

Contra Costa

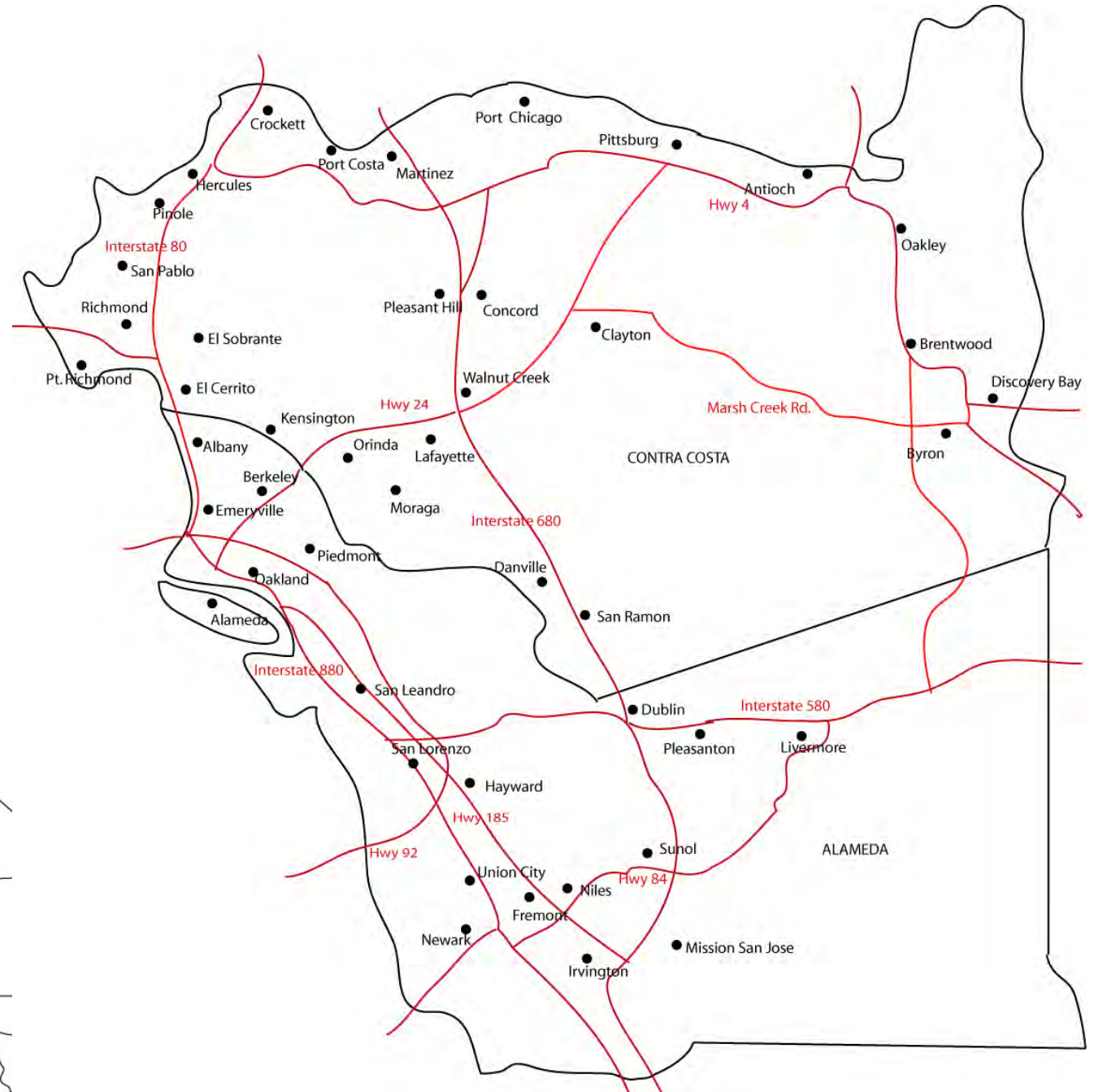
The Contra Costa County Courthouse in Martinez.
Part 4 of 4: Mt. Diablo, Black Diamond Mines, Pleasant Hills, Concord, Walnut Creek, Clayton.



Contra Costa County

The dominant feature of the county is Mt. Diablo. The communities at the base of the mountain – Concord, Pleasant Hill, Walnut Creek and Clayton are upscale.

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Mt. Diablo

The view from westside. (February 2005)



Mt. Diablo

(February 2005)



Mt. Diablo

The view of Pittsburg from the top. The power plant in the middle is ten miles away. (September 2009)



Mt. Diablo

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Mt. Diablo

The structure at the top of the peak was built by the Civilian Conservation Corps in 1939 to 1942. (September 2009)



Mt. Diablo

The view of Clayton from the peak. (September 2009)



Mt. Diablo

The peak is 3,864 feet tall and the park covers 20,000 acres. (September 2009)



Mt. Diablo

The rock formations found in the park were once part of the ocean floor. The stone that was used to build the view station at the top of the mountain is filled with sea shells. (September 2009)



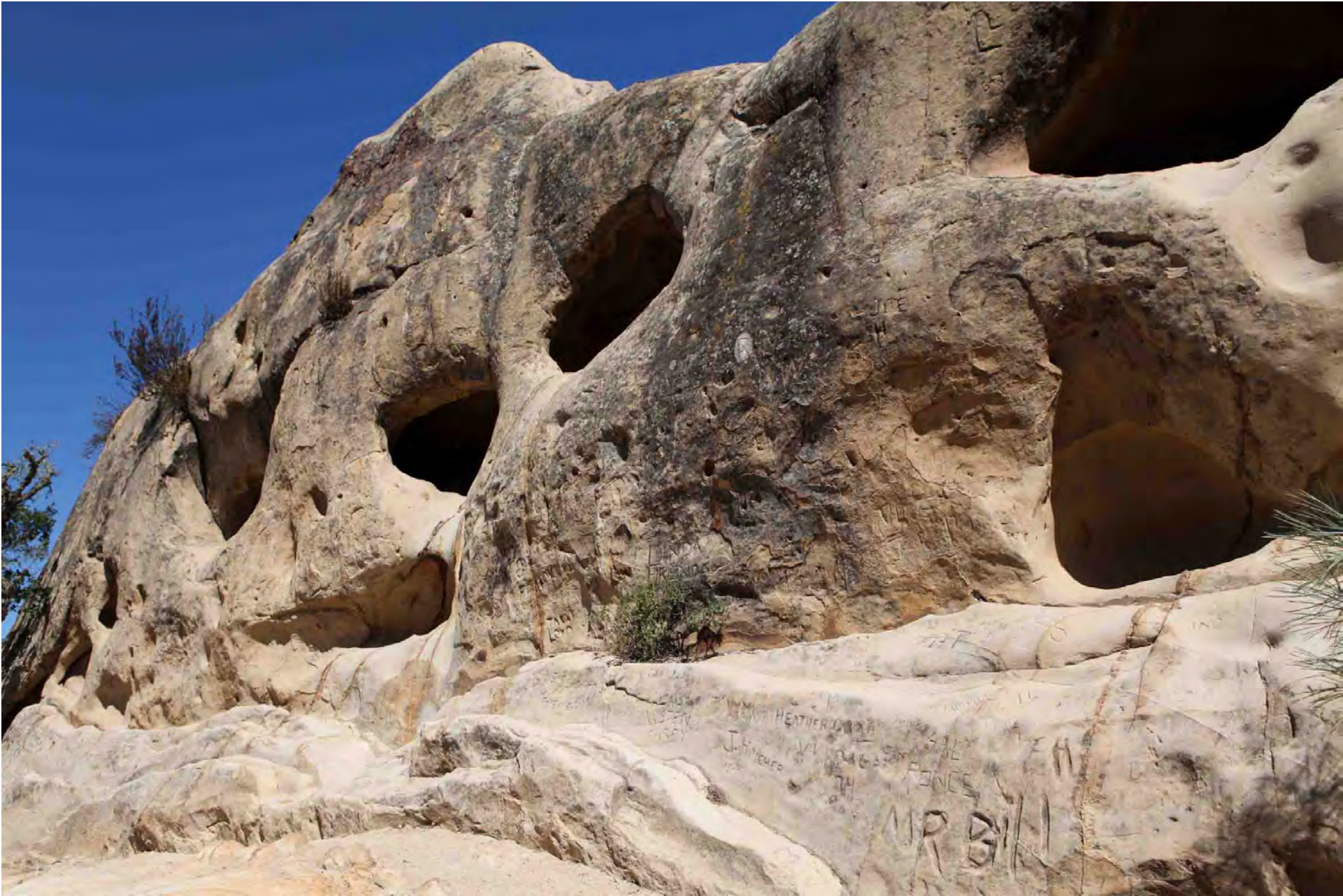
Mt. Diablo

(September 2009)



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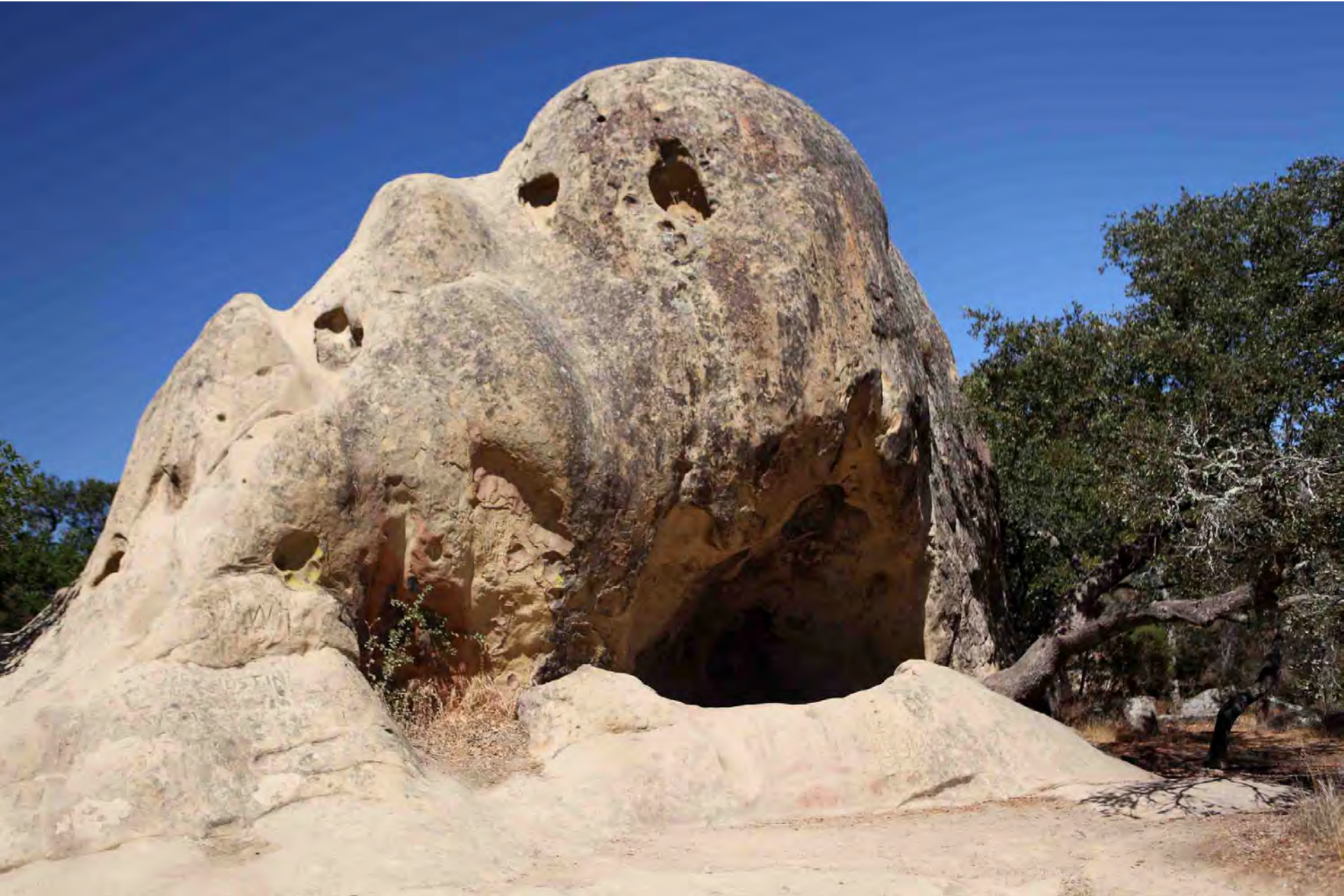
Clayton Quarry from Mt. Diablo

This large quarry behind Clayton has been providing rock since 1947. (September 2009)



Mt. Diablo

(September 2009)



Black Diamond Mines

The view from the Black Diamond mines. The windmills are in the Montezuma Hills.



Black Diamond Mines

Above Pittsburg is a large park featuring the Black Diamond mining complex. From 1860 to 1906 this was a coal mining region. The availability of oil in Southern California replace coal as a source of energy.



Black Diamond Mines

Mining resumed in the 1920's. This time it was sand used for casting molds for glass jar manufacturing and metal casting. It came to an end in 1945.



Pleasant Hill City Hall

Pleasant Hill was created as a suburban community after World War II. It became a city in 1961 but never had a downtown. A flashy new town center was built and a few blocks away an award winning city hall was created. (March 2009)



Pleasant Hill City Hall

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Pleasant Hill

The created downtown in Pleasant Hill.



Pleasant Hill



Pleasant Hill



Concord
May 2003





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The Civic Center complex of Concord. (March 2009)



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Walnut Creek

The town began in the 1850's and a post office was established in 1862. The town was incorporated in 1914. The population is now 64,000. (June 2003)



Walnut Creek

(June 2003)



Walnut Creek

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Walnut Creek

The regional performing arts center. (June 2003)



Walnut Creek

(June 2003)



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Clayton

The town was founded in 1857 and a post office was established in 1861. The town was incorporated in 1961. Its population is 11,000. (June 2003)



Clayton

(June 2003)



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Clayton

Forty years ago this is about what all there was of Clayton.
(June 2003)



Clayton

(September 2009)



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Clayton

The city hall is located in an old winery. (September 2009)



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