PRACTICAL ASPECTS OF NATURAL LANGUAGE ADDRESSING

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Introduction

In this research we follow the proposition of Kr. Markov to use the computer encoding of name’s (concept’s) letters as logical address of connected to it information stored in a multi-dimensional numbered information spaces [Markov, 1984; Markov, 2004; Markov, 2004a]. This way no indexes are needed and high speed direct access to the text elements is available. It is similar to the natural order addressing in a dictionary where no explicit index is used but the concept by itself locates the definition. For this case we use the term: “Natural Language Addressing” (NL-addressing) [Ivanova et al, 2013a].

The idea of NL-addressing is to use encoding of the name both as relative address and as route in a multi-dimensional information space and this way to speed the access to stored information. For instance, let have the next definition: “London: The capital city of England and the United Kingdom, and the largest city, urban zone and metropolitan area in the United Kingdom, and the European Union by most measures”.

In the computer memory, for example, it may be stored in a file at relative address “00084920” and the index couple is: ("London", "00084920"). At the memory address “00084920” the main text, “The capital … measures.” will be stored. To read/write the main text, firstly we need to find name “London” in the index and after that to access memory address “00084920” to read/write the definition.

If we assume that name “London” in the computer memory is encoded by six numbers (letter codes), for instance by using ASCII encoding system London is encoded as (76, 111, 110, 100, 111, 110), than we may use these codes for direct address to memory, i.e. (“London”, “76, 111, 110, 100, 111, 110”).

Above we have written two times the same name as letters and codes. Because of this we may omit this couple and index, and read/write directly to the address "76, 111, 110, 100, 111, 110”.

For human this address will be shown as “London”, but for the computer it will be “76, 111, 110, 100, 111, 110”.

Till now, NL-addressing has been presented in several publications [Ivanova et al, 2012a; 2012b; Ivanova et al, 2013a; 2013b; 2013c; 2013d; 2013e; Ivanova, 2013; Ivanova, 2014a].

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The transition to non-relational data models

Some of the world's leading companies and products which support extra large ontology bases are
presented on page of W3C [LTS, 2012]. It should be noted, there exists a gradual transition from relational
to non-relational models for organizing ontological data. The graph oriented approach for storing ontologies
became one of the preferred. Perhaps the most telling example is the system AllegroGraph® 4.9
[AlegroGraph, 2012] of the FRANZ Inc. [Franz Inc., 2013]. AllegroGraph is a modern, high-performance,
persistent graph database. AllegroGraph uses efficient memory utilization in combination with disk-based
storage, enabling it to scale to billions of quads while maintaining superior performance. AllegroGraph
supports SPARQL, RDFS++, and Prolog reasoning from numerous client applications [AlegroGraph, 2012].
The driving force has been AIDA platform of Amdocs Product Enabler Group (Amdocs). The "Amdocs
Intelligent Decision Automation" (AIDA) is an engine that is powered by Franz AllegroGraph 4.0 real-time
semantic technology [Guinn & Aasman, 2010]. AllegroGraph provides dynamic reasoning and DOES NOT
require materialization. AllegroGraph's RDFS++ engine dynamically maintains the ontological entailments
required for reasoning; it has no explicit materialization phase.

Materialization is the pre-computation and storage of inferred triples so that future queries run more
efficiently. The central problem with materialization is its maintenance: changes to the triple-store's ontology
or facts usually change the set of inferred triples. In static materialization, any change in the store requires
complete re-processing before new queries can run. AllegroGraph's dynamic materialization simplifies store
maintenance and reduces the time required between data changes and querying. AllegroGraph also has
RDFS++ reasoning with built in Prolog.

Post-relational data bases give new possibilities but are not aimed to replace RDBMS. Both have one
main goal – to store data effectively. Because of this, it is not correct to claim one against another.

In addition, many new approaches are built over the RDBMS platforms. In the same time, it is important to
point main features of RDF triple stores which make them preferable.

Steve Harris, the CTO* of a company that extensively uses RDF triple stores commercially, has outlined the
“five main features” of RDF triple stores which make them preferable [TSRD, 2012]:

- Schema flexibility - it's possible to do the equivalent of a schema change to an RDF store live, and
  without any downtime, or redesign - it's not a free lunch, you need to be careful with how your
  software works, but it's a pretty easy thing to do;

- More modern - RDF stores are typically queried over HTTP it's very easy to fit them into Service
  Architectures without performance penalties. Also they handle internationalized content better than
  typical SQL databases - e.g. you can have multiple values in different languages;

- Standardization - the level of standardization of implementations using RDF and SPARQL is much
  higher than SQL. It's possible to swap out one triple store for another, though you have to be
  careful you're not stepping outside the standards. Moving data between stores is easy, as they all
  speak the same language;

* CTO: Chief Technology Officer or Chief Technical Officer is an executive-level position in a company or
other entity whose occupant is focused on scientific and technological issues within an organization.
Expressivity - it's much easier to model complex data in RDF than in SQL, and the query language makes it easier to do things like LEFT JOINs (called OPTIONAL in SPARQL). Conversely though, if you data are very tabular, then SQL is much easier;

Provenance - SPARQL lets you track where each piece of information came from, and you can store metadata about it, letting you easily do sophisticated queries, only taking into account data from certain sources, or with a certain trust level, on from some date range etc.

There are downsides though. SQL databases are generally much more mature, and have more features than typical RDF databases. Things like transactions are often much more crude, or nonexistent. Also, the cost per unit information stored in RDF vs. SQL is noticeably higher. It's hard to generalize, but it can be significant if you have a lot of data - though at least in our case it's an overall benefit financially given the flexibility and power [TSRD, 2012].

The flexibility of triple stores is very important for solving of two considerable practical problems: building and using of domain ontologies and, directly connected to it, building and using of ontologies of text documents.

## Domain ontologies

Domain ontologies are formal descriptions of the classes of concepts and the relationships among those concepts that describe an application area. In other words, domain ontology models concepts and relationships that are relevant to the given domain (e.g., biology, architecture, software engineering) [Witte et al, 2010]. Building domain ontologies is not a simple task when domain experts have no background knowledge on engineering techniques and/or they have not much time to invest in domain conceptualization.

In order to develop domain ontology some methodology has to be followed. For instance, such methodology is the “METHONTOLOGY Framework” developed within the Ontological Engineering group at Universidad Politécnica de Madrid [Fernández et al, 1997]. This methodology enables the construction of ontologies at the knowledge level, and has its roots in the main activities identified by the IEEE software development process and in other knowledge engineering methodologies. METHONTOLOGY guides in how to carry out the whole ontology development through the specification, the conceptualization, the formalization, the implementation and the maintenance of the ontology [Corcho et al, 2005]. The METHONTOLOGY framework provides the idea of support activities: Knowledge Acquisition and Validation/Verification. It is divided into three phases: Specification, Conceptualization and Implementation. These phases constitute an iterative process [Brusa et al, 2006].

The “METHONTOLOGY Framework” reduced the existing gap between ontological art and ontological engineering [Fernández et al, 1997] mainly by:

- Identifying a set of activities to be done during the ontology development process. They are: plainly, specify, acquire knowledge, conceptualize, formalize, integrate, implement, evaluate, document, and maintain;
- Proposing the evolving prototype as the life cycle that better fits with the ontology life cycle. The life of ontology moves on through the following states: specification, conceptualization, formalization, integration, implementation, and maintenance. The evolving prototype life cycle allows the ontologies to go back from any state to other if some definition is missed or wrong. So, this life cycle permits the inclusion, removal or modification of definitions anytime of the ontology life cycle. Knowledge acquisition, documentation and evaluation are support activities that are carried out during the majority of these states;
- METHONTOLOGY highly recommends the reuse of existing ontologies.
Ontologies of text documents

Creating of ontologies of text documents is based on domain ontology and consists of Document annotation and Ontology population [Amardeilh, 2006]:

- **Document Annotation** consists in (semi-)automatically adding metadata to documents, i.e. providing descriptive information about the content of a document such as its title, its author but mainly the controlled vocabularies as the descriptors of a thesaurus or the instances of a knowledge base on which the document has to be indexed;

- **Ontology Population** aims at (semi-)automatically inserting new instances of concepts, properties and relations to the knowledge base as defined by the domain ontology.

Once Document Annotation and Ontology Population are performed, the final users of an application can exploit the resulting annotations and instances to query, to share, to access, to publish documents, metadata and knowledge.

Document Annotation and Ontology Population can be seen as similar tasks.

- Firstly, they both rely on the modeling of terminological and ontological resources (ontologies, thesaurus, taxonomies...) to normalize the semantic of the documentary annotations as well as the concepts of the domain;

- Secondly, as human language is a primary mode of knowledge transfer, they both make use of text-mining methods and tools such as Information Extraction to extract the descriptive structured information from documentary resources or Categorization to classify a document into predefined categories or computed clusters;

- Thirdly, they both more and more rely on the Semantic Web standards and languages such as RDF for annotating and OWL for populating [Amardeilh, 2006].

![Fig. 1. The OntoPop’s platform [Amardeilh, 2006]](image)

The document annotation and ontology population we will illustrate following the OntoPop platform [Amardeilh, 2006]. We have three phases (Figure 1):

(1) Extracting information from semi-structured texts - the text-mining solutions parse a textual resource, creating semantic tags to mark up the relevant content with regard to the domain of concern;
(2) Mapping between the results of the Information Extraction tool and the ontology model - the mediation layer maps the semantic tags produced by the text mining tools into formal representations, being the content annotations (RDF) or the ontology instances (OWL);

(3) Representing and managing the domain ontology, the thesaurus and the knowledge base - the semantic tags are used either to semantically annotate the content with metadata or to acquire knowledge, i.e. to semi-automatically construct and maintain domain terminologies or to semi-automatically enrich knowledge bases with the named entities and semantic relations extracted.

### Operations with ontologies stored by NL-addressing

Operations for maintenance and integration of ontologies may be facilitated by using NL-addressing.

NL-addressing permits ontology operations to be realized by operations with corresponded layers of ontologies. It is possible to create a "virtual" ontology by combining only the paths to ontologies without any "real" creation a new one. In this case, the consistency has to be supported dynamically. For instance, after merging ontologies irrespective of the kind of operation result (virtual or real), new ontology will contain a union of the layers of source ontologies.

When same relation (layer) exists in both ontologies, the process of merging may be provided in depth for all existing concepts of layers. The problem to be solved is what to do if in different archives exist concepts (i.e. equal location) but different content. Here we have three variants:

1. To select concept content of the first ontology;
2. To select concept content of the second ontology;
3. To keep both contents and dynamically to make decision what is appropriate.

Our preference is to create virtual ontologies because this will save resources (time and space) and will give new possibilities based on dynamical selection of the content.

Using natural language addressing for storing dictionaries, thesauruses and ontologies, facilitate its realization.

Not all of operations for maintenance and integration of ontologies can be made for all ontologies [Kalfoglou & Schorlemmer, 2003]. In general, these are very difficult tasks that are in general not solvable automatically [Obitko, 2007].

What is common and may be realized is developing of new tools for storing ontologies. At the first place, such tools are RDF-stores.

### Building RDF-stores using NL-addressing

The Semantic Web and RDF triple stores are important research themes. Taking in account that NL-addressing is a possibility which may be used in addition to all already existing tools and approaches, below we will outline the main areas of its applicability. It is not correct to claim that NL-addressing will replace one or another tool. It has to be used where it is really effective.

In [Ivanova et al, 2012b] we presented main approaches for creating RDF-triple stores. Below, following that explanation, we will sketch some practicable solutions. Let remember that every RDF-triple consists of three elements – Subject, Relation, and Object.
NL-Addressing for ontology generic schemas

- **Vertical representation:** It is easy to realize vertical representation of a triple store via NL-addressing. The values of Subject will be the addresses and all couples (Predicate, Object) for given value may be stored at one and the same address. This way with one operation all edges of a node of the graph will be received. In the multi-layer variant, values of Predicate may be names of the layers (archives). In this case, additional operations for reading edges will be needed. The advantage is possibility to work only with selected layers and to reduce the time for access.

- **Normalized triple store (vertical partitioning):** The normalized triple store is ready for representing via NL-addressing. We may use multi-layer variant where values of Predicate may be names of the layers (archives). In this case, additional operations for reading edges will be needed. The advantage is possibility to work only with selected layers and to reduce the time for access. The Subject will be the NL-address and only Object will be saved. Possibility to concatenate all Objects for a given Subject reduces the size of memory and access time. In addition, the vertical partitioning approach may be realized directly by the Multi-domain Information Model [Markov, 2004] because it directly supports the column-oriented DBMS (one column = one information space).

- **NL-Addressing for ontology specific schemas**

  - **Horizontal representation:** The horizontal representation is an example of a set of layers. Storing every class in a separate layer (archive) gives possibility to add properties without restructuring existing tables.

  - **Decomposition storage model:** The decomposition storage model is memory and time consuming due to duplicating the information and generation of too much search indexes. In the same time, it is similar to the NL-addressing style and may be directly implemented using NL-addressing but this will be not efficient. NL-addressing permits new possibilities due to omitting of explicit given information – names as well as balanced indexes. The feature tables may be replaced by NL-addressing access to corresponded points of the information space where all information about given Subject will exist. This way we will reduce the needed memory and time.

  - **Multiple indexing frameworks:** The NL-addressing directly supports idea of multi-indexing because of the multi-layer structures and direct access to the Object values by NL-address computed on the base of the Subject and Relation values. Only the Object's index has to be generated if it is really needed.

The above outlined ideas give basis for experiencing in a real software implementation of NL-addressing in ICON.

### ICON - Instrumental complex for ontology designation

Design of ontologies, i.e. the formation sets of concepts, relations, axioms, and functions for interpretation, is a laborious process. Manual construction of these sets needs both time and many highly qualified specialists. This determines the development of tools (instrumental complexes) for automation of process of ontology design and distribution. The instrumental complexes for automated construction of ontologies are aimed to be used for the analysis and processing of large volumes of semi-structured data, such as linguistic corpuses in English, Dutch, Russian, Ukrainian, Bulgarian, and others languages.

Such instrumental complex is under development at the Kiev Institute of Cybernetics "V.M.Glushkov" of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine with the participation of Bulgarian experts. The complex is called
"ICON" ("Instrumental Complex for Ontology designatioN", from Russian "ИКОН": "Инструментальный Комплекс Онтологического Назначения") [Palagin et al, 2011]. This research is a part of this project and continues work for intelligent systems memory structuring [Gladun, 2003] done during the years.

Information model of ICON is presented in Figure 2 below.

ICON consists of three subsystems: “Information exchange”, “Information processing”, and “Internal information resources”:

- "Information Exchange" subsystem is aimed to serve manual or automatic collecting and distributing of information as well as interface with other subsystems of ICON to support creating, storing, visualization and export of the ontological knowledge. It serves retrieval of relevant to solving problem text documents which are available in the Internet and/or in other electronic collections. It include graphical user interface for knowledge engineers and domain experts, who provide preliminary design of ontologies, control and verification of design results, deciding on degree of completion design and more. Via this subsystem the external information resources can be accessed. They include different sources from local or global information bases and networks, such as:
  - Knowledge resources from given domain - electronic collections of encyclopedic dictionaries, monolingual dictionaries, thesauruses, etc.;
  - Internet resources - sources of text documents and distributed knowledge bases to be used in the process of creating ontologies.
  - Collecting information from external sources is served by the ICON information-retrieval system. It is designed to detect and extract textual documents from various external sources and to create linguistic text corpora based on data from these documents;

- "Information Processing" subsystem is a set of original software modules that implement relevant algorithms for the ontology’ design, and finished tools, freely available on the Internet, such as Protégé [protégé, 2012] used as one of the main components in module for visual design. Processing of information includes: automatic natural language processing; knowledge discovery, extraction, representation, construction and verification of semantic structures; integration of ontological knowledge, etc. There are two main groups of processing tools respectively for Linguistic structures and Conceptual structures;

- "Internal information resources" subsystem is aimed to support storing of large dictionaries, thesauruses, and ontologies in specialized electronic libraries based on NL-addressing tools realized in this research. It contains:
  - Linguistic libraries - a kind of electronic linguistic corpus which contains various dictionaries and thesauruses as well as document databases with source and/or processed information, for instance, a Linguistic corpuses of texts - a variety of text documents to be processed; and published documents with received results;
  - Conceptual libraries - they are built during the design or integration of ontologies. They are used to store both source information and finished ontological models.
Storing of the internal information resources of ICON

Storing of the internal information resources of ICON is based on several relational DBMS as well as on program modules presented in current research [Ivanova, 2014a]: WordArM and OntoArM, outlined in [Ivanova, 2014b; Ivanova, 2014c]. The main idea is to extend possibilities of “conventional” tools for semi-structured datasets. Conventional DBMS are used to store some structured information, like sets of descriptions of text documents to be processed.

Some finished tools for processing ontological information have their own databases but they are not appropriate for storing semi-structured information. For instance, such tool is the system Protégé [protégé, 2012]. It is written in Java and allows users to create their own database plug-ins. This choice is also consistent with rest of the Protégé plug-in architecture. Protégé developers chose the simplest schema that one could think of and focused on “maximal change” usage where the class structure and hierarchy is undergoing constant change. For large ontological structures the Protégé approach is not effective and does not support functions for dictionaries and thesauruses. The OWL and RDF descriptions are heavy to be parsed by human.

The proper decision was to integrate Natural Language Addressing together with existing tools and this way to have available all needed functions.

The model which has been chosen is multi-layer storing of graph information. To outline it, let’s look at an example - the family tree presented on Figure 4 [Angles & Gutierrez, 2008].

![Family Tree Example](image-url)
The tree is represented by two tables: “NAME/LASTNAME” and “PERSON/PARENT”. For convenience, the children inherit the father’s family.

The "multi-layer" representation of the family tree is given in Table 1.

**Table 1. Multi-layer representation of the family tree**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>layers</th>
<th>addresses</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>George</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Jones</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>parent_of</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

NL-addressing means direct access to content of each cell. Because of this, for NL-addressing the problem of recompiling the database after updates does not exist. In addition, the multi-layer representation and natural language addressing reduce resources and avoid using of supporting indexes for information retrieval services (B-trees, hash tables, etc.).

**Organization of ICON libraries**

The ICON internal information resources are stored in libraries which may be of two main types:

- Common libraries, which contain general information used practically by all users and models;
- Local libraries, which contain specific information needed only for given user or model.

In addition, these information resources may be linguistic or conceptual. This way we have a simple taxonomy (Figure 5):

![Taxonomy of ICON internal information resources](image)

*Fig. 5. Taxonomy of ICON internal information resources*

Libraries may be installed on single computer or distributed on local network. Special description in a "context" table is used to establish correspondence between names, types, permissions, and allocations (paths) of library archives (files). Common archives are allocated in shared folders. It is possible to have more than one folder with common archives. Updating of common archives may be done after permission from the administrator. Local archives are stored in users’ folders, which may be shared or not, depending of user preferences.
Main difference between common and local archives is in the permissions for updating. Common archives have more strict discipline for making updates – it is obligation of and may be done only by administrators. Updating of local archives is under control of end-user.

**ICON Libraries of linguistic structures**

Libraries of linguistic structures are organized according different application areas (domains) covered by ICON. The tool for organization of these libraries is WordArM. As a rule there are no interconnections between linguistic archives (files) but there are many connections with conceptual structures where the linguistic information is used.

*Common linguistic archives* contain dictionaries and thesauruses of general purpose like Ukrainian-English dictionary or WordNet thesaurus of English.

*Local linguistic archives* contain thematic oriented dictionaries and thesauruses with specific information which concern given practical domain. For instance, it may be Medical thesaurus or Ukrainian-English dictionary of computer science.

One may note that the former ones have same general purposes as previous. This is quite right. What will be declared as common and what as local depends only on decision of administrators about the way of the updating. Common archives may be changed only by administrator, but not by end-user.

We have to point to a special “*Data base of text documents*” which consists of original text documents and linguistic corpuses which are sources for creating the ontologies. In addition, we have to mention the common and local archives with metadata about documents and other information resources. The metadata is closely connected to documents and corresponded resources which are source for conceptual structures. All these information sources are organized using the ArMSpeed tool which is not mentioned in this research and because of this it is not discussed here.

**ICON libraries of conceptual structures**

ICON conceptual libraries are built during the design or integration of ontologies. There are two kinds of such libraries:

- Library of domain ontologies;
- Library of ontologies of text documents.

These libraries are supported by OntoArM.

*ICON library of domain ontologies*

Creating and editing domain ontologies in ICON is supported by its original ontological editor [Velychko & Prihodnyuk, 2013]. It is able to read and store ontologies in OWL and XML formats. The ICON Ontological Editor uses functions of OntoArM for saving ontologies. Storing model chosen in ICON is multi-layer storing of ontology graph based on Natural Language Addressing. The preliminary evaluation of the number of layers needed for ICON is about 50 up to 100.

The *domain ontology* consists of an upper level ontology with a set of sub-ontologies subordinated to it. It is possible sub-ontologies to be stored in subfolders of those of the main ontology but this is not obligatory. Using links (local or global paths) ontology may subordinate several others. This way practically we have ontology network with unlimited size.

Domain ontology is stored in a separate folder. It contains all archives of all its layers. Link to ontology is the path to folder which contains it. Domain ontology may be connected to some linguistic resources –
dictionaries and/or thesauruses. Again the connections are links but this time they point the file of the resource, i.e. the path to it.

**ICON library of ontologies of text documents**

A generalized view of OntoArM implementation is shown on Figure 6 (following [Witte et al, 2010]).

![Fig. 6. Using OntoArM for storing ontologies of text documents (following [Witte et al, 2010])](image)

Text corpus and its metadata are stored using ArMSpeed module. Beside NL-addressing, in this module is used search, based on balanced trees.

Ontologies are stored by OntoArM.

Creating and editing ontologies of text documents in ICON is supported by its Ontological Editor based on:

- ArMSpeed for storing documents;
- OntoArM for storing ontologies of text documents, using the same storing model as for domain ontologies. It is multi-layer storing of ontology graph based on Natural Language Addressing.

Ontology of a text document is stored in a separate folder. It contains all archives of all its layers. Link to ontology is the path to folder which contains it. Ontology of the text document may be connected to some linguistic resources – dictionaries and/or thesauruses. The connections are links (paths) to the files of linguistic resources.

**ICON methodology for construction of ontologies**

ICON follows similar methodology as the “METHONTOLOGY Framework” [Fernández et al, 1997].

It is important to point that ICON methodology permits inclusion, removal or modification of definitions anytime of the ontology life cycle. This is very important facility which causes serious problems to conventional databases which have to update permanently their indexing structures and this way to consume large (time and space) resources.

In addition, the processes of document annotation and ontology population ICON are similar to ones of OntoPop platform [Amardeilh, 2006] (Figure 1). NL-addressing is used for knowledge representation in the ontology repository.

NL-addressing facilitates the whole process of ontology development in ICON which includes specification, conceptualization, formalization, implementation and maintenance of ontologies.
Conclusion

Some practical aspects of implementation and using of NL-addressing were discussed in this paper. NL-addressing is an approach for building a kind of so called “post-relational databases”. In accordance with this the transition to non-relational data models was outlined.

The implementation has to be done following corresponded methodology for building and using of ontologies. Such known methodology was discussed in the paper. It is called “METHONTOLOGY” and guides in how to carry out the whole ontology development through specification, conceptualization, formalization, implementation and maintenance of the ontology.

Special case is creating of ontologies of text documents which are based on domain ontologies. It consists of Document annotation and Ontology population which we illustrated following the known OntoPop platform [Amardeilh, 2006].

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Usefulness of the NL-addressing for creating ontological databases was successfully proved in the practical experiments. During solving concrete problems, new functions based on NL-addressing rise to be realized. For instance, such functions concern work with very large RDF structures. RDF is a graph based data format which is schema-less, thus unstructured, and self-describing, meaning that graph labels within the graph describe the data itself. The prevalence of RDF data is due to variety of underlying graph based models, i.e. almost any type of data can be expressed in this format including relational and XML data [Faye et al, 2012].

Our further research will be directed to several interesting areas of implementing the NL-addressing in business applications where flexibility of this approach will give some new possibilities. Implementing the NL-addressing in linguistic systems which work with large linguistic data sets is another direction for further work.

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