

The University of Colorado at Boulder
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**9th Annual Accessing Higher Ground:
Accessible Media, Web, and Technology Conference**
November 7–10, 2006

Over 45 Sessions Including Lectures and Hands-on Labs

During the four days of this year's **Accessing Higher Ground (AHG) Conference**, over 45 sessions, including hands-on labs and lectures, will be offered on the availability and benefits of accessible media and assistive technology in the university and business settings. The preconference will include two days of hands-on workshops and lecture sessions. All events will take place at the Millennium Harvest House in Boulder, Colorado.

Who Should Attend?

This conference is intended for individuals who need to design or provide accessible Web, media, information resources, and technology in the academic or business environment. In the past, audiences have included web designers, assistive technologists, persons with disabilities, disability specialists, faculty, media specialists, and programmers interested in accessibility.

Special Sessions

EASI (Equal Access to Software and Information) will present a track of sessions on accessible course content, e-learning, and other related topics. See the enclosed agenda for specific titles.

The AHEAD Institute on E-Text Production

AHEAD (the Association on Higher Education and Disability) will sponsor a unique one-and-a-half-day institute on best practices in creating electronic text and working with publishers of academic materials. The presenters will provide “hands on” training on the creation of e-text from print material. In addition, the institute will present issues related to the use of e-text and best practices, and explore ways to work with publishers regarding copyright and security issues. The training will address the needs of both administrators and practitioners.

WebAIM will conduct a full-day, hands-on preconference workshop on Web accessibility, titled *Web Accessibility Evaluation and Repair Methods*. WebAIM will also present a lab and lecture on Web accessibility during the main conference.

ATHEN (Access Technologists Higher Education Network) will present a track on topics ranging from science and math accessibility to DAISY format to accessible computer labs.

CSUN's FasTrax AT Applications Certificate Program (ATACP)

In partnership with CSUN (California State University, Northridge), AHG will host the ATACP (**Assistive Technology Applications Certificate Program**). Registration for this event alone or in tandem with the AHG main conference must be done at www.csun.edu/codtraining. *Attendees who register for both the AHG main conference (November 9 and 10) and ATACP (November 7 and 8) will receive a 10 percent discount on both events.*

Keynote Luncheon Speaker: Kevin Kling, Humorist and Playwright

Kevin Kling built his reputation in the Twin Cities during the 1990s with his groundbreaking plays *21A* and *Fear and Loving in Minneapolis*. He toured across the United States in the early 1990s with his one-man show *Home and Away*. He took his most recent one-man show, *Freezing Paradise*, on the road across the Midwest and for a run last fall at the Guthrie Lab. While his writing and performing continue unabated, he has also become well known for his regular storytelling contributions to NPR's *All Things Considered*.

Plenary Luncheon Speaker: Michael Chorost, Freelance Science Writer, Speaker

Michael Chorost is a nationally known authority on bionic bodies, transhumanism, and cybertheory. His memoir of going completely deaf and getting his hearing back with a cochlear implant, *Rebuilt: How Becoming Part Computer Made Me More Human*, was published in June 2005.

Preconference

Tuesday, November 7, 2006

11:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Check In/Info

1:00 p.m.–4:30 p.m. Workshops

A. Lab: *Legacy Web Pages: Converting from HTML to XHTML*, Jill Lenz, CSU

B. Lab: *Creating Accessible PDF Documents*, Karen McCall, Karlen Communications

C. Lecture: *The AHEAD Institute on E-Text Production*, Ron Stewart, Dolphin, and Gaeir Dietrich, HTCTU

Wednesday, November 8, 2006

8:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Check In/Info

9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Workshops

D. Lecture: *A Fresh Way to Introduce Web Accessibility to Web Developers: A Train-the-Trainer Session*, Cath Stager-Kilcommons and Craig Spooner, CSU

E. Lab: *The AHEAD Institute on E-Text Production*, Ron Stewart, Dolphin, and Gaeir Dietrich, HTCTU

F. Lab: *Web Accessibility Evaluation and Repair Methods*, Jon Whiting and Jared Smith, WebAIM

12:00 p.m.–1:30 p.m. Lunch (on your own)

1:30 p.m.–4:30 p.m. Workshops (continued)

D. Lecture: *Everything DAISY: Sorting Through the Authoring Tools*, Karen McCall, Karlen Communications

E. Lab: *The AHEAD Institute on E-Text Production . . .* (cont'd from a.m.)

F. Lab: *Web Accessibility Evaluation . . .* (cont'd from a.m.)



Main Conference Schedule

Thursday, November 9, 2006

7:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Check In/Info

8:00 a.m.–11:30 a.m. Breakout Sessions

8:00 a.m.–9:00 a.m.

Audio Description: The Visual Made Verbal, Joel Snyder, Director, Described Media, National Captioning Institute (ends at 10:00)

A Foot on Each Platform: Supporting Students Using Macs on a Windows Campus, Shawn Foster, Auburn University

Test Your Favorite Web Page with Firefox and WAVE: An Introduction to Web Accessibility, Cath Stager, Kilcommons

Increasing Participation of People with Disabilities in the Research Process Through the Use of E-mail and Internet Technologies, Brenda J. Lightfoot, University of Texas at Austin

[EASI] *Beyond HTML: Accessible Enhancements to Online Courses*, Robert Todd, Georgia Tech

9:15 a.m.–10:15 a.m.

[EASI] *Digital Talking Books for Math and Science*, Dave Schlappenbach, gh, LLC

9:15 a.m.–11:15 a.m.

Section 504, Title II, and Disabilities of Students at the Post-Secondary Level, Jim Long, Department of Education, OCR

Next Generation Tools for Creating and Evaluating Functional Web Accessibility, Jon Gunderson and Hadi Bargi Rangin, UIUC

Lab: *Creating Accessible PDF Forms using Adobe Acrobat Professional*, Sean Keegan, HTCTU

10:00 a.m. Exhibit Hall Opens

10:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m.

[EASI] *Podcasts and Students With Disabilities in E-learning*, Norm Coombs and Dick Banks, EASI

Math OCR Used for Tactile Graphics, Dan Comden, University of Washington

11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Visit Exhibit Hall

12:30 p.m.–2:00 p.m. Keynote Luncheon–Kevin Kling

2:15 p.m.–3:15 p.m. Breakout Sessions

Effective Practices for Describing STEM Images in Digital Talking Books, Bryan Gould, NCAM

Lab: *Web Accessibility Evaluation Tools and Techniques*, Jon Whiting and Jared Smith, WebAIM

Supporting Reading and Writing with WYNN for the Adult Dyslexic Student, Elaine Huot, Success Streaming Learning

Accessibility of Remote Access to Computing—Virtual Computing Labs at NC State, Saroj Primlani, NC State

Tips and Tricks for Accessible CSS, Vijay Patel and Steve Bailey, CU-Boulder

3:30 p.m.–4:30 p.m.

Nimas 101: The Basics of the New Accessible Digital Textbook Standard, Janice Carter, Benetech

[ATHEN] *Computer Access on Campus: Separate, Equal or Hybrid?* Alice Anderson and Henry Huang

Weaving Web Accessibility into an Organization, Cynthia York and Janine Harig, Johns Hopkins

[EASI] *Supporting E-learning With Accessible, Synchronous Web Conferencing*, George Buys, Talking Communities

4:30 p.m.–6:30 p.m. Exhibit Hall Reception

Refreshments Served

Evening Film Screening (Time TBA), ATLAS Building on campus, *Sound and Fury*

Friday, November 10, 2006

7:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Check In/Info

8:00 a.m.–12:15 p.m. Breakout Sessions

8:00 a.m.–9:00 a.m.

Introduction to Microsoft OneNote, Karen McCall, Karlen Communications

[EASI] *Using the Tablet PC to Communicate Graphs to Students with Visual Impairments*, Robert Cohen and Valerie Claire Haven, University of Massachusetts at Boston

Improving Web Usability with Good Design Techniques and CSS, Trace Donald, Auburn University

8:00 a.m.–10:15 a.m.

Lab: *Got Small Files? When Smaller is Better*, Jill Lenz, CSU

[ATHEN] *Geeklopedia: From Blog to Wiki—A Primer on Tech Terminology (v 2.0)*, Daniel Berkowitz, Boston University

9:00 a.m. Exhibit Hall Opens

9:15 a.m.–10:15 a.m.

[ATHEN] *Update on Automated Tactile Graphics*, Dan Comden, University of Washington

[EASI] *Designing Accessible Online Course Content*, Norm Coombs and Dick Banks, EASI

Research on Accessibility of Higher Education Websites, Terry Thompson, AccessIT and Sheryl Burgstahler, DO-IT

10:15 a.m.–11:15 a.m. Exhibit Hall Break

Smoothies / Snacks in Exhibit Hall

11:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

User-Centered Design Approach to Web Pages, Jill Lenz, CSU

Unobtrusive Javascript. DOM scripting. Huh? Vijay Patel, CU-Boulder

[EASI] *Evaluating Online Admissions Application Systems for Accessibility and Usability*, Sharon Trerise, Cornell University

ACCESS to Postsecondary Education through Universal Design for Learning, Marla Roll, CSU

CSS/DHTML/AJAX Accessibility, Jon Whiting and Jared Smith, WebAIM

12:00 noon Exhibit Hall Closes

12:15 p.m.–1:45 p.m. Plenary Luncheon—Michael Chorost

2:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m. Breakout Sessions

Accessibility Consortiums: A New Approach to Resolve IT Accessibility Issues, Jon Gunderson and Hadi Bargi Rangin, UIUC

Creating a Campus AT Lab Using Principles of Universal Design, Gerri Wolfe, PhD, Matoya Jones, and Kevin Karneboe, University of Georgia

New IBM Technologies Benefiting Higher Education, Phill Jenkins, IBM

[ATHEN] *E-Text and DAISY Training at Boston University*, Daniel Berkowitz, Boston University

[EASI] *Accessible Online PowerPoint and Alternatives*, Terry Thompson, AccessIT

3:15 p.m.–4:15 p.m.

[EASI] *eCollege's Approach to an Accessible CMS*, Sarah Bradford, eCollege

[ATHEN] *Messing With Math and Sleeping With Science: The Road to Higher Education Access*, Pratik Patel

eLearning Problems and Solutions: An Empirical Study of Canadian Postsecondary Students with Disabilities, Campus Based Disability Service Providers, Faculty, and eLearning Specialists, Catherine Fichten, Jennison V. Asuncion, et al., Dawson College

Cross-Media Publishing: PDF, HTML, and Print: The Accessibility Implications, Greg Pisocky, Adobe Systems

Exhibit Hall

The Exhibit Hall will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Thursday and from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on Friday. A special Exhibit Hall reception will take place on Thursday, November 9, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. A smoothie / snack break will be held on Friday, 10:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.

Film Screening

A screening of *Sound and Fury* will be on Thursday evening at the ATLAS Building on the CU campus. The director may introduce the film and answer questions following the film. (Pick up tickets from the information desk).

More Information

Questions about registration: CU Conference Services, 303-492-5151, confreg@housing.colorado.edu.

Questions about program: Howard Kramer, 303-492-8672, hkramer@colorado.edu.

Website: www.colorado.edu/ATconference

Visit the above web site for more information on workshops and speakers. Additional registration forms can also be printed from this site. Online registration and payment will be available in August at the web site above.

Location

All conference sessions and activities listed in this packet will take place at the Millennium Harvest House, 1345 28th Street in Boulder. Some extra-conference activities, such as film showings and other talks by the keynote speaker, may take place on campus.

Accommodations

Millennium Harvest House Boulder
www.millenniumhotels.com/boulder

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Millennium Harvest House November 6–10, 2006. The conference room rate is \$94 for a single or double room and includes a buffet breakfast. You must mention that you are requesting a room for the CU Accessing Higher Ground Conference in order to receive the discounted room rate. Contact the Millennium directly for reservations at 800-545-6285, 303-443-3850, or at the URL above. The deadline for the guaranteed conference rate is October 5, 2006.

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We wish to thank the following co-sponsors for supporting this conference:

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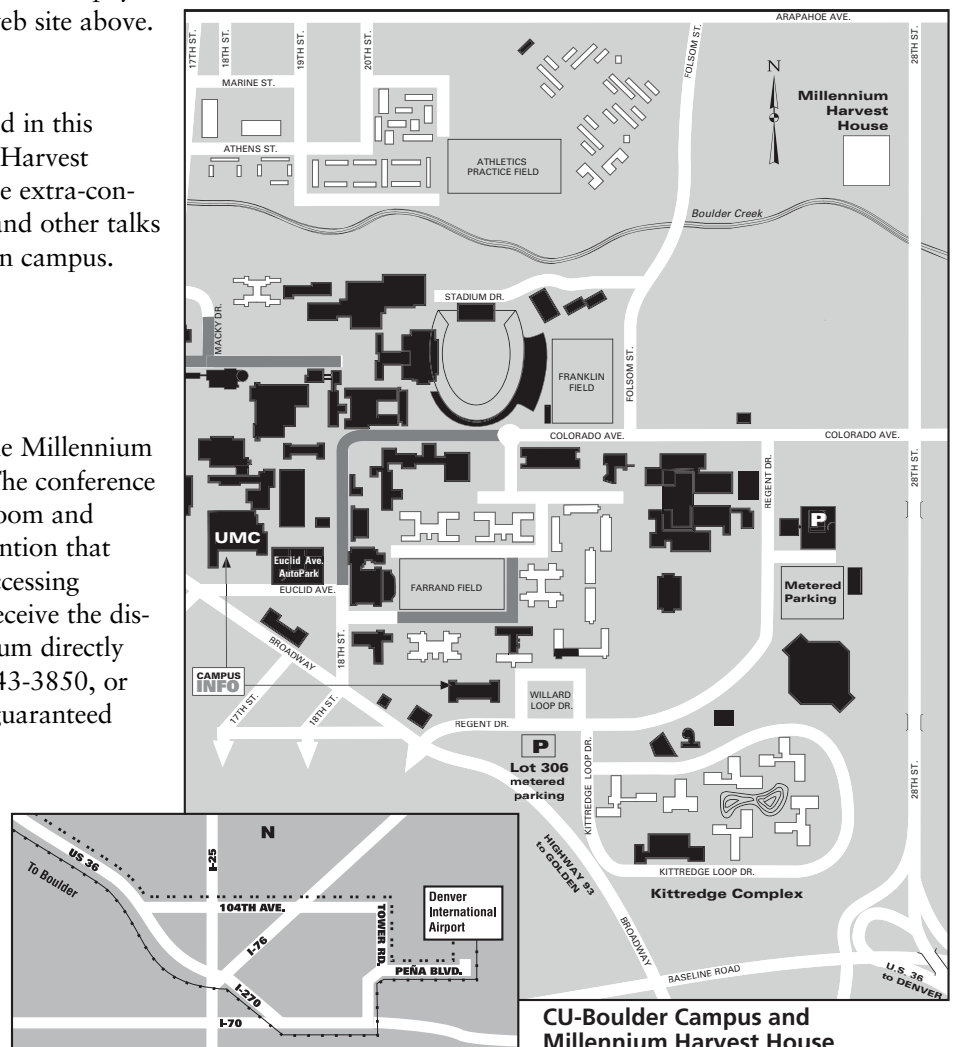
The Colorado/Wyoming Consortium of Support Programs for Students with Disabilities

IT Council, CU-Boulder

Program Accessibility Committee, CU-Boulder

Office of Diversity and Equity, CU-Boulder

If you have already registered, please give this packet to a colleague. Thank you for your continued support and we hope to see you at this year's conference.



Participant Registration Form-AGH 2006

Register by October 1 to save on registration fees.

First Name _____ Last Name _____
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Make checks payable to the University of Colorado. No refunds after October 15, 2006

	By Oct. 1	Amount After Oct. 1	Enclosed
Preconference (Nov. 8-9) Tues., 1:00-4:30 p.m. workshops Wed., 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. workshops	\$110 \$215	\$130 \$250	
Main Conference (Nov. 9-10) All general workshops, keynote, and plenary luncheons	\$290	\$340	
Pre- and Main Conference Tues.-Fri., Nov. 7-10 Wed.-Fri., Nov. 8-10	\$520 \$440	\$600 \$500	
One-day Conference fee Thurs., Nov. 9 only (includes luncheon) Fri., Nov. 10 only (includes luncheon)	\$225 \$215	\$260 \$250	
Athen Professional Membership*	\$50	\$50	
DVD Audio Recording of Conference Sessions **	\$40	\$40	
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* For more information on ATHEN membership and its benefits, see the web site at www.athenpro.org/member
 ** Not all sessions are recorded. The cost of the DVD at the conference will be \$90.

Method of Payment

Check or money order enclosed Charge by credit card (circle one below)
 MasterCard Visa American Express Discover Diner's Club

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Tuesday Preconference Workshop Choice: (1:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m.) *Check one*

- A. Lab: Legacy Web Pages: Converting HTML to XHTML
- B. Lab: Creating Accessible PDF Documents
- C. Lecture: The AHEAD Institute on E-Text Production: Managing an E-Text Production Initiative for Your Campus

Wednesday, Nov. 8 (9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.) *Check one*

- D. Lecture: A Fresh Way to Introduce Web Accessibility to Web Developers: A Train-the-Trainer Session (a.m.)
Lecture: Everything DAISY: Sorting Through the Authoring Tools (p.m.)
- E. Lab: The AHEAD Institute on E-Text Production: Managing an E-Text Production Initiative for Your Campus
- F. Lab: Web Accessibility Evaluation and Repair Methods

Accommodation and Transportation Needs

Interpreter needed:

- Oral Sign Language Tactile

Alternate format and communications:

- Braille Large Print Disk (ASCII) Assistive Listening Device

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- Accessible parking space

If you need wheelchair accessible transportation, contact Special Transit (303-447-9636) at least one week prior to your arrival.

Other accommodations _____

Meal Information

The conference includes a keynote luncheon on Thursday and a plenary luncheon on Friday. Hors d'oeuvres will be served during the Thursday evening Vendor Hall reception. Coffee, tea, and beverages will be provided on all days. Smoothies will be served at the Friday morning break.

3 Easy Ways to Register

By fax: Complete and fax enrollment to 1-303-492-5959
 By mail: Complete and use this form as a postage-paid mailer
 By Web: www.colorado.edu/AT conference

Returning This Registration

This form is designed to be used as a postage-paid mailer. Fold this page along the center line and secure with tape on all three open edges.

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Remember to enclose your credit card information or check, payable to the University of Colorado, with your registration.

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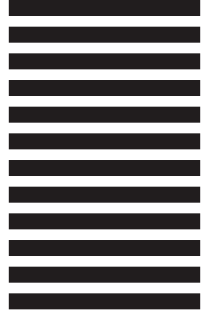


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Registration Hours

The conference check in and information desk at the Millennium Harvest House will be open as follows:

Tuesday, November 7—11:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday—8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Thursday—7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Friday—7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Shuttle Service from Denver International Airport (DIA) to Millennium Harvest House

Shuttle service is available to and from DIA via the Super Shuttle Boulder for \$20 each way (current rate as of 7/17/06). The shuttle, which leaves hourly between 6:10 a.m. and 12:10 a.m. from the west side of DIA, does not require a reservation from the airport. The shuttle leaves hourly from the Millennium between 3:45 a.m. and 10:45 p.m. Reservations are required. Call Super Shuttle at 303-227-0000 to make reservations or for more information.

Directions from DIA to Millennium Harvest House

(1345 28th Street): From DIA, follow Peña Boulevard for 10 miles. Exit onto I-70 West. I-270 merges onto U.S. 36 West. Follow 36 West for approximately 23 miles into Boulder. U.S. 36 West will turn into 28th Street in Boulder. The Millennium Harvest House is on the left after the intersection of 28th St. and Colorado Boulevard (the east entrance to CU) and just before Arapahoe Avenue.

More About the Millennium

Located along the banks of Boulder Creek and overlooking the unique beauty of the Rocky Mountains, the hotel sits gracefully on 16 beautifully landscaped acres. The Boulder Creek path, located directly behind the hotel, is a popular 13-mile scenic jogging, walking, and biking path. With its regional Colorado decor, the Millennium Harvest House is located just 100 yards from the University of Colorado and 40 minutes from Denver International Airport.

Registration Fee

The main conference registration fee of \$290 includes the general sessions, the keynote and plenary luncheons, and refreshments.

Package Rates

The registration form offers the chance to register for one or both days of the preconference workshop in conjunction with the main conference at a discounted rate. Please see the registration form for the applicable fee.

Registration Deadlines

For early registration rates, complete the registration form online or fax or mail the form by October 1, 2006.

Late registration fees will apply to forms postmarked after October 1. Please make checks payable to the University of Colorado. Additional information will be sent with your registration confirmation.

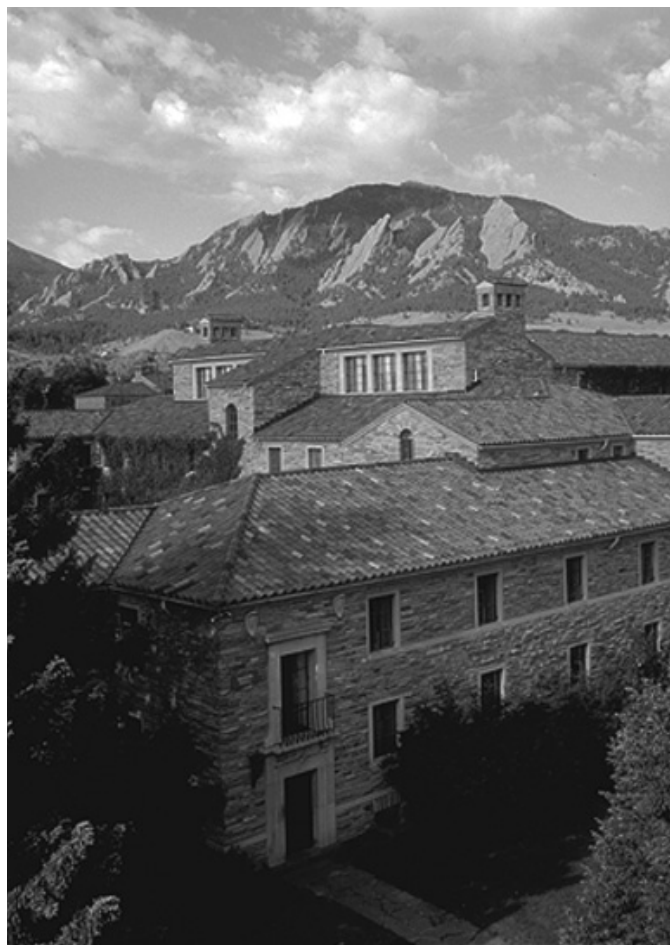
The registration link will be closed on November 1. After November 1, you must register on site. The University of Colorado does not accept purchase orders. Final payment must be made before or at on-site registration. If we have no record of payment at registration, we will require payment at that time. We cannot bill for registration fees.

Refund Policy

Full refunds will be given if a written request for cancellation is received by October 15. No refunds will be made after that date. Requests may be e-mailed to confreg@housing.colorado.edu or faxed to 303-492-5959. Refund requests will not be accepted on the telephone.

Further Information

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