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Press Release on the Survey Results: Household Culture Survey 2009



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Press Release

Household Culture Survey 2009

- 25.3% of the Palestinian households watch Palestine Television everyday
- 31.5% of the Palestinian households watch dubbed sitcoms everyday
- 39.0% of individuals aged 10 and over do not read books
- 32.3% of individuals aged 10 and over use the internet

The Household Culture Survey 2009 was conducted between May 5 and June 18, 2009 on a random sample of 5,608 household. 5,132 household were interviewed (3,705 household in the West Bank and 1,427 in Gaza Strip). Response rate reached 91.5% in West Bank, and Gaza Strip. The survey targeted household as a unit and as well as individuals aged 10 and over. Statistical checks and variance calculation showed the possibility to disseminate data for all survey indicators at the various geographical levels.

Availability of Home Library

According to the survey findings, 20.3% of the households of the Palestinian Territory have home libraries, including 22.1% in the West Bank and 16.8% in Gaza Strip. While the figure in the Palestinian Territory was 22.9% in 2006

Obtaining and Reading the Newspapers

Findings showed that 32.1% of the Palestinian households obtain the daily newspapers daily or occasionally, including 35.2% for the West bank and 26.2% for Gaza Strip. While the figure in the Palestinian Territory was 39.9% in 2006.

The survey findings also showed that 31.5% of the individuals aged 10 and over in the Palestinian society read the newspapers. However, there is noticeable difference between the West Bank and Gaza Strip in this regard where according to findings, the West Bank registered 38.7% and Gaza Strip registered 19.0%.

Discuss Some Traditional Cultural Themes

The survey findings showed that 49.3% of the Palestinian Territory households tell myths and 65.6% tell folktales. Alternatively, 80.1% of the households tell stories, 58.9% tell comedy stories, 41.3% tell about poetry and folk songs, 57.4% talk about sayings and proverbs, and 51.7% talk about puzzles and riddles.

Watching Palestine Television and Listening to the Voice of Palestine

Findings revealed that 25.3% of households that have TV set watch Palestine Television everyday, including 25.2% for the West Bank and 25.6% for Gaza Strip. Findings showed that 47.7% of West Bank households that have TV set watch Palestine Television sometimes whereas 49.2% of Gaza Strip households watch sometimes.

Findings confirm that 60.8% of individuals aged 10 and over listen to the Voice of Palestine, including 61.7% in the West Bank and 59.9% in Gaza Strip.

Note that in 2006 the percentage of households that have TV set and view Palestine TV on daily basis and always was 29.9%, while the percentage of individuals (10 years and over) who listen to Voice of Palestine was 46.0%.

Watching Television, Local Television Stations and Listening to Radio Stations

Data showed that 27.4% of the households who have TV set watch local television stations, including 19.1% in the West Bank and 44.3% in Gaza Strip. Findings showed that 55.9% of the households listen to radio stations, including 51.7% in the West Bank and 64.1% in Gaza Strip.

Moreover, 92.5% of individuals aged 10 and over watch television daily or sometimes, including 95.0% in the West Bank and 88.0% in Gaza Strip.

While the percentage of households that have TV set and watch the local TV stations, 39.6% in 2006, while the percentage of individuals (10 years and over) who have watch TV was 94.7%.

Watching Dubbed Sitcoms

Findings showed 31.5% of the households that have TV set watch dubbed sitcoms daily (37.7% in the West Bank and 18.7% in Gaza Strip); whereas, 25.6% of the households that have TV watch dubbed sitcoms sometimes, including 26.8% in the West Bank and 23.4% in Gaza Strip.

3.6% of the households stated that dubbed sitcoms had positive impact on the households' culture, including 3.1% in the West Bank and 5.0% in Gaza Strip. Conversely, 35.5% of the households stated that dubbed sitcoms had negative impact on the households' culture, including 40.2% in the West Bank and 20.8% in Gaza Strip

Households' Monitoring their Children (5-17 years) Use of Television and Computer

Findings showed that 6.1% (6.4% in the West Bank and 5.5% in Gaza Strip) of the households do not monitor the type of programs their children (5-17 years) watch on television. Moreover, 30.1% (24.1% in the West Bank and 39.7% in Gaza Strip) of the households do not control the hours their children (5-17 years) spend on the computer everyday.

Reading Books

The survey findings showed that 39.0% of individuals aged 10 and over do not read books, including 37.3% in the West Bank and 42.0% in Gaza Strip. at 42.1% for males and 35.8% for females.

Willingness to Perform Cultural Activities

The survey findings showed that 20.4% of individuals aged 10 and over are willing to be involved in cultural activities in their free time but didn't do it; this includes 27.7% in the West Bank and 8.2% in Gaza Strip (19.7% among males and 21.0% among females). While in 2006 the percentage of persons (10 years and over) who willing to be involved in cultural activities in their free time but didn't do it was 24.1%.

Membership to Public Institutions

The survey findings showed that 6.9% of individuals aged 10 and over are members of sports clubs. Also, 4.3% of such individuals are members of societies. 4.6% are members of unions. Findings showed that 3.3% of individuals are subscribers to public libraries. Findings revealed that 3.5% of individuals aged 10 and over are affiliated to political parties and 3.0% members of cultural clubs.

While in 2006, the results showed that 6.2% of individuals (10 years and over) members in a sports clubs, and that 6.0% of such individuals are members of societies, and 7.6% are members of union, and 3.9% of individuals are subscribers to public libraries, and 3.1% of persons are members of the cultural clubs.

Basic Structure and Access to Information Technology and Telecommunications

In the Palestinian Territory, The rate of households that have computers is 49.2%. Also 28.5% of the households have access to internet. 92.0% of the households have satellite dish and 47.5% of the households have telephone line. Findings revealed that 57.1% of individuals aged 10 and over use computers including 62.9% for males and 51.3% for females. Also 32.3% of individuals aged 10 and over use internet including 38.2% among males and 26.2% among females.

In West Bank, The rate of households that have computers is 51.1%. Also 27.2% of the households have access to internet. 92.4% of the households have satellite dish. 51.4% of the households have telephone line. Findings revealed that 57.3% of individuals aged 10 and over use computers. Also 32.7% of individuals aged 10 and over use internet.

In Gaza Strip, The rate of households that have computers is 45.6%. Also 30.9% of the households have access to internet. 91.2% of the households have satellite dish. 40.0% of the households have telephone line. Findings revealed that 56.8% of individuals aged 10 and over use computers. Also 31.5% of individuals aged 10 and over use internet.

While in 2006, the results showed that 32.8% of households have a computer, and 15.9% of households in the Palestinian Territory have an access to internet, and the percentage of households have satellite dish (Satellite) 80.4%, and 50.8% of households have a phone line. The survey results showed 2006 that 50.9% of individuals (10 years and over) use the computer and the percentage of individuals (10 years and over) who use Internet was 18.4%.

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Concepts and Definitions

Comedy Stories: Statements to be developed is scarce and entertainment among the

people and be linked to the heritage, customs and traditions of the

people.

Computer Usage: It is defined for this survey purposes as the basic uses of the

computer (during the last twelve months) like: open the computer

and open files as well, create, copy, paste, and save files.

Dubbed Sitcoms: Intended soaps dubbed into Arabic is a vote for representatives and

speak the Arabic language, instead of the original voice actor.

Folktales: Is a long story describing the events in detail, and usually revolve

around a particular topic, which are either factual or fictional

Having the Daily
Newspapers:

1. Yes: for households obtain daily newspaper at least four-days a week

2. No: for households do not obtain daily newspaper at all

Home Library: A collection of books classified in away that facilitate using and

finding are needed.

InformationIt is usedTechnology andstore, orCommunicationsinformation

(ICT):

It is used to describe the tools and the process to access, retrieve, store, organize manipulate, produce present and exchange information by electronic and other manual automated means.

Internet: A world-wide public computer network. Organizations and persons can connect their computers to this network and exchange

can connect their computers to this network and exchange information across a country and/or across the world. The Internet provides access to a number of communication services including the World Wide Web and carries email, news, entertainment and

data files.

Internet Usage: It is defined for this survey purposes as the basic uses of the Internet

(during the last twelve months) like: access to certain sites, reading

newsletters, and download files or programs from the web.

Listening to Radio: 1. Yes: for individuals (10 years and over) who listen to radio on

daily basis.

2. No: for individuals (10 years and over) who do not listen to radio

at all.

Mobile Phone: The mobile phone that belongs to any telecommunication company.

Myths: Is the story of fabulous exaggerated and impossible to obtain, and

are usually the talk of the entertainment or for the shipment of

determination and enthusiasm among the audience

Puzzles and Riddles: Is a questions you need answered by the quick wit and ability to

analyze words and their meanings, which are generally used for

entertainment and leisure

Reading Books The person reads regularly for the sake of increasing knowledge of

promoting culture, e.g. preparation for lectures or exams or any other purpose. Type and time reference of reading are not of special

interest here.

Stories: Is a story that either have already occurred or imaginary but possible

to occur and are usually novel orally

Viewing TV: 1. Yes, always: for households viewing TV on daily basis.

2. Yes, sometimes: for households viewing TV but not on daily basis.

3. No: for households do not viewing TV at all.

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Table 1: Percentage of Households Who Have Some (ICT) Tools at Home by Region, 2009

	Region		
Some (ICT) Tools			
	Gaza Strip	West Bank	Palestinian Territory
Computer	45.6	51.1	49.2
Telephone Line	40.0	51.4	47.5
Internet at Home	30.9	27.2	28.5
Mobile Phone	93.2	91.9	92.4
Digital Video Disc (DVD)	5.3	28.9	21.0
Dish	91.2	92.4	92.0
TV Set	93.2	97.0	95.7
Video Player	6.0	20.3	15.6

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Table 2: Percentage Distribution of Households by Availability of Home Library,
Region and Type of Locality, 2009

Region/Type of Locality	Total	Not Available	Available	1
Region				
Palestinian Territory	100.0	79.7	20.3	
West Bank	100.0	77.9	22.1	
Gaza Strip	100.0	83.2	16.8	
Type of Locality				
Urban	100.0	79.0	21.0	
Rural	100.0	82.5	17.5	
Camps	100.0	80.2	19.8	

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Table 3: Percentage Distribution of Households by Having Daily Newspapers, Region and Type of Locality, 2009

Region/Type of Locality	Total	Do not Have	Have	/
Region				
Palestinian Territory	100.0	67.9	32.1	
West Bank	100.0	64.8	35.2	
Gaza Strip	100.0	73.8	26.2	
Type of Locality				
Urban	100.0	67.1	32.9	
Rural	100.0	67.9	32.1	
Camps	100.0	74.0	26	

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Table 4: Percentage Distribution of Households by Listening to Radio,
Region and Type of Locality, 2009

Region \Type of Locality	Total	Do not Listen	Listen	1
Region				
Palestinian Territory	100.0	44.1	55.9	
West Bank	100.0	48.3	51.7	
Gaza Strip	100.0	35.9	64.1	
Type of Locality				
Urban	100.0	42.6	57.4	
Rural	100.0	49.3	50.7	
Camps	100.0	45.8	54.2	

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Table 5: Percentage Distribution of Households Having TV by Viewing Palestine
Television, Region and Type of Locality, 2009

Region \Type of Locality	Total	No	Sometimes	Always	1
Region				<u> </u>	
Palestinian Territory	100.0	27.0	47.7	25.3	
West Bank	100.0	27.9	46.9	25.2	
Gaza Strip	100.0	25.2	49.2	25.6	
Type of Locality					
Urban	100.0	28.0	47.7	24.3	
Rural	100.0	22.4	49.0	28.6	
Camps	100.0	27.3	45.2	27.5	

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Table 6: Percentage Distribution of Households Having TV Set by Viewing Local TV Stations, Region and Type of Locality, 2009

Region \Type of Locality				
	Total	Do not View	View	
Region				
Palestinian Territory	100.0	72.6	27.4	
West Bank	100.0	80.9	19.1	
Gaza Strip	100.0	55.7	44.3	
Type of Locality				
Urban	100.0	70.6	29.4	
Rural	100.0	84.6	15.4	
Camps	100.0	65.7	34.3	

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Table 7: Percentage Distribution of Households Having TV Set by Viewing of Dubbed Sitcoms, Region and Type of Locality, 2009

Region \Type of Locality	Total	No	Yes, Sometimes	Yes, Always	/
Region					
Palestinian Territory	100.0	42.9	25.6	31.5	
West Bank	100.0	35.5	26.8	37.7	
Gaza Strip	100.0	57.9	23.4	18.7	
Type of Locality					
Urban	100.0	43.6	26.5	29.9	
Rural	100.0	38.2	23.3	38.5	
Camps	100.0	46.6	23.0	30.4	

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Table 8: Percentage Distribution of the Households Who View Dubbed Sitcoms by Their Influence on Family Culture, Region and Type of Locality, 2009

Region \Type of Locality				
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Region				
Palestinian Territory	100.0	60.9	35.5	3.6
West Bank	100.0	56.7	40.2	3.1
Gaza Strip	100.0	74.2	20.8	5.0
Type of Locality				
Urban	100.0	60.3	36.1	3.6
Rural	100.0	63.3	33.7	3.0
Camps	100.0	61.4	33.7	4.9

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Table 9: Percentage Distribution of Households that Discuss Some Traditional Cultural Themes by Theme and Region, 2009

Region and Traditional Cultural Themes	Total	Do not Discuss	Discuss	
Palestinian Territory	Iotai	Do not Discuss	Discuss	
Myths	100.0	50.7	49.3	
Folktales	100.0	34.4	65.6	()
Stories	100.0	19.9	80.1	
Comedy Stories	100.0	41.1	58.9	
Poetry and Folk Songs	100.0	58.7	41.3	
Sayings and Proverbs	100.0	42.6	57.4	
Puzzles and Riddles	100.0	48.3	51.7	()
West Bank				
Myths	100.0	52.0	48.0	()
Folktales	100.0	35.8	64.2	
Stories	100.0	27.1	72.9	
Comedy Stories	100.0	40.6	59.4	
Poetry and Folk Songs	100.0	58.2	41.8	
Sayings and Proverbs	100.0	42.2	57.8	
Puzzles and Riddles	100.0	49.3	50.7	()
Gaza Strip				
Myths	100.0	48.1	51.9	()
Folktales	100.0	31.9	68.1	
Stories	100.0	6.0	94.0	
Comedy Stories	100.0	42.0	58.0	
Poetry and Folk Songs	100.0	59.6	40.4	
Sayings and Proverbs	100.0	43.4	56.6	
Puzzles and Riddles	100.0	46.4	53.6	()

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Table 10: Percentage Distribution of Households by Controlling Programs Watched by Children (5-17 Years) ,Region and Type of Locality, 2009

Region \Type of Locality	Total	Do not Control	Control	1
Region				
Palestinian Territory	100.0	6.1	93.9	
West Bank	100.0	6.4	93.6	
Gaza Strip	100.0	5.5	94.5	
Type of Locality				
Urban	100.0	5.2	94.8	
Rural	100.0	10.1	89.9	
Camps	100.0	5.3	94.7	

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Table 11: Percentage Distribution of Households by Controlling the Number of Daily Hours of Using Computer by Children (5-17 Years), Region and Type of Locality, 2009

Region \Type of Locality	Total	No	Yes, Sometimes	Yes, Always	1
Region					
Palestinian Territory	100.0	30.1	24.2	45.7	
West Bank	100.0	24.1	21.1	54.8	
Gaza Strip	100.0	39.7	29.1	31.2	
Type of Locality					
Urban	100.0	29.1	24.8	46.1	
Rural	100.0	29.0	22.1	48.9	
Camps	100.0	38.6	22.9	38.5	

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Table 12: Percentage Distribution of Households by Their Sufficient knowledge

Table 12: Percentage Distribution of Households by Their Sufficient knowledge of Friends of Their Children (5-17 Years), Region and Type of Locality, 2009

Region \Type of Locality	Total	Do not know	View
Region		<u>l</u>	
Palestinian Territory	100.0	4.7	95.3
West Bank	100.0	5.5	94.5
Gaza Strip	100.0	3.1	96.9
Type of Locality			
Urban	100.0	4.1	95.9
Rural	100.0	7.3	92.7
Camps	100.0	4.1	95.9

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Table 13: Percentage Distribution of Persons (10 Years and Over) by Reading Newspapers, Region, Sex and Type of Locality, 2009

Region and Sex \Type of Locality			
	Total	Do not Read	Read
Both sexes			
Palestinian Territory	100.0	68.5	31.5
West Bank	100.0	61.3	38.7
Gaza Strip	100.0	81.0	19.0
Males			
Palestinian Territory	100.0	65.1	34.9
West Bank	100.0	56.6	43.4
Gaza Strip	100.0	80.1	19.9
Females			
Palestinian Territory	100.0	72.0	28.0
West Bank	100.0	66.2	33.8
Gaza Strip	100.0	82.1	17.9
Type of Locality			
Urban	100.0	68.0	32.0
Rural	100.0	67.0	33.0
Camps	100.0	74.7	25.3

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Table 14: Percentage Distribution of Persons (10 Years and Over) by Reading Books, Sex, Region and Type of Locality, 2009

Region and Sex \Type of Locality	Total	No	Yes, Sometimes	Yes, Always
Both sexes				
Palestinian Territory	100.0	39.0	20.3	40.7
West Bank	100.0	37.3	22.1	40.6
Gaza Strip	100.0	42.0	17.2	40.8
Males				
Palestinian Territory	100.0	42.1	19.5	38.4
West Bank	100.0	41.3	21.4	37.3
Gaza Strip	100.0	43.3	16.4	40.3
Females				
Palestinian Territory	100.0	35.8	21.1	43.1
West Bank	100.0	32.9	22.9	44.2
Gaza Strip	100.0	40.5	18.2	41.3
Type of Locality				
Urban	100.0	40.1	19.5	40.4
Rural	100.0	34.4	23.8	41.8
Camps	100.0	39.2	19.9	40.9

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Table 15: Percentage Distribution of Persons (10 Years and Over) by Watching Television,
Sex, Region and Type of Locality, 2009

Region and Sex				
\Type of Locality	Total	No	Yes, Sometimes	Yes, Always
Both sexes				
Palestinian Territory	100.0	7.5	41.4	51.1
West Bank	100.0	4.9	40.8	54.3
Gaza Strip	100.0	11.9	42.9	45.2
Males				
Palestinian Territory	100.0	7.5	44.1	48.4
West Bank	100.0	5.0	43.7	51.3
Gaza Strip	100.0	12.0	44.9	43.1
Females				
Palestinian Territory	100.0	7.4	38.9	53.7
West Bank	100.0	4.9	37.9	57.2
Gaza Strip	100.0	11.9	40.7	47.4
Type of Locality				
Urban	100.0	7.8	40.0	52.2
Rural	100.0	6.5	44.1	49.4
Camps	100.0	6.9	48.5	44.6

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Table 16: Percentage Distribution of Persons (10 Years and Over) by Listening to Voice of Palestine, Sex and Type of Locality, 2009

Sex \Type of Locality				,
cox trype of Ecounty	Total	Do not Listen	Listen	,
Sex				
Both sexes	100.0	39.2	60.8	
Males	100.0	38.3	61.7	
Females	100.0	40.1	59.9	
Type of Locality				
Urban	100.0	35.6	64.4	
Rural	100.0	47.2	52.8	
Camps	100.0	53.6	46.4	

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Table 17: Percentage Distribution of Persons (10 Years and Over) by Willingness to Perform Cultural Activities During Free Time and Did Not Do, Sex and Region, 2009

	Region		
Willing to Perform Cultural Activities and Sex			
	Gaza Strip	West Bank	Palestinian Territory
Both Sexes			
Willing but didn't do	8.2	27.7	20.4
Not Willing	91.8	72.3	79.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
Males			
Willing but didn't do	6.6	28.0	19.7
Not Willing	93.4	72.0	80.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
Females			
Willing but didn't do	10.0	27.4	21.0
Not Willing	90.0	72.6	79.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

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Table 18: Percentage of Persons (10 Years and Over) Who are Members in Public Institutions by Type of Public Institutions and Sex, 2009

Public Institutions and Sex	Females	Males	Both Sexes	
Sport Club	2.1	11.6	6.9	
Cultural Club	2.0	4.0	3.0	
Public Library	3.2	3.5	3.3	
Societies	3.6	4.9	4.3	
Unions	2.1	7.0	4.6	/
Political party	1.1	5.8	3.5	
Other	2.0	1.9	2.0	

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Table 19: Percentage Distribution of Households Having Internet at Home by Type of Internet Connection and Region, 2009

	Region			
Type of Connection				
	Gaza Strip	West Bank	Palestinian Territory	
Dial-up	15.5	34.1	27.2	
Asymmetric Digital Subscriber Line (ADSL)	26.4	49.8	41.2	
Other *	57.3	14.3	30.1	*
Don't Know	0.8	1.8	1.3	
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	المجموع

*Other: includes Satellite, Integrated Digital Subscriber Line (ISDN), Wireless, Digital Subscriber Line (DSL),

Leased Line, Mobile, and E-Card

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Table 20: Percentage Distribution of Households by Having any Member Website and Region, 2009

	Region			
Having any Member of Household Website				
	Gaza Strip	West Bank	Palestinian Territory	
Available	6.2	10.6	9.1	
Not Available	92.7	85.7	88.1	
Don't know	1.1	3.7	2.8	
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	المجموع

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Table 21: Percentage Distribution of Persons (10 Years and Over) by Usage of the Computer, Region and Sex, 2009

Using Computer Region/Sex / Total Do not Use Use Region **Palestinian Territory** 100.0 42.9 57.1 West Bank 100.0 42.7 57.3 Gaza Strip 100.0 43.2 56.8 Sex **Both Sexes** 100.0 42.9 57.1 100.0 37.1 62.9 Males 100.0 Females 48.7 51.3

(10) 2009 :22 Table 22: Percentage Distribution of Persons (10 Years and Over) by Usage of the Internet , Region and Sex, 2009

		Using Internet		
Region/Sex	Total	Do not Use	Use	/
Region				
Palestinian Territory	100.0	67.7	32.3	
West Bank	100.0	67.3	32.7	
Gaza Strip	100.0	68.5	31.5	
Sex				
Both Sexes	100.0	67.7	32.3	
Males	100.0	61.8	38.2	
Females	100.0	73.8	26.2	

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