
Subject: Studio Pics 3

Posted by [Ted Gerber](#) on Sat, 01 Nov 2008 15:08:40 GMT

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the transport was running.

>>>>> Autotune made the transport stop but not SIR.

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>>>>> Next I will install Cubase and lock with Paris. Those soft synths

>>>>> should give it a work out.

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>>>>> Ha ha ha hahahahaaaaaaa,

>>>>> T.

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>>>>> "Tom Bruhl" <arpegio@comcast.net> wrote in message

>>>>> news:4959a14a@linux...

>>>>>> Hi Kerry,

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>>>>>> Ya Mike is a major league player regarding Paris that's for sure.

>>>>>> I have been installing many plugins and

>>>>>> so far with great success. I am about to wrap them and see

>>>>>> how they function. Many are DX and work right out of the

>>>>>> box. Some of the VSTs do too. The Waves SSL is sweet

>>>>>> and didn't show it's quirky display problem that shut the

>>>>>> transport down in my old comp. There is a driver update

>>>>>> for some video cards because of it.

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>>>>>> I am going back at it and will try to make it quit from

>>>>>> abuse again only this time with as many SIRs as I can get

>>>>>> going as inserts. This should be fun!

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>>>>>> I'll post back.

>>>>>> Tom

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>>>>>> "Kerry Galloway" <kg@kerrygalloway.com> wrote in message

>>>>>> news:C57ECC48.C1AF%kg@kerrygalloway.com...

>>>>>> Huge news, Tom - congratulations, and thanks for trailblazing for

>>>>>> everyone!

>>>>>> I'll be watching the process with extreme interest - my production

>>>>>> buddy is

>>>>>> all PC and he wants to have a pretty brawny computer in the studio,

>>>>>> so this

>>>>>> couldn't have come at a better time for me.

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>>>>>> Mike, looks like you hit it out of the park.

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>>>>>>> On 12/29/08 2:06 PM, in article 49594d55@linux, "Tom Bruhl"
>>>>>>> <arpeggio@comcast.net> wrote:
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>>>>>>> Well everyone, Mike has saved the day by updating the
>>>>>>> PSCL for me in particular. I was receiving a new error
>>>>>>> never seen before. After more than a few trys Mike seems
>>>>>>> to have nailed it. Again no funny workarounds with XP Pro,
>>>>>>> 2 mecs, 5 eds, Magma, UAD-2, Quadcore, etc..
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>>>>>>> I will continue loading plugins then finally add the Creamware
>>>>>>> card.
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>>>>>>> 1 EDS card is sharing with video, USB controllers and a few other
>>>>>>> less important things. Not a glitch in operation and the beast is
>>>>>>> smooth
>>>>>>> and stable. Config in Paris is 64, 160, 210,000. I know, weird
>>>>>>> but
>>>>>>> not an error in sight and that's dragging 10 tracks in time all
>>>>>>> over the
>>>>>>> editor and dropping them whereva... while it's playing 24 tracks
>>>>>>> with edits.
>>>>>>> The gui is displaying at the sample level on 4 submixes too.
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>>>>>>> I think you will all like this very very much.
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>>>>>>> Happy as a lark,
>>>>>>> Tom
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>>>>>>> "Tom Bruhl" <arpeggio@comcast.net> wrote in message
>>>>>>> news:494fd4d4\$1@linux...
>>>>>>> Two ADATs show up in Mec 2 in a 5 eds card -
>>>>>>> two mec setup using a quad core. One ADAT
>>>>>>> also was installed in Mec 1 at the time. I can't
>>>>>>> confirm ADAT sync at this time but the gui operated
>>>>>>> as expected in the patchbay.
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>>>>>>> I'll need to pick up a creamware sync plate for that test.
>>>>>>> I may try the adat machine after all is well here.
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>My god, I thought I was the only one who realized this until today. That record is a benchmark for me despite the fact that it went "plywood" rather than gold. And the songs/writing are just primo. Glad to find someone out there who, 20 years later, gets it. Bravo Aaron... you got it right bro.

MWW (formerly known as WMW)..... thanks Thadius B!

"Aaron Allen" <know-spam@not_here.dude> wrote in message news:495edbed\$1@linux...

Mr Mister were masters of understanding the process and how to best use it, though hardly anyone knew it on their last official release *Go On*. This is making me rethink all about every keyboard being stereo, stereo guitar pedal boards, acoustics being mic'd and piezo'd, drums being mix'd in the entire stereo field and direct bass and cabinet mic'ng. And the overdub's are stereo too. Then there is the doubling of all vox's. Granted, it makes each instrument sound huge, and individually are a marvel to listen to. Today's tones have built in depth, but I guess after multiple tracks things can get awfully crowded. Not to forget that it also doubles the mix's workload.

No wonder after listening to a single CD in headphones I have ear fatigue.

Wayne like them in stereo but you can control the pan controls and have a keyboard span L 10'oclock position to R at 11 o'clock for a narrow positioned stereo image. One cunning trick that allows density of arrangement without over-cluttering the mix is EQing so that each instrument sits in it's own frequency as much as possible. Of course this should first be managed by the arranger or musicians in the parts they play and the sounds of their instruments.

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> Wayne, that was exactly my thought listening to some of the samples. Individually
it sounds cool but does it hurt the aggregate?

I'm a hobbyist (definitely non-pro), but my tendency - largely unquestioned
- has always been to thicken it up, record more mics/sources if it sounded
better that way - without consideration of what it did for the total mix.

Because of my lack of skill I've noticed minimalism on drums works in my
favor, but hadn't questioned elsewhere.

My personal favorite recording/performance is Stevie Ray Vaughan's "Little
Wing" - I don't know how it was recorded but it's notably different in that
most of SRVs recordings don't approach that level of intimacy

"Wayne Carson" <waynecarson@cox.net> wrote:

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Now, if I just had some good advice for how to keep the business going!become a doctor...i'm
sure you can get the diploma on-line.
hint...the pay for ones are better than the free ones...higher quality
paper...plus most words are spelled correctly.

On 4 Jan 2009 15:55:19 +1000, "Gantt Kushner" <ganttmann@comcast.net>
wrote:

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>Now, if I just had some good advice for how to keep the business going!)

I took a look at the insert code. The next big PARIS step is the ASIO driver.
But, adding a submix knob to nolimit or the variable knee compressor sounds

like an interesting idea to me.

All the best,

Mike

"Tom Bruhl" <arpeggio@comcast.net> wrote:

>We're going to have to rename Paris "Oh, Canada" !

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>John

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>"Rob_A" <mani1147athotmaildotcom> wrote in message news:495e8d47@linux...

>> If a couple "Wow's will trigger Mike's creativity, here ya go.....!!!!

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>> Have more if required.

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>> "Erling" <erling.lovik@lyse.net> wrote in message news:495e4d46\$1@linux...

>>> ...it seems you're setting new ideas in Mike's head here....;-)

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>>> Erling

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>>> "chuck duffy" <c@c.com> skrev i melding news:495e45bc\$1@linux...

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>>>> Which brings me to something I used to think about alot when I was

>>>> working

>>>> on paris.

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>>>> Apparently the patch bay and effects subsystem only exposes a small

>>>> portion
>>>> of the possible patch points, and only allows you to connect them in
the
>>>> ways exposed, even though there are potentially hundreds of other ways

>>>> to
>>>> patch them.
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>>>> I always wanted to figure out the patching code and make an 'effect'

>>>> that
>>>> would allow you to communicate with the PSCL and repatch things in
>>>> different
>>>> ways.
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>>>> I know its possible because way, way back when there was a guy from

>>>> ensoniq
>>>> who made a hack that allowed you to patch an effect over a single submix
>>>> just like goran is describing.

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>>>> Chuck
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>>>> "Mike Audet" <mike@...> wrote:

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>>>>>Hi Goran,
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>>>>>It's tricky, but it can be done. You have to set an effect send to
pre
>>>> fader
>>>>>and mix your drums through the effect send. The pan and send volume

>>>>>work,
>>>>>and you mix through these. Turn the track faders all the way down.
Set
>>>>>an external effect on your effect bus, and patch you compressor in
>>>>>there.
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>>>>>You really have to mix with your ears and not with your eyes, but it

>>>>>works.
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>>>>>All the best,
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>>>>>Mike
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>AKA The Van Gelder treatment :-)

Chuck

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more essential in practical use? exactly how many people are
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thanks for listening :-)
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I don't take any offense to your questions, although I really don't do anything paris related anymore.

Chuck

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>derekHi Derek -

Thanks for the comments. All worthwhile from a source who has earned respect here over the years. I don't think anyone will take offense. There are 2 reasons why I stick with PARIS:

1. The sound
2. The cost of a significant change

I use Logic for the things that it does well and all the reasons you cited, (convenience/productivity issues) and PARIS for tracking/stem mixing and final bounce.

Summing from Logic out through an analog board gives results that I like. Summing through PARIS without an analog board gives me results I like even more. AD converters currently available are more clear, detailed, smooth etc than the PARIS ones, but I would have to sink a bunch more cash into this, and would rather not.

Engineer/Producer friends of mine, who are a lot more experienced than me, and have a lot more invested than I do, are consistently pleased/surprised/blown away by the sonic character of what I can do in PARIS. In fact, on a CD we just finished, I took the final mixes from Logic, summed out through analog to tape, that my mix guy had done, and dropped them into PARIS with no gain change, panned L R and re-bounced them. Everyone involved preferred the PARIS bounces 100% of the time.

So for me, PARIS right now is still my best choice.

Peace,

Ted

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I'm using Paris at the moment for summing because of the sound, period.

To put it in perspective, I have a PTHD2 accel system and a native Logic system that I use for recording/midi composition etc.

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I love the Equinox for summing, but Paris is now filling that role. I can automate my mix in paris and use some eds inserts on channels, so I'm still using Paris' biggest strengths. Now that Mike's drivers are out, it makes this route even more appealing.

My Equinox cost around 4k, I've spent a few grand on Paris stuff over

the last couple months (Ok, I went a bit overboard, but I'm planning to use this for another 10 years). The Paris stuff that I'm actually using now that everything is set up was maybe \$1600.00, and it's a big ass paris rig.

I don't think native paris would sound the same. The mojo with Paris is a sum of all parts, hardware and software.

The sound is the only reason why Paris still lives. If it sounded like a PT mix system, it would be long dead and buried. You just have to know it's strengths as well as it's limitations.

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>hint...the pay for ones are better than the free ones...higher quality

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>On 4 Jan 2009 15:55:19 +1000, "Gantt Kushner" <ganttmann@comcast.net>

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>> <http://www.prorec.com/Articles/tabid/109/EntryId/102/ProRec-Interviews-Gantt-Kushner.aspx>

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No offense taken. Would it make more sense to put effort into writing software to convert PARIS projects to something else? Not for me. I use PARIS. I couldn't care less about porting projects out.

I like PARIS the way it is. Also, I refuse to use anything that is host based, and that leaves Pro Tools and PARIS. I refuse to give even one more dime to Digidesign, so that leaves PARIS.

I synch Cakewalk Pro Audio 9 to PARIS via MTC. I use a EMU ESI2000 sampler. If I'm going to spend money on a major upgrade, it will be for a U87 or better mic preamps.

Why should anyone spend thousands of dollars on a new system that may make things easier, but won't make one's recordings sound any better? Also, consider that when in a few years, that system will be worth a few hundred dollars, if that. The depreciation on DAW hardware is worse than on a car. For me, it makes way more sense to use PARIS to its best potential and use the "upgrade" money for things that hold their value and actually deliver a better final product.

Here's an example: I bought three UAD1 cards (for around \$100 each) planning to "upgrade" my EQ to the Cambridge. The PARIS EQ sounds better. Imagine

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That doesn't mean we wouldn't want more if it became
available. Being a new quadcore Paris user allows the
plugin counts you're talking about within Paris. Latency
is compensated for with one click using Faderworks.
Mike's ports of the DP Pro have been awesome but certainly
not state of the art. The newest UAD software works fine
in Paris. Most pros that mix in the box probably have one
of those too.

I agree that Paris is gone as far as new users are concerned.
The few that remain are a dedicated bunch as you well know.
Mike has taken the exact path that was needed to make Paris
still contend on most levels with the current crop of DAWs
albeit using a MIDI DAW in tandem.

On my wish list for Paris are patch points (DX/VST - hardware)
at the group outs and the Master. This would make all kinds of
pro routing schemes possible as you suggested.

Being a Cubase user has shown me the many options that new DAWs
have. I remain with Paris for cost but more for sonic reasons.

I still blame you for interesting me in softsynths. Now I'm
loaded with really cool stuff. Thanks!!!

~ Tom

"Mike Audet" <mike@....> wrote in message news:49613783\$1@linux...

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> Hi Derek,
>
> No offense taken. Would it make more sense to put effort into writing
> software
> to convert PARIS projects to something else? Not for me. I use PARIS.
> I couldn't care less about porting projects out.
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> I like PARIS the way it is. Also, I refuse to use anything that is host
> based, and that leaves Pro Tools and PARIS. I refuse to give even one
> more
> dime to Digidesign, so that leaves PARIS.
>
> I synch Cakewalk Pro Audio 9 to PARIS via MTC. I use a EMU ESI2000
> sampler.
> If I'm going to spend money on a major upgrade, it will be for a U87 or
> better mic preamps.
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> Why should anyone spend thousands of dollars on a new system that may make
> things easier, but won't make one's recordings sound any better? Also,
> consider
> that when in a few years, that system will be worth a few hundred dollars,
> if that. The depreciation on DAW hardware is worse than on a car. For
> me,
> it makes way more sense to use PARIS to its best potential and use the
> "upgrade"
> money for things that hold their value and actually deliver a better final
> product.
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> Here's an example: I bought three UAD1 cards (for around \$100 each)
> planning
> to "upgrade" my EQ to the Cambridge. The PARIS EQ sounds better. Imagine
> if I had spent \$3000 on that same digital hardware just a few years ago
> chasing
> the latest/greatest? What a waste of money.
>
> As it is, I LOVE the Dp/Pro Hall. My Lexicon MPX1 isn't even plugged in
> right now. I love the PARIS Eq. I love having no latency when I'm
> recording.
> I love my new Grace m101 that I wouldn't have been able to afford if I had
> bought a ProTools HD rig.
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> I will eventually be porting at least some of the effects to VST, but I've
> got PARIS to run the effects right now, so VST isn't a priority. ASIO is
> a priority. With ASIO, I'll be able to use the PARIS hardware with newer
> software when it makes sense to do so. I love the spectral editing in
> Audition.
> Getting that working makes sense to me.
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> I'm glad you're happy with whatever you are using now. But, so are many
> of us.
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> All the best,
>
> Mike
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> "derek" <a@b.com> wrote:
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>>hey guys :-)
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>>after seeing how much work is put into the paris project
>>again lately (hats off to mike) ive been thinking about this
>>quite a bit and until now dont quite know how to say it without
>>it coming accross a bit offensive. but since i still am not sure
>>how to put it, i told myself, i might as well just go ahead
>>and just put this excuse in advance on top of it ;-) so here goes:
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>>with so much manpower going into paris, an essentially dead
>>platform, one has to wonder, wouldnt it be smarter to
>>put this manpower into something thats, how shall i put it,
>>more essential in practical use? exactly how many people are
>>still using paris? is it even one hundred?
>>
>>ive been one of the most enthousiastic supporters of the
>>platform but for the life of me, i could not imagine ever
>>going back to it after years in the world of full midi and video
>>integration, VSTI support, total and complete latency compensation,
>>sample precise editing, rendering that actually works, compability, etc
> yada
>>yada. no amount of DP4 algorithm ports
>>is going to change that, and i would assume that many if not
>>most ex-paris users feel that way.
>>
>>so if you operate on this basic assumption (just follow me here
>>for the sake of the argument), would it not make much more sense
>>to focus on something entirely different?
>>like, i would imagine the biggest hit among ex-paris users
>>and soon-to-be-ex-paris users would be a conversion application
>>that reads paris projects, just the most basic stuff
>>like files in use and position info and would convert
>>that into...dunno...an OMF maybe? maybe too complicated
>>(OMFs crossplatform compability seems to be a constantly moving
>>target and suck big time)..maybe just a bunch of rendered
>>continous wave files that get their data from the project file

>>and the associated pafs?
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>>or maybe a completely different approach, a "hardware driver"
>>that fools the paris software into believing a fully functioning
>>EDS card with attached audio interface is present - so that
>>you can launch paris 3.0 on any computer and use the paris
>>software to convert projects into OMFs. you know, just a
>>dead end that on the other end pretends to the software
>>whatever the software asks for during boot to actually
>>get to the project window. no actual audio support, just
>>a fake hardware so that you can get to the software level
>>where you then could resurrect your files.
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>>i know suggesting something like this is kind of an insult to the work
>>thats
>>currently being done (and that is exactly
>>what i would want to avoid), but can you see how that would
>>make a lot more sense to a lot more people?
>>
>>to me, these days, the most important thing about paris
>>is the question of how i get past projects off that platform
>>whenever i need to work on them again. i still have a
>>working paris computer in the second control room but its
>>collecting dust, the system is slowly fading away as only
>>outdated pre-XP windows systems were able to do, and
>>the hardware side doesnt look to promising either.
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>>and same thing about the effects: porting the awesome and
>>at times timeless effects from ensoniq effect history is
>>great - but why on earth do it for this outdated platform?
>>in the real world i know zero paris users that still use paris
>>(and i used to know a LOT), but i know lots and lots of
>>fans of the good old ensoniq stuff that would pay hard cash
>>for VST ports of some of the ensoniq algorithms.
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>>not to mention that you would be able to use those effects
>>in paris then too, on modern computers probably in 50 times
>>more instances than on the EDS card, if you just take the
>>paris eq VST plugin as orientation (try to max out any current
>>machine by opening instances of that plugin - its more or less
>>impossible).
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>>i feel like i have to state that again, i so much admire you
>>people who do all this, so please dont get these suggestions
>>wrong.
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>>thanks for listening :-)

>>derek

>No -

the sonic/summing issue was only half of the 2 reasons I listed.

The second was the cost of making a significant change.

Nuendo 4, (which I believe I like better than Logic) costs \$1900

CDN right now. CuBase 4 costs \$700 CDN. I would also need to spend \$2000 for 8 channels of decent converters, plus a soundcard to accept the new signal.

My current PARIS rig cost me \$450 CDN total, and I'm happy with it.

I have no doubt that fantastic results are achieved with other systems, (in fact I know this to be true) but since I'm happy with what I can do in PARIS, I don't want to spend the money needed to make any change at this time.

Peace,

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