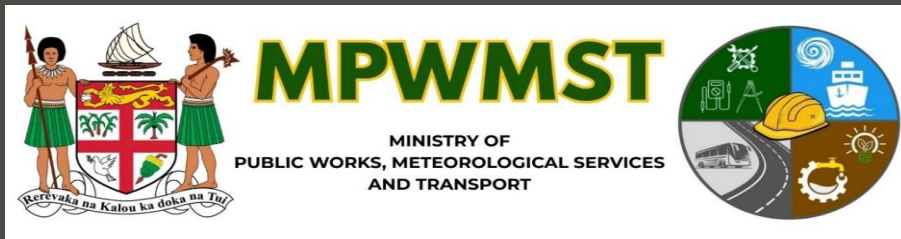


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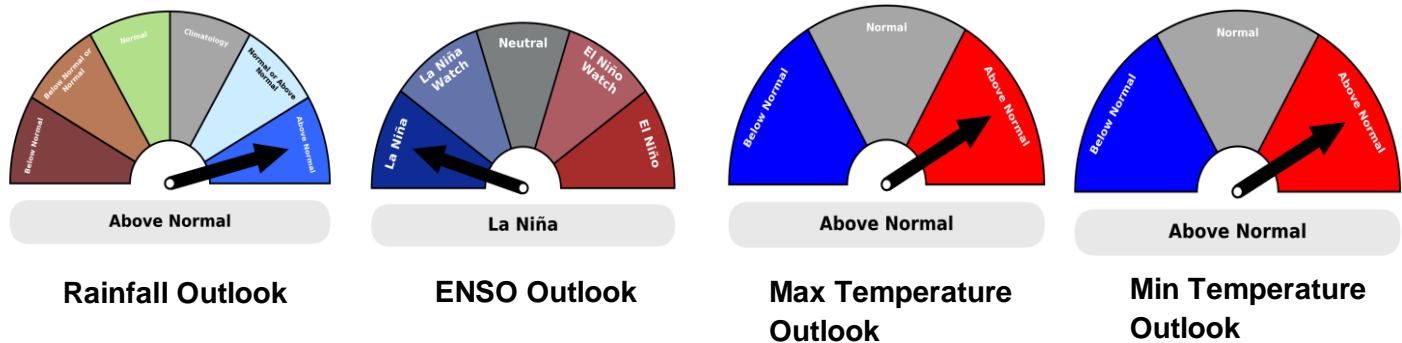


# FIJI CLIMATE OUTLOOK

FEBRUARY 2026;  
FEBRUARY TO APRIL 2026;  
MAY TO JULY 2026

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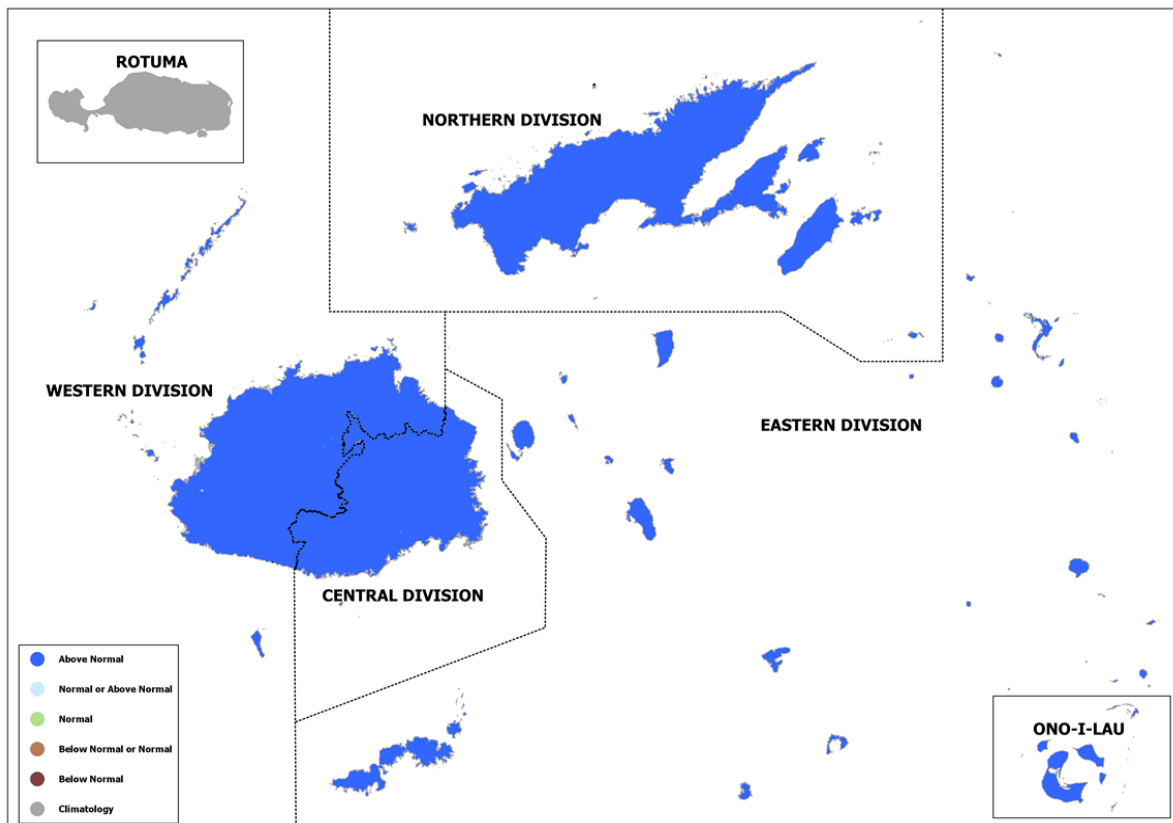
# HIGHLIGHTS



- A weak La Niña event currently persists within the tropical Pacific Ocean.
- Most of the global climate models favor a shift from weak La Niña conditions to ENSO-neutral conditions during February to April 2026 period.
- Rainfall across the Fiji Group during February 2026 is likely to be *above normal*, while there is little guidance provided for Rotuma, as there are almost equal chances of *below normal*, *normal* and *above normal* rainfall.
- During the February to April 2026 period, *normal* or *above normal* rainfall is likely across the Fiji Group, while there is little guidance provided for Rotuma, as there are almost equal chances of *below normal*, *normal* and *above normal* rainfall.
- For May to July 2026 period, *normal* or *above normal* rainfall is likely across the Fiji Group, while there is little guidance provided for Rotuma, as there are almost equal chances of *below normal*, *normal* and *above normal* rainfall.
- During the current TC season, Fiji is likely to experience 1-2 tropical cyclones.
- Notably, development of a tropical disturbance or depression, can result in *above normal* rainfall, during the above mentioned periods.
- For temperatures, both maximum and minimum temperatures are likely to be *above normal* across the Fiji Group, during February 2026.
- For the February to April 2026 period, both maximum and minimum temperatures are likely to be *above normal* across the Fiji Group.
- During neutral ENSO conditions, Fiji generally experiences average rainfall. However, local weather systems can still cause variations, especially during the current Wet Season.

# RAINFALL OUTLOOK

**FEBRUARY 2026**



**Western Division:** *Above normal* rainfall

**Central Division:** *Above normal* rainfall

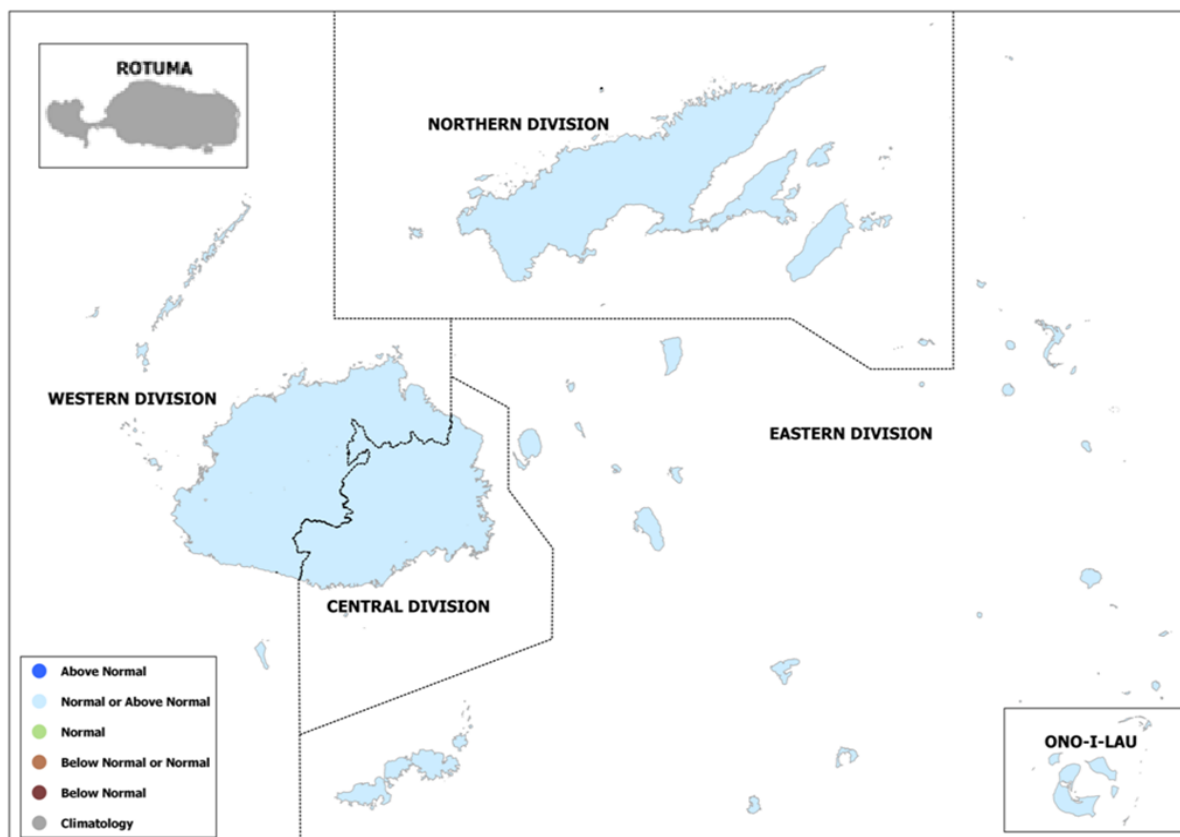
**Northern Division:** *Normal or above normal* rainfall

**Eastern Division:** *Normal or above normal* rainfall

**Rotuma:** *Almost equal chances of below normal, normal and above normal* rainfall

# RAINFALL OUTLOOK

## FEBRUARY TO APRIL 2026



**Western Division:** *Normal or above normal rainfall*

**Central Division:** *Normal or above normal rainfall*

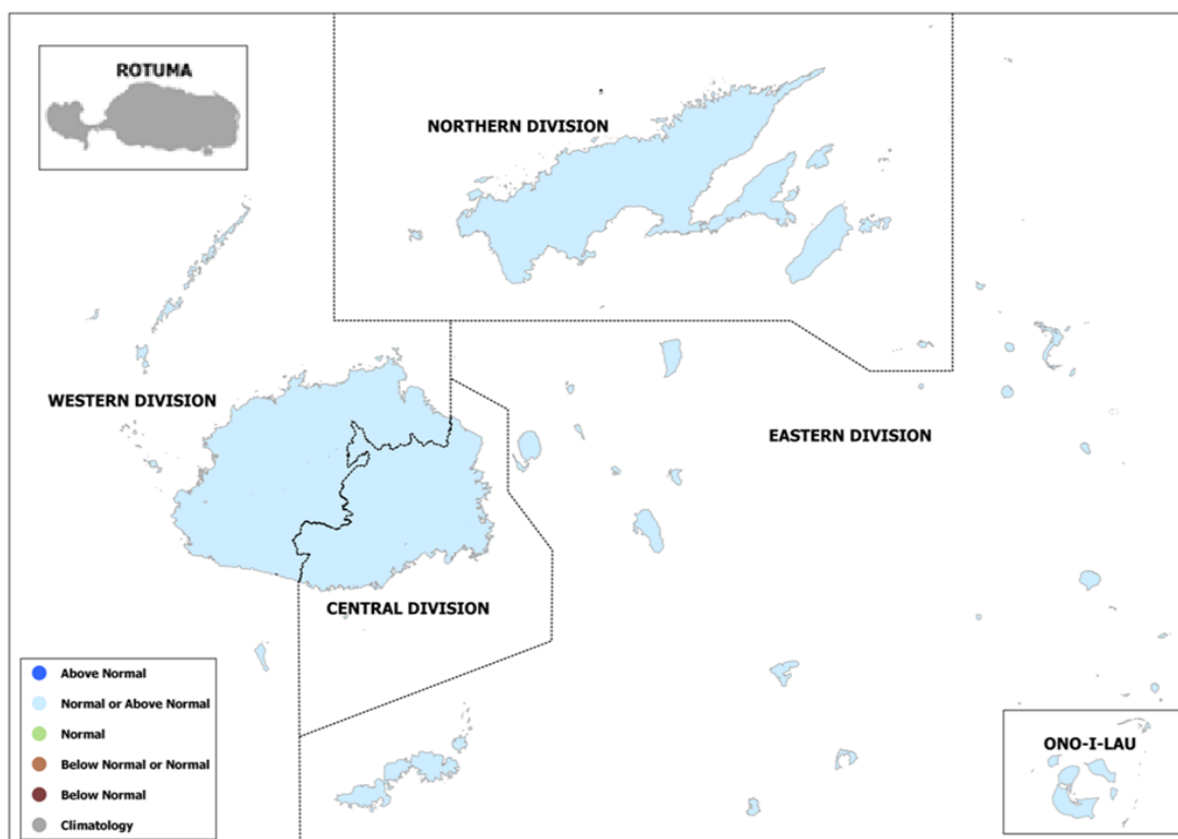
**Northern Division:** *Normal or above normal rainfall*

**Eastern Division:** *Normal or above normal rainfall*

**Rotuma:** *Almost equal chances of below normal, normal and above normal rainfall*

# RAINFALL OUTLOOK

**MAY TO JULY 2026**



**Western Division:** *Normal or above normal rainfall*

**Central Division:** *Normal or above normal rainfall*

**Northern Division:** *Normal or above normal rainfall*

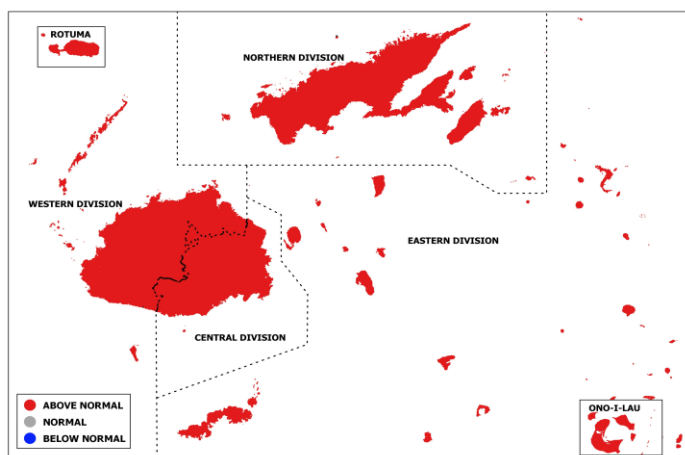
**Eastern Division:** *Normal or above normal rainfall*

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# AIR TEMPERATURE

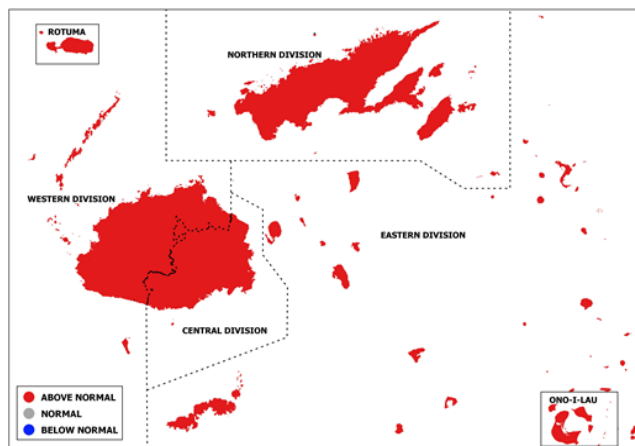
**FEBRUARY 2026**

## Maximum Temperature



Maximum temperature is likely to be *above normal* across the Fiji Group.

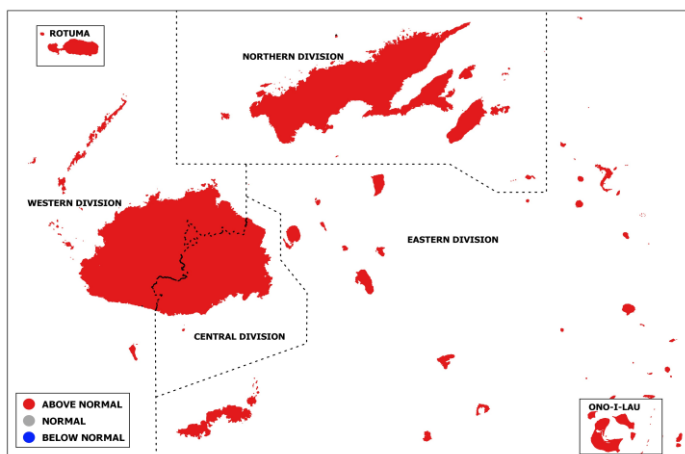
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Minimum temperature is likely to be *above normal* across the Fiji Group.

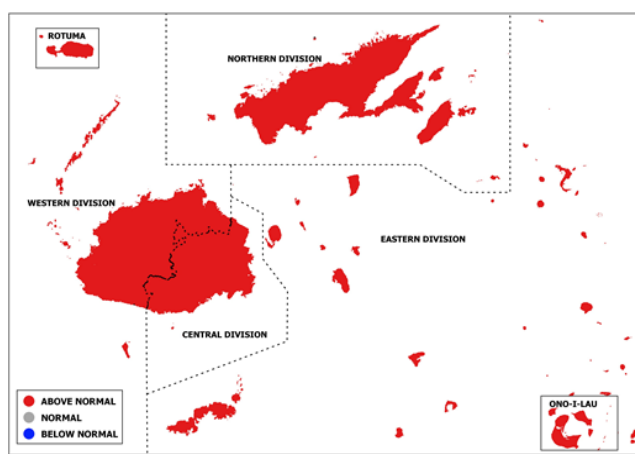
**FEBRUARY TO APRIL 2026**

## Maximum Temperature



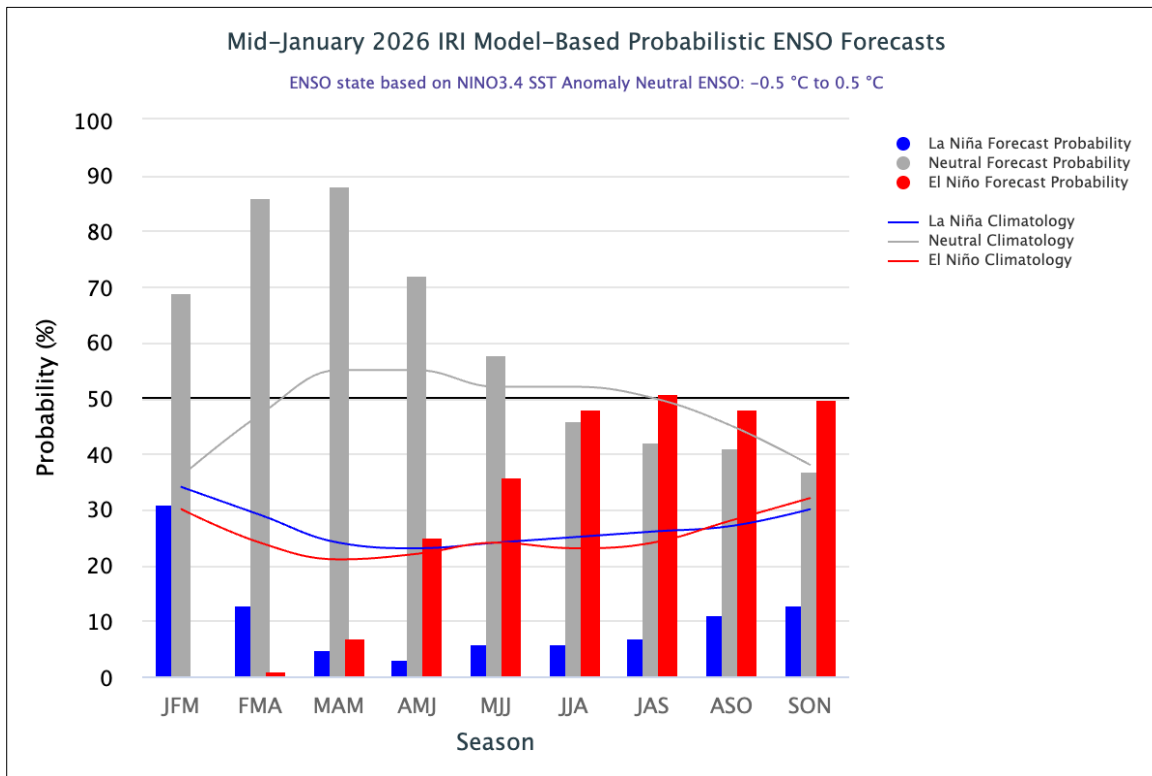
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## Minimum Temperature



Minimum temperature is likely to be *above normal* across the Fiji Group.

# EL-NIÑO SOUTHERN OSCILLATION (ENSO)



Source: [International Research Institute for Climate and Society](#)

A weak La Niña is currently underway in the tropical Pacific.

The sea surface temperatures are consistent with a La Niña pattern, while recent sub-surface warming signals a weakening of the event. Most of the global climate models suggest a shift from weak La Niña conditions to ENSO-neutral conditions during February to April 2026 period.

During neutral ENSO conditions, Fiji generally experiences average rainfall. However, local weather systems can still cause variations, especially during the current Wet Season.

# EXPLANATORY NOTES

## Climate (Rainfall/Air Temperature) Outlook

**Above normal** – indicates that the rainfall/temperature value lies in the highest third of observation recorded in the standard 30 year normal period.

**Near normal** – indicates that the rainfall/temperature value lies in the middle third of observation recorded in the standard 30 year normal period.

**Below normal** – indicates that the rainfall/temperature value lies in the lowest third of observation recorded in the standard 30 year normal period.

**Climatology** – means that there are almost equal chances of receiving below normal, normal and above normal rainfall. Outlook does not favour one extreme; neither below normal nor above normal.

## El Niño Southern Oscillation (ENSO)

ENSO is the principal driver of the year-to-year variability of Fiji's climate. There are two extreme phases of this phenomenon, **El Niño** and **La Niña**.

El Niño or La Niña events are a natural part of the global climate system and usually recur after every 2 to 7 years. It normally develops during the period April to June, attains peak intensity between December to February and decays between April to June period the following year. While most events last for a year, some have persisted for up to 2 years. It should be also noted that no two El Niño or La Niña events are the same. Different events have different impacts, but most exhibit some common climate characteristics.

Usually there is a lag effect on Fiji's climate with ENSO events, that is, once an El Niño or La Niña event is established in the tropical Pacific, it may take 2-6 months before its impact is seen on Fiji. Similarly, once an event finishes, it can take 2-6 months for climate to normalise.

**El Niño** events are associated with warming of the central and eastern tropical Pacific. El Niño events usually result in reduction of Fiji's rainfall. Often the whole of Fiji is affected in varying degrees and it is quite unusual for one part of the country to experience a prolonged dry spell, while the other is in a wet spell. The relationship and level of rainfall suppression is greater in the Dry Zone than in the Wet Zone. It is the suppression of rainfall during the Cool/Dry Season (May to October) that is normally of most concern. A reduction in Cool/Dry Season rainfall in the Dry Zone results in little or no rainfall until the next Wet Season. While usually the strength of an ENSO event is proportional to its impact on Fiji, at times weak event can also have a significant impact.

**La Niña** events are associated with cooling of the central and eastern tropical Pacific. Usually La Niña results in wetter than normal conditions for Fiji, occasionally leading to flooding during the Warm/Wet Season (November to April).

When ENSO is neutral, that is, neither El Niño nor La Niña, it has little effect on global climate, meaning other climate influences are more likely to dominate.

**Lag effects** – means that there is a delay in a change of some aspect of climate due to influence of other

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