# **Target Analytics' Fundraising Models** for Mid-Level and Transitional Giving

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### Today's Agenda

- Target Analytics and Blackbaud
- Predictive Modeling for Mid-Level Giving
- Best Practices for Growing Mid-Level Programs
- Questions and Answers

### **About Us**

- Target Analytics, a Blackbaud Company since 2001
  - Backed by Blackbaud's reputation and experience
  - More than 25 years of practical experience exclusively with nonprofits
- Superior software and services from one source
  - Donor predictive modeling
  - Prospect research tools such as wealth screening and prospect management software
  - Donor benchmark comparison reports and program assessments
  - Integration with The Raiser's Edge and BBEC
- With the addition of NOZA, we've added more prospect research solutions, such as file screening and subscription to the searchable database of over 50 million gifts
- Our Mission
  - Help nonprofits maximize fundraising results...at every stage of the donor life cycle!



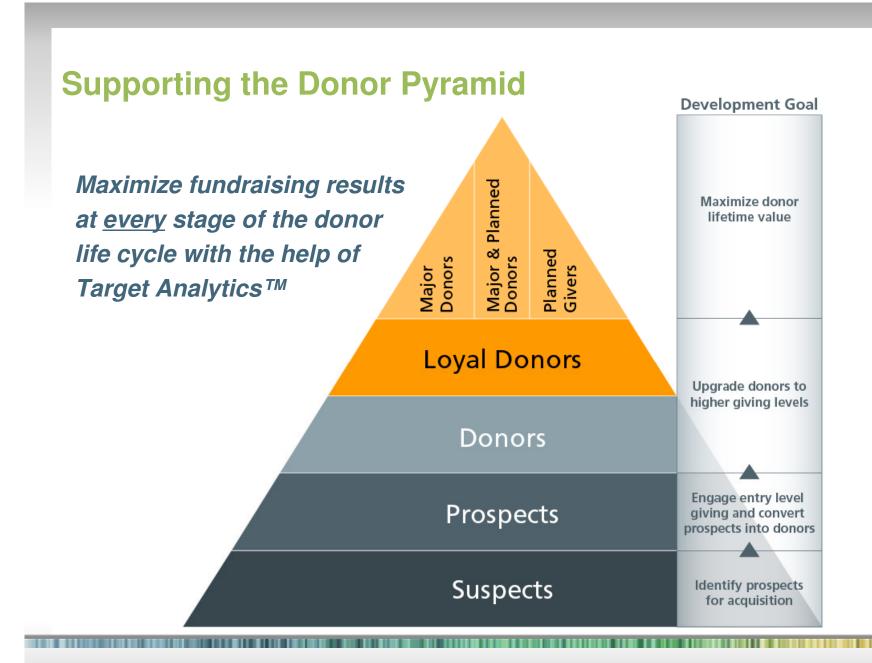
### Target Analytics has helped almost 3,500 organizations



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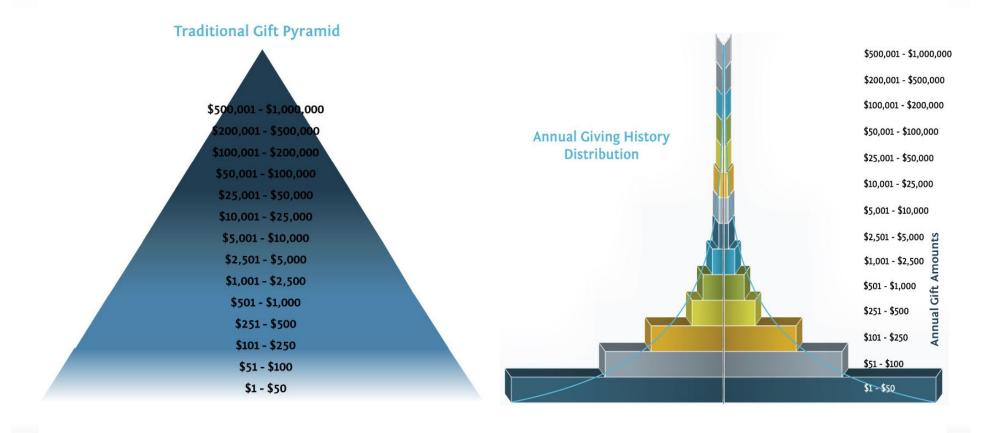
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The Metropolitan Museum of Art
Habitat For Humanity International
American Breast Cancer Foundation
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American Junior Golf Association
Christian Broadcasting Network

#### UPDATE THE LIST OF ORGS, DOES 2,500 WORK? Meredith Johnson, 12/02/2007 MJ1

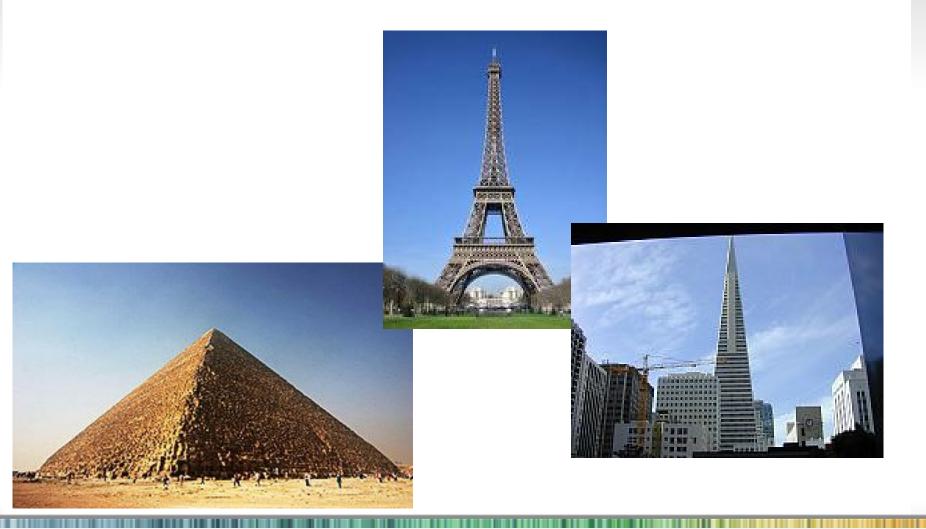


# Predictive Modeling for Mid-Level and Transitional Giving

# Reality Check Today's Donor Pyramid



# **Activity – What Shape is Your Pyramid?**



### Mid-Level Giving: Why is it the Missing Link?

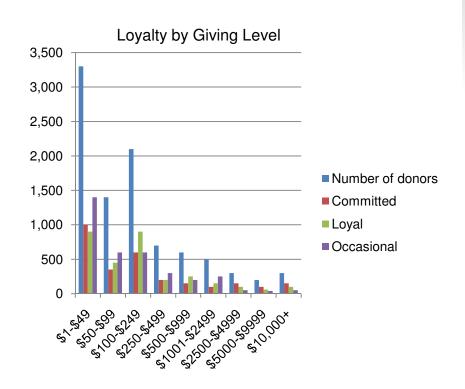
- Mid-Level giving often exists in the void between traditional annual giving methodology and the assignment of individual prospects to development officers
- As a result, we may fail to sufficiently populate the middle levels of the donor pyramid
- Emphasis is on both ends of the pyramid, entry level giving and major giving
- Donor counts, participation rates and capital campaigns may be the culprits
- We need to profile these individuals and target them for personal attention and cultivation

### **Proactive Research Begins With Data Mining**

- Data Mining: Query and analysis of information from a constituent database: segmentation analysis, correlation studies, descriptive modeling
- Predictive Modeling: Discovery of underlying meaningful relationships and patterns from historical and current information within a database; using these findings to predict individual behavior

### The Benefits of Data Mining and Modeling

- Comprehensive view of donor potential
- Understand donor/non-donor characteristics
- Jump starting prospect identification and classification
- Cost savings due to optimized solicitation
- Increase gift revenues
- Optimal staffing and resource allocation
- Knowing your institution, turning knowledge into results



### **Data Mining Activity**

For purposes of discussion:

- Let's assume that for this organization mid-level giving is defined as \$500-\$2500
- All the necessary shareholders have been engaged
- There is a rough plan for the strategy following the results

Although there are many patterns to analyze, let's plot and analyze three:

- Number of years mid-level donors have contributed prior to reaching "mid-level"
- Time of year
- Age or life stage

### **Findings**

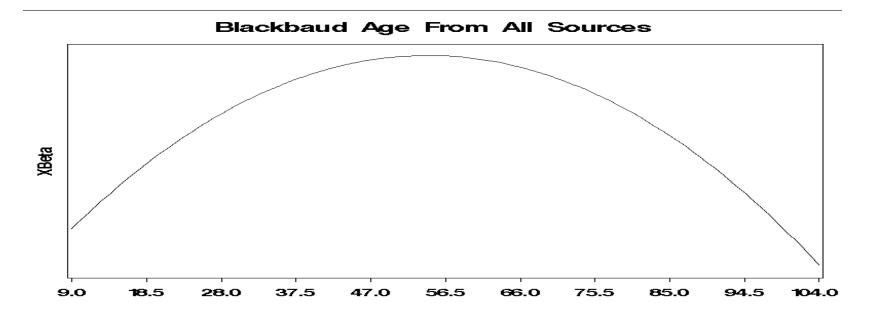


- ➤ Mid-level donors make an average of 9 annual gifts prior to reaching major donor status (also check mode or median)
- Establish a threshold, such as 6 annual gifts, to identify potential midlevel prospects
- Change stewardship efforts to cultivate better relationships with these prospects at earlier stage (i.e.- personal thank you program)

### **More Donor Analysis**

- Time-of-Year Giving
  - Create a pool of all mid-level donors over the past 10 years
  - Create a subset of donors giving in at least 6 of the 10 years
  - Plot the months/quarters of their gifts
  - Identify the habitual donors
- Why is This Important?
  - You can thank them for their loyalty and habitual behavior
  - You can solicit at appropriate times
  - You can build a relationship on fiscal responsibility

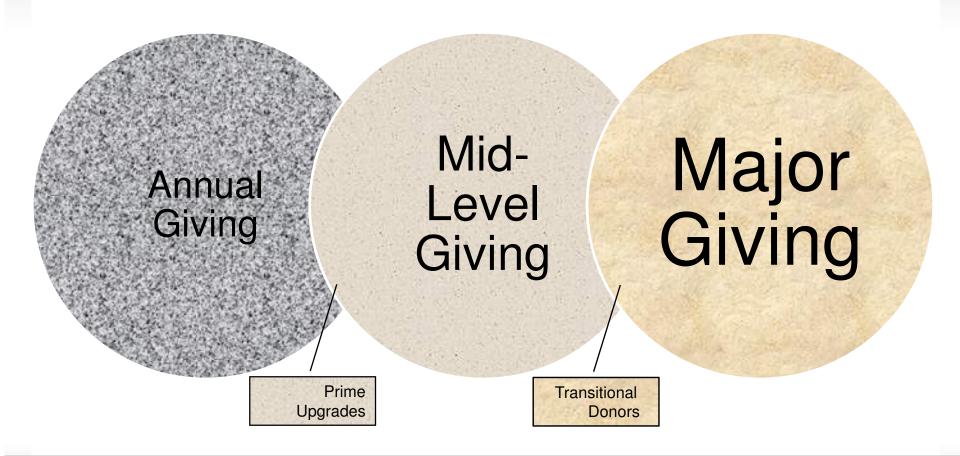
### Age / Life stage Analysis



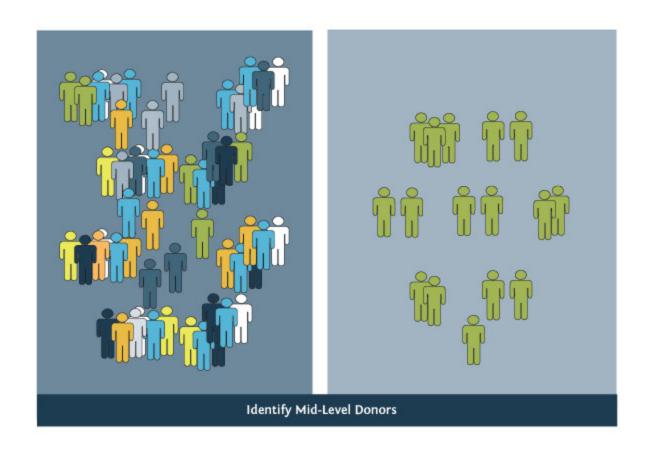
- ➤Other than past giving, it is the single most predictive variable that you can analyze so collect it whenever possible
- ➤ Don't accept industry wide age analysis unless you verify it applies to your constituents
- ➤ Now create your own age curve for mid-level giving!

### **Defining Mid-Level Giving for Modeling**

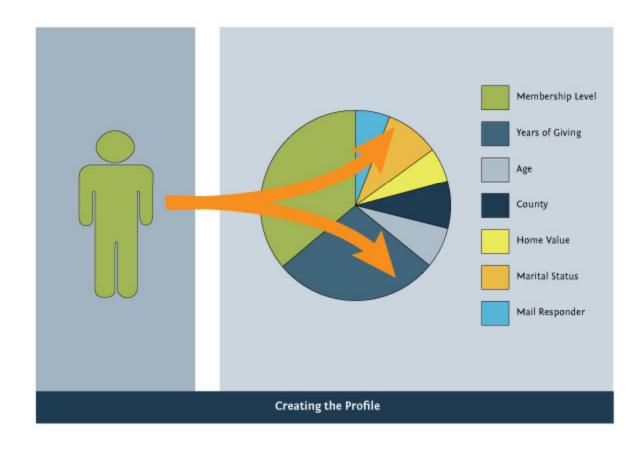
- Giving level between annual fund or direct marketing and major giving
- Prime Upgrades are ready to move into mid-level giving
- Transitional Donors are traveling up the pyramid to major giving



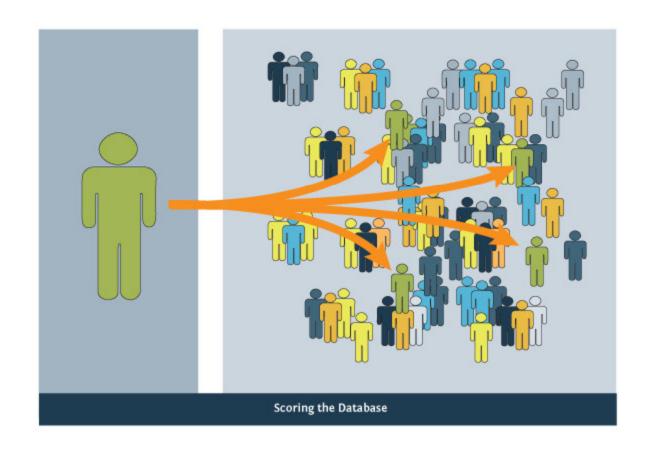
## **The Modeling Process - Identify**



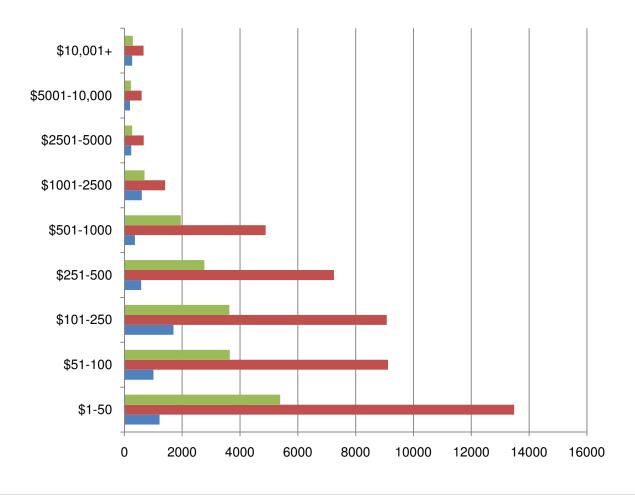
## **The Modeling Process - Profile**



# **The Modeling Process - Apply**



## **Before and After Comparisons**



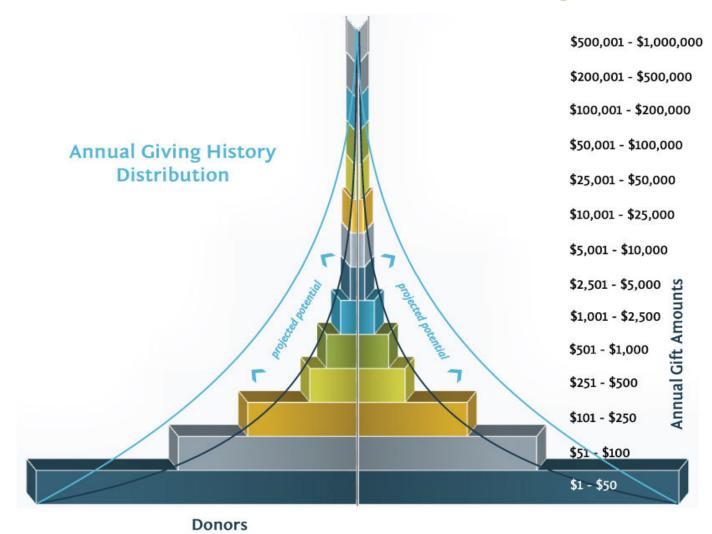
■ Highly Rated Prospects

■ Prospects from Modeling

■ Donors in Past 12 Months

# **Best Practices for Growing Your Mid-Level Program**

### Your Pyramid Potential Lies in Mid-Level Giving



### **Analysis That Leads to Action**

- Identifying mid-level and transitional prospects is a worthwhile pursuit
- To succeed in building a stable fundraising pyramid, we must design cultivation and solicitation programs for this targeted group
- Are you doing it at your organization?
- What works?

### **Direct Marketing Testing**

- Identify candidates for upgrade mailings
- Target donors with high likelihood scores and capacity above their current giving level
- Simple A/B split test Mid-Level Program Invite
  - Use the same package for both panels
  - Compare high-scoring donors with standard donor select for program
- Project true value of modeling by calculating additional response and revenue if only high-scoring names were mailed

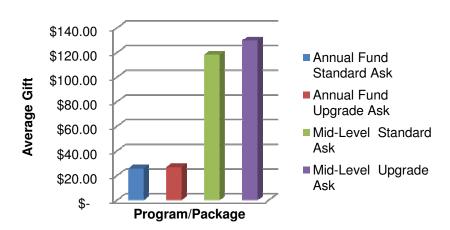


Test Panel	Qty Mailed	Responders	Response Rate	F	Revenue	Α	verage Gift	_	venue r Piece
Modeled	15,000	447	2.98%	\$	18,739	\$	41.88	\$	1.25
Unmodeled control	15,000	330	2.20%	\$	11,052	\$	33.54	\$	0.74
Actual Campaign Results	30,000	777	2.59%	\$	29,791	\$	38.34	\$	0.99
Hypothetical Campaign Results	30,000	895	2.98%	\$	37,478	\$	41.88	\$	1.25
Lift/Gain from Modeling		118	115	\$	7,687		109		126

#### **Personalized Cultivation**

- Brand your Mid-Level Program
- Use personalized invitations
- Messaging should include impact stories
- Match the offer with the donor's capacity
- Our research findings:
  - Top scoring donors upgrade their mid-level gifts when asked
  - This does not extend to annual fund upgrades
  - Scores provide the greatest impact within the giving range of the model

# Upgrade Lift in Modeled Segments



Maximize your modeling impact by building targeted models by program!



### **Take the First Steps**

- Ensure that all mid-level prospects in the lower tiers are, at the very least, receiving differentiated or high-touch solicitations
- Review the entirety of communications to mid-level prospects, taking care to not oversolicit
- Assign a staff member to each prospect to act as a stewardship liaison
- Through surveys or personal contact, ascertain the interests of mid-level prospects to determine content of communication and cultivation



#### **Use Cultivation Events**

- Likely to have more prospects than staff assignments will allow
- Maximize face-to-face opportunities
- Design events around identified interests of prospects
- Invite prospects to "insider" events
- Use other major or mid-level donors to invite and cultivate new prospects
- Whenever possible solicit gifts in line with identified interests

Research indicates that donors are more likely to restrict gifts as the level of giving increases

#### Techniques for using scores for assignment

- Mid-Level Prospects have a high mid-level likelihood and capacity fits in mid-range
- Prime Upgrades are highly likely but capacity is just below mid-range
- Donor or member with significant recent activity or evidence of ongoing loyalty
- Indicators of personal wealth or philanthropic activity

#### **Capacity in Mid-Level Giving Range - 12 months**

Giving ood		\$501- \$1,000	\$1,001- \$2,500	\$2,501- 5,000	\$5,001- \$10,000	\$10,000+
ו Giv ססר	Excellent					
Mid-Level	Very Good					
	Good					

#### Techniques for using scores for assignment

- Transitional giving prospects have high likelihood and capacity just below major giving threshold
- Prospects with the highest scores are ripe for assignment are poised to move to the next level
- Assign newly rated prospects to fill pipeline
- Use modeling to identify assigned Below Average Prospects who are candidates for devaluation

#### **Capacity in Mid-Level Giving Range - 12 months**

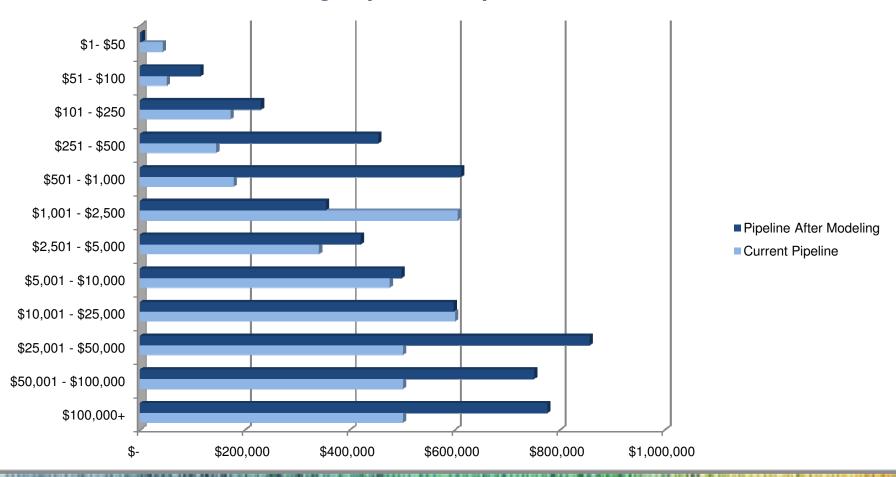
ing _		\$501- \$1,000	\$1,001- \$2,500	\$2,501- 5,000	\$5,001- \$10,000	\$10,000+
Mid-Level Giving Likelihood	Very Good+					
	Good					
	Average					
	Below Average					

# **Prospect Pipeline by Likelihood & Capacity**

Gift Range	Gift	Minimum	#of Donors at this level	Current Pipeline	#of Qualified Prospects by Capacity	#of Qualified Prospects with High Likelihood	Pipeline After Modeling	Cur	mulative Total
\$100,000+	\$	100,000	5	\$ 500,000	31	8	\$ 775,000	\$	775,000
\$50,001 - \$100,000	\$	50,000	10	\$ 500,000	60	15	\$ 750,000	\$	1,525,000
\$25,001 - \$50,000	\$	25,000	20	\$ 500,000	137	34	\$ 856,250	\$	2,381,250
\$10,001 - \$25,000	\$	10,000	60	\$ 600,000	239	60	\$ 597,500	\$	2,978,750
\$5,001-\$10,000	\$	5,000	95	\$ 475,000	398	100	\$ 497,500	\$	3,476,250
\$2,501-\$5,000	\$	2,500	136	\$ 340,000	672	168	\$ 420,000	\$	3,896,250
\$1,001 - \$2,500	\$	1,000	605	\$ 605,000	1,414	354	\$ 353,500	\$	4,249,750
\$501-\$1,000	\$	500	355	\$ 177,500	4,887	1,222	\$ 610,875	\$	4,860,625
\$251-\$500	\$	250	579	\$ 144,750	7,248	1,812	\$ 453,000	\$	5,313,625
\$101-\$250	\$	101	1,699	\$ 171,599	9,076	2,269	\$ 229,169	\$	5,542,794
\$51-\$100	\$	50	1,008	\$ 50,400	9,122	2,281	\$ 114,025	\$	5,656,819
\$1-\$50	\$	1	42,172	\$ 42,172	13,460	3,365	\$ 3,365	\$	5,660,184

### **Prospect Pipeline by Likelihood & Capacity**

### **Modeling Impact on Pipeline Potential**



### **Summary and Questions**

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