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## EDUCATION

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<b>PhD:</b> University of Nairobi, Kenya, PhD in Linguistics	2015
<b>MA:</b> Kenyatta University, Kenya, Master of Arts in Applied Linguistics	2005
<b>B.Ed.:</b> Kenyatta University, Bachelor of Education (Arts)	2001
<b>Major:</b> English and Literature	
<b>KCSE-</b> Chesamisi High School KCSE Certificate	1996
<b>KCPE:</b> Kitayi RC Primary School, KCPE certificate	1992

## RESEARCH GRANTS

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### Title of Grant

Kibabii University Research Fund (2018)

### Funding body

Kibabii University, The Office of Deputy Vice Chancellor PPRI

### Title of Grant Project

*Socio-Economic and Cultural Correlates of Social Vices Among Students of Kibabii University and Their Impact on the Neighbourhoods*

### Role in project

Principal investigator

### Other researchers in the project

Dr. Wepukhulu Rispah, Juma Kilwake, Dr. Festus Kelonye, Dr. Leunita Makutsa Makila, Dr. Florence M Wanjala, Dr. Jane Barasa, Mr Butali Namasaka and Prof. Siamba Donald

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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**University of Nairobi, Kenya**

**2012-2015**

**Thesis:** *Sociocultural Determinants of the Choice of English Language Learning Strategies among learners in Tanzania*

**Supervisors:** Dr. Alfred Buregeya  
Dr. Ayub Mukhwana

**Kenyatta University, Kenya**

**2001-2005**

**Thesis:** *Kenyan Newspaper Discourse: An Investigation of Rhetorical Structure in Editorials as Argumentation*

**Supervisors:** Dr. Emily Ogutu  
Mr. Victor Omasaja

**Kibabii University, Kenya**

**2018-2019**

**Project:** *Socio-Economic and Cultural Correlates of Social Vices Among Students of Kibabii University and Their Impact on the Neighbourhoods*

- Skills/accomplishment
- Grant proposal writing
- Training research assistants
- Coordinating field data collection
- Interviewing skills
- Data analysis
- Report writing

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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**Kibabii University, Kenya**

**Position:** Senior Lecturer

2021 to present

Lecturer

2015-2021

**Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology**

2015-2021

**Position:** Lecturer (Part time)

2015-2021

**St. Augustine University of Tanzania (Mtwara Centre)**

**Position:** Assistant Lecturer

2010-2014

### Course taught

Undergraduate courses	Post-graduate courses
ENG413 Discourse Analysis,	ENG815 Discourse Analysis,
ENG410 Advanced Description of English Grammar,	ENG818 Course and Syllabus Design
ENG411 English Practical Stylistics,	
ENG414 Functional Varieties of English,	
ENG412 Research Project in English,	
JMC405 Language and Public Communication,	
ENG312 English Prosody,	
ENG310 Structure of Modern English Sentence I,	
ENG311 The Structure of Modern English Sentence II,	
JMC305 Media Research Methods,	
JMC310 Persuasive Communication and Argumentation,	
ENG213 The Structure of Modern English Phrase	
ENG212 English Morphology,	
ENG211 Introduction to Phonetics and Phonology	

Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology

2015-2021

**Position:** Part time Lecturer

Undergraduate course	Post-graduate courses
ENG411 Practical English Stylistics	ENG808 Phonetics and Phonology
ENG410 Advanced Description of English	

Grammar	
ENG411 Varieties of English	
ENG 413 Discourse Analysis	

## **DUTIES, RESPONSIBILITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

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- Lecturing, conducting tutorials, attending to industrial attachment students, mentoring students
- Keeping records of class attendance
- Developing, administering and marking of CATs
- Setting and invigilation of final examinations as per the university guidelines.
- Marking and uploading of marks in the ERP system.
- Participating in internal panel to pre and post moderate examinations and examination results in the department.
- Participating in faculty meetings
- Participating in curriculum development and review processes
- Conducting research, consultancy and publishing.
- Supervising post-graduate students.
- Examining theses and projects as assigned by the School of Graduate Studies.
- Participating in post-graduate pre-proposal, proposal and final oral defences.
- Advising and mentoring Kibabii University students.

**Secondary school teaching level**

**2002-2010**

**Employer:** Teachers Service Commission

**Designation:** Graduate Teacher II/I

**Subjects:** English and Literature

## **POST-GRADUATE SUPERVISION**

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### **Doctoral Students**

**Name:** Marting Wanyama Nyongesa  
PhD/CIT/005/19

**Thesis:** Digital Learning Platforms and Performance Of Learners in Literature in Public Universities in Kenya

**Status:** Proposal Writing

## **Masters Students**

**Name:** Simiyu Natasha Neema  
MA/COL/001/19

**Thesis:** *Performance and Socio-cultural Significance of Chants among the Babukusu of Western Kenya.*

**Status:** Thesis writing stage.

**Name:** Maximillah Mudogo  
LAL/G/01-53785/2019 (Masinde Muliro Univeristy of Science and Technology)

**Thesis:** *Morphophonological Analysis of Lukabras Loan Verbs from English*

**Status:** Data Collection stage

**Name:** Wamalwa Jesca  
MED/CIT/002/19

**Thesis:** *Instructional Methods and Learners' Acquisition of The 4c's Learning Skills in Early Years Education in Bungoma South Sub-County, Kenya*

**Status:** Thesis writing

**Name:** Barasa Juma Reuben  
MED/CUT/004/20

**Thesis:** *Role Play and Students' performance in secondary schools.*

**Status:** Proposal Writing

**Name:** Kunyu Harriet Nasike  
MED/CIT/007/20

**Thesis:** *Teacher Factors and The Use of Collaborative Instruction in English in Secondary Schools in Trans-Nzoia County, Kenya*

**Status:** proposal writing stage

**Name:** Ignatius Ekitela Akolom  
MED/CIT/006/15

**Thesis:** *Influence of Innovative Instructional Strategies on Students' Performance in English in Public Secondary Schools in Turkana County, Kenya.*

**Status:** graduated in 2022

**Name:** Soita Elizabeth Nakhumicha  
MED/KIS/013/15

**Thesis:** *Matumizi ya Riwaya katika Ufundishaji wa Muundo wa Sentensi katika Shule za Upili Kaunti Ndogo ya Bungoma Mashariki Nchini Kenya*

**Status:** graduated in 2021

**Name:** Wafula Namukope Martha  
MED/KIS/009/15

**Thesis:** *Utata katika Ufundishaji wa Isimujamii katika Shule za Upili Nchini Kenya.*

**Status:** graduated in 2021

**Name:** Nyongesa Martin Wanyama  
MED/CIT/003/13

**Thesis:** *Factors Influencing the Selection and Use of Literature Guidebooks in the Teaching and Learning of English Literature in Bumula sub-County.*

**Status:** graduated in 2019

**Name:** Inviolata Wekesa  
MA/COL/007/15

**Thesis:** *Dialectics of Power and Resistance in Francis Imbuga's plays Betrayal in the City and The Return of Mugofu.*

**Status:** Graduated in 2019

**Name:** Wayong'o Martin Wanyama  
MED/CIT/008/13

**Thesis:** *Challenges Facing the Implementation of Communicative Language Teaching Approach in Primary Schools in Bungoma County.*

**Status:** graduated in 2018

**Name:** Kibiti David Barasa  
MED/KIS/006/14

**Thesis:** Matumzi ya Tarakilishi katika Ufundishaji wa Fasihi Simulizi

**Status:** graduated in 2018

**Name:** Sikuku Naliaka Mildred  
MA/COL/002/14

**Thesis:** *Reperesentation of Diasporicity and Gender in Adichie's Ammericanah and Bulawayo's We need new names.*

**Status:** Graduated in 2018

**Name:** Makokha Maurice Wafula  
MED/CIT/009/13

**Thesis:** *Learners' Perception and Performance of English language in Secondary Schools in Bungoma South sub-County.*

**Status:** Thesis refining

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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### **Books**

**Nyongesa, B.W., & Simiyu, I., (Eds). (2016).** *Trends in Education and Social Sciences: An Interdisciplinary Approach.* KIBU Publications ISBN:

**Nyongesa, B.W., & Simiyu, I., (2015).** *Communication Skills in Institutions of Higher Learning.* Nairobi; Zeed N Cee Publishers.

*KICD Lubukusu Language Activities: A Learner's Book (Grade 4) (Under publication)*

*KICD Lubukusu Language Activities: A Learner's Book (Grade 5) (Under publication.)*

### **Book chapters**

**Nyongesa, B.W.** (2015). "Basic Research Skills". In Nyongesa, B.W & Simiyu, I., (Eds). (2015). *Communication Skills in Institutions of Higher Learning*. Nairobi, Ceed & Zee Publishers.

### **Journal publications**

**Nyongesa, B.**, Mbuguah M.B, Njuguna, A., Makokha, J., Njoki, C., Anselmo P., Nambiro, A., and Barasa, C., (2022) Baseline Survey on Software and Tools for Odel and Digital Learning During And After Covid 19 in Selected Universities in Kenya. (Under Review at *The Asian Journal of Science and Management Technology*)

Akolom, I. E., Masibo, E. N. & **Nyongesa, B.** (2021). Innovative Instructional Strategies Used in Teaching of English Subject in Public Secondary Schools in Turkana Central Sub-County. *East African Journal of Education Studies*, 3(1), 185-198. <https://doi.org/10.37284/eajes.3.1.363>.

**Nyongesa, B.W., (2020).** A Historical Development of Language in Education and Testing in Kenya. *International Journal of Current Research*. Vol.2, No. 9, pp14010-14016. DOI:<http://doi.org/10.24941/ijcr.39659.09.2020>

Inviolata, N.W., Musungu,J.J., & **Nyongesa B.** (2020). Women Characters in Enhancing Food Security in *Betrayal in the City* and *The Return of Mugofu* by Imbuga Francis. *African Journal of Education and Social Sciences*, vol.5, 57-73

Wanyama, N. M, Kati, R & **Nyongesa B. W.** (2019). Influence of Selection of Literature in English Guidebooks on Academic Performance of Learners in Secondary Schools in Bungoma County, Kenya In *International Journal of Contemporary Applied Researches* Vol. 6, No. 8, pp. 33-45 August 2019 (ISSN: 2308-1365) [www.ijcar.net](http://www.ijcar.net)

Soita, N. E., Masinde, E., & **Nyongesa B. W.** (2019). Matumizi ya Riwaya katika Kutoa Mukadha wa Ufafanuzi wa Muundo wa Sentensi katika Shule za Upili, Kaunti Ndogo ya Webuye Magharibi. In *East African Journal of Swahili Studies*, 4(1), pp. 13-35 (ISSN: 1476-4687) [aejss.eanso.org](http://aejss.eanso.org)

Wafula, N. M., Wanjala, F, S., & **Nyongesa, B. W.** (2019). Utata katika Ufundishaji wa Isimu Jamii katika Shule za Upili Nchini Kenya. In *East African Journal of Swahili Studies*, 4(1), pp. 42-47 (ISSN: 1476-4687) [aejss.eanso.org](http://aejss.eanso.org)

Sikuku, N.M & **Nyongesa, B.W.** (2019). Black Hair and Beauty in Race Relations in *Americanah* by Chimamanda Adichie. *The African Journal of Education and Social Sciences*, Vol. 4, 32-38 <http://www.ajess@kibu.ac.ke> ISSN: 2415-0770

**Nyongesa, B.W.** (2018). The Pragmatics of Zoosemy, Colour and Shape in the Kenyan political party symbols. *The African Journal of Education and Social Sciences*, Vol. 3, pp. 70-81. <http://www.ajess@kibu.ac.ke> ISSN: 2415-0770

**Nyongesa, B.W.**, Buregeya, A. & Mukhwana, A. (2017). Gender as a sociocultural determinant of the choice of language learning strategies. *The African Journal of Education and Social Sciences*, Vol. 2, pp. 92-103 <http://www.ajess@kibu.ac.ke> ISSN: 2415-0770

**Nyongesa, B.W.** (2016). Religion and Language Learning: A Case of Language Learning Strategies in the Tanzanian Sociolinguistic Environment. *The African Journal of Education and Social Sciences*, Vol. 1, pp. <http://www.ajess@kibu.ac.ke> ISSN: 2415-0770

**Nyongesa, B. W.**, (2012). Cartoons can talk? Visual analysis of cartoons on the 2007/2008 post-election violence in Kenya: A visual argumentation approach. *Discourse and Communication SAGE* Vol.6 (2) pp. 223-238 DOI: 10.1177/1750481312439818

**Nyongesa, B. W.**, (2012). Assessing Argumentative Normativity in the English Medium Kenyan Newspaper Editorials from a Linguistic-Pragmatic Approach *International Journal of Humanities and Social Science* Vol. 2 No. 21

**Nyongesa B.W.**, (2012). Violation of Linguistic and Patient's Rights in Kenya. *Journal of Language, Technology and Entrepreneurship in Africa, AJOL* Vol.3. (2) pp 44-56

#### CONFERENCE PAPERS

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**Nyongesa, B.W.**, Odeo, I.I., Mohochi, E and Simiyu I (2021). "Language Use and Persuasive Health Communication: A Case of Resistance to Covid-19 Information. A paper presented during the 5<sup>th</sup> KIBU International Conference held between 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> June 2021 on the theme "Mitigating the Post-Covid-19 Impact on the Realisation of Sustainable Development Goals".

18<sup>TH</sup> -21<sup>ST</sup> June, 2019: Matumizi ya Riwaya katika kutoa muktadha wa Ufafanuzi wa Muundo wa sentensi katika Shule za Upili. Paper co-presented with Soita Elizabeth and Dr. Masinde Edwin during the 2019 Conference at Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology

2017 (JUNE): Kongamano la CHAKITA, Chuo Kikuu cha Kibabii, co-presented with Mr David Kibiti, and Fred Wanjala Simiyu; a paper entitled "Matumizi ya Tarakilishi kama nyezo ya Ufundishaji wa Fasihi Simulizi"

#### EDITORSHIP

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Conference proceedings for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Kibabii Annual International Conference, 2017 held in Kibabii University, Main Campus.

Conference proceedings for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Kibabii Annual International Conference, 2018 held in Kibabii University, Main Campus.

Conference proceedings for the 4<sup>th</sup> Kibabii Annual International Conference, 2019 held in Kibabii University, Main Campus.

#### PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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Member, Modern Languages Association of America (MLA), Membership No. 391875

## STAFF PERFORMANCE APPRAISAL REPORTS

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In the 2020/2021 Staff Performance Appraisal Report by the Office of the Registrar (Administration and Human Resource) I scored **Very Good**.

In the 2019/2020 Staff Performance Appraisal Report by the Office of the Registrar (Administration and Human Resource) I scored **Very Good**.

## TRAINING IN HIGHER EDUCATION TEACHING

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13<sup>th</sup> August 2021 to 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2022 Completed “**Digital Education**” Course by Skills for Prosperity Kenya sponsored by the Government of Kenya, the Open University and UKaid.

1<sup>st</sup> October, 2021 to 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2021 Online course “**Teaching Contemporary Students**” MOCAT Project-Modern Competences of Academic Teachers-the Key to Modern HEI organised by the University of Salerno (UNISA).

13<sup>th</sup> August 2021 to 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2021 “**Online Teaching: Creating Courses for Adult Learners**”, a Microcredential Course by Skills for Prosperity Kenya sponsored by the Government of Kenya, the Open University and UKaid.

7<sup>th</sup> June 2021-25<sup>th</sup> June 2021: “Training of Trainers course on Commonwealth Digital Educational Leadership in Action (C-DELTA)”. A training organised by Kibabii University and supported by The *Commonwealth of Learning*, Canada.

5<sup>th</sup> April 2021-6<sup>th</sup> May, 2021: “Developing Blended Courses in Moodle”. A training organised by Kibabii University and supported by The *Commonwealth of Learning*, Canada.

16<sup>th</sup> November to 4<sup>th</sup> December, 2020: “Designing Blended Courses in Moodle.” A training organised by Kibabii University and supported by The *Commonwealth of Learning*, Canada.

23<sup>rd</sup> October to 24<sup>th</sup> October, 2018, participated in the Educational Workshop in Kibabii University, whose theme was “Enhancing Learning Outcomes through the Application of 21<sup>st</sup> Century Pedagogies in the Provision of University Education and Embracing the New Competence Based Curriculum”.

22<sup>nd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> September, 2016. Participated in the Kibabii University Curriculum Review for BEd (Arts) Programme (English and Literature courses) held at Joventure Hotel, Kisumu.

7<sup>th</sup> September 2018, trained on *Information Security Management Systems ISO/IEC 27001:2013* by Millenium Management Consultants Ltd organised by Kibabii University.

4<sup>th</sup> April to 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2017 trained on Job Analysis by PricewaterhouseCooper and the Salaries and Remuneration Commission (SRC) held at Kibabii University.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

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### **University-Wide Appointment**

April, 2022 to date: **Dean**, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Kibabii University.

#### **Duties and Responsibilities**

- Being the administrative and academic head of Faculty
- Coordinating postgraduate matters
- Chairing of the post-graduate school board
- Representing the Faculty in appropriate university committees and other bodies as required
- Promoting and maintaining a conducive working environment
- Keeping custody of and maintaining all official documents concerning the school
- Preparing the annual budget and procurement plans for the office of the dean of the Faculty
- Being the accounting officer of the Faculty
- Ensuring that the Faculty fulfil its obligations as stipulated in the charter, statutes and the strategic plan of the university and
- Performing other duties and responsibilities as may be assigned or delegated by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (ASA) in accordance with the University Statutes.

**15<sup>th</sup> March to 5<sup>th</sup> April**, served as the **Departmental Examinations and Timetabling Coordinator**, Department of English, Literature, Journalism and Mass Communication.

2012- 2014 **Head of Department**, Department of English and Literature, Stella Maris University, Mtwara Tanzania

### **Other appointments**

March, 2021 appointed as **In-Charge**, Directorate of Open, Distance and eLearning (ODEL)

March, 2021 appointed as **Member of the ad-hoc committee** tasked with developing Conference, Workshops and Seminars Policy, Kibabii University.

18<sup>th</sup> March, 2021, appointed as Member to the Ad-Hoc Committee to review the Library Reader's Service Policy, The Library Reprography Policy and the Library Information Processing Policy.

February 2021, appointed as **Chair, Publication and Communication Sub-committee** for the 5<sup>th</sup> Kibabii University International Conference to be held from the 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

February 2021, appointed as **Member, the Steering Sub-committee** for the 5<sup>th</sup> Kibabii University International Conference to be held from the 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

July 2020 appointed as **programme support leader** for Bachelor of Journalism and Mass Communication programme.

July 2020 appointed as **programme support leader** for Post Graduate Diploma in Education.

April, 2018 nominated as **Member, the Board of Directorate** of Open, Distance and eLearning (ODEL)

February, 2018 nominated as **Member of the Technical Sub-Committee** for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Kibabii University International Conference

October, 2017 nominated as **member of the Adhoc Committee** to develop Kibabii University Publication Policy

May, 2017 nominated as **member of the Adhoc Committee of Deans Committee** for the establishment of the Directorate of Technical, Vocational and Educational Training (TVET)

October 2016 to date, **Programme Leader** for Bachelor of Journalism and Mass Communication

2015 **Member of the Marketing Sub-Committee**, Kibabii University

### **Faculty Appointment**

January 2022, appointed as Senate Representative, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences.

16<sup>th</sup> September-December 2021 appointed as Senate Representative, Faculty of Education and Social Sciences.

19th January to 22nd January 2016 **Ag. Dean**, Faculty of Education & Social Sciences

June 2019, **Member to the Ad Hoc Committee** for the establishment of the School of Education (SED)

2017 to Date serve as **Chief Editor** of the African Journal of Education and Social Sciences (AJESS) as well as Module Publication.

2017 to Date serve as **Member of Faculty Graduate Committee** in the Faculty of Education and Social Sciences

2017 to December 2021 served as **Coordinator, Diploma and Certificate Programmes** in the Faculty of Education and Social Sciences

### **Departmental Appointments**

February 2022 to date; Departmental Timetabler and Examinations coordinator

ABNO champion in the Department.

2015-2017 served as Departmental Examinations and Timetable Coordinator

2015-2016 served as a National Cohesion and Gender Mainstreaming Champion

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

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**January, 2016 to date Chairman, Board of Management** of Kimilili Friends Girls Secondary school, Kimilili, Bungoma County

**May, 2020 to date Chair, Board of Management** of Lukhome Baptist Secondary school, Kimilili, Bungoma County

**May, 2019 to June 2022 Chairman, Board of Management** of Kibingei Friends Secondary school, Kimilili Sub-county, Bungoma County

June 2022 to date **Member Board of Management** of Kibingei Friends Secondary School, Kimilili Su-bounty, Bungoma County.

### **COMPLIMENTS AND RECOGNITION**

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July 15<sup>th</sup> 2022, was appreciated by the Fourth Year 2022 Class for the outstanding performance as Dean, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences.

9<sup>th</sup>, September, 2016, I was appreciated in writing by the Vice Chancellor, Kibabii University for the contribution that enabled the University to receive recommendation for ISO 9001:2008 Certification during the Stage Two Quality Management System External Audit.

18<sup>th</sup> June 2021, I received an appreciation letter from the Office of the Deputy Vice Chancellor (PPRI) for financially supporting the successfully held 5<sup>th</sup> International Conference.

### **LANGUAGES**

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**Lubukusu:** Native language, distinguished levels in speaking, reading and writing.

**English:** Proficient levels in listening, speaking, reading and writing.

**Kiswahili:** Proficient levels in listening, speaking, reading and writing.

### **COMPUTER SKILLS**

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Basic computer packages and skills in MS Word, MS Excel, MS Publisher  
Typing. Word processing and basic graphic manipulations  
Data analysis packages: SPSS and NVivo

## **REFEREES**

Prof. Benedict Mutua  
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University of Nairobi  
P.O Box 30197-00100  
Nairobi.  
Phone: +254 20 3318262 Ext. 28063  
Email: aburegeya@uonbi.ac.ke

Dr. Joseph Juma Musungu  
Chairperson,  
Department of English, literature, journalism and mass communication  
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