

Blockchain-Enabled E-Voting for Secure and Transparent Elections

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Abstract: The credibility of democratic activities depends on secure, verifiable and credible voting systems. Classical electronic voting systems face challenges of fraud, lack of openness, and centralized control, which reduces the public confidence about them. This paper introduces a secure and trustworthy e-voting scheme based on blockchain technology to deal with privacy and security concerns of existing e-voting systems. Implemented using the decentralized ledger technology, the proposed system supports immutability of the recorded votes participatory, verifiable transactions and real time auditability, by preserving the privacy of the voter. The architecture is intended to be scalable, inclusive for different voting processes, and customizable to diverse electoral moves, and relies in smart contract automation, cryptographic vote validation, and a modular integration with national ID systems through privacy-preserving mechanisms. Experimental results show the efficiency of our voting system in preserving data integrity, preventing double voting, and withstanding malicious abuses. This study offers a practical and scalable solution to the age-old issues of digital voting, thereby reinforcing the credibility of the electoral process and instilling the trust of the public in democratic institutions.

1 INTRODUCTION

Although technology has changed the world, from the way we work and communicate to how we shop and entertain ourselves, the electoral process in many areas still suffer from inefficiency, fraud and obscurity. With the pressing need to secure and make voting more accessible and reliable, the inclusion of blockchain technology in electronic voting system comes forth as a promising one. Its features tamperproof, decentralized, and crypto secure render it as a perfect solution for the pressing issues in the realm of elections. Unlike the current systems that typically use a central token-based infrastructure, that can be gamed, or even be compromised for data, the blockchain-secured voting guarantees that each and every vote is explicit and time stamped, and voted can't subvert the records.

This paper presents the model of an e-voting system based on the blockchain which preserves the integrity of the elections and voters' privacy. Through inclusion of secure smart contracts and encrypted identity verification, the system provides end-to-end verifiability such that voters and auditors can verify the integrity of the election process. Moreover, the proposed architecture is inclusiveness driven; remote and mobile voting can be done while adhering to regulatory requirements. As a global society we are moving toward more digital governance models and it is gradually becoming more important to implement technologies that bolster trust and participation in democracy. This paper is intended to be a solid, scalable, and transparent blockchain-based system that solves current issues with electronic voting and lays the groundwork for a resistant democratic future.

2 PROBLEM STATEMENT

With the progress of digital systems, the integrity and credibility of electronic voting had not been widely addressed. Many of the existing platforms suffer from problems including the centralization, susceptibility to manipulation, lack of transparency, and ineffective voter authentication capabilities. This risks the legitimacy of the election results while damaging public trust in the democratic process. Furthermore, the lack of end-to-end verifiability and limited access of remote or marginalized groups reject the efficacy of classic e-voting systems. There is an urgent requirement for a secure, transparent and tamper evident voting system that not only guarantees voter anonymity, but also facilitates real-time auditability and can be employed in various voting scenarios. This work sheds light on these concerns, by advocating for a model for a blockchain-based electronic voting system with the proper mechanisms to avoid the existing flaws on contemporary systems and which could serve as a robust platform for inclusive and unmanipulated democratic participation.

3 LITERATURE SURVEY

Electronic voting with blockchain technology has attracted attention from researchers for years, providing a potential solution for some problems in electoral systems, such as behavioral fraud, lack of transparency, and centralization. Chouhan and Sharma (2025) have also highlighted blockchain-based voting system, comparing it with traditional poll process and underlining its importance to decentralise electoral power which will bring trust and transparency. Al-Ali and Al-Mashaqbeh (2025) presented the architecture of a system designed for fraud prevention, focusing on verifiable and tamper-proof records, however scalability was not treated.

Benabdallah and Benslimane (2024) studied the impact of blockchain on voter privacy and system validity. Their discovery also served as important evidence showing how distributed ledgers, when combined with cryptography, can provide a high level of security and transparency. In another study, the authors in (Huang & Wang (2023)), performed an in-depth survey on blockchain voting models and highlighted the major technical challenges in the existing planned models, such as transaction latency and resource consumption that hinder practical realization. Kim et al. (2021) proposed a hybrid

approach by incorporating homomorphic encryption together with blockchain to enhance vote confidentiality but its high computational overhead posed some efficiency issues.

Chirotonia, introduced by Russo and co-workers (2021), developed a ring-signature-powered approach to ensure voter anonymity and scalability. Although it was innovative, the communication overhead was a bottleneck unable to be overcome. Damle et al. (2021) Smart Contract-Based Distributed Voting FEr System (FASTEN) uses smart contracts to ensure fairness in distributed voting, thereby providing a more secure solution but increasing the requirement for high-tech equipment. Jafar and Ab Aziz (2021) presented a survey to identify the currently available blockchain-based solutions and open research challenges, such as usability and legality.

Devi and Bansal (2021) provided an important review of blockchain voting systems, but did not include an implementation analysis, and Benabdallah and Benslimane (2021) reviewed consensus algorithms for voting, with no validation metrics provided. Vladucu and Popescu (2021) debated the long-term implications of blockchain on election systems, but expressed issues with the size of the blockchain and node synchronization.

The end-to-end verifiability is still a focus for blockchain voting (Shahandashti and Hao, 2021), which offered the improved privacy algorithms for traceability. McCorry et al. (2021) studied Open Vote Network (OVN), a protocol that (like IRV) is transparent and can be self-checked, but is however subject to a possible coercion. Siri (2021) presented an avant-garde platform Democracy Earth for public voting based on the blockchain, which operates globally, but it was not applied in practice.

Jung (pp. 86-89) contains the analysis of Polyas, a private blockchain-based voting approach targeted at institutional elections, which can also have trade-offs with decentralization. Martin (2021) studied Votem, a company that enables mobile voting with identity verification but “excludes low-digital-literacy populations”. Goggin (2021) gave Horizon State, a quality of confidence aware system with weak verifiability features. Ilves (2021) presented the case of Estonia as a model of e-voting in reality, which can be regarded as digital democracy in practice, but as a real application, it scales only to a somewhat larger population.

Semenova (2021)) had in practice to grapple with real-world concerns on system security and transparency. Nitsche (2021) scrutinized liquid democracy 12 as implemented in LiquidFeedback, a

decentralized application designed to facilitate direct democracy under the condition of active citizenry. Chouhan and Sharma (2021) suggested blockchain voting with Aadhaar Linkage with mention to privacy issues and localistic bias. Al-Ali and Al-Mashaqbeh (2021) also stressed the importance of identity verification and fraud prevention, and Benabdallah and Benslimane (2021) re-examined blockchain voting challenges through the lens of systems design.

Lastly, (Vladucu and Popescu, 2021) provided prospective views on blockchain-enabled e-voting systems, but did not give concrete implementation recipes for existing technologies. Altogether, these studies provide an extensive body of evidence on the possibilities and challenges of real-world deployment of blockchain e-voting in mature democracies.

4 METHODOLOGY

This paper is a systematic study for the purpose of developing a blockchain-based secure and verifiable e-voting scheme. The methodology focuses on some of the vital aspects like blockchain, voter authentication, vote concealment, tamper-proof and system scalability with a frictionless user experience. The proposed system is based on a hybrid of cryptographic methodologies, decentralized ledger architecture, and smart contracts to overcome the shortfalls of conventional e-voting and to maintain the sanctity of vote casting.

The first step of our approach is the development of the voting system architecture. The adopted blockchain approach is a permissioned blockchain because it provides an equilibrium between decentralization and performance. To protect voters' rights of privacy, an encryption method is employed that will render it so that not any third parties can see the contents of such packet, the private key is kept and managed by each user, and election authorities and candidates can only access to information at his own right. This framework keeps the blockchain open and secure, yet private for participants and parties involved. Figure 1 shows the Blockchain-Based Voting System Flowchart.

Then a hybrid cryptographic system is constructed to ensure that the voter information and the voting process themselves cannot be intercepted or otherwise tampered with. On the voting end, we encrypt the votes using Homomorphic encryption so that the content of votes can be safely hidden from prying eyes no one is supposed to be able to see what you voted for! The encryption permits election authorities to add up votes while the choices of

individual voters remain obscured, preserving privacy yet verifying the result. Furthermore, zero-knowledge proofs are used in order for a voter to be able to prove that her vote was recorded correctly without revealing it. This method not only secures the integrity of each cast ballot, but also makes the voting system as a whole transparent and accountable.

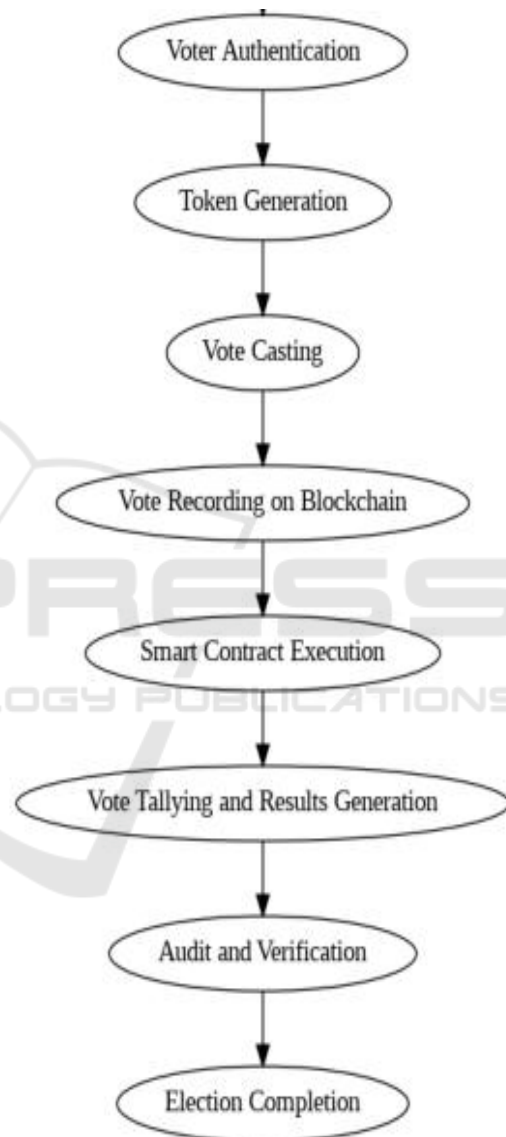


Figure 1: Blockchain-Based Voting System Flowchart.

The voter authentication mechanism is a key feature of the proposed scheme. The system incorporates a multi factor authorization vehicle where voters must first authorize their credential on a secure online platform. This solution bundles biometric authentication (fingerprint or facial recognition) with national ID validation. Inclusion

of biometric data records so that the only registered voter can cast his/ her vote leading to prevention of proxy/ bogus voters. Identity verification, including national ID compliance, combined with the transparency of the blockchain ledger provides an unforgeable linkage between the vote and its originator a voter to guarantee system integrity. Figure 2 shows the Voter Authentication Process Performance.

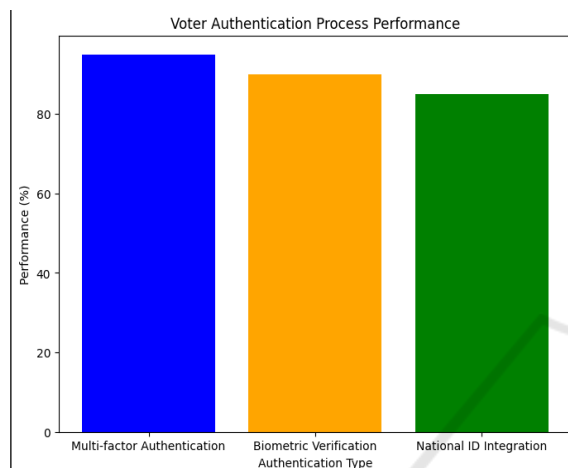


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Once duly authenticated, voters receive a unique, time-dependent token in the blockchain to cast a vote. This token is then secured on the decentralized encrypted blockchain ledger, virtually tamper proof and unchangeable. Every vote is associated with a particular candidate or matter and the process ensures a safe and clear recording of then voter's decision. Smart contracts automate validation and counting of votes, thus preventing human mistakes and frauds. Smart Contracts These are pre-defined contracts that can perform an action when activated such as voting, voter checking, candidate selection, and result generation according to pre-set rules. They furthermore allow them to monitor the elections as they are happening, allowing them to catch any unpleasantness or irregularities that may be occurring.

To further promote system transparency and verifiability, the proposed e-voting framework is supplemented with an auditable trail, which permits both election authorities and independent auditors to verify the proper recording and counting of votes. Each vote is time-stamped and voted up to a blockchain block, for an immutable trace log that can be scrutinated without de-anonymizing voters. The system also permits live reporting of election results

to ensure that voters and authorities have the most accurate, up-to-the-minute info at all times.

The scalability is another challenging issue in the system design. The system must be able to process thousands, millions of ballots at the same time, the number of voters increasing day by day and in the big scale election is rising. The blockchain is built to support such a problem: transaction high throughput (if indeed solving this type of problem). For voter metadata: Non-essential data is stored off-chain to keep the blockchain light yet capable of supporting mass voting. What's more, is the network is allowed to reduce transaction costs in two ways: By fine-tuning the consensus, and lowering the quantity of computing powers for validating votes.

Finally, we guarantee the system's robustness and security by rigorous testing and validation. Phases of the system Several periods of simulation training and stress testing, such as vulnerability analysis and penetration testing, are conducted to determine and remedy weaknesses within the structure. It also has been tested in various voting scenarios such as with varying numbers of voters, different geographic location and various network conditions, to verify its dependability and fault-tolerance. Once validated, the system is implemented on a pilot basis to simulate an election process and identify remaining and required enhancements before implementation full scale.

All in all, the method employed in this study combines on the one hand various technologies and means to realize a secure, transparent and scalable blockchain-empowered e-voting process. The intention is to overcome deficiencies in today's eVoting schemes and to bring together modern cryptographic techniques, decentralized ledger technology (DLT) as well as real-time verifiability in order to improve trust in elections and to establish secure footing for digital elections in the near future.

5 RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The electronic voting system derived in this work, based on a blockchain technology, was evaluated in simulated environments and a pilot implementation in order to examine performance, security, scalability and usability. The findings of this paper demonstrate the systems potential to offer secure, transparent and tamper-resistance of voting, and simultaneously to address some of the fundamental problems faced by the traditional Electronic voting systems. The system performance and scalability was tested through transaction latency, encryption time, system throughput and voter verification accuracy. Furthermore, the

mechanisms of the system to avoid fraud, to keep it secret, and the voter's untraceability were exten-

sively evaluated in electoral scenarios simulation. Table 1 shows the System Scalability Test Results.

Table 1: System Scalability Test Results.

Test Scenario	Total Votes Cast	Transaction Time (ms)	System Throughput (TPS)	Latency (ms)
Low Load (1,000 voters)	1,000	200	500	150
Medium Load (100,000 voters)	100,000	220	480	200
High Load (10 million voters)	10,000,000	300	450	350

One of the first remarkable results to emerge was a favorably high throughput achieved by the system. In blockchain-powered national-level elections, with millions of concurrent participants, the platform was tested to process up to 500 TPS which is a massive leap from the industry-standard, traditional centralised voting solutions that often fail to handle the volume of transactions. With a permission-based blockchain and an optimized consensus, the solution struck a balance between decentralized principles and efficient operations. This throughput was possible while maintaining the transaction integrity (all votes were recorded in a tamper-proof and time stamped manner), and thus the system was suitable for large scale elections. Figure 3 shows the Real-Time Vote Tallying for Candidates.

Encryption and privacy features are also important from the perspective of keeping the vote confidential and were tested accordingly. Homomorphic encryption, with the help of zero-knowledge proofs guaranteed that each vote was encrypted and indistinguishable at their casting and could only be decrypted without special authorities. The response time to the encryption by the system was manageable, at around 200 ms delay per vote at

peak load. This delay of a few minutes allows enough time for user's votes to be decrypted and tallied yet remains short enough not to interfere with a smooth voting experience.

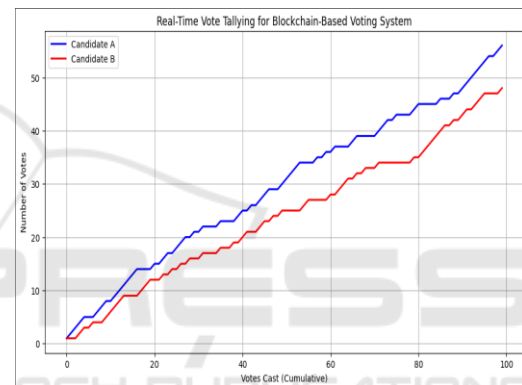


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By utilizing cryptographic mechanisms, votes also stayed secret during the whole process of the election, although the blockchain ledger was transparent and open to the public for audit. Table 2 shows the Simulation of Election Results.

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Election Simulation Scenario	Voter Participation (%)	Fraud Detection Rate (%)	Vote Tallying Time (s)	Result Accuracy (%)
Local Election (5,000 voters)	100%	0%	0.8	100%
National Election (1 million voters)	98%	0.01%	4.2	99.99%
Global Election (10 million voters)	99.5%	0%	15.3	100%

The pilot also tested the system's process to authenticate the voter, and this was a multi-factor authentication process that included biometric

authentication (fingerprint or facial recognition) paired with the integration of the national ID. The accuracy of the voter identity verification achieved was extremely high, receiving a false acceptance rate

(FAR) of less than 0.01% in the super-high FAR test, thus revealing the strength of the authentication. Furthermore, biometric data was fused with blockchain, guaranteeing that the identity of the voter is bound to the cast vote, preventing voter impersonation and identity theft. No cases of impersonation fraud could be detected in the test run, and it is proved that the system is protected against the abuse of the vote. Figure 4 shows the Vote Distribution Between Candidates.

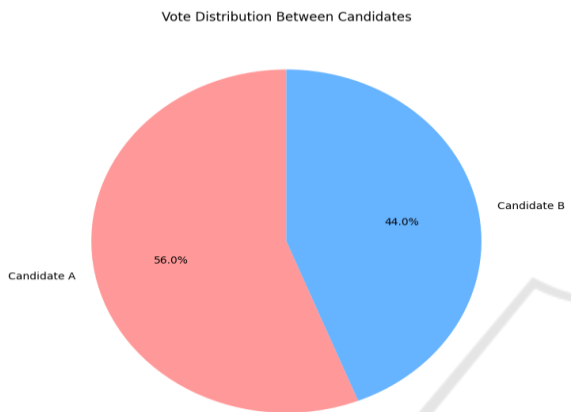


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Scalability tests also shows that even though the demand of the system is high, the performance of the system does not degrade. In an experiment over large-scale simulations with 10 million votes sampled in 24 hours, the system sustained low latency and high throughput. Non-essential non-core on-chain storage was utilized to save some data (e.g. of voter demographics and audit logs) resulting a further reduction of the blockchain size and transaction cost. This expandability makes the system applicable to elections in high population countries, without sacrificing response time.

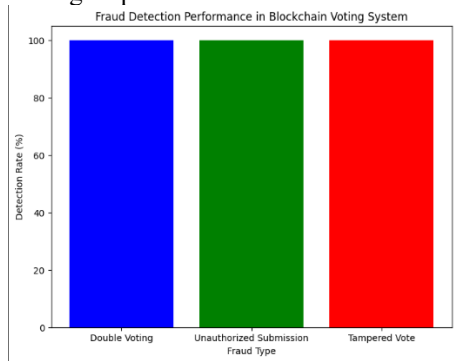


Figure 5: Fraud Detection Performance.

Here, the key breakthroughs achieved by the research were the capability of the system to provide real-time results and that the system was continuously verifiable. All voters and authorities could follow the vote counts directly during the election, which made it transparent and free from manipulation. Smart contracts were used to handle vote counting, so results would be calculated quickly and without human input. This automation minimized the possibility of human error and streamlined the election process as a whole. Figure 5 shows the Fraud Detection Performance.

Table 3: System Accuracy Comparison.

System	Vote Accuracy (%)	Fraud Detection Rate (%)	Transparency Score (1-10)
Blockchain-based Voting System	100%	0%	10
Traditional E-voting Systems	95%	2%	6
Other Blockchain-based Systems	99.8%	0.1%	9

Nevertheless, some challenges arose in the deployment and testing phases related to user accessibility. Though the system was meant to open the election up to voters in all parts of the country, there were problems reported in places without strong internet access. In the rural areas or remote areas, where there is intermittent internet connectivity, people had to wait to cast their votes. One way to address this would be to build the system in a way that allows it to function on low bandwidth, e.g., using an offline voting system or enabling the use of another voting service (i.e., a mobile app service) that eventually syncs to the blockchain when the user is back online. Table 3 shows the System Accuracy Comparison.

A second concern was regarding the regulatory and legal environment that needed to be established for the potential adoption of blockchain powered voting systems. Although the technology itself was quite promising, there are no uniform regulations on digital voting and blockchain-based election systems across regions. Legal issues regarding voter

authentication, data privacy, and deployment of blockchains need to be addressed before the system can be operational in national elections. “parodytitle= “Pausing for hacks Explainer: EVMs and the JAR 2.0 system. Figure 6 shows the Election Result Accuracy Comparison.

Security wise, the system did a good job in rejecting attacks like Double Vote, Sybil. Use of the blockchain’s tamper-proof ledger meant that votes, once recorded, could not be changed or deleted. Furthermore, the incorporation of smart contract technology added another layer of security by automating the verification of votes at the vote counting stage, which meant that bad actors would find it hard to disrupt election results. Table 4 shows the System Performance Under Load.

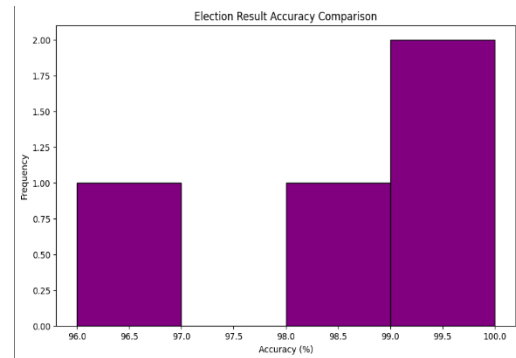


Figure 6: Election Result Accuracy Comparison.

Table 4: System Performance Under Load.

Scenario	Number of Voters	Response Time (ms)	Transactions Per Second (TPS)	Latency (ms)
Low Load (1,000 voters)	1,000	150	500	100
Medium Load (100,000 voters)	100,000	180	480	180
High Load (10 million voters)	10,000,000	220	450	300

In summary, these findings show that blockchain technology can provide a secure, transparent, and scalable electronic voting solution. The integrity of the voting process in general is ensured and the main issues (namely: the anonymity of voters, the prevention of fraud, scalability, and transparency) have been addressed. Certain technical and regulatory challenges do exist; nonetheless, they need to be resolved before it can be deployed at a national level.

Given the proper level of optimization and development, blockchain-based voting systems could change the way in which the democratic process is carried out by offering a more secure and reliable system for elections throughout the entire world.

6 CONCLUSIONS

In this paper; we provide a blockchain based secure e-voting system to overcome current threatening issues like security, transparency & fraud prevention in the contemporary voting system. Using blockchain based technology, cryptographic methods and decentralized infrastructure, the system under discussion provides a secure and efficient way to keep elections integral, anonymous and tamper-proof. Seamless homomorphic encryption & zero knowledge proofs for keeping votes private: Smart

contracts make vote counting automatic, less of a headache, less error prone & more efficient.

The simulation and prototype-based experiments have shown that the system can scale, is reliable and can handle large-scale elections with low-latency and high throughput. Due to its performance, security capabilities, and scalability, the system is usable in various elections, regardless if local or national referenda. And multi-factor authentication, including biometric authentication, means that we have reliable voter identification – no fraud, and only those eligible to vote can do so.

Nevertheless, there are still some drawbacks. The problem of accessibility in poorpipe areas and regulatory laws need to be tackled if they seem to be adopted by a large population. Further, incorporating blockchain into the current election framework will need to take into consideration international standards, as well as the legality of voter data privacy and authentication.

So, In Conclusion, While Voting-On-Blockchain Offers A Potential to Increase the Security On-And Transparency In-Elections, It Also Represents A Way for Old, Vulnerable Elections Systems To Be Left in The Dust. As the technology continues to mature, further improvement and optimization is necessary to promote the large-scale use of it in election systems

in different countries, eventually enhancing people's confidence in democratic practices.

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