

# Turn your Clicks into \$ale\$

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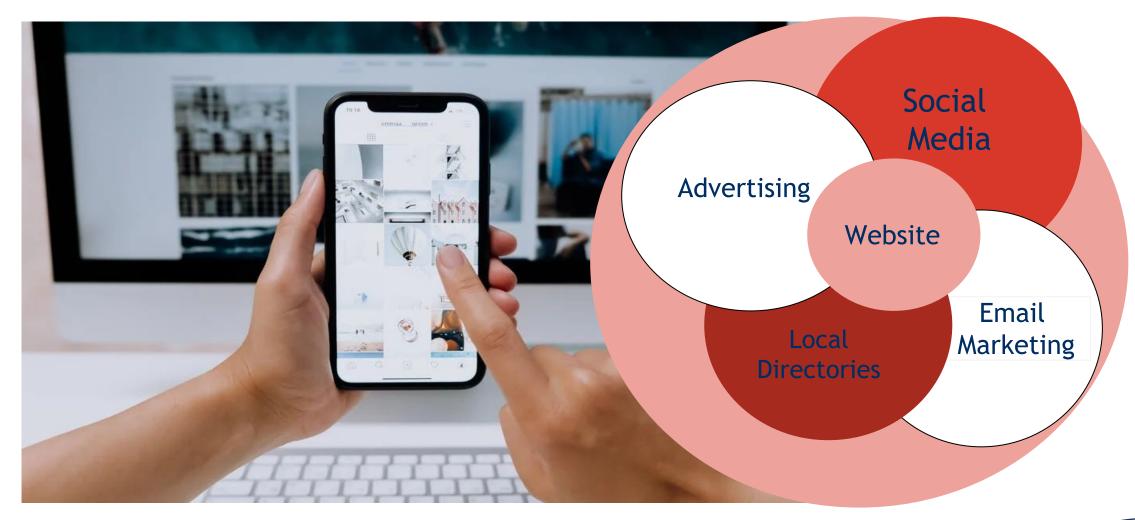
# Agenda

- Congrats! You are online. What is next?
- Harnessing the power of your website
- Communicating with social
- Local online directories
- Email campaigns



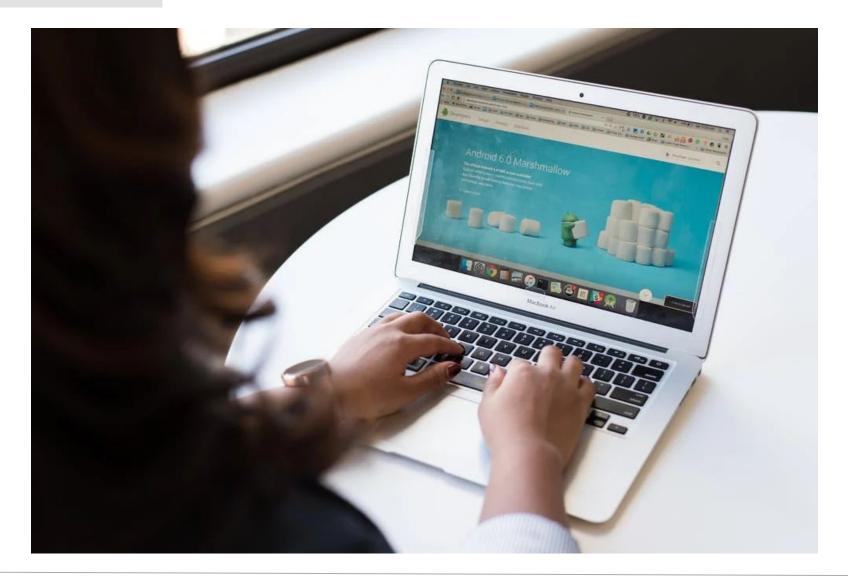


## Your Digital Footprint





#### Your Website





#### Optimize Your Website



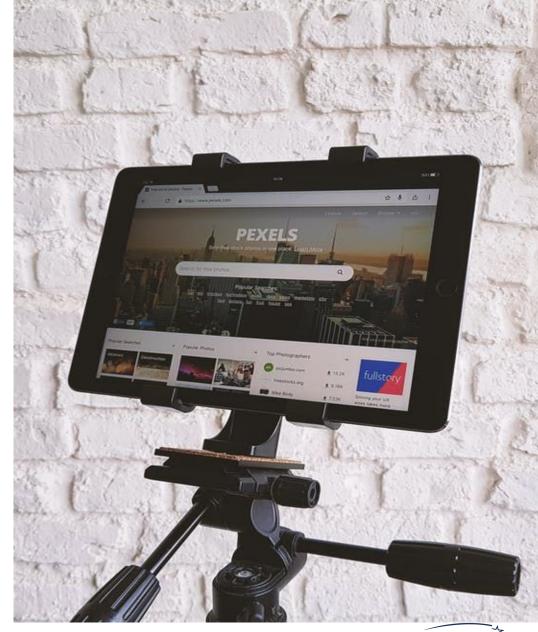
- Looks legitimate
- Central point of your digital footprint
- Communicates your WHY
- Customer centric
- User friendly
- Easy to navigate

Even if you don't sell on your website, people will check it out!



#### Address Your Requirements

- 1) Determine your target market(s)
- 2) Your Unique Value Proposition
- 3) Determine the purchase decisioning process and meet it online
- 4) Your calls to action





#### Examples of Calls To Action

- People want to take action but you need to tell them what to do
- Include offers
- Drive engagement
- Stands out from other content







Spotify





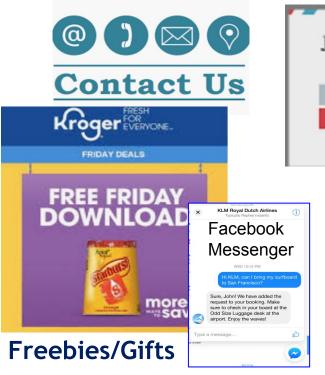




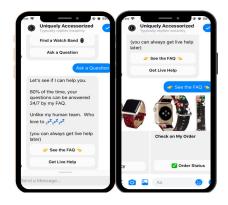


#### CTA on Each Page that **Drives to Leads or Sales**

#### **Leads/Customer Service**







Sales \$\$\$



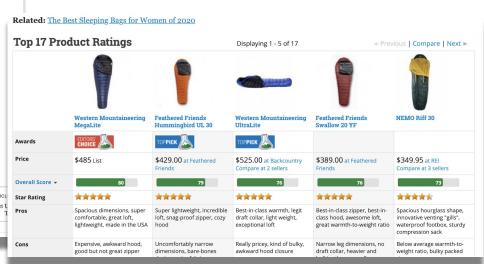




### Consider The Purchase Decisioning Journey

Information Search





Product Selection/ Purchase Decision

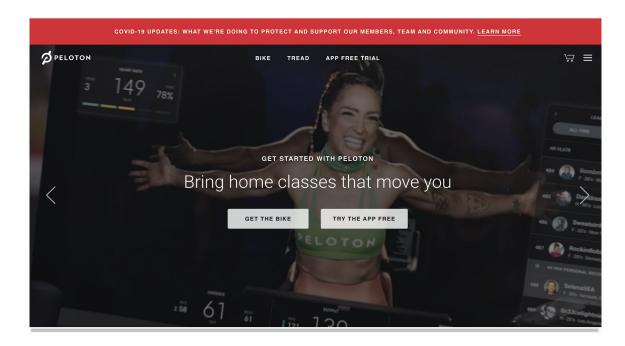


**Evaluation of Products and Services** 

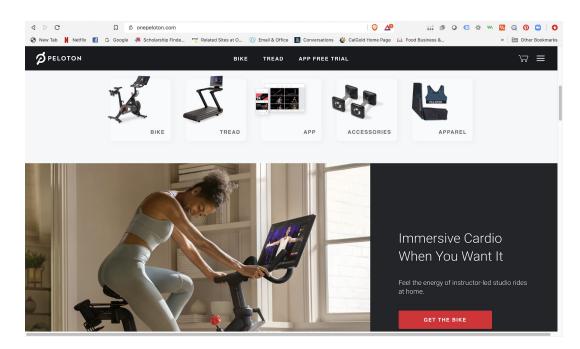


## "Above The Fold"- Why It's Important

- Content first seen
- Loads faster
- Gets the most attention



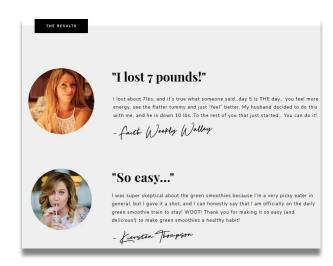
Above the Fold: Sell with emotion



Scroll down for merchandise and details like financing

#### Social Proof

#### **TESTIMONIALS**





#### CASE STUDIES OR CREDENTIALS



# LOGOS OF BUSINESSES THAT USE YOUR SERVICES

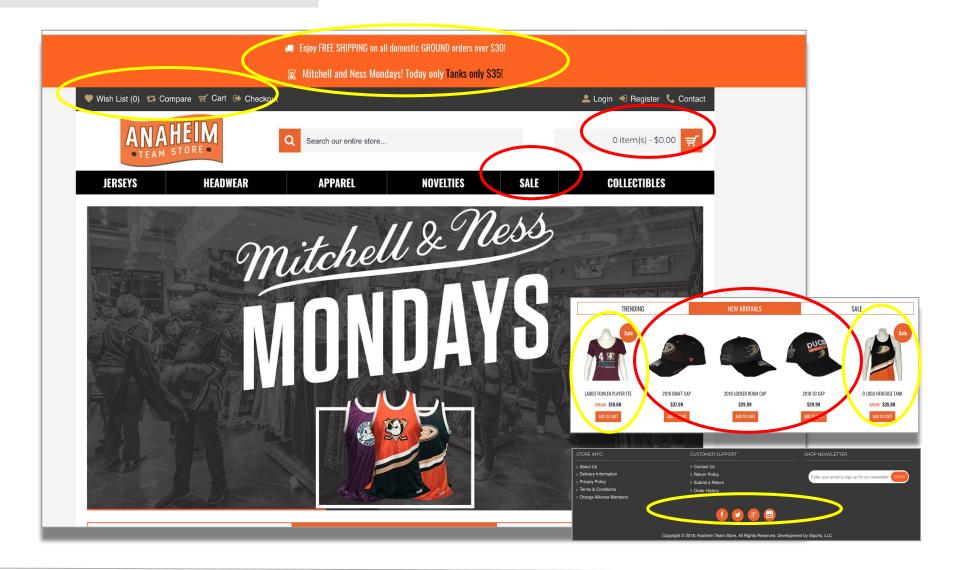






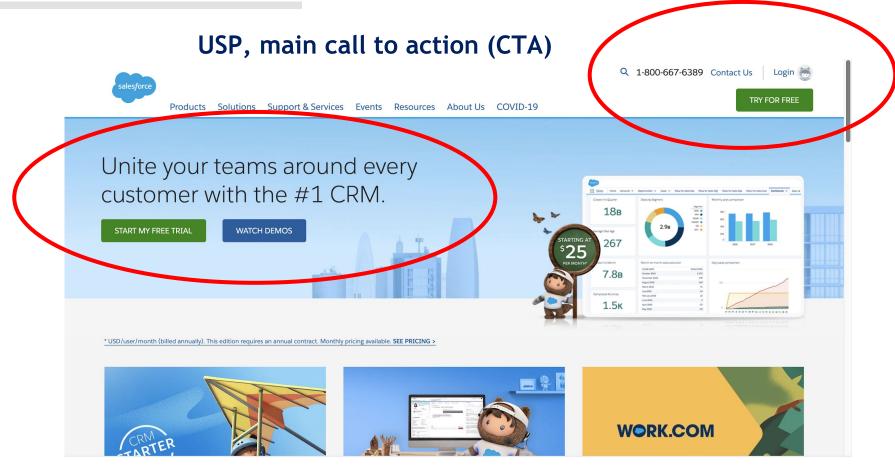


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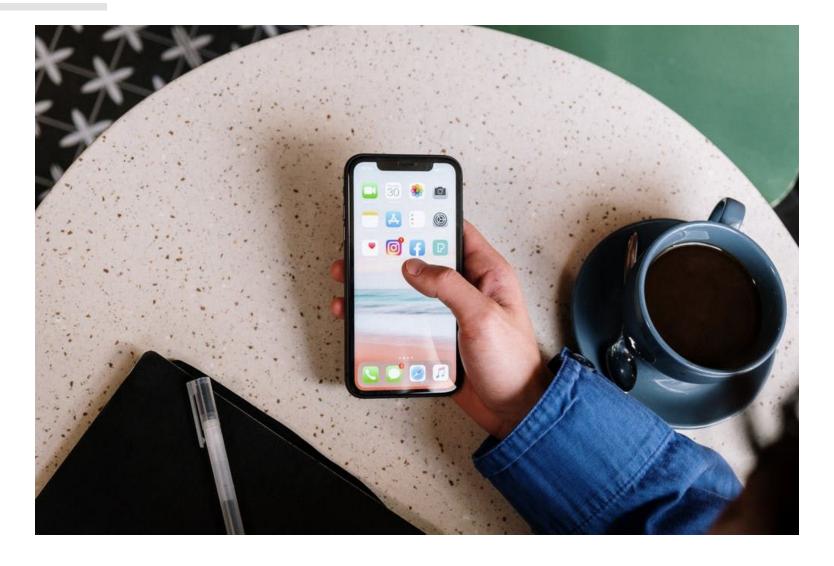


B2B Purchase decisioning process requires free trial, detail to support organizational decision making



**Secondary CTA** 

### Social Media





## Communicating and Selling With Social

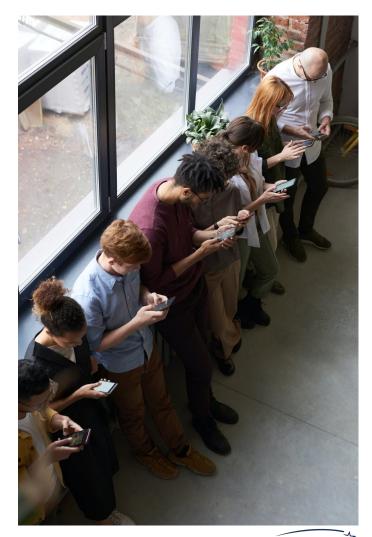
- Reach prospects early on in the buying process
- Drive awareness and leads
- Build authenticity and credibility
- Push for user generated content





#### Platforms You Should Use Depends on Your Business

- Image-Based Platforms: Pinterest, Instagram
- All-in Platforms: Facebook, Twitter
- Video Networks: YouTube, Tik Tok
- Professional, Business-Focused Networks:
   LinkedIn
- SEO and Authorship Platforms: Pinterest and YouTube

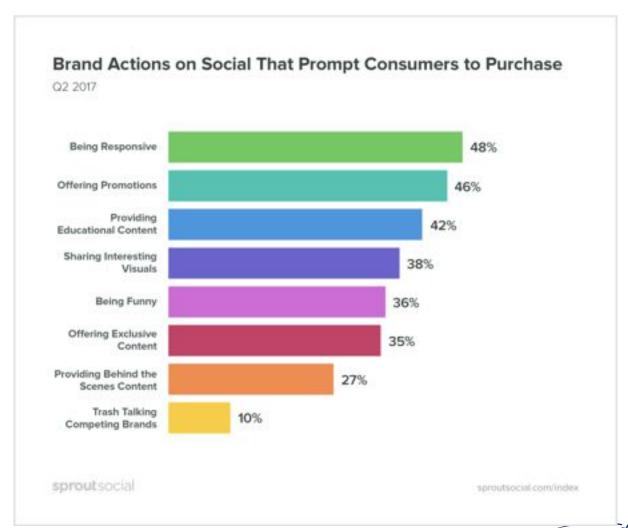




#### Rule #1: Avoid Publishing Only Promotional Messages

# Create authentic and lasting brand awareness:

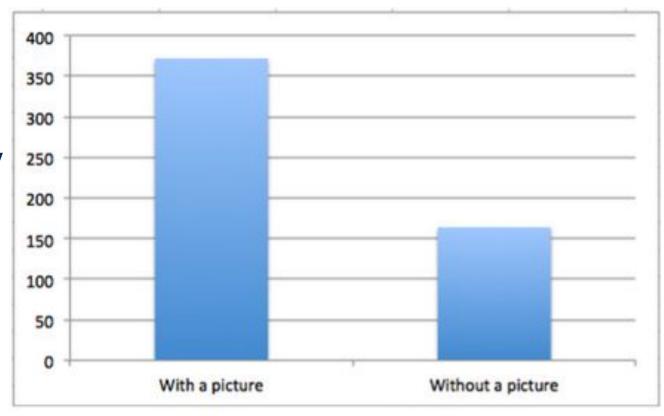
- Provide value with engagement, humor, knowledge
- Focus on content that emphasizes your personality and puts your followers ahead of a hard sell
- Make your content SHAREABLE





#### Rule #2: What To Look Out For

- Stick to an editorial calendar
- Really understand your customers
- Frequency of postings, time of day to post
- Engaging, not selling
- Using images or better, videos
- Driving user generated content



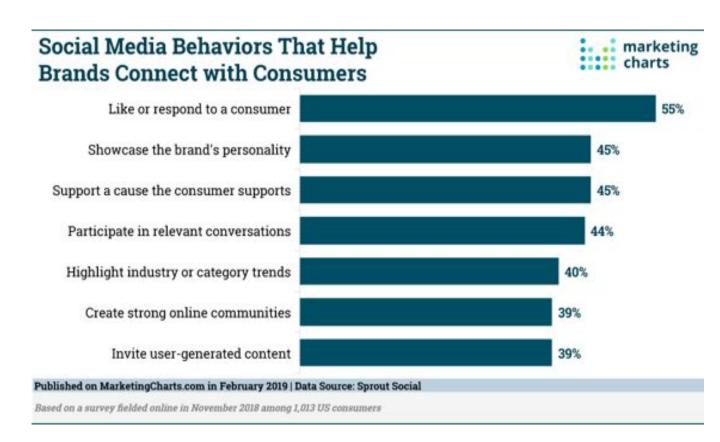
https://buzzsumo.com/blog/how-to-massively-boost-your-blog-traffic-with-these-5-awesome-image-stats/#gs.fNkio7A



#### Rule #3: Interact

# Social media uniquely provides a two way platform where customers can talk with the brand.

- Know your customer (you may need to define your segments)
- Discuss topics of interest to them
- Respond to customers quickly
- Ask questions, drive interaction





#### Rule #4- Letting Others Speak for You (User Generated Content)

We're more likely to take <u>recommendations</u> <u>from friends and</u> <u>family members</u> than brands when it comes time to make buying decisions







#### **User Generated Content**



- Conversations with consumers should be 2 ways.
- Higher authority when a customer or influencer endorses your brand.
- Encourage through incentives and ask for it!



#### Social Commerce

You can market and sell your products on social channels, and complete the loop from awareness to purchase.

Engage on Social Media

Promote Your Products

Accept Payments via Social



- User generated content
- 2-way communication
- Answering questions

- Paid ads
- Personalize experience through targeting
- In app purchases
- Facebook marketplace, buyable pins on Pinterest through integrations





#### Local Directories











# Why Yelp?

- Connect with customers
- Be where your clients are
- Be part of the conversation
- Build on positive reviews
- Consider advertising





## How Yelp Can Help Your Business

- Drive reviews
- Respond to questions
- Address reviewers by name
- Respond to feedback- both good and bad
- Make the situation right (if needed), apologize
- Always be courteous and maintain a positive tone
- Don't pick a fight
- Make it clear that you resolved the issue





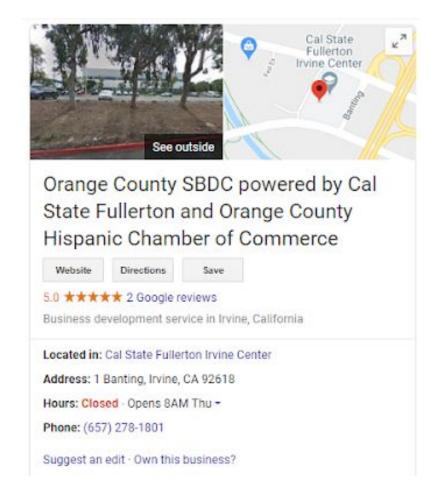
A tool which enables business owners to manage how they appear online across Google and make their business stand out.



## Google Business - How and What

#### https://www.google.com/business/

- Free Business Profile
- Show up on local searches and local pack listings
- Drive customer engagement with local customers across Google Search and Maps.
- Free 1 page website
- Publish posts





# **Email Marketing**

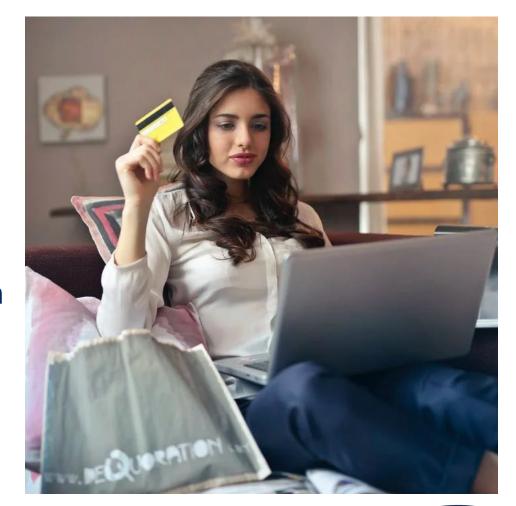




#### Customer Relationship Management

#### **Key Questions**

- How are customer records kept?
- Is there a CRM system in place with lead nurturing?
- Do you use email marketing?
- Do you systematically outreach to convert down the funnel?
- Rifle vs. Shotgun Approach: Are you using segmentation to customize the message?

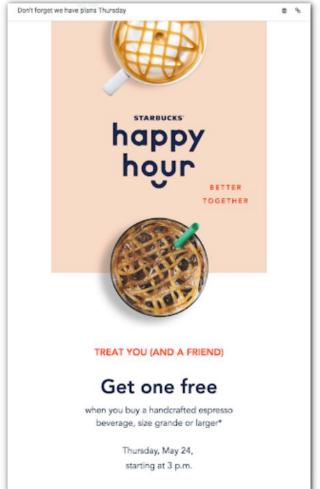




#### **Email Marketing Best Practices**

- Use an interesting subject line
- Make it short
- Optimize the **email** preview text.
- Personalize
- Keep the main message and <u>call-to-action</u> above the fold
- Use your logo and contact information
- Only use your own list, do not purchase list
- Clean your mailing list regularly







## CRM & Email Marketing Providers







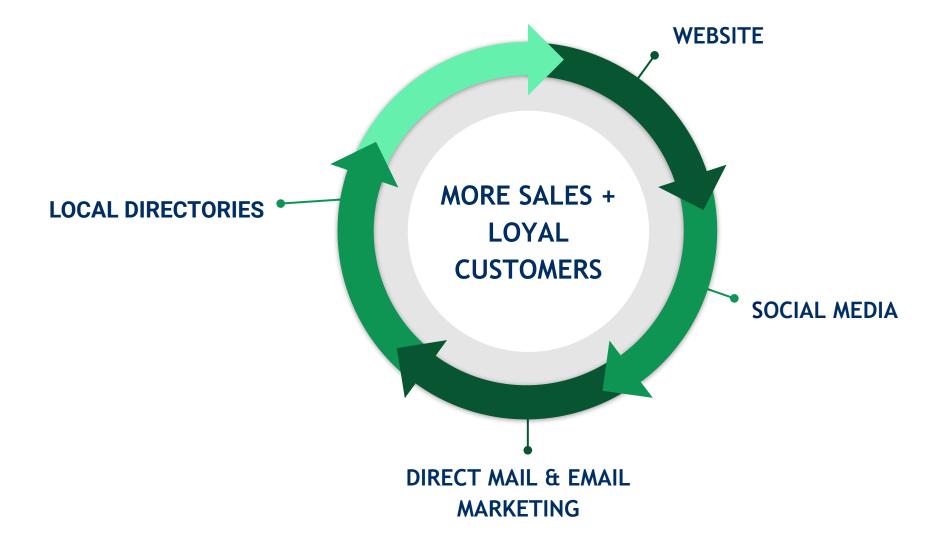








#### Connect All to Generate More Sales and Loyal Customers





# Summary

Once you build your brand and your digital footprint, there are still actions we need to perform to drive leads and conversions:

- Optimizing your website
- Using social media to communicate, sell and encourage others to generate content for your brand
- Maximize your use of online directories
- Manage customer relationships using outreach, including email campaigns







#### **Accurate Information**



Answers to Your Questions



Step-by-Step Guidance

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