

# Wavelength

## Chairman's Report

I suppose like most of our generation we saw filing as a bit of a chore but if it wasn't done properly a document, maybe something important, could not easily be found again if at all.

I'm still a bit like that and have on my computer a host of folders each of which has in it documents, photos etc. (files in computer

terms). Some of them are just a single letter to someone, possibly the only time I communicated with them but I feel the need to keep the letter.

For big files this is still a valid way of keeping 'stuff' but for small things and for notes there is a better way.

I use Microsoft's One Note but there is also Evernote and they both do much the same thing.

If you need to file something just type it in or copy and paste it in to anywhere on any page. No need to 'save', it's saved automatically.

Later when you need it just type a name, number, reference or anything relevant in the search box and it will be found.

So now you don't have to file thing systematically, just chuck it in One Note (or Evernote) and it will be available when you need it.

One Note comes with Microsoft Office and Evernote can be found via google. On a more sombre note. A former Committee member and tutor of Senior Net Marlborough Sounds is very ill and given the circumstances may not survive. While writing the above I was left wondering about all those 'important' files on my computer and what will happen to them when I'm no longer here. According to Law all your possessions including your electronic data can be included in your will but that begs the question. How will they find it?

Some sort of letter with your will to explain how and where, including passwords, 'stuff' can be accessed should be thought about. I haven't got all or perhaps any of the answers but it's a subject that we all should spend a bit of time considering and perhaps if anyone has a real answer they could let John Wright, our editor, know for the next newsletter.

Meanwhile keep warm and we hope that you will be taking a hard look at the courses and workshops available and give the relevant Tutor a call to book your place. *Bryan Strong*



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- Contact our Course Organisers for info on upcoming courses.
- Current Committee is listed on back page. Please contact any member with comments or suggestions.
- **Newsletter inputs are due to John Wright; johnbp.wright@gmail.com by the 12th of each month.**

## SeniorNet DIG (Photographers' Group)

Our meeting about panoramas was very interesting. Members had used a variety of apps to stitch their photos together. Some even had cameras that did the job from start to finish. One of the most popular apps proved to be ICE which could be downloaded direct from the Internet. All you had to do was drag your photos into the app and "hey presto" the app did the rest with no human input.

Normally we think of a panorama as a horizontal photo but one member produced a vertical panorama.

Of special interest was a panorama of the Willow Bay beach frontage which was made up of fifteen separate shots stitched together in ICE. This turned out as a long narrow strip. The next step will be to have it enlarged and printed.

The theme for next month is, "look up" Now that will stretch our imagination. Like to join us? Phone June 5741311 or Donald 5742326



### Photographs

Top: Willow Bay.

Centre: Mahau Sound.

Bottom: Some of the Digital Imaging Group

## Windows 10 behaves like malware

Windows 10 behaves like malware and you need to take steps to prevent getting it if you don't want it.

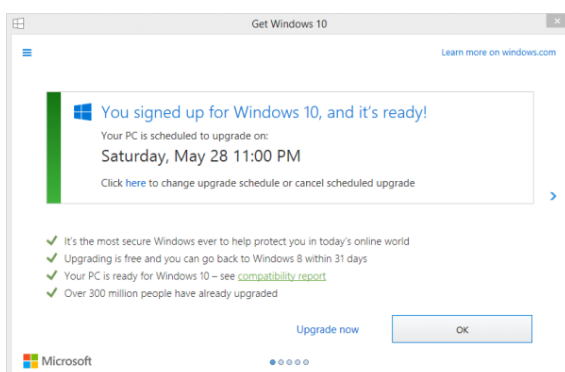
In the last week, we've had a lot of news and activity around Windows 10's automatic update, in that for many Windows 7 and Windows 8.1 users, Windows 10 is being installed either without asking or by misleading them.

It's installing, and many people aren't asking for it. It's just installing without permission. Well, that sounds like malware.

It's installing along with unrelated things via Windows Update by becoming a recommended update, I guess, is the change that they (MS) made. Well, that sounds like a Potentially Unwanted Program.

It's installing, and essentially Windows Update is saying you should go ahead and install it, but you never asked for it, and in many cases there's no "potentially" about it. You don't want it; it's an unwanted program.

It's actually misleading people into installing Windows 10. That's the thing that it's the final straw. They've crossed a line. The issue is that in many cases, I'll even say in most cases, I believe this to be true, it will now present this dialog box telling you that Windows 10 is ready to be



installed, and when would you like to install it?

Now, the issue is that we've been trained over the years, when we see a dialog box like this, and we don't want to act on it, or especially, if we don't necessarily trust it, we close it.

Well, if you click the little "x" in the upper right-hand corner, that does in fact close the dialog box. It closes that pop-up message that says Windows 10 is ready to be installed.

**The misleading part is: it takes that as your approval to install Windows 10, and it proceeds with the installation.**

In other words, closing the dialog box using the "close window" which 99.99% of all other applications on the planet means, "Don't do this. Stop. Close. Go away. Cancel" whatever synonym you want, in this case, Microsoft has decided that it means, "Yes, please continue with the installation". That's misleading. And like I said, to me, that's a step over the line.

Unfortunately, Microsoft is completely unapologetic about this. They apparently don't care. They apparently, whenever they're being asked about this, are simply pointing at the wonderful literature about how wonderful Windows 10 is, and everybody should be happy to get it.

Well, I'm afraid to say that's not the case. There are many, many valid reasons for people not to be able to run Windows 10; not to choose to run Windows 10 and in fact, be unable to run Windows 10 for a variety of reasons to be honest, Microsoft may know nothing about and can know nothing about.

For example, I have machines that run Windows 7 and Windows 8.1. I need those so that I can continue to answer questions about Windows 7 and Windows 8.1. There's no way I want those upgraded to Windows 10. They're capable of being upgraded, I believe. They meet all of the specifications.

If I were just using Windows for Windows' sake, they'd be fine Windows 10 machines, but I already have a Windows 10 machine. I don't need 8.1 or 7



replaced with Windows 10, and as a result, I've taken steps, which I'll talk about in a minute, to prevent Windows 10 from being installed on those machines.

The problem is that of course, many people don't know about those steps. They are simply running along trusting that if they get a message, and they do what they think is appropriate to cancel it, it won't happen.

Well, I've got news: it's happening and it's happening a lot, and people are not happy about it at all.

Another misleading part about that dialog box, by the way, is that if you look very carefully in the middle of it, there's the hidden text that says: here's how you cancel the upgrade, but it is in no way obvious.

(I'll take this refers to, "[Click here to change your upgrade schedule or cancel scheduled upgrade.](#) Ed")

It's really sad that Microsoft needed to resort to this tactic to get Windows 10 installed.

It's a really, really bad first impression, and we know how important first impressions are. Many people now have an innate distrust, not only of Microsoft, but of Windows 10, specifically, because they had it forced on them rather than it being a choice. And that's what it should have been. Rather than forcing us to install Windows 10 or ramming it down our digital throats, Microsoft could have instead, simply shown us how much better an operating system it was and allowed us to make the choice ourselves to install Windows 10.

Nope. They did it for us. They felt that they know better, and they basically said you're getting it, in many cases, whether you want it or not.

They truly believe that upgrading to Windows 10 is in fact the correct thing for us. Even though many of us know that it is not, for a variety of reasons. I honestly believe that their intentions are good. The problem is they're not listening to the feedback that says, "you don't understand the whole picture."

Not everybody needs Windows 10; not everybody wants Windows 10 and not everybody can run Windows 10. So, Microsoft in my opinion is making a huge, huge mistake.

Once again, not necessarily a mistake in technology because Windows 10 is a fine operating system. I've got no qualms about Windows 10 itself. It's the mechanism and the method that they're using to get that widespread adoption that they are looking for. They're going about it all wrong.

What's also sad about this, and this is maybe the saddest part of all is that it probably won't matter.

I say that because we've been in a situation like this before. When Windows XP was first introduced some 15 years ago now, it actually raised quite a ruckus. Many, many people were very upset at some of the new features in Windows XP and the dramatic change that implied for PCs; everything, of course, from the kind of PC that was required to run Windows XP, but more than anything else, one single feature had many, many people upset, and that single feature was activation.

Activation is something we take for granted today. Windows XP went on to be one of the most loved operating systems on the planet. It was certainly the most popular and most installed operating system on the planet. The fact is: after a few years, all the furor died down. We didn't even care anymore about activation. Nine times out of ten; ninety-nine times out of a hundred, it just worked, didn't get in our way. It really wasn't as bad as we thought. My prediction is that in a couple of years, maybe five at the outset, none of this will matter anymore.

The fact that Windows 10 is being forced on us will be a distant memory. Nobody will have learned from it, and in a sense, Microsoft will be rewarded for having done it because they will have the greater installed base on Windows 10 because they rammed it down everybody's throat today.

It's unfortunate. It's frustrating. It's angering, actually, for those people that were suddenly faced with Windows 10.

So, you need to take steps to prevent it. If you don't want or can't run Windows 10 on your machine, and you're running Windows 7 or Windows 8.1, then you need to install and run either **Never10** from GRC.com or **GWX Control Panel**. I'm actually running one of each.

That Windows 7 machine that I was talking about, I ran Never10 on it. The Windows 8.1 machine runs GWX Control Panel. I want to keep an eye on both of those utilities to make sure they're doing the right thing.

With those installed and properly configured, the Windows 10 upgrade is blocked, but if you don't know that, then you don't know that you need to install those utilities. I had a friend actually call me because her machine suddenly started installing Windows 10. She had no idea that this was going to happen. Probably either tried to close that dialog box with the "x" or did something else or didn't do anything, and Windows 10 began to install.

Fortunately, very fortunately for her, the install actually failed before any damage was done, so I was able to then immediately get on that machine and install GWX Control Panel. The machine has been running, it's Windows 7 just fine ever since.

That's what I recommend, strongly, that everybody do right now. We don't care that Windows 10 is free at this point. We'll talk about that another day. Right now, to prevent Windows 10 from installing on your machine without your permission and perhaps even without your knowledge, you need to install one of these two programs: Never10 out at GRC.com or search for GWX Control Panel. I've got an article on it as well.

There are a lot of angry people who are really frustrated by Microsoft's Windows 10 distribution tactics.

Remember: Stay safe, have fun and don't forget to back up. You might need to restore in case Windows 10 gets installed.

Extracted from "Ask Leo" Newsletter. <https://askleo.com/>

## And this time—Trespass

### FEAR OF THE FORCED PC UPGRADE

I see my colleague Richard Madeley was caught by the intrusiveness of Microsoft's new Windows 10. So was a friend of mine who switched on her computer and then went to make a cup of tea. When she came back the upgrade, which she did not want or ask for, was in full swing and she couldn't use the computer that evening. The following day she still couldn't use it because everything was different and she had no idea how to find things.

Fortunately I was warned that when the window pops up there remains only a few minutes' grace before it loads anyway, so I have had to alter my morning routine to thwart it.

Normally I switch the computer on as I pass the study on the way to pick up the papers and make coffee. I then enter my password on the way back to bed and thus all ready to use when I am up and dressed. Not now. I stand over the thing until assured the wretched pop-up has gone away.

We should be able to sue for lost working hours, mental stress and trespass. Yes, trespass. What else would you call it if an unauthorised person entered your home and ransacked your files? Instead the giant reigns supreme and can do what it likes, which we have to put up with until a rival comes along with better ethics.

*From Ann Widdecombe's article. International Express. UK*

## HOW'S AUTOMATION WORKING FOR YOU?

A recent visit to the airport revealed changes since my last visit—one of them being automated parking. The automated gate would only let me in once I had taken a ticket from an automated ticket dispenser. After picking up my passenger, I had to take the ticket to another automated ticket dispenser (one of three at the main airport entrance), where I had to pay for my time spent in the carpark. This ticket dispenser issued me with another ticket. I trudged back to my car, new ticket in hand and then drove to the exit, where an automated gate keeper gobbled my ticket and ordered the automated gate to open, allowing me through.

Yes, I admit I was confused, but I wasn't the only one. I saw one person who was uncertain how to get in to the carpark and another was wondering why the gatekeeping machine wouldn't let him out. He was trying to exit using the first ticket, unaware that he needed the second one. He would have had to reverse his car (forcing those behind him to do likewise), re-park the car, trudge back to the terminal, confront the awaiting ticket dispensers, pay his money, trudge back to his car and present ticket number two to the ticket machine at the exit—all this, no doubt, accompanied by unrestrained graphic language.

A staff member was roaming the carpark, ostensibly to un-confuse the confused, but she, obviously couldn't get to all the confused people in time—or maybe she was on a tea break. So, my question is: Does computerisation serve a useful purpose and are you comfortable with automation? How many times have you sworn at an answering machine? Press one for this, two for that, three, four, five, then six to get back to where you started.

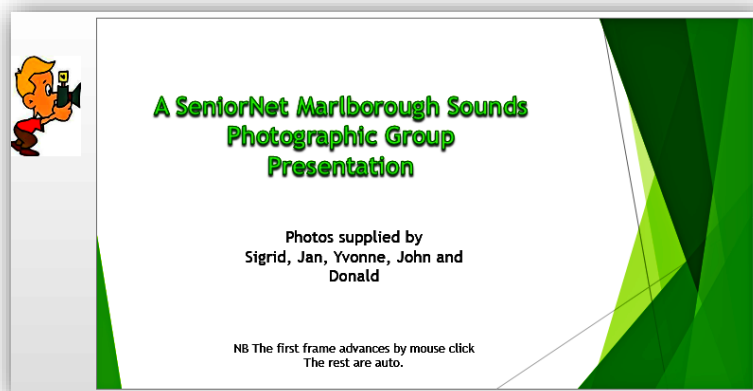
That's automation! Or you're stuck in a queue behind a customer who can't find her eftpos card or can't remember his PIN, or changes her mind. That's automation—or its side effects! No doubt you all have a story to tell about your clash with some aspect of our culture of computerisation and automation.

Reference: Tony Milner, Nelson S.N.

## What is Power Point?

Power Point is a Microsoft application that comes with the MS home and student bundle of applications. Its usefulness is its ability to create presentations for home use as a series of slides of a family occasion or holiday or overseas trip etc. Its more common use is as a tool for presenting information to a business group, a student group or a work place update. It has the ability to mix text, pictures and clip art in a variety of interesting ways.

We plan to hold a course on this application early in July. There is just one vacancy so if you wish to be included please contact Donald without delay. (574 2326)



The example is the first slide from a presentation by the SeniorNet photographic group.

## Printer Ink

Are you paying too much for your printer ink? If you just click on print then probably you are. It's worthwhile checking your printer "properties" before you print to look for "fast print" or "econo print" or "priority print" or something similar. Often these settings will give you a perfectly adequate copy using a fraction of the ink.

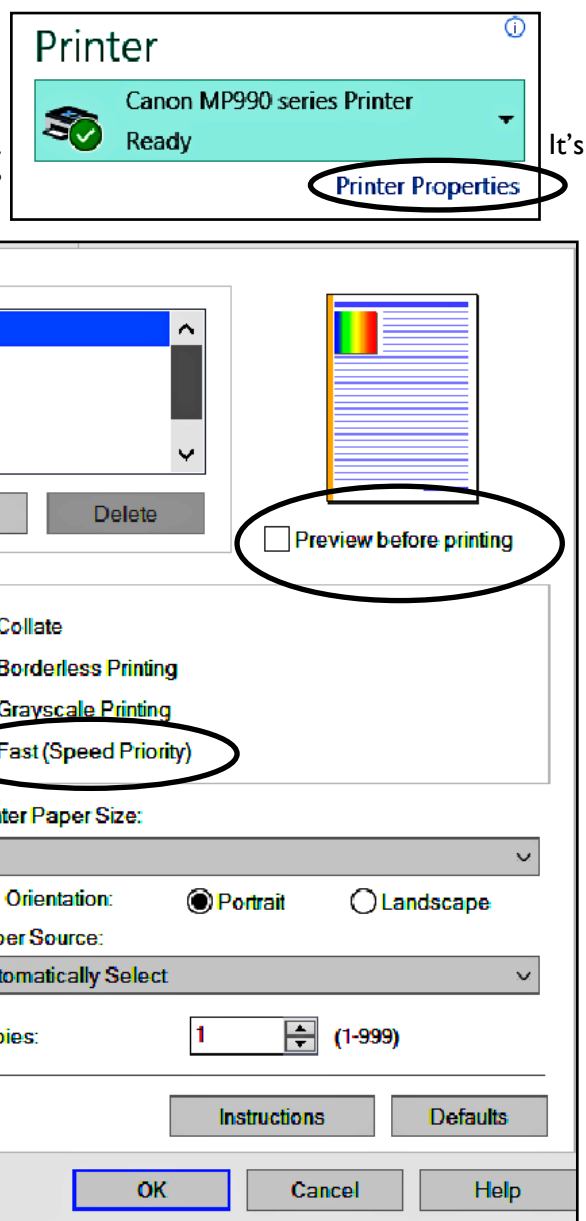
To get there go to the file menu and click on print. Close by you will see printer properties. Click on this. Now look for fast print and select by ticking the box. Don't forget to click OK. You will need to do this for each document as it will not be the default setting.

Another way to save ink is to look for the preview button. This lets you see how the document will look before you rush into print.

Refilled cartridges used to be frowned on but today the technology is pretty good so long as you buy from a reputable retailer. However it is probably wise to wait until the guarantee on your printer expires as refills will likely void the guarantee.

Now be adventurous, check out some of the other printer tabs to find out more about the capabilities of your printer.

Beware if you make any changes that you can undo them if everything turns to custard. Good luck! All care and no responsibility!



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**Working with photos level one:** We have a full complement of students but will run a second course if warranted. Contact Donald McIver, Tutor, 5742326 for more information.

**An introduction to Power Point:** One vacancy for the coming course but will run a second course if warranted. Contact: Donald McIver 5742326 for further information.

**Saving, filing and archiving photos:** The first course has a full complement of students but will run a second course if the numbers warrant it. Contact Donald McIver 5742326 for further information.

**Tablets and Smart phones:** An Android Tablet/Smart Phone and iPad/iPhone workshop will be held at the old Medical Centre Picton on Tues 28th June 10am and at Linkwater Hall on Thurs 30th June also 10 am.

**Android:** Contact Bryan Strong 574 1311 for more information.

**Picton iPad/i Phones:** Philip Middlemiss on 573 9060

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**Basic Computer Skills:** Contact Brian Cameron 574 2267 for further information.

**Family History using Roots Magic:** Contact Bryan Strong 574 1311 for information

**Computer Housekeeping:** Contact June Strong 574 1311 for further information.

**Internet banking:** We can offer this 3 hour course at Linkwater, Picton or Havelock. For further information call Bryan Strong 574 2267

We all look forward to hearing from you.

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### HARCOURTS MARKET WATCH:

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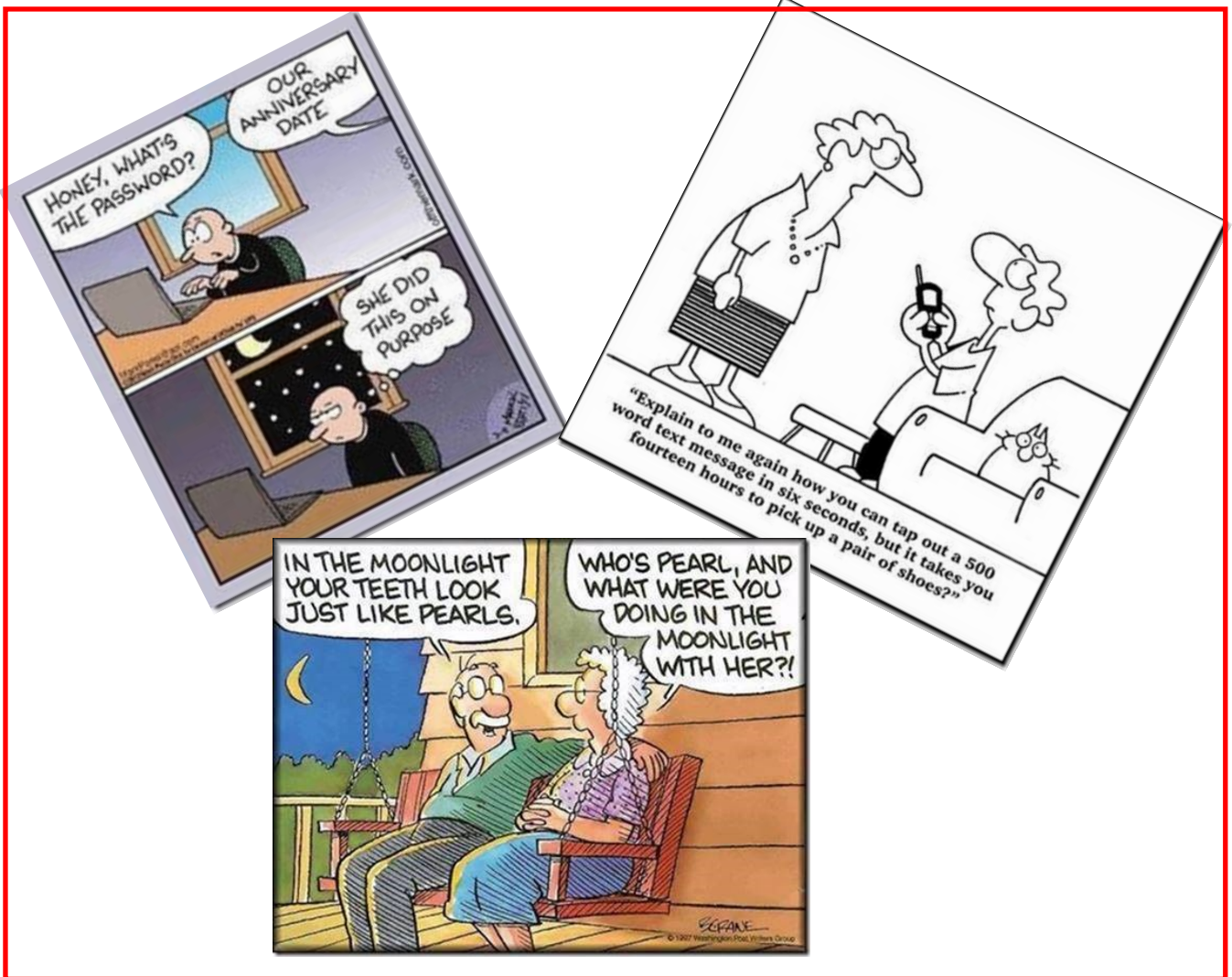
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### THE MISSIONARY

A missionary who had spent years showing a tribe of natives how to farm and build things to be self-sufficient gets word that he is to return home.

He realizes that the one thing he never taught the natives was how to speak English, so he takes the chief and starts walking in the forest. He points to a tree and says to the chief, "This is a tree." The chief looks at the tree and grunts, "Tree."

The missionary is pleased with the response.

They walk a little farther and the padre points to a rock and says, "This is a rock." Hearing this, the chief looks and grunts, "Rock." The padre is really getting enthusiastic about the results when he hears a rustling in the bushes.

As he peeks over the top, he sees a couple in the midst of heavy sexual activity. The padre is really flustered and quickly responds, "Riding a bike."

The chief looks at the couple briefly, pulls out his blow gun and kills them.

The padre goes ballistic and yells at the chief that he has spent years teaching the tribe how to be civilized and kind to each other, so how could he just kill these people in cold blood that way?

"My bike."

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