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Academic Achievement as a Function of Intrinsic Motivation and Distraction During Study

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Master’s Thesis from the year 2013 in the subject Pedagogy - Higher Education, Concordia University Portland, course: Curriculum and instruction, language: English, abstract: The following is a literature review at Concordia University-Portland and a research project on levels of intrinsic motivation in relation to high school student’s grades. The research question is, "What role does intrinsic motivation play on the academic achievement of the learner?" A definition is given, and independent variables affecting the dependent variable of intrinsic motivation are discussed. Also discussed is learning and learners with disabilities and their relationships to intrinsic motivation.

There is discussion of 3 self-report surveys of levels of intrinsic motivation given at a private, parochial, and Sunday School learners, observations, and comparison of available grades to ascertain if intrinsically motivated students do indeed earn better grades. The issue of the learner desiring on his own to succeed academically is especially important when considering that learning ideally will be a lifelong event. Learning for its own enjoyment can benefit the learner, the community, and society. It is the responsibility of the learner, educator, parents, and administration to educe, or draw out, the learning capabilities and possibilities in the home, community, and school. Establishment of a baseline of perceived intrinsic motivation as it relates to academic achievement can be used by the schools surveyed to become aware of positive and negative factors to be found in order to make corrections. Intrinsic motivation is the energy that keeps learners excited about completing academic assignments for the enjoyment of doing so. By encouraging intrinsic motivation, the educator can help the learner to achieve academic success. There is little interest in academic achievement or school when the learner is not interested in a topic, or the domain of the academic performance, or subject of study. Interest is closely related to intrinsic motivation because the orientation of the person towards an object-action (or need) increases and directs the person to the action and need.

Intrinsic Motivation

Relationship Between Self-concept, Intrinsic Motivation, Self Determination and Academic Achievement of Primary School Students

An important part of every manager’s job is changing people’s...
behavior: to improve someone’s performance, get them to better manage relationships with colleagues, or to stop them doing something. Yet, despite the fact that changing people’s behavior is such an important skill for managers, too many are unsure how to actually go about it. This book reveals the simple, but powerful techniques for changing behavior that experts from a range of disciplines have been using for years, making them available to all managers in a single and comprehensive toolkit for change that managers can use to drive and improve the performance of their staff. Based on research conducted for this book, it introduces practical techniques drawn from the fields of psychology, psychotherapy, and behavioral economics, and show how they can be applied to address some of the most common, everyday challenges that managers face.

Relationship Between Intrinsic Motivation and Academic Achievement Among TESL and ESL Undergraduates in Unimas

The Relationship Between Intrinsic Motivation and Risk-reducing Behaviors Among Subjects Completing a Twelve-week Cardiac Rehabilitation Program Covers the latest developments in direction dependence research. Direction Dependence in Statistical Modeling: Methods of Analysis incorporates the latest research for the statistical analysis of hypotheses that are compatible with the causal direction of dependence of variable relations. Having particular application in the fields of neuroscience, clinical psychology, developmental psychology, educational psychology, and epidemiology, direction dependence methods have attracted growing attention due to their potential to help decide which of two competing statistical models is more likely to reflect the correct causal flow. The book covers several topics in-depth, including: A demonstration of the importance of methods for the analysis of direction dependence hypotheses; A presentation of the development of methods for direction dependence analysis together with recent novel, unpublished software implementations; A review of methods of direction dependence following the copula-based tradition of Sungur and Kim; A presentation of extensions of direction dependence methods to the domain of categorical data; An overview of algorithms for causal structure learning. The book’s fourteen chapters include a discussion of the use of custom dialogs and macros in SPSS to make direction dependence analysis accessible to empirical researchers.

Influences of Motivational Orientation on Academic Achievement Within the Context of Lower and Upper Primary Year Levels

Guided Inquiry As I begin to write this Preface, I feel a rush of excitement. I have now finished the book; my gestalt is coming into completion. Throughout the months that I have been writing this, I have, indeed, been intrinsically motivated. Now that it is finished I feel quite competent and self-determining (see Chapter 2). Whether or not those who read the book will perceive me that way is also a concern of mine (an extrinsic one), but it is a wholly separate issue from the intrinsic rewards I have been experiencing. This book presents a theoretical perspective. It reviews an enormous amount of research which establishes unequivocally that intrinsic motivation exists. Also considered herein are various approaches to the conceptualizing of intrinsic motivation. The book concentrates on the approach which has developed out of the work of Robert White (1959), namely, that intrinsically motivated behaviors are ones which a person engages in so that he may feel competent and self-determining in relation to his environment. The book then considers the development of intrinsic motivation, how behaviors are motivated intrinsically, how they relate to and how intrinsically motivated behaviors are affected by extrinsic rewards and controls. It also considers how changes in intrinsic motivation relate to changes in attitudes, how people attribute motivation to each other, how the attribution process is motivated, and how the process of perceiving motivation (and other internal states) in oneself relates to perceiving them in others.

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Drive The purpose of this study was to examine the relationship between students’ motivation and students’ achievement in English Language Learning according to types of schools and gender. The findings from the current study mostly were not consistent with the literature reviewed in some of the previous studies of motivation and achievement. However, that only intrinsic motivation, was found to be substantially related to the female students’ achievement in urban schools. In other words, there was significant relationship between intrinsic motivation and achievement of urban schools’ female students.

The Relationship Between Teachers’ Autonomy Support and Students’ Intrinsic Motivation and Academic Achievement in Middle Grades Mathematics

Forget everything you thought you knew about how to motivate people - at work, at school, at home. It's wrong. As Daniel H. Pink explains in his new and paradigm-shattering book DRIVE: THE SURPRISING TRUTH ABOUT WHAT MOTIVATES US, the secret to high performance and satisfaction in today's world is the deeply human need to direct our own lives, to learn and create new things, and to do better by ourselves and our world. Drawing on four decades of scientific research on human motivation, Pink exposes the mismatch between what science knows and what business does - and how that affects every aspect of our lives. He demonstrates that while the old-fashioned carrot-and-stick approach worked successfully in the 20th century, it's precisely the wrong way to motivate people for today's challenges. In DRIVE, he reveals the three elements of true motivation: AUTONOMY - the desire to direct our own lives; MASTERY - the urge to get better and better at something that matters; PURPOSE - the yearning to do what we do in the service of something larger than ourselves. Along the way, he takes us to companies that are enlisting new approaches to motivation and introduces us to the scientists and entrepreneurs who are pointing a bold way forward. DRIVE is bursting with big ideas - the rare book that will change how you think and transform how you live.
Intrinsic and Extrinsic Motivation This breakthrough book provides a comprehensive discussion of intrinsic motivation in the workplace--the psychological rewards workers get directly from the work itself.

A Study of the Relationship Between Intrinsic Motivation and Health-promoting Behavior In understanding human behavior, psychologists have long been interested in what motivates specific actions. Debates have pitted extrinsic motivators (e.g. rewards/punishment) against intrinsic motivation in attempting to determine what best motivates individuals. This book provides a summary view of what research has determined about both extrinsic and intrinsic motivation, and clarifies what questions remain unanswered. Divided into three sections, section I revisits the debate about the effects of extrinsic incentives or constraints on intrinsic motivation and creativity, and identifies theoretical advances in motivational research. Section II focuses on the hidden costs and benefits of different types of achievement goals on motivation and performance. Section III discusses theory and research findings on how extrinsic and intrinsic motivators may work in everyday life and over time. This book is of interest to researchers in psychology, education, and business, as well as to a wider audience interested in promoting optimal motivation and performance.

Coverage in this book includes: * Debates and controversies in motivational research * Developmental nature of intrinsic and extrinsic motivation over time * Influences of parents, educators, and employers in facilitating motivation * Effect of achievement goals on learning and performance * The role of intrinsic and extrinsic motivation in self-regulation Key Features * Brings together major figures in the fields of motivation, education, and social psychology * Provides a mix of theory, basic and applied research * Presents research conducted both in laboratories and educational settings * Comprehensive chapters provide excellent reviews of previous literature as well as outlines important new directions * Provides different perspectives on controversial debates in a balanced, constructive manner

The Relationship Between Students' Motivation and Academic Achievement in English Learning

The Relationship Between Intrinsic Motivation and Classroom Behavior in Learning Disabled Children "Self-determination can be characterized as one's own effort to perform a task without any external force. Distraction by cell phones, social media or television during online course work, study time, or in the workplace can negatively impact performance and attention. The aim of the current study was to explore the relationship between students' intrinsic motivations, their tendency to study with distractions present, and their overall academic success. Participants consisted of 215 undergraduate students in online psychology courses. Participants completed the Needs Assessment Questionnaire, and gave self-reports about their usage of their cell phone, social media, and television during study. The students' final percent in their course served as the dependent variable. The hypotheses were that "Overall Percent in Class" would be (1) lower among participants who reported more distractions while studying; (2) lower among participants who were higher in the need for affiliation and who study with distractions present; and (3) higher among participants who were higher in the needs for autonomy and achievement, and who had lower distraction scores. A multivariate analysis of variance failed to support these hypotheses, but significant main effects and interactions were found among several variables"--Leaf iii.

Motivation and Work Performance. The Effects of Intrinsic and Extrinsic Motivation on Work Performance Written by leading researchers in educational and social psychology, learning science, and neuroscience, this edited volume is suitable for a wide-academic readership. It gives definitions of key terms related to motivation and learning alongside developed explanations of significant findings in the field. It also presents cohesive descriptions concerning how motivation relates to learning, and produces a novel and insightful combination of issues and findings from studies of motivation and/or learning across the authors' collective range of scientific fields. The authors provide a variety of perspectives on motivational constructs and their measurement, which can be used by multiple and distinct scientific communities, both basic and applied.

The Relationship Between Intrinsic Motivation, Job Demand and Burnout

The Oxford Handbook of Human Motivation The purpose of this study was to examine the relationship between the different parenting styles (authoritative, authoritarian, and permissive) and both extrinsic motivation and intrinsic motivation. The study also aimed at examining the relationship between the three parenting styles and students' academic achievement as measured by the students' records. The sample included 78 students from grade one through six and their parents from one private school in Beirut. The instrument to measure parenting styles was the Primary Caregivers Practices Report (PCPR) designed by Robinson, Mandleco, Oslen, & Hart, (1995). Intrinsic and extrinsic motivation were measured through child interviews using the A Scale of Intrinsic versus Extrinsic Motivation in the Classroom (Harter, 1981) and the Teacher-Report Scale of Intrinsic versus Extrinsic Motivation in the Classroom (Harter, 1981), which was given to teachers to complete. Students' grades were obtained from students' records. Correlational analysis identified the relationship between these constructs and was used to examine the connection between students' gender and motivational orientation. It was hypothesised that students operating from the intrinsic motivation perspective, are more likely to be high achievers within their year level. It was furthermore hypothesised that students in the lower year level would show higher levels of intrinsic motivation and as students progressed through primary school intrinsic motivation levels would decline while extrinsic motivation would increase. The results of this research study concluded that high academic achievers operated with high levels of both intrinsic and extrinsic motivation. The study also discovered that there is a decline in both intrinsic and extrinsic motivation as students progress through their primary education.

Encyclopedia of Personality and Individual Differences Many researchers have completed a range of studies to evaluate the relationship of intrinsic, extrinsic and amotivation, particularly on how it influences on a student's academic achievement. This study expanded on these studies by examining the relationship of intrinsic and extrinsic motivation within the context of lower and upper primary school classrooms. One issue that has received minimal attention is the relationship between intrinsic and extrinsic motivation and academic achievement in young students. In order to examine this relationship, students completed a motivation questionnaire (Academic Motivation Scale), as well as a Standardised Academic Test (State-wide Government Year 3 & 7 Tests). Correlational analysis identified the relationship between these constructs and was used to examine the connection between students' gender and motivational orientation. It was hypothesised that students operating from the intrinsic motivation perspective, are more likely to be high achievers within their year level. It was furthermore hypothesised that students in the lower year level would show higher levels of intrinsic motivation and as students progressed through primary school intrinsic motivation levels would decline while extrinsic motivation would increase. The results of this research study concluded that high academic achievers operated with high levels of both intrinsic and extrinsic motivation. The study also discovered that there is a decline in both intrinsic and extrinsic motivation as students progress through their primary education.
The Relationship Between Intrinsic/extrinsic Motivation and Spiritual Well-being Contrary to popular claims that incentive systems have negative effects in business, education, and other applied settings, this study indicates that rewards can be effectively used to enhance motivation and performance.

Relación de los puntos de etapa en las marchas ordinarias de las tropas, formada en el Depósito de la Guerra y aprobada por Real orden de 9 de Diciembre de 1865 Motivated employees play a crucial role in creating a company's sustainable competitive advantage. Successful Management by Motivation shows that in a knowledge-based society, this goal cannot be achieved by extrinsic motivation alone. Pay for performance often even hurts because it crowds out intrinsic motivation. To succeed, companies have to find ways of fostering and sustaining intrinsic motivation. With the help of in-depth case studies, representative surveys, and analysis based on a large number of firms and employees, this work identifies the various aspects of motivation in companies and shows how the right combination of intrinsic and extrinsic motivation can be achieved.

Direction Dependence in Statistical Modeling The concepts of intrinsic and extrinsic motivation and organizational commitment have long interested researchers. Based on many studies in the U.S. and fewer in other countries, established theories recognize the relationship of intrinsic and extrinsic motivation to organizational commitment. In light of these theories, this study examined the relationships between intrinsic and extrinsic motivation and organizational commitment in the automotive industry within a European environment, specifically Switzerland. Five null hypotheses were formulated. (a) Swiss employees are not more motivated by intrinsic than extrinsic rewards. (b) There is no relationship between Swiss employees' intrinsic and extrinsic motivation and organizational commitment. (c) Selected demographic factors (years with company, position with company, salary, educational level) are not significant in employees' organizational commitment. (d) There is no relationship between Swiss employees' intrinsic and extrinsic motivation and the brand of product they sell. (e) There is no relationship between Swiss employees' organizational commitment and the brand of product they sell. The sample, 316 Swiss salespeople, completed a demographic survey, the Survey of Work Values, and the Organizational Commitment Questionnaire. The data were analyzed with descriptive statistics, Pearson correlations, multiple regression, and t tests. Results showed that the first three null hypotheses were rejected and the last two were accepted. Swiss employees' were more intrinsically motivated than extrinsically, and the greater their intrinsic motivation, the greater their degree of organizational commitment.

Further, those who were highly extrinsically motivated showed lower organizational commitment. The selected demographic variables, taken together, were significant in Swiss employees' organizational commitment. Finally, no significant relationship was found between employees' intrinsic and extrinsic motivation or organizational commitment and the product they sell.

Implications for theory included consideration of more complex relationships among these concepts than previously defined, and addition to the theory of such factors as national culture, governmental constraints, and organizational structure. Recommendations for implementation included development of effective compensation packages and job redesign programs for Swiss employees. Recommendations for future research included replication of this study with U.S. counterparts, comparative cross-national studies, and analysis of the impact of national culture and governmental influence on intrinsic and extrinsic motivation and organizational commitment.

The Relationship Between Intrinsic Motivation and the Duration of Breastfeeding Seminar paper from the year 2018 in the subject Leadership and Human Resource Management - Employee Motivation, grade: 1,3, University of Mannheim, language: English; abstract: The purpose of this paper is to investigate the effects of intrinsic and extrinsic motivation on work performance within the R&D environment and provide practical recommendations. Substantial research has been conducted to investigate the construct of motivation and to validate its impact on core business outcomes within varying environments. According to Rani and Lenka (2012), the motivational process affects an individual's strength and persistence of behaviour. Thus, motivated individuals are activated to behave in a more creative, productive and persistent way. Prevailing literature validates this positive effect. For example, Deci and Ryan (2008a) argue that there is a significant link between motivation and positive work-related outcomes, such as psychological well-being and work performance. Considering this convincing evidence, further research tried to investigate this relationship within varying settings. An area that has aroused major attention is the R&D environment. Within this context managers face several obstacles in establishing high levels of motivation. Clarke (2002) mentions, for example, the differing values and expectations of R&D specialists, the uncertainty of outcomes and the difficulty in measuring the results. For high levels of motivation and performance to occur, managers need to respond to the needs of the R&D professionals without losing sight of the company's major objectives. Based on the work of Deci, Vallerand, Pelletier and Ryan (1991) and their distinction between intrinsic and extrinsic motivation, studies in the R&D management literature validate the importance of both motivational constructs within this context. However, in practice, organizations like BMW may be incentivized to primarily focus on extrinsic rewards. Extrinsic incentive systems, such as salary increases or bonuses, can easily be established, fairly measured and provide a clear link between the employees' monetary motives and the organizations objectives. Further, intrinsic motivation may be neglected due to difficulties and increased efforts of implementing such incentives. As a result of this neglect of their workers' intrinsic needs and desires, the motivation within the R&D department and in turn the work performance may decline.

Successful Management by Motivation The purpose of this Matura paper was to analyse with experiments the relationship between motivation and performance. The question I wanted to answer was: Does extrinsic motivation methods increase performance? Therefore, I made an investigation with a football group of the FC Altlätten. The study group consisted of 18 football players, aged between 10 and 12, who were divided into two groups. An intrinsically motivated group on which I applied the selected motivation methods and a reference group. Over a six sessions period I measured time and failure rate of both groups while they were doing an exercise. Later I analysed the test results. My analysis showed that the intrinsic motivated group has been faster at the beginning and due to applied motivation methods developed over time stronger regarding speed and failure rate. So, I can confirm that extrinsic motivation methods drive performance.

Motivation and Action The authors set forth the theory and rationale behind adopting a Guided Inquiry approach to PreK–12 education, as well as the expertise, roles and responsibilities of each member of the instructional team.

The Correlation Between Extrinsic and Intrinsic Motivation and Performance Development in Youth Football Teams
On Intrinsic Motivation

This third edition provides translations of all chapters of the most recent fifth German edition of Motivation and Action, including several entirely new chapters. It provides comprehensive coverage of the history of motivation, and introduces up-to-date theories and new research findings. Early sections provide a broad introduction to, and deep understanding of, the field of motivation psychology, mapping out different perspectives and research traditions. Subsequent chapters examine major themes of human motivation, including achievement, affiliation, and power motivation as well as the fundamentals of motivation psychology, such as motivated and goal-oriented behaviors, implicit and explicit motives, and the regulation of development. In addition, the book discusses the roles of motivation in three practical fields: school and college, the workplace, and sports. Topics featured in this text include: Social Relationships and its effects on sexual or intimacy motivation. Conscious and unconscious motivators of behavior. Drives and incentives in the fields of achievement, intimacy, sociability and power. How the biochemistry and structures of our brain shapes motivated behavior. How to engage in intentional goal-directed behavior. The potential and limits of motivation and self-direction in shaping our lives. Motivation and Action, Third Edition, is a must-have resource for undergraduate and graduate students as well as researchers in the fields of motivation psychology, cognitive psychology, and social psychology, as well as personality psychology and agency. About the Editor: Jutta Heckhausen is the daughter of Heinz Heckhausen, who published "Motivation and Action" as a monograph in 1980 and who died in 1988 just before the 2nd edition came out. Dr. Heckhausen received her Ph.D. in 1985 from the University of Strathclyde, Glasgow with a dissertation about early mother-child interaction, and did her Habilitation in 1996 at the Free University of Berlin with a monograph about developmental regulation in adulthood. Dr. Heckhausen worked for many years at the Max Planck Institute for Human Development in Berlin, conducting research about the role of motivation in lifespan development. She is currently a professor of psychology at the University of California, Irvine.

The Effects of Intrinsic Motivation and Extrinsic Incentives on Employee Performance

An Examination of the Relationship Between Intrinsic Motivation and Arousal of Elderly Nursing Home Residents

This Encyclopedia provides a comprehensive overview of individual differences within the domain of personality, with major sub-topics including assessment and research design, taxonomy, biological factors, evolutionary evidence, motivation, cognition and emotion, as well as gender differences, cultural considerations, and personality disorders. It is an up-to-date reference for this increasingly important area and a key resource for those who study intelligence, personality, motivation, aptitude and their variations within members of a group.

Intrinsic Motivation at Work

The Relationship Between Intrinsic Motivation and Organizational Commitment

Looks at experimental studies and psychological theories to explain the development, stimulus, and effect of intrinsic motivation as well as the reasons for voluntary behavior.

Changing Employee Behavior Bachelor Thesis from the year 2016 in the subject Leadership and Human Resource Management - Employee Motivation, grade: 1,3, University of Mannheim, language: English, abstract: The motivation for this work is a result of several factors. At first, the topics of motivation and work performance represent core areas in the fields of motivation and leadership with essential theoretical and practical implications. Second, various studies have been undertaken in order to examine the direct effects of motivation on work performance showing the high relevance of this issue. For example, the work of Jenkins, Mitra, Gupta and Shaw (1998) verifies a positive link between extrinsic motivation and work performance. Such performance improvements may be essential for companies trying to bet the competition. However, comparable studies examining the effects of intrinsic motivation on work performance tend to be rare. Thus, another reason for this present thesis is to close this substantial research gap. The topic of motivation has been widely studied from various researchers in several areas. It represents an essential part in multiple research fields, including the ones of management and psychology. Rani and Lenka define motivation as “a process that elicits, controls, and sustains certain behaviors”. Thus, motivated employees are activated to engage in a certain behaviour in an energized way, whereas unmotivated employees may not have any incentive to act. Irandi, Leone, Kasser and Ryan (1993) validate a positive relation between high levels of motivation and positive work outcomes, such as job satisfaction or well-being. The importance of motivation becomes clear in light of the recent Gallup-study, which states that unmotivated workers lead to substantial losses for businesses. Until now, a significant number of studies have focused on the effects of motivation on well-being or job satisfaction. However, this thesis has a slightly different focus. It examines the effects of motivation on work performance of employees based on the self-determination theory (SDT) from Deci and Ryan (1985). Therefore, it distinguishes between two types of motivation, namely intrinsic and extrinsic motivation, which will be defined later. This distinction allows to separately examine the effects of intrinsic and extrinsic motivation on work performance as well as the interaction of those two variables and the joint impact of both motivational constructs on work performance.

Intrinsic and Extrinsic Motivation

Motivation is that which moves us to action. Human motivation is thus a complex issue, as people are moved to action by both their evolved natures and by myriad familial, social and cultural influences. The Oxford Handbook of Human Motivation collects the top theorists and researchers of human motivation into a single volume, capturing the current state-of-the-art in this fast developing field. The book includes theoretical overviews from some of the best-known thinkers in this area, including chapters on Social Learning Theory, Control Theory, Self-determination theory, Terror Management theory, and the Promotion and Prevention perspective. Topical chapters appear on phenomena such as ego-depletion, flow, curiosity, implicit motives, and personal interests. A section specifically highlights goal research, including chapters on goal regulation, achievement goals, the dynamics of choice, unconscious goals and process versus outcome focus. Still other chapters focus on evolutionary and biological underpinnings of motivation, including chapters on cardiovascular dynamics, mood, and neuropsychology. Finally, chapters bring motivation down to earth in reviewing its impact within relationships, and in applied areas such as psychotherapy, work, education, sport, and physical activity. By providing reviews of the most advanced work by the very best scholars in this field, The Oxford Handbook of Human Motivation represents an invaluable resource for both researchers and practitioners, as well as any student of human nature.

Intrinsic Motivation

Early in this century, most empirically oriented psychologists believed that all motivation was based in the physiology of a set of non-nervous system tissue needs. The theories of that era reflected this belief and used it in an attempt to explain an increasing number of phenomena. It was not until the 1950s that it became irrefutably clear that much of human motivation is...
based not in these drives, but rather in a set of innate psychological needs. Their physiological basis is less understood; and as concepts, these needs lend themselves more easily to psycho-
logical than to physiological theorizing. The convergence of evidence from a variety of scholarly efforts suggests that there are three such needs: self-determination, competence, and interpersonal
relatedness. This book is primarily about self-determination and competence (with particular emphasis on the former), and about the processes and structures that relate to these needs. The need
for interpersonal relat edness, while no less important, remains to be explored, and the findings from those explorations will need to be integrated with the present theory to develop a broad,
organismic theory of human motivation. Thus far, we have articulated self-determination theory, which is offered as a working theory-a theory in the making. To stimulate the research that will allow
it to evolve further, we have stated self-determination theory in the form of minitheories that relate to more circumscribed domains, and we have developed paradigms for testing predictions from
the various minitheories.

Rewards and Intrinsic Motivation

An Investigation of the Mediating Effect of Intrinsic Motivation on the Relationship Between Extrinsic Rewards and Performance

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