

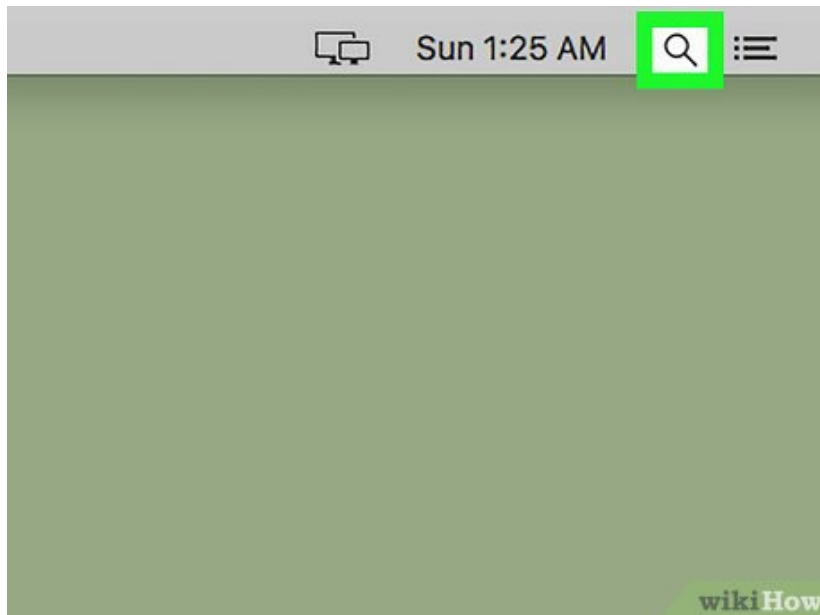
How to Ping on Mac OS

This wikiHow teaches you how to ping an address from your Mac. Pinging an address will tell you approximately how strong your connection to an address is. If you want to see how many gateways are between your computer and the address you...

Method 1 of 2:

Using Network Utility

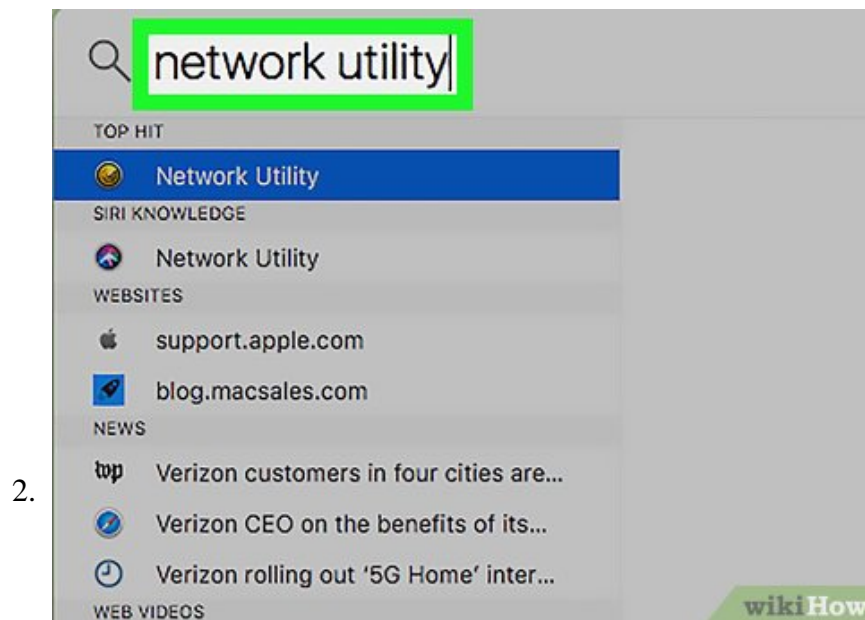
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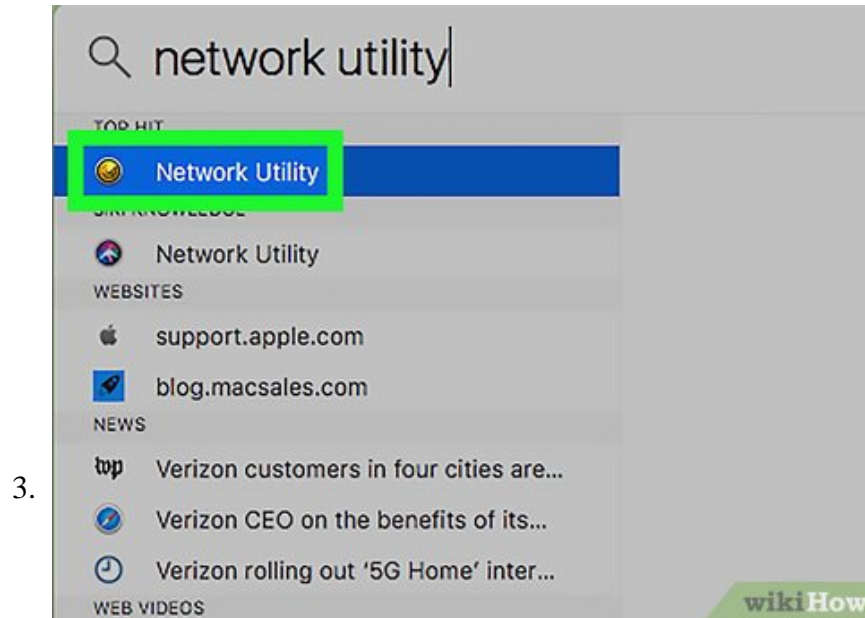
Open Spotlight



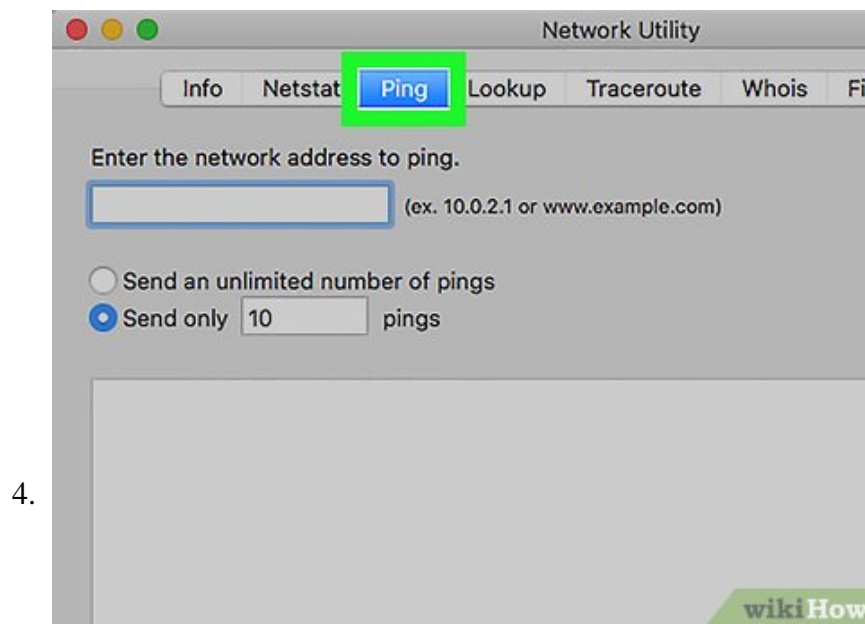
. Click the Spotlight icon, which resembles a magnifying glass, in the top-right corner of the screen.



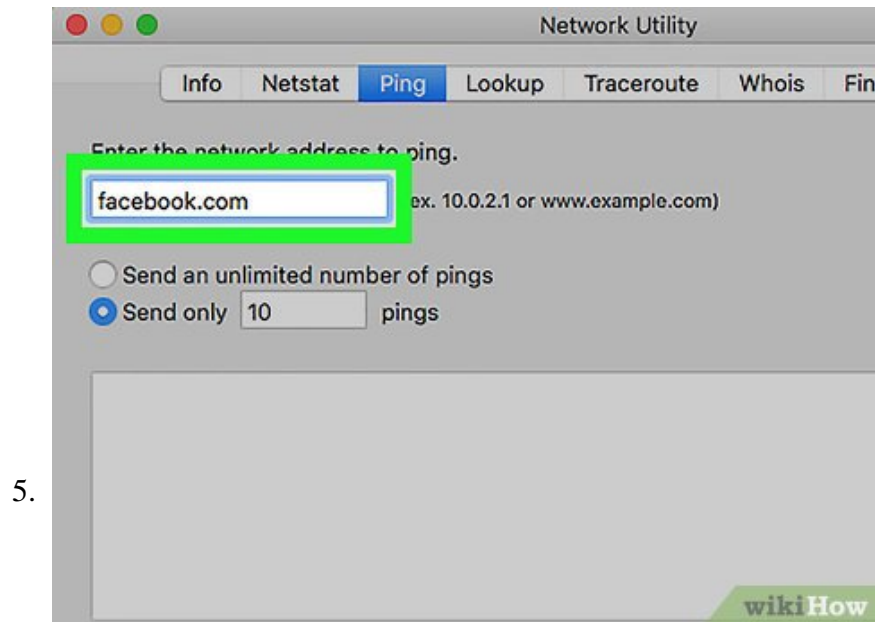
Search for Network Utility. Type `network utility` into the Spotlight search box in the middle of the screen.



Double-click **Network Utility**. It's below the Spotlight search box. Doing so will open the Network Utility app.

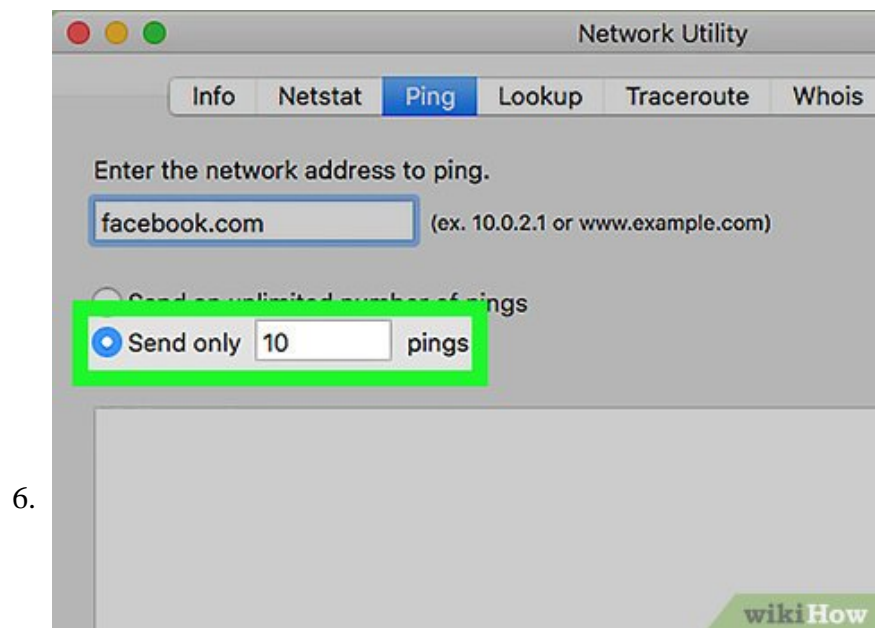


Click **Ping**. This tab is at the top of the window.



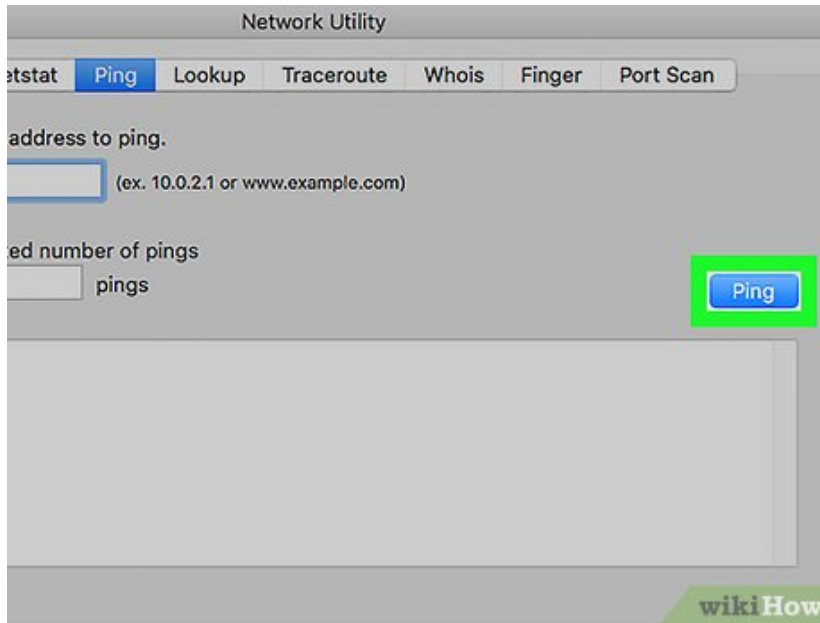
Enter an address. In the white text box at the top of the page, type in the address that you want to ping.

1. For example, if you want to ping a specific computer, you would type in its IP address.
2. To ping a website (e.g., Facebook), type in its address as follows: website.com (e.g., `facebook.com`).

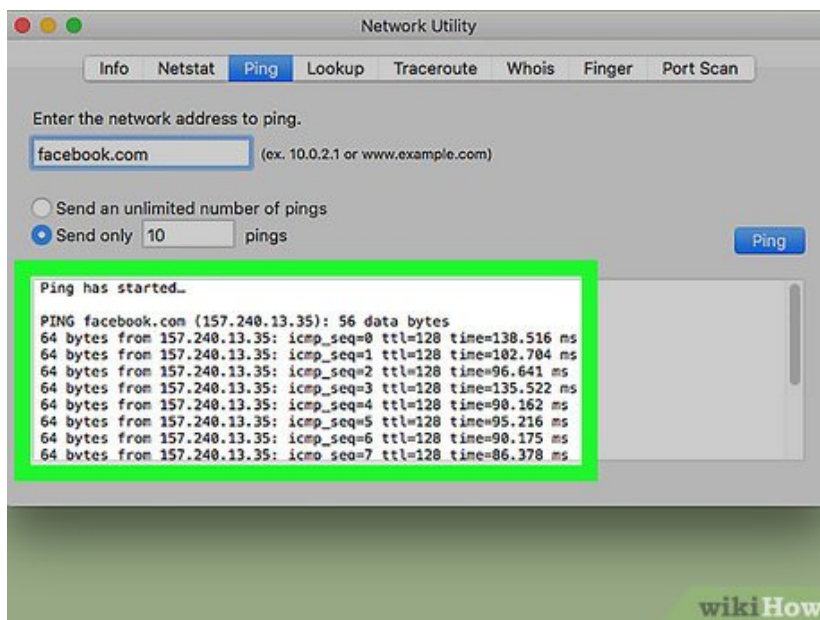


Select a specific number of pings if necessary. By default, your Mac will send pings until you close the Network Utility window. You can set it to ping your selected address a specific number of times by doing the following:

1. Check the "Send only ___ pings" box.
2. Type the number of pings you want to use into the blank box.



Click **Ping**. It's a blue button on the right side of the page. Your Mac will begin pinging the address.

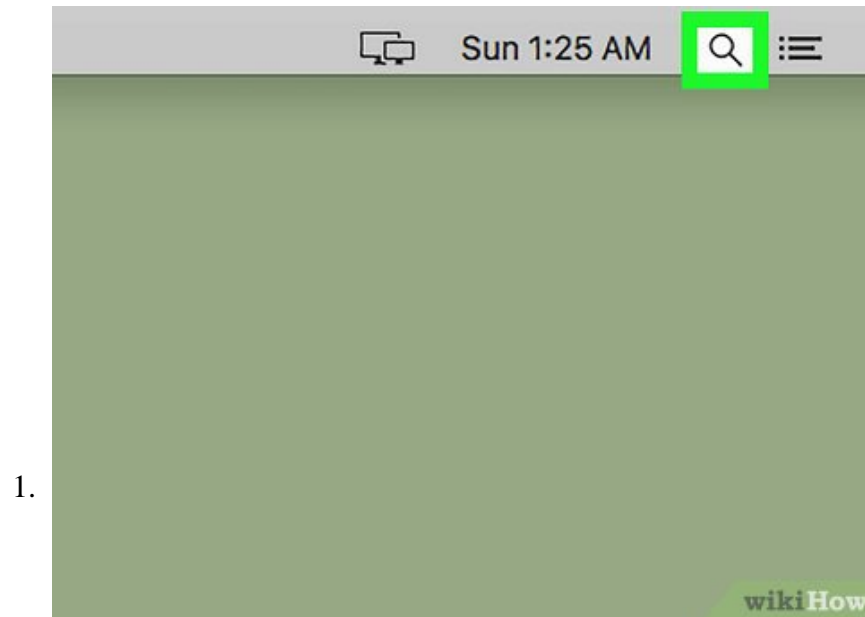


Review the results. In the white pane at the bottom of the Network Utility window, you should see a list of ping results appearing. You can read these results to get an idea of the connection strength between your computer and the address you pinged:

1. The "time=#ms" (where "#" is a number) tag refers to the number of milliseconds it took for the address to respond to your ping.
2. The lower the number of milliseconds per ping, the stronger your connection to the computer or address you're pinging.

Method 2 of 2:

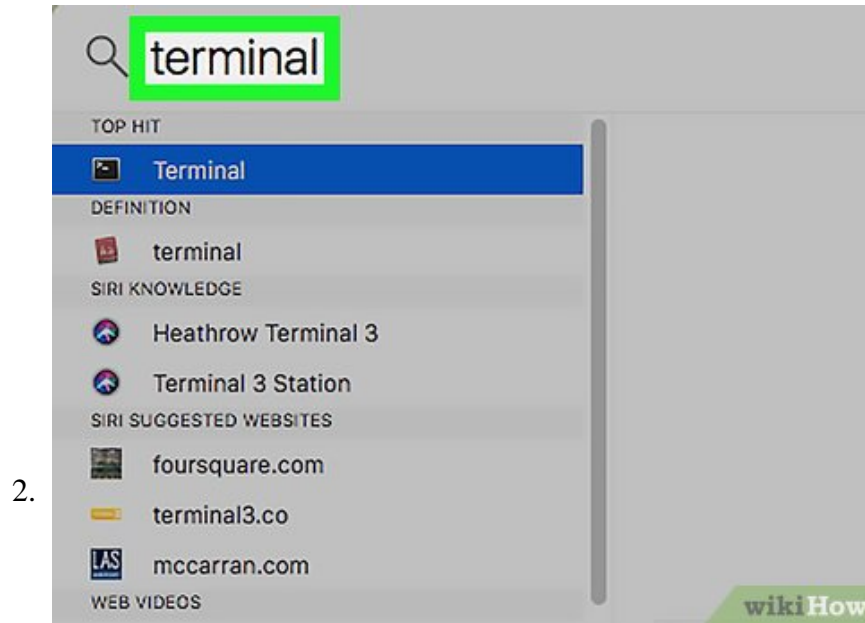
Using Terminal



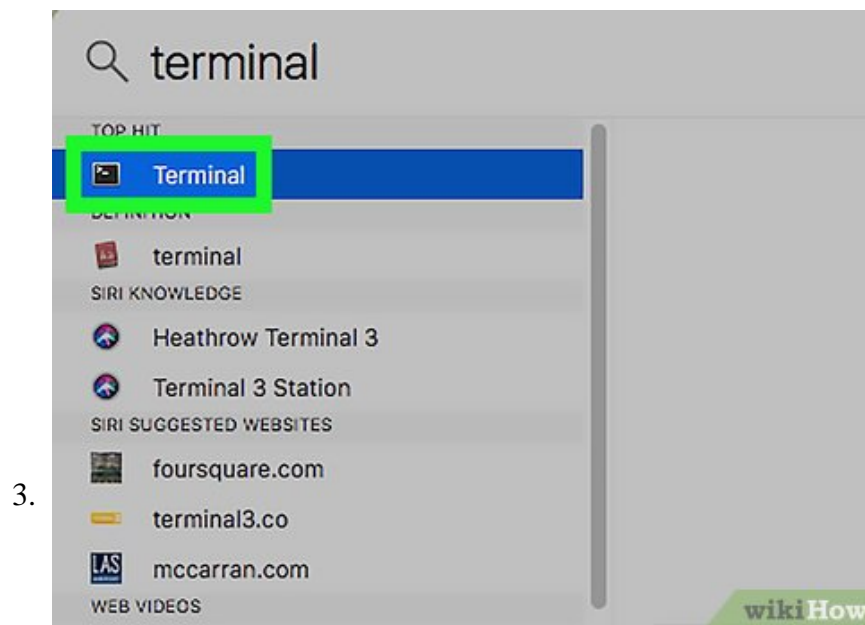
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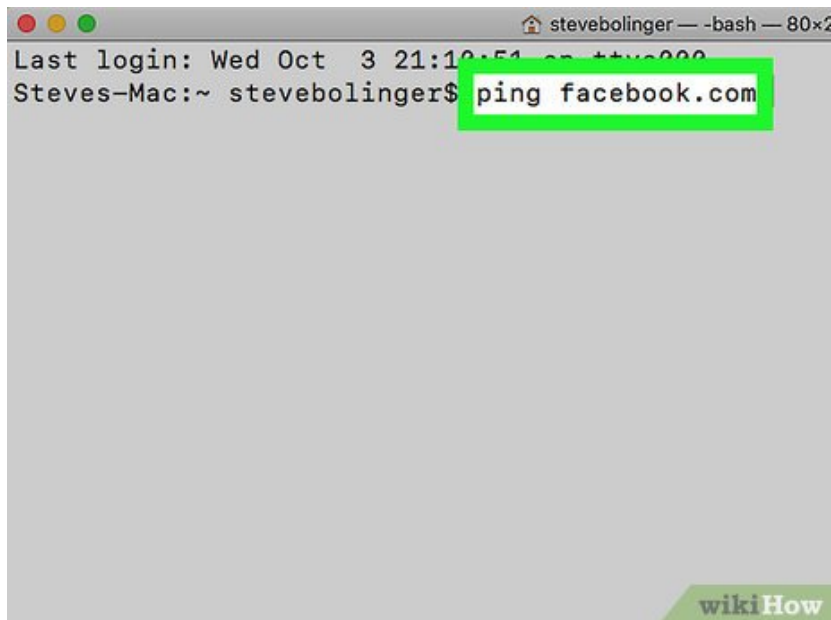
Search for Terminal. Type `terminal` into the Spotlight search box in the middle of the screen.



Double-click



Terminal. It's below the Spotlight search box. Doing so will open the Terminal app.



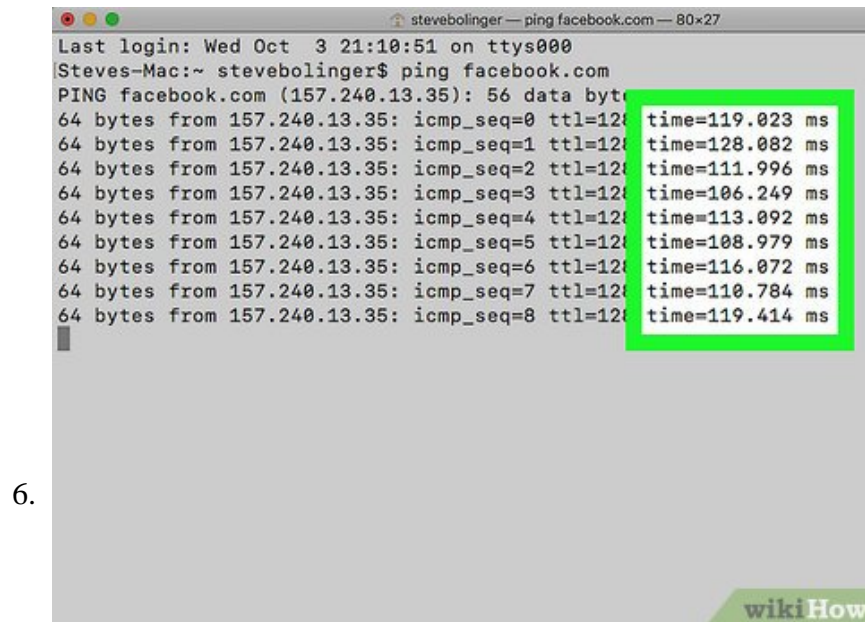
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Enter the "ping" command. Type in `ping address` where "address" is the address of the computer or website you want to ping.

1. For example, to ping Facebook, you would type in `ping facebook.com` here.



Press **? Return**. Doing so will prompt your Mac to begin pinging the address.



Review the results. Below your "ping" command, you'll see several lines of ping results begin to appear. You can read these results to get an idea of the connection strength between your computer and the address you pinged:

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