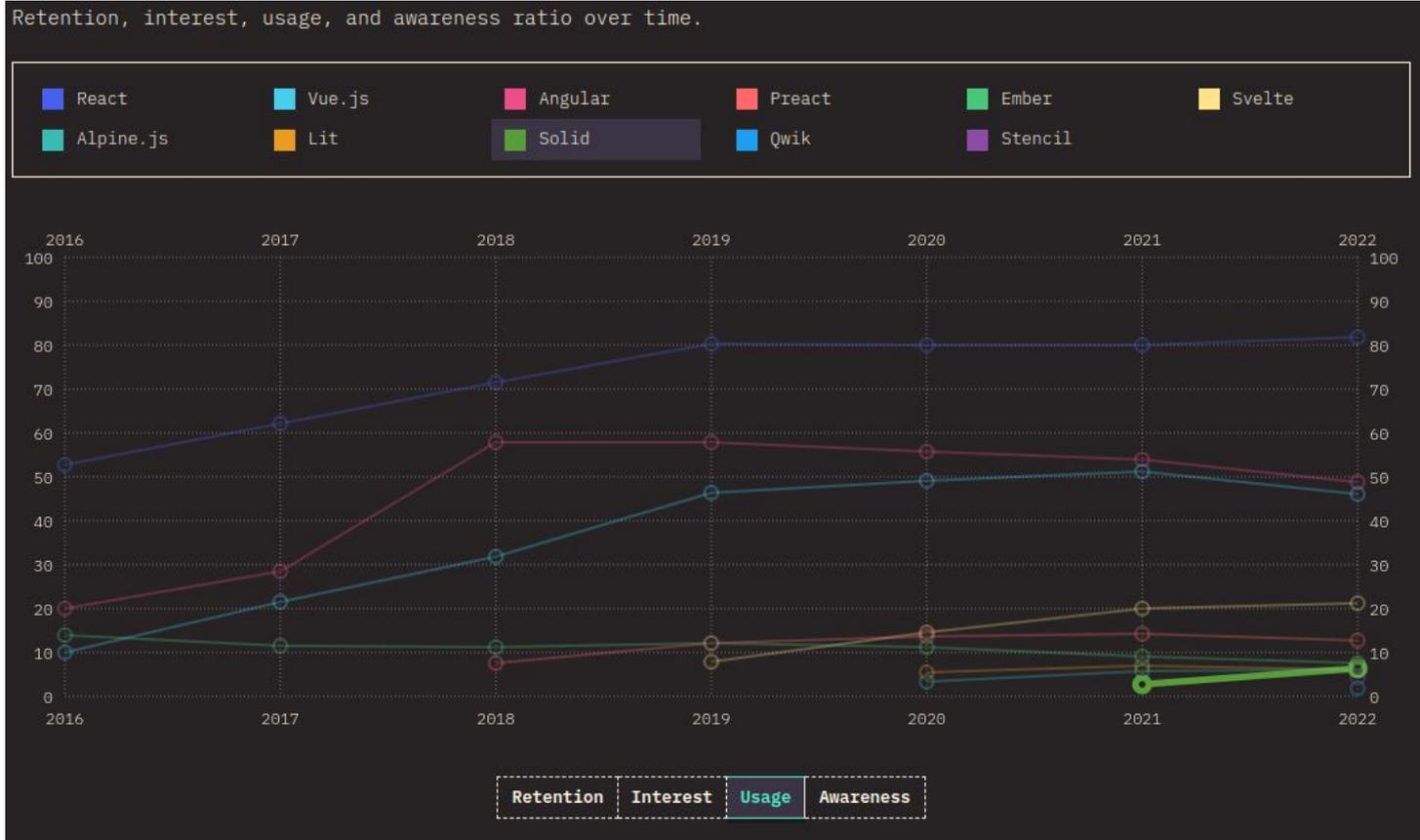
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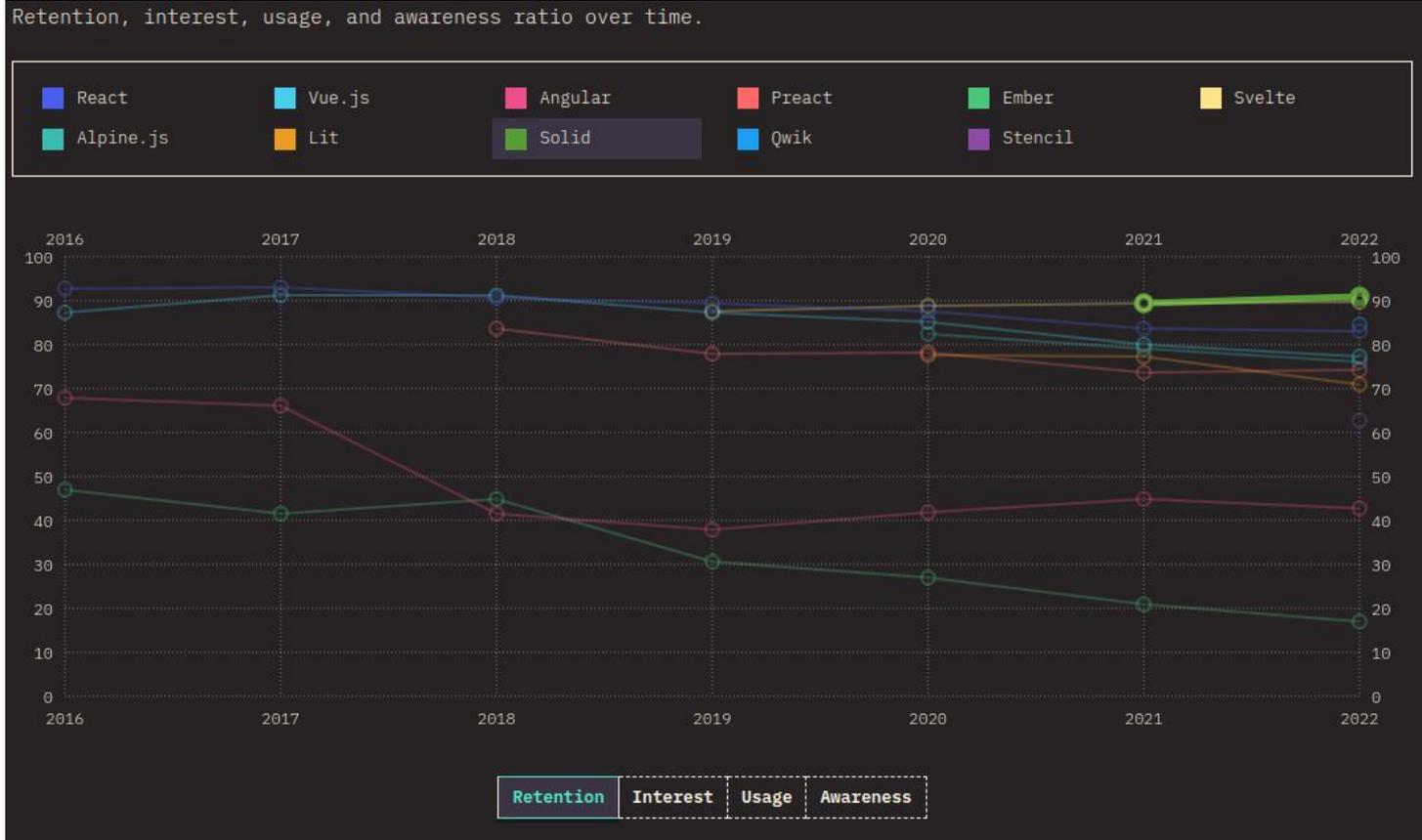
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- › Control Flow
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# Key Facts

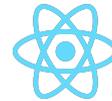
- › **JSX**
- › Functional components
- › Vite
- › **Typescript**
- › Built around **reactivity**
  - **Surgical** DOM updates
  - Observables/**RxJs** compatibility\*

→ Quite similar to React

```
function MyButton() {  
  return (  
    <button>  
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  );  
}  
  
export default function MyApp() {  
  return (  
    <div>  
      <h1>Welcome to my app</h1>  
      <MyButton />  
    </div>  
  );  
}
```



# Comparison



Rendering	Through reactivity	Buildtime	Runtime (virtual DOM)
Runtime	Minimal	Minimal	Full-blown
State Management	Built-in	Built-in	BYO
Reactivity	<b>Core principle</b>	Built-in	-
Styling	BYO (vite)	Built-in	BYO
Syntax	Plain JS(X)	DSL	Plain JS(X)

# Comparison - Performance



Implementation link	code	code	code	code	code
<b>create rows</b> creating 1,000 rows (5 warmup runs).	42.6 ± 0.9 (1.04)	43.5 ± 0.6 (1.07)	52.9 ± 0.8 (1.30)	50.4 ± 0.7 (1.24)	55.7 ± 0.2 (1.37)
<b>replace all rows</b> updating all 1,000 rows (5 warmup runs).	44.9 ± 0.5 (1.01)	48.0 ± 0.8 (1.08)	56.0 ± 0.6 (1.26)	55.6 ± 0.5 (1.25)	57.2 ± 0.8 (1.29)
<b>partial update</b> updating every 10th row for 1,000 rows (3 warmup runs). 16x CPU slowdown.	108.1 ± 1.6 (1.05)	106.0 ± 2.7 (1.03)	115.6 ± 1.9 (1.12)	117.4 ± 1.7 (1.14)	140.8 ± 2.8 (1.37)
<b>select row</b> highlighting a selected row. (5 warmup runs). 16x CPU slowdown.	11.9 ± 0.4 (1.06)	13.5 ± 0.5 (1.20)	18.3 ± 0.7 (1.62)	16.9 ± 1.7 (1.50)	42.1 ± 1.7 (3.73)
<b>swap rows</b> swap 2 rows for table with 1,000 rows. (5 warmup runs). 4x CPU slowdown.	28.9 ± 1.0 (1.00)	32.0 ± 1.0 (1.11)	33.9 ± 1.4 (1.17)	191.6 ± 1.2 (6.63)	184.0 ± 1.0 (6.36)
<b>remove row</b> removing one row. (5 warmup runs). 4x CPU slowdown.	50.0 ± 1.2 (1.02)	51.8 ± 0.8 (1.06)	51.7 ± 0.8 (1.06)	51.7 ± 1.2 (1.06)	58.0 ± 0.8 (1.19)
<b>create many rows</b> creating 10,000 rows. (5 warmup runs with 1k rows).	448.6 ± 1.1 (1.00)	474.9 ± 1.4 (1.06)	562.2 ± 2.2 (1.25)	548.5 ± 1.5 (1.22)	716.8 ± 3.0 (1.60)
<b>append rows to large table</b> appending 1,000 to a table of 10,000 rows. 2x CPU slowdown.	94.5 ± 0.5 (1.00)	96.8 ± 0.6 (1.02)	118.6 ± 0.5 (1.25)	115.9 ± 0.6 (1.23)	130.3 ± 0.5 (1.38)
<b>clear rows</b> clearing a table with 1,000 rows. 8x CPU slowdown. (5 warmup runs).	31.4 ± 1.6 (1.04)	36.2 ± 1.5 (1.20)	43.1 ± 1.1 (1.43)	72.3 ± 0.7 (2.39)	46.1 ± 1.4 (1.52)
<b>geometric mean</b> of all factors in the table	1.02	1.09	1.27	1.60	1.83

## Startup metrics (lighthouse with mobile simulation)

Name	vanillajs	solid-v1.5.4	svelte-v3.50.1	angular-v15.0.1	react-v17.0.2
<b>consistently interactive</b> a pessimistic TTI - when the CPU and network are both definitely very idle. (no more CPU tasks over 50ms)	1,876.3 ± 0.3 (1.04)	1,876.4 ± 0.2 (1.04)	1,876.8 ± 1.4 (1.04)	2,780.0 ± 0.8 (1.54)	2,551.3 ± 1.2 (1.42)
<b>total kilobyte weight</b> network transfer cost (post-compression) of all the resources loaded into the page.	150.4 ± 0.0 (1.05)	149.9 ± 0.0 (1.05)	146.2 ± 0.0 (1.02)	282.8 ± 0.0 (1.98)	274.6 ± 0.0 (1.92)
<b>geometric mean</b> of all factors in the table	1.05	1.04	1.03	1.75	1.65

## Memory allocation in MBs ± 95% confidence interval

Name	vanillajs	solid-v1.5.4	svelte-v3.50.1	angular-v15.0.1	react-v17.0.2
<b>ready memory</b> Memory usage after page load.	0.6 (1.01)	0.7 (1.05)	0.7 (1.03)	1.6 (2.50)	1.1 (1.69)
<b>run memory</b> Memory usage after adding 1,000 rows.	1.8 (1.01)	2.5 (1.44)	2.6 (1.52)	4.6 (2.66)	4.9 (2.80)
<b>update every 10th row for 1k rows (5 cycles)</b> Memory usage after clicking update every 10th row 5 times	1.9 (1.01)	2.6 (1.43)	2.7 (1.44)	4.7 (2.53)	5.4 (2.93)
<b>creating/clearing 1k rows (5 cycles)</b> Memory usage after creating and clearing 1000 rows 5 times	0.7 (1.02)	0.8 (1.19)	0.9 (1.27)	2.3 (3.29)	1.8 (2.63)
<b>run memory 10k</b> Memory usage after adding 10,000 rows.	10.8 (1.02)	19.5 (1.83)	19.2 (1.81)	29.1 (2.74)	35.6 (3.34)
<b>geometric mean</b> of all factors in the table	1.01	1.37	1.39	2.73	2.61

[https://krausest.github.io/js-framework-benchmark/2023/table\\_chrome\\_109.0.5414.87.html](https://krausest.github.io/js-framework-benchmark/2023/table_chrome_109.0.5414.87.html)

# Component Basics

- › Functions
  - executed once
  - Return JSX
- › Nesting is possible (duh)
- › Structuring code
  - × State
  - × Life-cycle\*
  - ✓ JS Scope (duh)

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# Reactivity: Signals

- › **setter** and **getter**
- › **all modification** must use **setter**
- › **all access** must use **getter**

```
type Getter<T> = () => T
type Setter<T> = (value: T) => void

function createSignal<T>(
  initial: T,
  options?: {
    equals: ((prev: T, next: T) => boolean)
  }
): [Getter<T>, Setter<T>]
```

 Data without signal → No reactivity

# Reactivity: Effects

- › reactive scope
- › for **side-effects**
  - internally for DOM-updates
  - also for custom behavior

```
function createEffect<T>(
  fn: (v: T) => T,
  initial?: T
): void
```

```
function createEffect(
  fn: () => void
): void
```



Setting signals from effects is dangerous

# Reactivity: Resource

- › **asynchronous** resource loading
- › returns data, errors, loading state...
- › optionally react to changes in signals

```
const [data, { mutate, refetch }] = createResource(fetchData)
const [data, { mutate, refetch }] = createResource(sourceSignal, fetchData)
```

# Components: Props

- › pass data to children
- › reactive through getters
  - must not be destructured by consumer
  - JSX destructuring

```
// before compilation  
<MyComp dynamic={mySignal()}>  
  <Child />  
</MyComp>
```

```
// after compilation  
MyComp({  
  get dynamic() { return mySignal() },  
  get children() { return Child() }  
});
```



Destructuring props prevents DOM updates

# Control flow

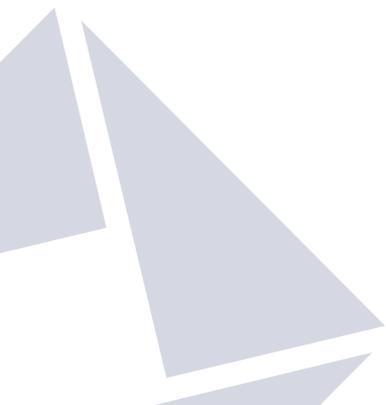
- › Components **executed once**
  - Records observer/observable relationship
  - DOM updates through effects
- › JS conditions and loops conflict with recording,
- › `<Show>`, `<For>`, `<Switch>`/`<Match>`,...



JS control flow prevents DOM updates

# SolidStart

<https://start.solidjs.com>



# Meta Frameworks - JS's current thing



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This is the shift we've known, but I appreciate it being spelt out.



**Andrew Clark** @acdlite · 18h

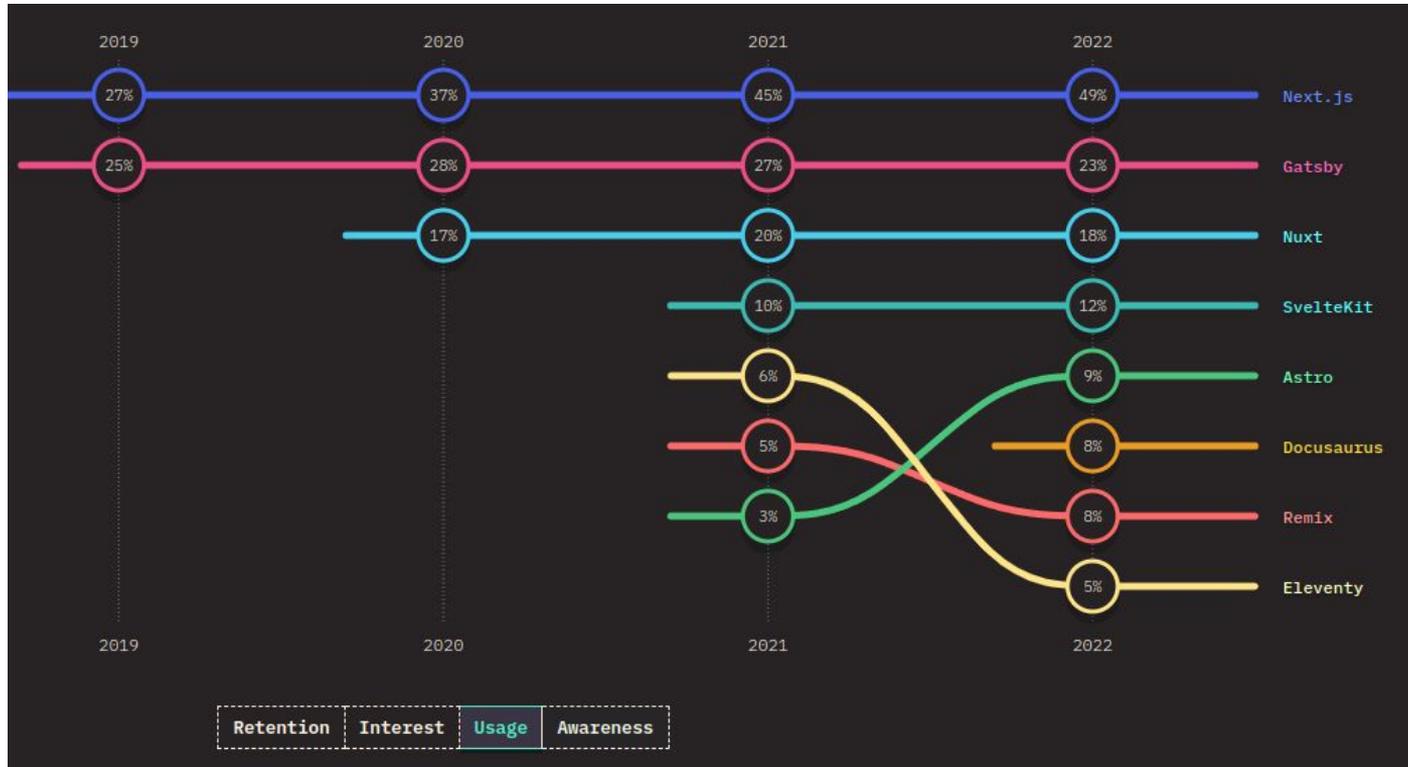
If you use React, you should be using a React framework. If your existing app doesn't use a framework, you should incrementally migrate to one. If you're creating a new React project, you should use a framework from the beginning.

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<https://twitter.com/RyanCarniato/status/1617623647803539456>

# Meta Frameworks - Usage



<https://2022.stateofjs.com/en-US/libraries/rendering-frameworks/>

# SolidStart Meta Framework

- › Client-side rendering (CSR)
- › Server-side rendering (SSR)
- › Streaming SSR
- › Static site generation (SSG)

Isomorphic code approach

# SolidStart Project Setup

```
npm create solid
```

```
node_modules/  
public/  
src/  
├── routes/  
│   └── index.tsx  
├── entry-client.tsx  
├── entry-server.tsx  
└── root.tsx
```

# File Based Routing

- › inovex.de/ → /routes/index.tsx
- › inovex.de/blog → /routes/blog.tsx
- › inovex.de/standorte/er → /routes/standorte/er.tsx
- › inovex.de/jobs/:id/:lang → /routes/jobs/[id]/[lang].tsx

Default Export Component:

```
export default function Index() {  
  return <div>Welcome to inovex!</div>;  
}
```

# Navigating

`<A>` component:

```
import { A } from 'solid-start';

export default function Index() {
  return (
    <div>
      <A href="/about">About</A>
    </div>
  );
}
```

`useNavigate`:

```
const navigate = useNavigate();
if (unauthorized) {
  navigate("/login", {
    replace: true,
    scroll: true,
  });
}
```



# API Routes

```
// handles HTTP GET requests to /api/cat-facts
export function GET() {
  return new Response("Cats are awesome 🐱");
}
export function POST() {}
export function PATCH() {}
export function DELETE() {}
```

## WARNING

A route can only export either a default UI component or a `GET` handler. You cannot export both.

# State with Cookie Sessions

- › Solid “borrowed” Remix’s session cookie storage
- › User IDs in encrypted **http only** cookies
- › SSR uses the cookie during initial page loads

# useRouteData

```
export const routeData: () => Resource<User | undefined> = () =>
  createServerData$(
    async (_, { request }) => {
      const db = new PrismaClient();
      const user = await getUser(db, request);
      if (!user) { throw redirect("/login"); }
      return user;
    }, { key: "userData" });

export default function Home() {
  const user = useRouteData<typeof routeData>();
  return (<h1 >Hello {user()?.username}</h1>);
}
```

# createServerAction\$ - create

```
const [savingFact, { Form: SaveForm }] = createServerAction$(
  async (form: FormData, { request }) => {
    const userId = await getUserId(request);
    const fact = form.get("fact");
    const hash = createHash("sha256").update(fact).digest("hex");
    await db.savedFacts.create({ data: { fact, hash, userId } });
  },
  { invalidate: ["userData"] }
);
```

# createServerAction\$ - call

```
const [savingFact, { Form: SaveForm }] = createServerAction$(...)

return (<>
  <SaveForm>
    <input type="hidden" name="fact" value={fact} />
    <button
      disabled={savingFact.pending}
      type="submit"
    >
      Save Fact 🐱
    </button>
  </SaveForm>
  <Show when={savingFact.error}>
    <div>{savingFact.error}</div>
  </Show>
</>);
```



**DEMO TIME**

<https://github.com/meldron/cat-facts>

# Solid Start Summary

-  Easy Routing & APIs
-  Solid Isomorphic Integration
-  Data Loading & Form Submission
-  Great Community
-  Sparse Documentation
-  Few tutorials
-  Buggy Examples
-  Beta: everything can & will change  
([Hybrid Routing + Minimal Hydration](#))

# Resources

- › SolidJS: [Tutorial](#), [API](#), [solid-primitives](#)
- › <https://start.solidjs.com/>
- › [Discord](#)
- › Videos:
  - [@ryansolid](#)
  - [The World Beyond Components](#)
  - Fireship: [Solid in 100 Seconds](#), [a solid start](#)
- › Podcasts
  - LogRocket: [SolidJS](#) & [SolidStart](#) with Ryan Carniato
  - Modern Web: [Introduction to SolidJS](#)

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