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We are FOUNDATION.LK, a not-for-profit initiative established by the LK Domain Registry. What began as a mandate to facilitate development of Internet infrastructure to improve the internet in Sri Lanka, has evolved into something far more human and impactful: a commitment to digital empowerment for all Sri Lankans.

In a world where technology shapes economies, education, careers, and communities, we believe no one should be left behind. Our work is rooted in the belief that digital inclusion is essential for national progress not just in urban centers, but in rural villages, underserved schools, and everyday households across the country.

We create spaces for people to learn new skills, access resources, protect themselves online, and contribute meaningfully to the digital economy. Whether it's through an e-learning platform, a cyber safety helpline, a school website project, or a local training center, everything we do is driven by one purpose: to make technology a tool for opportunity and integration.





Our Vision

Every Sri Lankan benefits and safely uses cyberspace every day.

Our Mission

To equip Sri Lankans with the knowledge, skills, and resources needed to navigate cyberspace securely and confidently, fostering responsible digital citizenship and maximizing opportunities in emerging digital ecosystems.

Our Values

What We Stand For

At FOUNDATION.LK, our values aren't just words they guide everything we do, from the way we build partnerships to how we deliver training in the farthest corners of the island. Here's what we believe in:

Results

We strive to deliver meaningful impact on time, every time.

Accountability

We take ownership of our actions and decisions, as individuals and as a team.

Integrity

Honesty and fairness are at the heart of how we work, whether in the office or out in the field.

Openness

We welcome ideas, feedback, and collaboration. Transparency is part of who we are.

Unity

We're stronger together. That's why we foster teamwork, respect, and a sense of belonging.

Innovation

We believe in fresh ideas and forward thinking. Progress comes from always improving.

Our Story

We began this journey as the LK Domain Registry, established in 1990 to manage Sri Lanka's ".lk" domain. But we knew our work had to go beyond just domain names.

From the start, we've been driven by a bigger purpose to help people across Sri Lanka tap into the power of the internet. Through our Partnership Division and e-Learning Division, we've launched nationwide programs to improve digital skills, expand access to technology, and support safe and meaningful online experiences.

What started as a
mandate requirement
soon became a social
responsibility and that's
how FOUNDATION.LK
came to life.



Browse for more
information

www.domains.lk



Our History

IT Training

Our first training initiative, launched to build ICT skills in schools and communities through hands-on education and trainer development.

Local Language Support

A help center providing multilingual guidance and training to ensure the internet is accessible in Sinhala and Tamil.

IT Yahamaga

A youth-focused project that introduced over 25,000 students to the world of ICT through creative workshops and digital discovery.

Prof V. K. Samarnayake Grant Scheme

Funding postgraduate research and international academic exposure in Computer and IT fields in Sri Lanka.

Nenasala Partnerships

Collaborations with local ICT centers to deliver web training and host nationwide competitions celebrating student creativity.

Cyber Lowata Piyapath

Development of a school website for every school in Sri Lanka – Trained school children of 1644 schools to create and update their own school website.

SuhuruSara

A rebranded, online-ready training arm offering accessible digital courses to empower learners island-wide

Gurugedara.lk

A pilot Learning Management System aligned with the national curriculum for Grade 6 subjects, offering students and teachers a platform to learn online confidently.

History of ICT in Sri Lanka

A documentary and publishing project capturing the stories and pioneers behind Sri Lanka's digital progress.

Hithawathi

A cyber safety help desk and online platform offering trilingual guidance and support against online threats like harassment and cyberbullying.

2009

The Beginning of Community Training

In 2009, long before digital skills became a national conversation, we launched training programs not as a one-off training program, but as a bold step toward digital equity for all Sri Lankans.



Under the visionary leadership of Professor Gihan Dias, who saw the growing global momentum toward ICT, we recognized that if we didn't act, thousands would be left behind especially in rural, underserved areas. It wasn't about dropping off equipment or giving one-off lectures. It was about creating a culture of digital empowerment one that was inclusive, hands-on, and sustainable.

2018–2019

IT Yahamaga

By 2018, we had reached thousands through training but we knew we needed to go deeper, especially with young people in underrepresented areas. That's why we partnered with Sarvodaya-Fusion and the Ministry of Education to conduct IT Yahamaga programs as a bold new initiative aimed at sparking curiosity and opportunity in the hearts of youth.

The goal wasn't just to teach it was to inspire. We wanted to show students in remote and semi-urban schools that ICT could be a gateway to futures they had never imagined. We rolled out workshops across districts, delivering awareness sessions. Over 25,000 students from 2018 to 2020 took part.



IT Yahamaga 2018/2019



10012 Outreach Programmes
for **STUDENTS**



285 Outreach Programmes
for **TEACHERS**

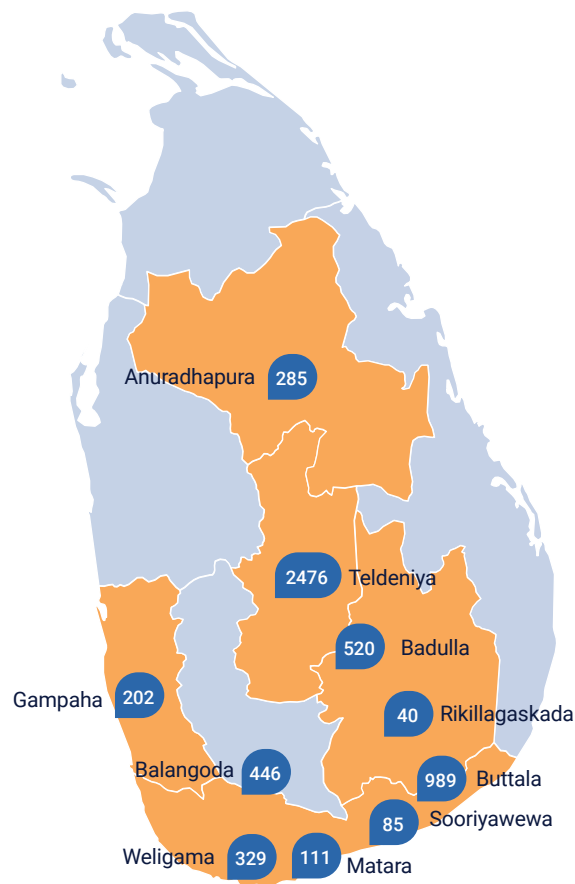


125 Outreach Programmes
for **PRINCIPALS**

Nenasala Training & Competitions

Bringing Opportunity to Every Corner

Our Train-the-Trainer (ToT) programs were rolled out island-wide, from school computer labs to community training centres. We trained teachers, vocational educators, and training centre owners, helping them master basic and intermediate ICT skills. In turn, they brought this knowledge back to their schools, training centers, and communities.



Our belief in community-driven learning led us to partner with Nenasala Centres public ICT hubs created to bring digital services and education to underserved regions. These centers became a natural extension of our mission.

We introduced structured training programs on Joomla Web Design and Python, targeting students, trainers, and professionals. Our sessions weren't just theoretical they were practical, immersive, and designed to encourage creativity.

10+
Education
Centres

5483+
Enrolled
Students



5,400+

Students between
2018-2023

10+

ICT training at 10
Nenasala Centers

The Impact

Between 2018 and 2023, over 5,400 students received hands-on ICT training at 10 Nenasala Centers through our targeted programs. Many of these students came from low-income households and rural backgrounds, where digital learning opportunities were previously minimal or nonexistent.

Why It Matters

Nenasala Centers are often the only access point to digital tools and learning for entire communities. By bringing structured training and creativity into these centers, we ensured that talent was not wasted because of location.

Competitions gave young people something they rarely experience in traditional education recognition, celebration, and the chance to dream bigger. They reminded us that when we believe in youth, they rise to the occasion and sometimes, beyond it.

2018–2019

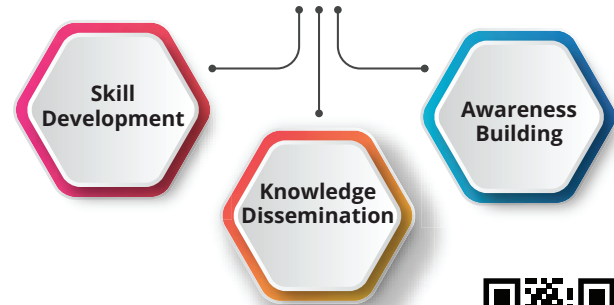
SuhuruSara

A New Identity for a
Growing Vision



This transformation brought more than a new name. SuhuruSara was designed to be a hybrid learning environment, combining in-person workshops with a robust online Learning Management System (LMS). It offered free courses in local languages, complete with video modules, quizzes, hands-on tasks, and downloadable resources.

Programmes conducted by
SuhuruSara are focused
on 3 key aspects



In 2023, the training division was rebranded as “Suhurusara” to mark the next chapter in LK Domain Registry’s efforts to empower Sri Lanka’s Digital Future through island-wide ICT knowledge dissemination and skill development.

- ▶ <https://www.youtube.com/@suhurusaralk>
- ▶ www.facebook.com/suhurusara
- ▶ suhurusara.lk



At FOUNDATION.LK, we believe that digital literacy is a life-changing power and everyone deserves access to it, no matter where they are. That's why we created SuhuruSara.lk, our official e-learning platform designed to help Sri Lankans learn, grow, and thrive in the digital age.

SuhuruSara.lk offers a wide range of interactive online courses, all available in Sinhala and Tamil, to make learning more accessible and inclusive.

Our platform is built to support students, job-seekers, young professionals, and educators who want to develop skills in areas like:



Web design & development



Multimedia tools & creativity



Basic programming



Digital literacy & cyber safety

What sets SuhuruSara apart is its learner-first approach with self-paced modules, multimedia content, and practical exercises that make complex concepts easy to understand. Whether someone is starting from scratch or brushing up on skills, SuhuruSara offers a flexible, supportive space to learn at their own pace.

SuhuruSara had
trained over
10,350

from remote villages to city suburbs. And with new courses being added regularly, we continue to expand our reach and relevance making digital education a reality for all.

History of ICT in Sri Lanka

This work culminated in two
milestone publications

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information
www.ict-history.lk



We can't move forward without honoring the past. That's why we launched the History of ICT in Sri Lanka project to document the people, policies, and innovations that built our digital nation.

The project spans over five decades, bringing together the voices of ICT pioneers, rare archival documents, photographs, and untold stories. It provides an intimate look at how Sri Lanka embraced internet infrastructure, language localization, e-governance, education, and more.

This work culminated in two milestone publications:

- "How ICT Was Enabled in Local Languages" by Aruni Goonetilleke, detailing the push to enable Sinhala and Tamil use in computing.
- "The APEX Body Story – CINTEC", which chronicles how the first ICT apex body shaped national policy, standards, and strategy.

The digital archive, along with its books and online portal, is now a national knowledge asset one that educators, researchers, and policymakers can rely on to understand where we've been, and where we're going.

Local Languages Support Centre & Helpline

Making the Web Inclusive

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information

www.helpcentre.lk



In a country as linguistically rich as Sri Lanka, language shouldn't be a barrier to digital empowerment. That's why we established the Local Languages Support Centre and Helpline a joint initiative with Theekshana R&D to help Sinhala and Tamil speakers navigate the internet, create content and engage confidently with digital tools.

While English often dominates online platforms, we believe every Sri Lankan deserves the right to fully participate in the digital space in their own language. This is especially critical for senior citizens, rural communities, educators, and local businesses who often feel excluded by language barriers.



Our multilingual support team provides:

- A dedicated technical helpline and email support for local language queries
- Training programs for typing, content creation, and web navigation in Sinhala and Tamil
- Awareness campaigns on using Unicode fonts, language packs, and input methods
- Hands-on guidance for integrating local language content into websites, apps, and digital services

Through our work, we've helped schoolteachers build bilingual websites, assisted government officials in publishing Sinhala/Tamil e-services, and trained individuals to access job portals, write emails, and even run small businesses online all in their native language.

The Support Centre is more than just a helpdesk. It is a cultural bridge, ensuring that digital progress remains inclusive, familiar, and respectful of our identity.

Prof. V. K. Samarnayake Grant Scheme

Named after Professor V.K. Samaranayake, a pioneer of Sri Lanka's ICT revolution, this grant scheme was established to support the next generation of researchers, educators, and technologists who are shaping the future of digital Sri Lanka.

Open to full-time postgraduate students (MSc, MPhil, PhD) in recognized Sri Lankan universities and institutes, the scheme offers financial and academic support to strengthen their research journeys especially in areas related to networking and communication.

Our grants are designed to open doors for professional growth and international exposure, while encouraging scholars to contribute their expertise locally.

As these scholars return home with new ideas, collaborations, and expertise, they become part of a growing network of leaders dedicated to advancing the nation's digital ecosystem.



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**Conferences
& Journal
Publication Grants**

Supporting students to present full papers at prestigious international conferences or publish in peer-reviewed journals.

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**Short-Stay /
Summer School
Grant**

Helping students attend short-term academic programs or collaborative research visits at institutions overseas.

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**Top-Up Grants
for Postgraduate
Research**

For students who have already secured partial funding from sources like UGC, NSF, or universities, and need additional support.

Hithawathi

Your Confidante in Cyberspace

In today's connected world, the internet brings us closer but it can also open doors to harm, especially for women, teenagers, and children. That's why we launched Hithawathi a social empowerment project dedicated to promoting cyber safety across Sri Lanka.

The name Hithawathi means "confidante" and that's exactly who we aim to be. Whether you're a victim of cyberbullying, online blackmail, stalking, or harassment, we are here to listen, support, and guide you with compassion and confidentiality.

Revamped in 2019, Hithawathi now operates as a multi-platform safety network, offering support through:

- 01 A user-friendly website
- 02 Hotlines, messaging apps, and email
- 03 Help desk services, available in Sinhala, Tamil, & English
- 04 In-person and online awareness sessions
- 05 A robust complaint management system



1,250,000+
Netizens Engaged

15,000+
Individuals Supported

146,000+

Facebook Followers

1,200+

Virtual & Physical events Held



We also run dedicated spaces like the Hithawathi Teens Hub and Youth Hub, helping young people understand their rights and navigate the digital world wisely.

We don't just offer assistance after incidents occur; we work hard to educate individuals and communities on how to stay safe online. From schools, universities, and factories to teacher training centers and community hubs, our team regularly holds interactive sessions, publishes monthly newsletters, and creates engaging content like safety reels and articles on trending topics.

Our work is made possible through the collaboration of local and international supporters, including:

- Sri Lanka CERT, TechCERT, Police (CWB, CID, IT Divisions)
- Meta, TikTok, ChildSafeNet, StopNCII
- Fact Crescendo, Women In Need, 1926 & 1938 helplines, and many more

At Hithawathi, we believe that everyone deserves a safe online experience. Whether you're looking for advice, education, or just someone to share your online challenges with, we're always just a message away.



www.hithawathi.lk



Cyber Lowata Piyapath

Building their own school website Project



Visit now www.cyberlowatapiyapath.lk

In partnership with the Ministry of Education and Webcomms Global (Pvt) Ltd., we launched Cyber Lowata Piyapath, a project whose goal was to train students to design and deliver a dedicated website for every government school in Sri Lanka. These websites eventually would serve as digital classrooms, message boards, and knowledge hubs.

The Impact

By March 31, 2025, we have trained and developed and officially handed over 1,644 school websites, spanning all provinces and educational zones across the island. These platforms became much more than stopgap solutions they grew into long-term digital assets for their schools.

OVER
20K
STUDENTS & TEACHERS



 **1644**
SCHOOL WEBSITES

67
EDUCATIONAL
ZONES



Gurugedara.lk

The Digital Classroom for Every Student

At FOUNDATION.LK, we know that access to quality education can transform lives and we believe that no child should be left behind because of where they live or the resources they have. That belief gave rise to Gurugedara.lk, a digital platform created to support students and teachers through curriculum-aligned online learning.

Launched to strengthen Sri Lanka's national education system, Gurugedara.lk is a one-of-a-kind resource built to cover Grade 6 subjects, including Mathematics, Science, and ICT. But our goal wasn't just to upload content; we set out to create a platform that could bring lessons to life, making learning more engaging, effective, and inclusive.

Each lesson on Gurugedara is designed with clarity, interactivity, and accessibility in mind. Through videos, animations, quizzes, and hands-on activities all presented in Sinhala and Tamil we help learners grasp concepts in a way that sticks. Teachers, too, find in Gurugedara a flexible tool they can integrate into their daily lessons, whether in urban classrooms or remote rural schools.

Gurugedara is more than just a stopgap it's a future-facing solution for Sri Lanka's evolving educational needs. Especially in a time when digital readiness is crucial, this platform helps schools bridge gaps in infrastructure, access, and engagement.

We've trained

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across 7 educational zones not just to use the platform, but to contribute to it co-creating content, refining teaching strategies, and sharing insights from the field.



We continue to expand the content and reach of Gurugedara, ensuring that every student in Sri Lanka regardless of background has the opportunity to thrive in a digitally connected learning environment.





Foundation Recognized Centres

Empowering communities Digitally

True digital inclusion begins at the community level. That's why our foundation Recognized Centre Development Project is focused on strengthening local ICT centers especially in rural and underserved parts of Sri Lanka to ensure that everyone has access to knowledge, tools, and opportunity.

Nenasala Centres, created to bring ICT access to the public, have long played a vital role in helping individuals connect to the internet, build digital skills, and access government services. But many of these centers needed updated infrastructure, trained personnel, and better visibility to truly serve their communities.

In 2024, we launched a comprehensive initiative to assess and uplift these centers. A baseline survey of 46 locations helped us identify key challenges, such as limited digital resources, lack of structured training, and reduced public awareness of available services.

Our response included:

- Training programs for Nenasala staff to enhance their teaching, service delivery, and technical skills
- Upgrading facilities and internet connectivity to support better user experiences
- Partnership development with local stakeholders to create sustainable, community-focused growth

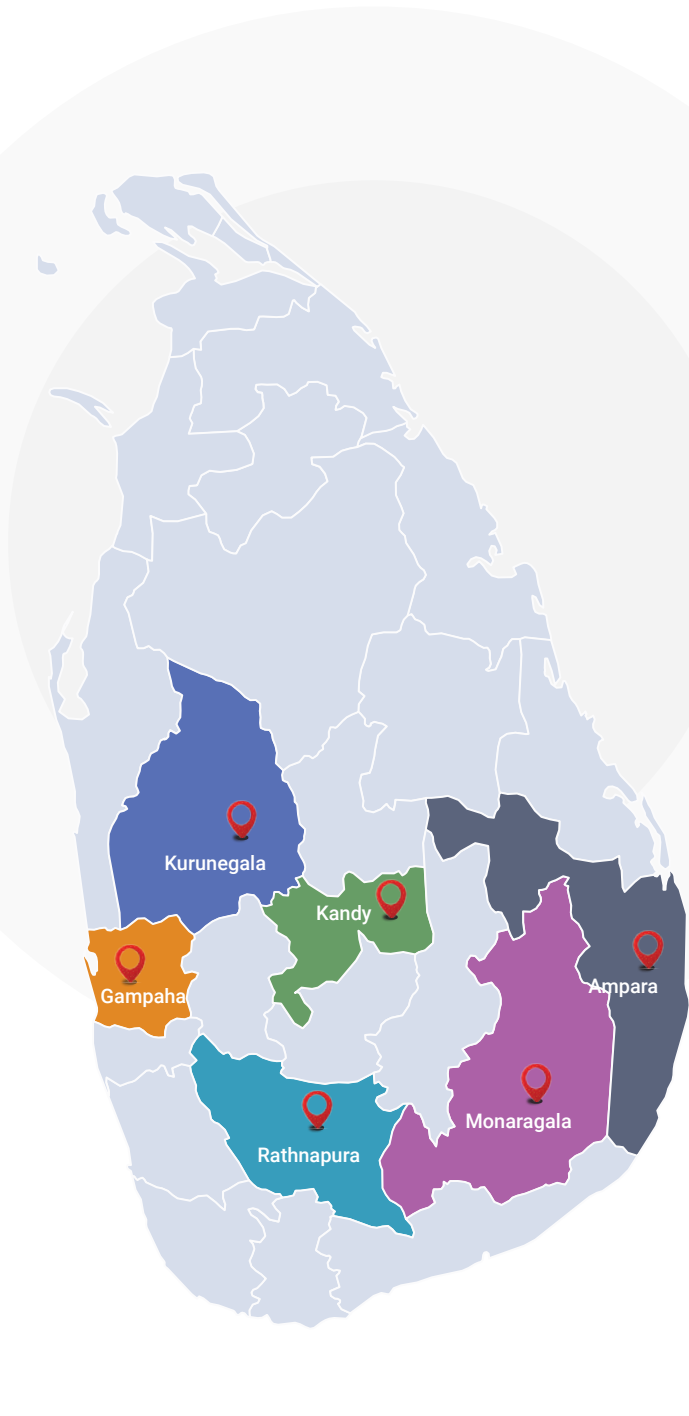
- Awareness campaigns to encourage youth, entrepreneurs, and students to use these centers for learning and e-services

We now recognize and support active centers in districts including Ampara, Gampaha, Kandy, Kurunegala, and Monaragala. These spaces have become vibrant community hubs hosting training sessions, supporting small businesses, assisting schoolchildren, and even enabling access to online government portals.

The Foundation Recognized Centre Development Project is more than just infrastructure it's about revitalizing the heart of community learning and helping every Sri Lankan connect, grow, and thrive in a digital world.

FOUNDATION.LK Recognized Centers (Nenasala & Institute)

#	District	Center name
1	Ampara	NENASALA MAHAOYA
2	Gampaha	NENASALA INDIGOLLA
3	Gampaha	NENASLA YATIYANA
4	Gampaha	CDAZZ Kandana
5	Gampaha	STEAM Gampaha
6	Kandy	NENASALA KATUGASTOTA
7	Kurunegala	NENASALA UDUBADDAWA
8	Kurunegala	NENASALA NARAMMALA
9	Monaragala	NENASALA THELULLA
10	Rathnapura	NENASALA RATHNAPURA TOWN
11	Rathnapura	NENASALA NAMALDENIYA



With the launch of FOUNDATION.LK in April 2025 we are focusing and continuing our work through the following main Projects.

At FOUNDATION.LK, every project we lead is a step toward building a Sri Lanka where technology serves everyone equally and meaningfully.

From e-learning and school support to community training and online safety, our work touches lives across the island. These projects are grounded in real needs and built to deliver real impact connecting people, strengthening skills, and opening doors to a better digital future.

Through a wide range of innovative programs, FOUNDATION.LK equips individuals with essential digital skills, promotes cyber safety awareness, and enhances ICT accessibility nationwide. As the digital landscape continues to evolve, FOUNDATION.LK remains committed to ensuring that every Sri Lankan—regardless of location or background—has access to the tools and opportunities needed to thrive in a technology-driven world.

FOUNDATION.LK is committed to closing this gap by equipping individuals with essential digital skills, fostering cyber awareness, and ensuring safe, confident participation in the digital world. Through targeted initiatives, we aim to unlock potential, drive inclusive digital growth, and create equitable access to opportunity for all.

Following are our main impact areas under FOUNDATION.LK





Hithawathi

Our cyber safety initiative, providing a help desk, resources, and training to protect users especially women and children from online harm.



SuhuruSara.lk

An e-learning platform offering interactive courses in local languages equipping learners with skills in web design, coding, and digital literacy.



Gurugedara.lk

A national curriculum-aligned platform for Grade 6 subjects, giving students and teachers tools to learn and teach online with confidence.



Foundation Recognised Centre Development Project

Strengthening community ICT centers with training, infrastructure, and partnerships, helping rural communities access digital opportunities.

Together, Let's Build a Digitally Inclusive Sri Lanka

At FOUNDATION.LK, we believe that when people are empowered with the right tools, knowledge, and support, they can achieve remarkable things for themselves, their communities, and the country.

Through our programs in digital education, community training, cyber safety, and grassroots development, we've seen how technology can transform lives. But we know our mission is far from over and we can't do it alone.

Whether you're an educator, a student, a policymaker, or someone who believes in equal access to opportunity there's a place for you in this journey.

Let's work together to create a Sri Lanka where no one is left behind in the digital age.

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