

FUSION

I. OVERTURE

II. BALLAD

III. FUSION

Brian Balmages

Instrumentation

- | | |
|----------------------------|--|
| 1 - Conductor's Full Score | 2 - Trombone 1 |
| 1 - Piccolo | 2 - Trombone 2 |
| 4 - Flute 1 | 2 - Trombone 3 (Bass) |
| 4 - Flute 2 | 2 - Baritone/
Euphonium |
| 1 - Oboe 1 | 2 - Baritone T.C. |
| 1 - Oboe 2 | 4 - Tuba |
| 1 - Bassoon 1 | 1 - Timpani |
| 1 - Bassoon 2 | 2 - Mallet Percussion 1
Bells
Vibraphone |
| 4 - B♭ Clarinet 1 | 2 - Mallet Percussion 2
Marimba
Xylophone
Chimes
Bells |
| 4 - B♭ Clarinet 2 | 3 - Percussion 1
Snare Drum
Bass Drum
Triangle
Hi-hat
Ride Cymbal |
| 4 - B♭ Clarinet 3 | 3 - Percussion 2
Suspended Cymbal
Crash Cymbals
4 Tom-toms
Cabasa |
| 2 - B♭ Bass Clarinet | |
| 2 - E♭ Alto Saxophone 1 | |
| 2 - E♭ Alto Saxophone 2 | |
| 2 - B♭ Tenor Saxophone | |
| 2 - E♭ Baritone Saxophone | |
| 3 - B♭ Trumpet 1 | |
| 3 - B♭ Trumpet 2 | |
| 3 - B♭ Trumpet 3 | |
| 1 - F Horn 1 | |
| 1 - F Horn 2 | |
| 1 - F Horn 3 | |
| 1 - F Horn 4 | |



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The Composer

Brian Balmages (b. 1975) is an active composer, conductor, producer, and performer. He received his bachelor's degree in music from James Madison University and his master's degree from the University of Miami in Florida. Mr. Balmages's works for symphonic band, orchestra, and brass have been performed throughout the world, including College Band Directors National and Regional Conferences, the Midwest Clinic, the International Tuba/Euphonium Conference, the International Trombone Festival, and the International Trumpet Guild Conference. His active schedule of commissions has included groups ranging from elementary schools to professional ensembles, including the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, Miami Symphony Orchestra, the University of Miami Wind Ensemble, Dominion Brass, and others. He has also enjoyed world premieres in prestigious venues including Carnegie Hall.

As a conductor, Mr. Balmages enjoys engagements with numerous honor bands, university groups, and professional ensembles throughout the country. Notable guest conducting appearances have included the Midwest Clinic, College Band Directors Regional Conference, Mid-Atlantic Wind Conductors Conference, the Atlantic Classical Orchestra Brass Ensemble, and Meyerhoff Symphony Hall in Baltimore. He has also served as an adjunct professor of instrumental conducting and Director of the Symphonic Band at Towson University in Maryland.

Currently, Mr. Balmages is the Director of Instrumental Publications for The FJH Music Company Inc. in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. He resides in Baltimore with his wife, Lisa, and their son, Jacob.

About the Music

Fusion was commissioned for the retirement concert of Eric Haenfler, band director at Highland High School in Gilbert, Arizona. The work consists of three movements, all of which draw from various types of pop music and dance forms set within a contemporary framework. The first movement, *Overture*, is a short fanfare based loosely on Irish dance rhythms and melodies. While there are no specific references to any Irish folk songs, one hears the style that is often found in Irish jigs.

The second movement, *Ballad*, is lyrical in nature and receives its inspiration from various aspects of pop ballads, particularly some of the harmonic progressions. Opening with more contemporary harmonies, the ensemble soon establishes a phrase that undergoes several harmonic, rhythmic, and melodic transformations as it moves toward the climax of the movement. While no direct references to pop music are made, one hears some distant references as the movement progresses.

The final movement, *Fusion*, is a literal combination of several styles, inspired by my love of many different types of music, including rock, funk, and swing. Elements of all these styles exist in this movement, treated in a contemporary fashion. The opening chords set the mood for the entire movement, which references them (or variations of them) at least once during each style change, almost as a link among various sections of the piece. Eventually, a brief reference to material from the first movement leads into the final powerful rhythmic statements, which are variations on the opening material of the final movement. A stubborn and strong bass pedal continues to interject before the various intertwining lines come together in a final chord.

FUSION

I. Overture

BRIAN BALMAGES
(ASCAP)

Driving forward ($\text{J.} = 126$)

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Picc.

Fls. 1

Fls. 2

Obs. 1
2 a²

Bsns. 1
2

Cls. 1
2
3 a²

B. Cl.

A. Saxes. 1

A. Saxes. 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1
2
3 a²

Hns. 1
2
3
4

Tbns. 1
2

(Bass) 3

Bar./Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

It. Perc. 1 f

It. Perc. 2

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

9

10

Picc.

Fls.

Obs.

Bsns.

Cls.

B. Cl.

A. Saxes.

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts.

Hns.

Tbns.

(Bass) 3

Bar/Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Mlt. Perc. 1

Mlt. Perc. 2

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Picc.

Fls. 1

Fls. 2

Obs. 1

Obs. 2

Bsns. 1

Bsns. 2

Cls. 1

Cls. 2

Cls. 3

B. Cl.

A. Sax. 1

A. Sax. 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax. 1

B. Sax. 2

Tpts. 1

Tpts. 2

Tpts. 3

Hns. 1

Hns. 2

Hns. 3

Hns. 4

Tbns. 1

Tbns. 2

(Bass) 3

Bar./Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Mlt. Perc. 1

Mlt. Perc. 2

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Musical score for orchestra, page 8. The score includes parts for Picc., Fls., Obs., Bsns., Cls., B. Cl., A. Saxes., T. Sax., B. Sax., Tpts., Hns., Tbns., (Bass) 3, Bar./Euph., Tuba, Timp., Mlt. Perc. 1, Mlt. Perc. 2, Perc. 1, and Perc. 2. The score shows various musical staves with notes and dynamics like *mf* and *ff*. The page is marked with a large red watermark reading "Previews Only".

26 28 29 30

31

Picc. *mp*

Fls. *mp*

Obs. 2

Bsns. 1 2

Cl. 1 2 *mp* 3. *mp*

B. Cl.

Sax. 1 2 *mp* 3. *mp*

T. Sax.

B. Sax. 31

Tpts. 1 2 3

Hns. 1 2 3 4

Tbns. 1 2

(Bass) 3

Bar. Euph. *mp*

Tuba

Tim. Vibraphone

It. Perc. 1 *mp*

It. Perc. 2 *mp*

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

40

Picc.

Fls.

Obs.

Bsns.

Cls.

B. Cl.

A. Saxes.

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts.

Hns.

Tbns.

(Bass) 3

Bar/Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Mlt. Perc. 1

Mlt. Perc. 2

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

36 37 38 39 40 41

56

Picc.

Fls. 1

Fls. 2

Obs. 1

Obs. 2

Bsns. 1

Bsns. 2

a2

Cls. 1

Cls. 2

Cls. 3

mf

mf

f

B. Cl.

A. Saxs. 1

A. Saxs. 2

mf

mf

f

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

mf

f

Tpts. 1

Tpts. 2

Tpts. 3

f

a2

f

Hns. 1

Hns. 2

f

Hns. 3

Hns. 4

f

Tbns. 1

Tbns. 2

a2

f

(Bass) 3

Bar/Euph.

Tuba

div.

f

Tim.

(B♭ to C)

Mlt. Perc. 1

Mlt. Perc. 2

Xylophone

(snare off)

Perc. 1

Cr. Cym.

Perc. 2

Low Tom

f

52 >

53

54

55

56 f

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Picc.

Fls.

Obs.

Bsns.

Cl.

B. Cl.

A. Saxes.

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts.

Hns.

Tbns.

(Bass) 3

Bar/Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Mlt. Perc. 1

Mlt. Perc. 2

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

57 58 59 60 61

A page from a full musical score. The page contains 18 staves of music, each representing a different instrument or section. The instruments listed on the left are Picc., Fls., Obs., Bsns., Cls., B. Cl., A. Saxes., T. Sax., B. Sax., Tpts., Hns., Tbns., (Bass) 3, Bar./Euph., Tuba, Timp., Mlt. Perc. 1, Mlt. Perc. 2, Perc. 1, and Perc. 2. The music is divided into measures by vertical bar lines. Within these measures, there are various musical markings: dynamic changes such as 'ff' (fortissimo) and 'ff2'; performance instructions like 'a2' and 'choke'; and tempo or style indications like 'v'. A large, semi-transparent red watermark with the text 'Preview Requires Purchase' is overlaid diagonally across the entire page.

II. Ballad

Andante espressivo ($\text{J} = 52$)

Picc.

Fls.

Obs. 1
2

Bsns. 1
2

Cl.

B. Cl.

A. Sax.

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

più mosso ($\text{J} = 60$)

Tpts.

Hns.

Tbns.

(Bass) 3

Bar./Euph.

Tuba

Tim.

Il. Perc. 1

Il. Perc. 2

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

accel.

più mosso (♩ = 68)

Solo

mp espressivo

(bottom note - section)
div.

Bsn. Solo

mp espressivo

tutti div.

accel.

più mosso (♩ = 68)

pedal

poco

p

Tri.

6

p

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rit.

82

Picc.

Fls.

Obs.

Bsns.

Cl.

B. Cl.

A. Saxes.

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts.

Hns.

Tbns.

(Bass) 3

Bar/Euph.

Tuba

Tim.

Mlt. Perc. 1

freely, out of time

p pedal always

Mlt. Perc. 2

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

accel. poco a poco

Picc.

Fls.

Obs. 1
2

Bsns. 1
2

Cl. 1
2
3

B. Cl.

A. Saxes.

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts.

Hns.

Tbns.

(Bass) 3

Bar./Euph.

Tuba

Tim.

Mlt. Perc. 1

Mlt. Perc. 2

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

accel. poco a poco

tutti

mp

a2

mf cresc.

play p

mf cresc.

Sus. Cym.

96 A tempo

Picc.

Fls.

Obs. 1
2

Bsns. 1
2

Cls.

B. Cl.

A. Sax.

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

96 A tempo

Tpts.

Hns.

Tbns.

(Bass.) 3

Bar./Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Mlt. Perc. 1

Chimes

Mlt. Perc. 2

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

96 ff

97 mp

99

100

104 **Tempo I**

Picc.

Fls. 1
Fls. 2

Obs. 1
Obs. 2

Bsns. 1
Bsns. 2

Cl. 1
Cl. 2
Cl. 3

B. Cl.

A. Sax. 1
A. Sax. 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1
Tpts. 2
Tpts. 3

Hns. 1
Hns. 2
Hns. 3
Hns. 4

Tbns. 1
Tbns. 2

(Bass) 3

Bar./Euph.

Tuba

Tim. 1

It. Perc. 1

It. Perc. 2

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

rit. *Tempo I* *rit.*

Solo *mp* *pp*

a2 *p* *p* *one player* *p* *tutti* *pp*

mp *p* *one player* *p* *tutti* *pp*

rit. *Tempo I* *rit.*

dim. 3 *p* *pp*

pp

Vibr. *p* *Bells Solo* *p* *pp*

mp

pp

III. Fusion

23

Spirited (♩ = 172)

Spirited (♩ = 172)

Picc.

Fls.

Obs. 1
2

Bsns. 1
2

Cls. 1
2
3

B. Cl.

A. Saxes. 1
2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1
2
3

Hns. 1
2
3
4

Tbns.

(Bass) 3

Bar./Euph.

Tuba

Timpani (F, B♭, D♭, A♭)

Mlt. Perc. 1

Mlt. Perc. 2 Mar.
mp

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

110 111 112 113 114 115 116

Picc.

Fls.

Obs.

Bsns.

Cls.

B. Cl.

A. Saxes.

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts.

Hns.

Tbns.

(Bass) 3

Bar/Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Mlt. Perc. 1

Mlt. Perc. 2

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

124 125 126 127 128 129

130

Picc.

Fls.

Obs. 1
2

Bsns. 1
2

Cls.

2

B. Cl.

A. Sax.

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

130

Tpts.

2

Hns.

3

4

Tbns.

(Bass) 3

mp

Bar/Euph.

Tuba

Tim.

Mlt. Perc. 1

Mlt. Perc. 2

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

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138

Picc.

Fls. 1

Fls. 2

Obs. 1

Bsns. 1

Bsns. 2

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Cl. 3

B. Cl.

A. Sax. 1

A. Sax. 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1

Tpts. 2

Tpts. 3

Hns. 1

Hns. 2

Hns. 3

Hns. 4

Tbns. 1

Tbns. 2

(Bass) 3

Bar/Euph.

Tuba

Tim.

Mlt. Perc. 1

Mlt. Perc. 2

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Picc.

Fls.

Obs. 1
2

Bsns. 1
2

Cls.

B. Cl.

A. Saxes.

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts.

Hns.

Tbns.

(Bass) 3

Bar/Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Mlt. Perc. 1

Mlt. Perc. 2

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

142 143 144 145 146

Cr. Cym.

Picc.

Fls. 1

Fls. 2

Obs. 1

Bsns. 1

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Cl. 3

B. Cl.

A. Saxes. 1

A. Saxes. 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1

Tpts. 2

Tpts. 3

Hns. 1

Hns. 2

Hns. 3

Hns. 4

Tbns. 1

Tbns. 2

(Bass) 3

Bar/Euph.

Tuba

Tim.

Mlt. Perc. 1

Mlt. Perc. 2

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

147

148

149 *f*

150

151

152 *mp*

Sus. Cym.

tr

157

153 *f*

154

155

156

157

158

Picc.

Fls.

Obs. 1
2

Bsns. 1
2

Cls.

B. Cl.

A. Saxes.

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts.

Hns.

Tbns.

(Bass) 3

Bar/Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Mlt. Perc. 1

Mlt. Perc. 2

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Picc.

Fls.

Obs. 1
2

Bsns. 1
2

Cls.

2
3

B. Cl.

A. Saxes.

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts.

Hns.

Tbns.

(Bass) 3

Bar./Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Mlt. Perc. 1

Mlt. Perc. 2

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

159 160 161 162 163 164

p

rim closed hi-hat

S.D.

(head)

f secco

choke

f

Picc.

Fls.

Obs. 1
2

Bsns. 1
2

Cl.

2
3

B. Cl.

A. Sax.

2

T. Sax.

mf
play

B. Sax.

Tpts.

2
3

Hns.

3
4

Tbn.

(Bass) 3

Bar./
Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Mlt. Perc. 1

Vibr.
mf — mp

Mar.

Mlt. Perc. 2

mf — mp

Perc. 1

p

mf

Perc. 2

169

Picc.

Fls.

Obs.

Bsns.

Cls.

B. Cl.

A. Saxes.

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts.

Hns.

Tbns.

(Bass) 3

Bar./Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Mlt. Perc. 1

Mlt. Perc. 2

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

171

172

f

173

p

174

175

176

f

181

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Picc.

Fls.

Obs.

Bsns.

Cl.

B. Cl.

A. Saxes.

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts.

Hns.

Tbns.

(Bass) 3

Bar./Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Mlt. Perc. 1

Mlt. Perc. 2

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

177

178

179

180

181

182

poco accel.

Picc.

Fls.

Obs.

Bsns.

Cl.

B. Cl.

A. Saxes.

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts.

Hns.

Tbn.

(Bass.)

Bar/Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Mlt. Perc. 1

Mlt. Perc. 2

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

poco accel.

f

a2

f

f

f

f

f

f

f

f

f

f

f

f

f

f

(F to Ab, D to Eb)

183

184

185

186

187

188

189 Fast swing ($\text{J} = 186$) ($\text{J} = \overline{\text{J}}^3$)

189 Fast swing ($\text{J} = 186$) ($\text{J} = \overline{\text{J}}^3$)

Picc.

Fls.

Obs.

Bsns.

Cl.

B. Cl.

A. Sax.

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts.

Hns.

Tbn.

(Bass)

Bar/Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Mlt. Perc. 1

Mlt. Perc. 2

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

196

197

198

199

200

201

ff

Picc. *ff* *tr.*

Fls. *ff* *tr.*

Obs. 1, 2 *ff* *tr.*

Bsns. 1, 2 *ff*

Cl. 1, 2 *ff* *tr.*

B. Cl. *ff*

Al. Sax. *ff*

T. Sax. *ff*

B. Sax. *ff*

Tpts. 1, 2 *ff* *div.*

Hns. 1, 2 *ff*

Tbns. (Bass) 3 *ff*

Bar./Euph. *ff*

Tuba *ff*

Tim. *ff*

It. Perc. 1 *ff*

It. Perc. 2 *ff*

Perc. 1 *ff*

Perc. 2 *ff*

Picc.

Fls.

Obs.

Bsns.

Cl.

B. Cl.

A. Sax.

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts.

Hns.

Tbns.

(Bass) 3

Bar/Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Mlt. Perc. 1

Mlt. Perc. 2

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

208

209

ff

212

213

[217] Straight (□ = □)

Picc.

Fls. 1
2

Obs. 1
2

Bsns. 1
2

fp

tr

ff

cls.

Cl.

B. Cl.

A. Saxes.

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

fp

fp

fp

fp

div.

217 Straight (□ = □)

Tpts.

fp

ff

ff

Hns.

fp

fp

Tbns.

fp

ff

(Bass) 3

fp

ff

Bar./Euph.

fp

ff

Tuba

fp

ff

Timp.

fp

ff

Mlt. Perc. 1

Mlt. Perc. 2

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

214 ff

215 f

3 3 3

217 ff

218 ff

219 >

220 >

B1324

Picc.

Fls.

Obs. 1

Bsns. 1

Cl.

B. Cl.

A. Saxes.

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts.

Hns.

Tbrns.

(Bass) 3

Bar/Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Mlt. Perc. 1

Mlt. Perc. 2

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

221

222

223

224

225

226

(♩ = ♩)

232

Picc.

Fls.

Obs.

Bsns.

Cls.

B. Cl.

A. Saxes.

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

(♩ = ♩)

Tpts.

Hns.

Tbns.

(Bass) 3

Bar/Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Mlt. Perc. 1

Mlt. Perc. 2

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Solo
mp

Mar.
mp

227

228

229

230

231

232

233

Picc.

Fls. 1

Fls. 2

Obs. 1

Obs. 2

Bsns. 1

Bsns. 2

Cls. 1

Cls. 2

Cls. 3

B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1

A. Saxes 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1

Tpts. 2

Tpts. 3

Hns. 1

Hns. 2

Hns. 3

Hns. 4

Tbns. 1

Tbns. 2

(Bass) 3

Bar/Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Mlt. Perc. 1

Mlt. Perc. 2

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

249

Picc.

Fls.

Obs.

Bsns.

Cl.

B. Cl.

A. Sax.

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts.

Hns.

Tbns.

(Bass) 3

Bar/Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Mlt. Perc. 1

Mlt. Perc. 2

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

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243

244

245

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247

248

249

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Picc.

Fls.

Obs.

Bsns.

Cls.

B. Cl.

A. Saxes.

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts.

Hns.

Tbns.

(Bass)

Bar/Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Mlt. Perc. 1

Mlt. Perc. 2

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

tutti

mp cresc. poco a poco

mp cresc. poco a poco

a2
mp cresc. poco a poco

257 258 259 260 261 262

Picc.

Fls.

Obs. 1
2

Bsns. 1
2

mf cresc.

Cls.

2

B. Cl.

A. Saxes.

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts.

mf cresc. poco a poco

Hns.

Tbns.

(Bass) 3

mp

mf cresc.

mf cresc.

Bar/Euph.

mp

mf cresc.

Tuba

mp

mf

Timp.

Mlt. Perc. 1

Mlt. Perc. 2

Perc. 1

mp

mf

Perc. 2

274

Picc. *f cresc.*

Fls. 1 *f cresc.*

Fls. 2 *f cresc.*

Obs. 1

Bsns. 1 *f cresc.*

Cls. 1

Cls. 2

Cls. 3

B. Cl. *f cresc.*

A. Sax. 1

A. Sax. 2

T. Sax. *f cresc.*

B. Sax. *f cresc.*

Tpts. 1

Tpts. 2

Tpts. 3

Hns. 1

Hns. 2

Hns. 3

Hns. 4

Tbns. 1

Tbns. 2

(Bass) 3

Bar./Euph.

Tuba

Tim. *f cresc.*

Mlt. Perc. 1 *f cresc.*

Mlt. Perc. 2

Perc. 1

Perc. 2 Tom-toms

Picc.

Fls.

Obs. 1

Bsns. 1

Cl.

B. Cl.

A. Saxes.

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts.

Hns.

Tbn.

(Bass) 3

Bar/Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Mlt. Perc. 1

Mlt. Perc. 2

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Picc.

Fls.

Obs.

Bsns.

Cls.

B. Cl.

A. Saxes.

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts.

Hns.

Tbns.

(Bass) 3

Bar/Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

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