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## FINANCIAL ANALYSIS, MODELING, AND FORECASTING TECHNIQUES (COURSE #5710B/QAS5710B)

## **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This comprehensive course gives you every sales and financial forecasting formula and modeling technique you need to analyze your operation both as a whole and by segment. You will be provided with proven techniques that help you evaluate proposals for profit potential, proven methods that improve the accuracy of your short- and long-term forecasting, analysis tools that help you better manage working capital, cash, and accounts receivable, plus much more. You also receive dozens of worked-out models and modeling techniques that simplify your most difficult business decisions, and are easy to adapt to any computer spreadsheet program. Uses materials entitled *Techniques of Financial Analysis, Modeling, and Forecasting* produced by Delta Publishing Company. Prerequisites: Basic Math, Statistics, and Accounting. Course level: Intermediate. Course #5710B/QAS5710B – **24** CPE hours.

# **LEARNING ASSIGNMENTS and OBJECTIVES**

As a result of studying each assignment, you should be able to meet the objectives listed below each individual assignment.

#### ASSIGNMENT SUBJECT

1 Break-Even and Contribution Margin Analysis Understanding and Applying the Time Value of Money Concept How to Assess Capital Expenditure Proposals for Strategic Decision Making

Study the materials from pages 1-1 to 3-14 Complete the review questions at the end of each chapter Answer the exam questions 1 to 20

#### **Objectives:**

- To define cost-volume-profit analysis, operating leverage, sales mix analysis, and contribution margin analysis
- To distinguish between the assumptions of present value and future value techniques
- To describe the types and special features of capital budgeting decisions

#### ASSIGNMENT SUBJECT

2 Analyzing Financial Statements for Financial Fitness Analyzing Quality of Earnings Analysis of Variance Analysis for Cost Control Analysis of Segmental Performance and Profit Variance

Study the materials from pages 4-1 to 7-11 Complete the review questions at the end of each chapter Answer the exam questions 21 to 51

#### **Objectives:**

- To explain what financial statement analysis is and why it is important
- To define the quality of a company's earnings
- To explain how to perform variance analysis and how to interpret the results
- To describe how to perform segmental reporting for profit centers

#### ASSIGNMENT SUBJECT

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Evaluating Divisional Performance Analyzing Working Capital Corporate Investments Obtaining Funds: Short-Term and Long-Term Financing Analyzing Mergers and Acquisitions

Study the materials from pages 8-1 to 12-12 Complete the review questions at the end of each chapter Answer the exam questions 52 to 95

#### **Objectives:**

- To be able to calculate the ROI and RI measures of performance
- To evaluate working capital
- To evaluate the quality of an existing portfolio and when and what securities to buy or sell
- To explain the various financing options available
- To define and explain mergers and acquisitions

#### ASSIGNMENT SUBJECT

4 Forecasting and Financial Planning Forecasting Methodology Forecasting with Regression and Markov Methods Financial Forecasting and Budgeting Tools Forecasting Cash Flows

Study the materials from pages 13-1 to 17-10 Complete the review questions at the end of each chapter Answer the exam questions 96 to 112

#### **Objectives:**

- To list and describe various forecasting methods
- To define and explain naïve models, smoothing techniques, and decomposition of time series
- To explain how to use the regression and Markov methods for forecasting
- To forecast external financing needs with the percent-of-sales method
- To explain the Markov and lagged regression approaches

#### ASSIGNMENT SUBJECT

5 How to Use Corporate Planning Models Financial Modeling for "What-if" Analysis Using Optimization Techniques to Build Optimal Budgets Using Spreadsheet and Financial Modeling Packages Using Management Games for Executive Training

Study the materials from pages 18-1 to 22-17 Complete the review questions at the end of each chapter Answer the exam questions 113 to 120

#### **Objectives:**

- To identify types of corporate planning models
- To apply and use financial models
- To explain how optimization techniques can help develop an optimal budget
- To use spreadsheet programs to perform financial forecasting and planning
- To describe how executive management games are used to instruct financial managers

#### ASSIGNMENT

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Complete the Answer Sheet and Course Evaluation and mail to PES for credit



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## FINANCIAL ANALYSIS, MODELING, AND FORECASTING TECHNIQUES (COURSE #5710B/QAS5710B) – FINAL EXAM

# The following questions are either true or false and/or multiple choice. Please indicate your choice on the enclosed Answer Sheet.

- The process of calculating the sales needed to cover your costs so that there is zero profit or loss is known as:
  - a) cash analysis
  - b) break-even analysis
  - c) operating leverage
  - d) sales mix
- 2. Among the guidelines for breaking even is:
  - a) an increase in selling price increases breakeven sales
  - b) an increase in variable costs increases break-even sales
  - c) an increase in fixed cost decreases breakeven sales
  - d) all of the above
- 3. Fixed costs are \$60,000 and variable costs are 40% of sales. Break-even sales equal:
  - a) \$150,000
  - b) \$100,000
  - c) \$80,000
  - d) \$50,000
- 4. To find the cash break-even point, the \_\_\_\_\_ charges must be subtracted from total fixed costs:
  - a) noncurrent
  - b) variable
  - c) noncash
  - d) administrative
- 5. Operating leverage is the degree to which fixed costs exist in your cost structure:
  - a) true
  - b) false
- 6. Fixed costs \_\_\_\_\_ the gain or loss from any fluctuation in sales:
  - a) magnify
  - b) reduce
  - c) do not affect
  - d) restrict

- 7. The contribution approach to pricing is most appropriate when:
  - a) there is idle capacity
  - b) there is a distressing operating situation where demand has fallen off
  - c) there is sharp competition
  - d) all of the above
- 8. Two or more products produced simultaneously from the same input by a joint process are called:
  - a) mixed products
  - b) joint products
  - c) sunk costs
  - d) sales mix
- 9. A(n) \_\_\_\_\_ is the factor that restricts or limits the production or sale of a given product:
  - a) constraining factor
  - b) variable factor
  - c) sunk cost
  - d) none of the above
- 10. A present value table is used if you want to determine the current amount of receiving future cash flows:
  - a) true
  - b) false
- 11. Which table should be used when you want to calculate the accumulated balance at the end of 15 years if you pay into a sinking fund \$20,000 at the end of each year for 15 years, where interest of 8 percent is compounded annually:
  - a) present value of \$1
  - b) future value of \$1
  - c) present value of an annuity of \$1
  - d) future value of an annuity of \$1

- 12. Which of the following is considered a scarce resource when estimating costs for a proposed project:
  - a) cash
  - b) machine hours
  - c) floor space in a factory
  - d) all of the above
- 13. The payback period refers to the length of time a project continues to produce a positive payback:
  - a) true
  - b) false
- 14. An initial investment of \$20,000 generates annual cash inflows of \$8,000. The payback period is:
  - a) 2.5 years
  - b) 2 years
  - c) .4 years
  - d) 3 years
- 15. Which of the following is an advantage of using the payback period method for evaluating an investment:
  - a) it is simple to compute
  - b) it recognizes the time value of money
  - c) it considers the impact of cash inflows received after the payback period
  - d) all of the above
- 16. The excess of the present value (PV) of cash inflows generated by a project over the amount of the initial investment (I) is the:
  - a) accounting rate of return
  - b) payback period
  - c) net present value
  - d) internal rate of return
- 17. The internal rate of return (IRR) is the:
  - a) hurdle rate
  - b) rate of interest for which the net present value is greater than 1.0
  - c) rate of interest for which the net present value is equal to zero
  - d) accounting rate of return

- 18. The profitability index has the advantage of putting all projects on the same relative basis regardless of size:
  - a) true
  - b) false
- 19. Conditions under which contradictory rankings can occur include all of the following <u>except</u>:
  - a) projects that have different life expectancies
  - b) projects that have different sizes of investment
  - c) projects whose cash flows differ over time
  - d) projects that have different managing departments
- 20. A graphical method of showing the sequence of possible outcomes is referred to as:
  - a) simulation
  - b) decision tree
  - c) sensitivity analysis
  - d) capital budgeting
- 21. The study of the relationships among a firm's financial numbers is:
  - a) capital budgeting
  - b) financial analysis
  - c) problem solving
  - d) risk analysis
- 22. \_\_\_\_\_ analysis indicates in which direction a company is headed:
  - a) trend
  - b) horizontal
  - c) vertical
  - d) ratio
- 23. The current ratio is a valuable indicator of a company's ability to collect its accounts receivables:
  - a) true
  - b) false

- 24. An increase in the current ratio while the quick ratio remains constant means a build up in:
  - a) cash
  - b) long-term debt
  - c) current liabilities
  - d) inventory
- 25. The formula for calculating accounts receivable turnover is:
  - a) accounts receivable / current assets
  - b) average net accounts receivable / one day's sales
  - c) net credit sales / average net accounts receivable
  - d) cost of goods sold / average inventory
- 26. Which of the following measures the time needed to turn cash into inventory, inventory into receivables, and receivables back into cash:
  - a) operating cycle
  - b) quick ratio
  - c) payout ratio
  - d) return on equity
- 27. The rate of return on net sales:
  - a) reveals the profit margin of the business
  - b) is calculated as net income / net sales
  - c) tells how much earnings are associated with each sales dollar
  - d) all of the above
- 28. When a company borrows at a lower rate to earn a higher rate, it is called:
  - a) leverage
  - b) appreciation
  - c) profitability
  - d) book value
- 29. The earnings per share is computed for:
  - a) common stock
  - b) nonredeemable preferred stock
  - c) redeemable preferred stock
  - d) common stock and fully diluted preferred stock

- 30. A high price-earnings ratio is generally favorable because it indicates that the investing public looks at the company in a positive light:
  - a) true
  - b) false
- 31. Which of the following is <u>not</u> a limitation of ratio analysis:
  - a) ratios can be distorted by differing accounting and operating practices
  - b) ratios are dynamic
  - c) ratios are based on historical data and do not consider inflation
  - d) ratios do not describe the quality of its components
- 32. Quality of earnings:
  - a) is absolute
  - b) is a comparison of the favorable and unfavorable characteristics of the net incomes of competing companies
  - c) considers qualitative factors but not quantitative factors
  - d) all of the above
- 33. Examples of income smoothing include all <u>except</u>:
  - a) future revenue reported in the current period
  - b) income transferred from good years to bad years
  - c) expenses shifted among years
  - d) increasing production during better economic conditions
- 34. Quality of earnings is improved when a company has a high degree of estimated expenses.
  - a) true
  - b) false
- 35. The greater the degree of subjective accounting estimates in the income measurement process, the greater the quality of earnings:
  - a) true
  - b) false

- 36. Which of the following can impact earnings quality:
  - a) deficient internal control
  - b) high auditor turnover rates
  - c) indication of a dishonest management
  - d) all of the above
- 37. Which of the following is <u>not</u> an advantage of responsibility accounting:
  - a) it facilitates delegation of decision making
  - b) it helps management promote the concept of management by objective
  - c) it erases all standards of performance
  - d) it permits effective use of the concept of management by exception
- 38. \_\_\_\_\_ is a key tool for measuring performance of a cost center:
  - a) variance analysis
  - b) ratio analysis
  - c) income statement analysis
  - d) balance sheet analysis
- 39. Responsibility accounting defines an operating center that is responsible for revenue and costs as a(n):
  - a) profit center
  - b) revenue center
  - c) division
  - d) operating unit
- 40. Which of the following is <u>not</u> a major purpose of variance analysis:
  - a) to determine what happened
  - b) to determine the causes
  - c) to ensure the same thing does not happen again
  - d) to be able to pass the responsibility for problems
- 41. A price variance and a quantity variance can be calculated for direct materials, direct labor and the variable portion of factory overhead:
  - a) true
  - b) false

- 42. A materials purchase price variance is:
  - a) computed based on the actual quantity used
  - b) the responsibility of the production department
  - c) isolated at the time of the purchase of the material
  - d) all of the above
- 43. Determine the material quantity variance using actual production of 100 units of output, 3 pieces allowed per unit, actual price of \$2 per piece, and standard price of \$3 per piece. Assume the company used 240 pieces of material:
  - a) \$180
  - b) \$120
  - c) \$100
  - d) \$60
- 44. Unfavorable labor rate variances can be explained by:
  - a) an increase in wages
  - b) poor supervision
  - c) employee unrest
  - d) all of the above
- 45. A flexible budget is characterized by:
  - a) being geared toward a range of activity
  - b) being dynamic in nature
  - c) both a and b above
  - d) none of the above
- 46. New performance measures tend to be nonfinancial and more subjective than standard costs:
  - a) true
  - b) false
- 47. The contribution approach is based on the thesis that:
  - a) fixed costs are much less controllable than variable costs
  - b) direct fixed costs and common fixed costs must be clearly distinguished
  - c) common fixed costs should be clearly identified as unallocated in the contribution income statement by segments
  - d) all of the above

- 48. The primary goal of profit variance analysis is:
  - a) to determine if embezzlement is occurring
  - b) to improve performance and profitability in the future
  - c) to delegate accounting responsibility
  - d) to improve internal controls
- 49. The cost price variance measures the impact on the firm's contribution margin of changes in the unit selling price:
  - a) true
  - b) false
- 50. How well a firm has done in terms of its overall sales volume is measured by the:
  - a) sales mix variance
  - b) sales quantity variance
  - c) sales volume variance
  - d) sales price variance
- 51. The performance report:
  - a) should be prepared for each responsibility center
  - b) focuses attention on situations in need of management action
  - c) increases the precision of planning and control of sales and costs
  - d) all of the above
- 52. Margin is a measure of profitability or operating efficiency:
  - a) true
  - b) false
- 53. To enhance ROI, a firm can:
  - a) improve margin only
  - b) improve turnover only
  - c) improve margin or turnover or both
  - d) none of the above
- 54. Residual income is:
  - a) an approach to measuring performance in an investment center
  - b) a specific rate of return
  - c) used to maximize the overall ROI figure
  - d) all of the above

- 55. A company's operating income is \$1,500,000, operating assets are \$5,000,000, sales are \$4,000,000, and the minimum rate of return is 10%. Residual income equals:
  - a) \$3,500,000
  - b) \$1,000,000
  - c) 80%
  - d) \$1,100,000
- 56. Improving economic value added (EVA) can be achieved by:
  - a) investing capital in high-performing projects
  - b) using less capital
  - c) increasing profits without using more capital
  - d) any of the above
- 57. Which of the following is <u>not</u> true when funds are transferred from fixed assets to current assets:
  - a) liquidity risk is reduced
  - b) greater ability to obtain short-term financing is enhanced
  - c) greater flexibility in adjusting current assets to meet changes in sales volume
  - d) increased return on investments
- 58. A lockbox provides a method to reduce delays due to:
  - a) mail float
  - b) processing float
  - c) deposit collection float
  - d) none of the above
- 59. Delaying cash payments can be achieved by:
  - a) centralizing payables
  - b) having zero balance accounts
  - c) paying by draft
  - d) all of the above
- 60. The factors taken into account in the Miller-Orr model are the fixed costs of a securities transaction, the daily interest rate on marketable securities, and the variance of daily net cash flows:
  - a) true
  - b) false

- 61. Methods to maximize profitability from accounts receivable and to keep losses to a minimum do <u>not</u> include:
  - a) cycle billing
  - b) factoring
  - c) delay billing until the customer can pay
  - d) evaluating the customers' financial health
- 62. The added profitability generated from giving credit to marginal customers is the:
  - a) contribution margin
  - b) gross margin
  - c) opportunity cost
  - d) sales obtained
- 63. At idle capacity, fixed costs remain constant:
  - a) true
  - b) false
- 64. Successful inventory management:
  - a) minimizes inventory
  - b) lowers cost
  - c) improves profitability
  - d) all of the above
- 65. If usage per month is 100 units, economic order quantity is 20, cost per order is \$35, and carrying cost per unit is \$12, the total order cost is:
  - a) \$60
  - b) \$175
  - c) \$1,200
  - d) \$3,500
- 66. The economic order quantity (EOQ) model assumes:
  - a) demand is known with certainty
  - b) discounts for quantity purchases are given
  - c) lead time is variable
  - d) none of the above
- 67. What is the reorder point (ROP) for a company that needs 3,200 units evenly throughout the year, when there are 50 working weeks in the year and the lead time is two weeks:
  - a) 32
  - b) 64
  - c) 128
  - d) 256

- 68. Indicators of riskiness in a portfolio include:
  - a) volatile securities
  - b) positively correlated securities
  - c) variability in rate of return
  - d) all of the above
- 69. Which of the following publishes cyclical indicators of economic activity:
  - a) Barron's
  - b) Federal Reserve Bulletin
  - c) Survey of Current Business
  - d) Business Conditions Digest
- 70. When comparing securities, the higher the coefficient of variation, the riskier the security:
  - a) true
  - b) false
- 71. Which of the following is <u>not</u> an advantage of owning common stock:
  - a) lower risk than preferred stock
  - b) voting rights
  - c) appreciation in stock price
  - d) receipt of dividends
- 72. A stock that does not have a track record of high earnings and dividends is referred to as:
  - a) income
  - b) growth
  - c) speculative
  - d) defensive
- 73. Warrants:
  - a) are frequently issued
  - b) carry voting rights
  - c) permit you to take part indirectly in price appreciation of common stock
  - d) all of the above
- 74. An option:
  - a) is debt
  - b) is equity
  - c) is an opportunity to take advantage of an expected change in the price of a security
  - d) offers a guaranteed return

- 75. A contract to buy or sell a specified amount of an item for a certain price by a given date is a(n):
  - a) option
  - b) straddle
  - c) spread
  - d) future
- 76. A stock-index future should be bought when it is believed there will be a bull market, but there is uncertainty as to which individual stock will increase:
  - a) true
  - b) false
- 77. Assume that the risk-free rate  $(r_f)$  is 8% and the expected return for the market  $(r_m)$  is 12%. If beta is 2.0, the required rate of return on a security is:
  - a) 8%
  - b) 10%
  - c) 12%
  - d) 16%
- 78. Which of the following is <u>not</u> an advantage of mutual funds:
  - a) diversification
  - b) performance materially better than market
  - c) easy record keeping
  - d) excellent management
- 79. \_\_\_\_\_ evaluates a stock by analyzing the company's financial statements:
  - a) fundamental analysis
  - b) technical analysis
  - c) environmental analysis
  - d) charting
- 80. A breadth measure looks at the activity of a narrower range of securities than does a market average:
  - a) true
  - b) false

- 81. In investment terminology, selling stock that you have borrowed is known as a:
  - a) margin sale
  - b) short sale
  - c) limit sale
  - d) stop-loss sale
- 82. Odd-lot trading is indicative of:
  - a) a bearish market
  - b) a bullish market
  - c) popular opinion
  - d) investor optimism
- 83. A support level is:
  - a) the upper end of a trading range
  - b) the lower end of a trading range
  - c) when a stock outperforms the market
  - d) when stock is sold for a loss
- 84. Which of the following should be considered when selecting a financing instrument:
  - a) cost
  - b) tax rate
  - c) flexibility
  - d) all of the above
- 85. The least expensive form of financing inventory is:
  - a) bank loans
  - b) trade credit
  - c) commercial finance loans
  - d) commercial paper
- 86. A continuing agreement for loans up to a specified amount is referred to as a line of credit.
  - a) true
  - b) false
- 87. Advantages of factoring include all of the following except:
  - a) low cost
  - b) immediate cash
  - c) reduction of overhead
  - d) strengthening of the company balance sheet

- 88. Short-term financing leaves the borrower more vulnerable to interest-rate swings:
  - a) true
  - b) false
- 89. A written agreement describing the features of a bond issue is a(n):
  - a) mortgage
  - b) indenture
  - c) option
  - d) future
- 90. When measuring the overall cost of capital, historical weights are based on:
  - a) a firm's existing capital structure
  - b) a firm's past capital structure
  - c) a firm's future capital structure
  - d) none of the above
- 91. A \_\_\_\_\_ occurs when two companies in a similar business combine:
  - a) vertical merger
  - b) horizontal merger
  - c) conglomerate merger
  - d) holding company
- 92. Which of the following is <u>not</u> an advantage of a merger:
  - a) aids in diversification
  - b) achieves a synergistic effect
  - c) government antitrust support
  - d) provides a missed attribute
- 93. The more a company's growth rate and earnings, the less is the impact of dividends on market price of the stock:
  - a) true
  - b) false
- 94. A merger can have:
  - a) a positive effect on net income
  - b) a negative effect on market price per share of common stock
  - c) a positive effect on market price per share of common stock
  - d) any of the above

- 95. The purpose of a holding company is:
  - a) to create competition
  - b) to own stock of other businesses
  - c) to fund start-up companies
  - d) to gain market share
- 96. Marketing managers use sales forecasts to do all of the following <u>except</u>:
  - a) order materials
  - b) optimal sales force allocations
  - c) set sales goals
  - d) plan promotions and advertising
- 97. Qualitative approaches to forecasting are never superior to quantitative approaches:
  - a) true
  - b) false
- 98. Which of the following is a sales forecasting technique:
  - a) linear programming
  - b) Delphi method
  - c) Queuing Theory
  - d) economic order quantity (EOQ)
- 99. The Delphi method of forecasting:
  - a) is effective for long-range forecasting
  - b) takes advantage of group think
  - c) results in the answer being reached by consensus
  - d) all of the above

100. Naïve forecasting models:

- a) are based on statistical analysis
- b) are inexpensive to develop
- c) consider possible causal relationships that underlie the forecasted vehicle
- d) all of the above
- 101. An advantage of exponential smoothing as a forecasting method is that it considers economic factors such as market conditions and prices.
  - a) true
  - b) false

- 102. The letter y in the standard regression equation of y = a + bx is best described as the:
  - a) dependent variable
  - b) independent variable
  - c) variable cost coefficient
  - d) constant coefficient
- 103. Trend analysis is a special type of:
  - a) simple regression
  - b) multiple regression
  - c) the least-squares method
  - d) naïve forecasting
- 104. \_\_\_\_\_ shows the significance of each explanatory variable in predicting the dependent variable:
  - a) multi-collinearity
  - b) F-statistic
  - c) t-statistic
  - d) autocorrelation
- 105. Two commonly used measures for summarizing historical errors are the mean absolute deviation and the mean squared error.
  - a) true
  - b) false
- 106. A forecasting model based on learned behavior is the:
  - a) least-squares method
  - b) regression analysis
  - c) autocorrelation
  - d) Markov model
- 107. The financial budget includes the:
  - a) cash budget
  - b) sales budget
  - c) production budget
  - d) all of the above
- 108. The starting point for preparing the master budget is the:
  - a) sales budget
  - b) cash budget
  - c) production budget
  - d) selling and administrative expense budget

- 109. The budgeted income statement summarizes the various component projections of revenue and expenses for the budgeting period.
  - a) true
  - b) false

110. Zero-Base Budgeting (ZBB) is:

- a) most applicable in planning direct manufacturing expenses
- b) best suited to operations and programs over which management has some discretion
- c) both a and b above
- d) none of the above
- 111. A CPA's involvement with prospective financial statements may be in the form of all of the following <u>except</u> a(n):
  - a) agreed-upon procedures
  - b) audit
  - c) compilation
  - d) examination
- 112. Which of the following is <u>not</u> among the advantages of lagged regression over the Markov model when it comes to projecting cash flows:
  - a) it requires a lot of data
  - b) it is inexpensive
  - c) there is no need to forecast future credit sales
  - d) it allows for statistical inferences
- 113. Simulation models are intended to identify the best decision, given specific constraints:
  - a) true
  - b) false
- 114. Optimization models use the following techniques except:
  - a) linear programming
  - b) risk analysis
  - c) goal programming
  - d) integer programming

- 115. A financial model is a system of equations that describes the relationship among financial and operating variables.
  - a) true
  - b) false
- 116. \_\_\_\_\_ is a mathematical technique for finding an optimal resource allocation plan:
  - a) econometric modeling
  - b) exponential smoothing
  - c) linear programming
  - d) none of the above
- 117. In goal programming, the objective function may consist of multiple, incommensurable, and conflicting goals.
  - a) true
  - b) false

118. The Z-score model can be used:

- a) to predict the likelihood of future bankruptcy
- b) to identify problems with a merger candidate
- c) to assess whether a company will continue as a going concern
- d) all of the above

#### 119. Functional games:

- a) cover all functional areas of business
- b) are designed to train general executives
- c) focus on middle management decisions
- d) all of the above
- 120. Executive games are most useful to individuals seeking expanded business background.
  - a) true
  - b) false

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