



Handout – Case Category Descriptions

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Introduction

The tables below list the case group and case category filters for reporting. There are seven case groups, each representing broad areas of law. Under each case group are more specific case categories. Each case category includes case types that are similar legally and take a similar amount of time for the court to resolve. For criminal case groups, the tables below list all of the case categories and examples of the offense descriptions and statutes within each category. For the non-criminal case groups, the tables list all of the case categories and the respective case type descriptions. For additional information on non-criminal case types, please refer to the [Civil Case Type Index \(www.mncourts.gov\)](http://www.mncourts.gov).

Family

Family cases involve familial relationships and related matters and are heard in Family Court.

Case Group	Case Category	Case Type Description
Family	Adoption	Adoption
Family	Adoption	Guardianship – At Risk Juvenile
Family	Assisted Reproductive Technology	Assisted Reproductive Technology
Family	Custody	Contested Custody (Flag on Paternity cases)
Family	Custody	Custody
Family	Dissolution with Child	Annulment
Family	Dissolution with Child	Dissolution with Child
Family	Dissolution without Child	Dissolution without Child
Family	Dissolution without Child	Legal Separation
Family	Dissolution without Child	Separate Maintenance

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Case Group	Case Category	Case Type Description
Family	Dissolution without Child	Summary Dissolution
Family	Domestic Abuse	Domestic Abuse
Family	Miscellaneous Family	Family Other
Family	Paternity	Paternity
Family	Support	Support

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Juvenile Delinquency/Juvenile Protection

Juvenile Protection, or Children in Need of Protection or Services (CHIPS), actions are court cases that involve the health, safety, and welfare of children. Children can be considered CHIPS because they are abused or neglected, truant, runaway, or otherwise need protection or services.

Juvenile Delinquency actions are court cases that allege felony, gross misdemeanor, misdemeanor, and petty misdemeanor offenses committed by a minor. Case category assignment to an offense level is based upon the highest charge on the case. A juvenile traffic offender is any child alleged to have committed a traffic offense, except children under the jurisdiction of adult court as provided in Minn. Stat. § 260B.225.

Case Group	Case Category	Case Type Description
Juvenile Delinquency/Juvenile Protection	CHIPS	Child in Voluntary Foster Care for Treatment
Juvenile Delinquency/Juvenile Protection	CHIPS	CHIPS
Juvenile Delinquency/Juvenile Protection	CHIPS	CHIPS - Delinquency Under 10
Juvenile Delinquency/Juvenile Protection	CHIPS	CHIPS - Educational Neglect
Juvenile Delinquency/Juvenile Protection	CHIPS	CHIPS - Voluntary Placement (Other)
Juvenile Delinquency/Juvenile Protection	Delinquency Felony	Delinquency
Juvenile Delinquency/Juvenile Protection	Delinquency Felony	Delinquency Felony (Age 16 and Older)
Juvenile Delinquency/Juvenile Protection	Delinquency Gross Misdemeanor	Delinquency
Juvenile Delinquency/Juvenile Protection	Delinquency Misdemeanor	Delinquency
Juvenile Delinquency/Juvenile Protection	Juvenile Petty Offender	Juvenile Petty Offense

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Case Group	Case Category	Case Type Description
Juvenile Delinquency/Juvenile Protection	Juvenile Petty Offender	Juvenile Traffic
Juvenile Delinquency/Juvenile Protection	Permanency Non-TPR	CHIPS - Permanency (Non-TPR Petitions)
Juvenile Delinquency/Juvenile Protection	Permanency TPR	CHIPS - Permanency (TPR Petitions)
Juvenile Delinquency/Juvenile Protection	Permanency TPR	Termination of Parental Rights
Juvenile Delinquency/Juvenile Protection	Truancy/Runaway	CHIPS - Runaway
Juvenile Delinquency/Juvenile Protection	Truancy/Runaway	CHIPS - Truancy

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Major Civil

Civil cases are usually disputes between private citizens, corporations, governmental bodies, or other organizations. They may involve property or personal rights. Generally, major civil cases are more complex than minor civil cases.

Case Group	Case Category	Case Type Description
Major Civil	Condemnation	Condemnation
Major Civil	Condemnation	Condemnation Appeal
Major Civil	Condemnation	Eminent Domain
Major Civil	Consumer Credit	Consumer Credit Contract
Major Civil	Contract	Contract
Major Civil	Contract	Mechanics Lien
Major Civil	Contract	Receivership
Major Civil	Employment	Discrimination
Major Civil	Employment	Employment
Major Civil	Employment	Sexual Harassment
Major Civil	Forfeiture	Forfeiture
Major Civil	Harassment	Harassment
Major Civil	Miscellaneous Major Civil	Expungement of arrest records
Major Civil	Miscellaneous Major Civil	Appeal from Administrative Agency
Major Civil	Miscellaneous Major Civil	Assessment Appeal
Major Civil	Miscellaneous Major Civil	Conciliation Appeal
Major Civil	Miscellaneous Major Civil	Extreme Risk Protection Order
Major Civil	Miscellaneous Major Civil	Habeas Corpus

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Case Group	Case Category	Case Type Description
Major Civil	Miscellaneous Major Civil	Minor Settlement
Major Civil	Miscellaneous Major Civil	Property Damage
Major Civil	Miscellaneous Major Civil	Quiet Title
Major Civil	Miscellaneous Major Civil	Rent Escrow
Major Civil	Miscellaneous Major Civil	Replevin
Major Civil	Miscellaneous Major Civil	Welfare Appeal
Major Civil	Miscellaneous Major Civil	Worker's Compensation
Major Civil	MNCIS Civil Other/Misc.	Civil Other/Misc.
Major Civil	Personal Injury	Personal Injury
Major Civil	Personal Injury	Wrongful Death
Major Civil	Reduced Mortgage Redemption	Reduced Mortgage Redemption
Major Civil	Torrens	Torrens
Major Civil	Tort	Class Action
Major Civil	Tort	Malpractice
Major Civil	Tort	Product Liability

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Major Criminal

Major Criminal includes adult criminal felony and gross misdemeanor cases. Criminal case filings can have one or more charges but are only counted in one category based upon the highest charge on the case. The list of offense descriptions and statutes below is not exhaustive.

Case Group	Case Category	Offense Description	Statute
Major Criminal	Drug	First degree drug sale	152.021.1
Major Criminal	Drug	Second degree drug sale	152.022.1
Major Criminal	Drug	Third degree drug sale	152.023.1
Major Criminal	Drug	Fourth degree drug sale	152.024.1
Major Criminal	Drug	Fifth degree drug sale	152.025.1
Major Criminal	Drug	Simulated drug sale	152.097.1
Major Criminal	Drug	First degree drug possession	152.021.2
Major Criminal	Drug	Second degree drug possession	152.022.2
Major Criminal	Drug	Third degree drug possession	152.023.2
Major Criminal	Drug	Fourth degree drug possession	152.024.2
Major Criminal	Drug	Fifth degree drug possession	152.025.2
Major Criminal	Drug	Simulated drug possession	152.097.2



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Case Group	Case Category	Offense Description	Statute
Major Criminal	Felony Domestic Assault	Assault - domestic degree	609.2242
Major Criminal	Felony Domestic Assault	Assault – strangulation	609.2247
Major Criminal	Felony Domestic Assault	Violation of protection order - Other person	518B.01
Major Criminal	Felony Domestic Assault	Violation of harassment order - person	609.748
Major Criminal	Felony Domestic Assault	Harassment – stalking: violations of restraining	609.749
Major Criminal	Felony Domestic Assault	Interfere with Emergency Communications 911 Call	609.776
Major Criminal	Felony DWI	Felony DWI	169A.20
Major Criminal	Gross Misdemeanor Domestic Assault	Domestic Assault	609.2242.2
Major Criminal	Gross Misdemeanor Domestic Assault	Domestic Abuse No Contact Order	629.75.2
Major Criminal	Gross Misdemeanor Domestic Assault	Domestic Abuse; Violates order for protection	518B.01.14
Major Criminal	Gross Misdemeanor Domestic Assault	Harassment; Restraining Order	609.748.6
Major Criminal	Gross Misdemeanor Domestic Assault	Harassment; Stalking	609.749.2
Major Criminal	Gross Misdemeanor Drug	Drugs - 5th Degree	152.025.4
Major Criminal	Gross Misdemeanor DWI	Traffic - DWI - Driving While Impaired	169A.20
Major Criminal	Gross Misdemeanor DWI	Traffic - DWI - Second-Degree Driving While Impaired	169A.25
Major Criminal	Gross Misdemeanor DWI	Traffic - DWI - Third-Degree Driving While Impaired	169A.26
Major Criminal	Miscellaneous Felony	Fleeing peace officer - other felony	609.487
Major Criminal	Miscellaneous Felony	Escape	609.485
Major Criminal	Miscellaneous Felony	Use of Police Radio during commission of a crime	609.856
Major Criminal	Miscellaneous Felony	Attempt to coerce	609.275
Major Criminal	Miscellaneous Felony	Perjury	609.48

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Major Criminal	Miscellaneous Felony	Bribery	609.42
Major Criminal	Miscellaneous Felony	Aiding an offender	609.495
Major Criminal	Miscellaneous Felony	Concealing criminal proceeds	609.496
Major Criminal	Miscellaneous Felony	Tampering with a witness	609.498
Major Criminal	Miscellaneous Felony	Obstructing legal process	609.5
Major Criminal	Miscellaneous Felony	Felony Contempt of Court	588.2
Major Criminal	Miscellaneous Felony	Felony failure to appear	609.49
Major Criminal	Miscellaneous Felony	Failure to register as predatory sex offender	243.166
Major Criminal	Miscellaneous Felony	False information in application or supporting document	168A.30
Major Criminal	Miscellaneous Felony	Solicitation of juveniles to commit a crime	609.494
Major Criminal	Miscellaneous Felony	Failure to pay State Funds	609.445
Major Criminal	Miscellaneous Felony	Extradition	629.14
Major Criminal	Miscellaneous Felony	Traffic accidents	169.09
Major Criminal	Miscellaneous Felony	Crimes against the railroad	609.85
Major Criminal	Miscellaneous Felony	Manufacturing alcohol	340A.507; 340A.701
Major Criminal	Miscellaneous Felony	Introducing contraband in jail	641.165
Major Criminal	Miscellaneous Felony	Nonsupport of spouse or child - felony level	609.375
Major Criminal	Miscellaneous Felony	Eligibility to vote	201.014
Major Criminal	Miscellaneous Felony	Unlawful voting	204C.14
Major Criminal	Miscellaneous Felony	Cruelty/torture to animals	343.21
Major Criminal	Miscellaneous Felony	Rustling or theft of livestock	609.551

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Major Criminal	Miscellaneous Felony	Environmental - hazardous waste	609.671
Major Criminal	Miscellaneous Felony	Gambling	349.2127
Major Criminal	Miscellaneous Felony	Solicitation prostitution	609.322
Major Criminal	Miscellaneous Gross Misdemeanor	Theft-Take/Use/Transfer Movable Prop-No Consent	609.52.2
Major Criminal	Miscellaneous Gross Misdemeanor	Traffic-DL-Driving after cancellation	171.24.5
Major Criminal	Miscellaneous Gross Misdemeanor	Giving Peace Officer False Name of Another Person	609.506.2
Major Criminal	Miscellaneous Gross Misdemeanor	Obstruct Legal Process	609.50.1
Major Criminal	Murders	Homicide - 1st degree	609.185; 609.2661
Major Criminal	Murders	Homicide - 2nd degree	609.19; 609.2662
Major Criminal	Murders	Homicide - 3rd degree	609.195; 609.2664
Major Criminal	Person	Homicide - manslaughter	609.20; 609.205; 609.2665
Major Criminal	Person	Homicide - criminal vehicular homicide	609.21
Major Criminal	Person	Assault - 1st degree	609.221
Major Criminal	Person	Assault - 2nd degree	609.222
Major Criminal	Person	Assault - 3rd degree	609.223; 609.2231
Major Criminal	Person	Assault – 4th degree (police, fire, PO, DNR, motivated by bias)	609.2231
Major Criminal	Person	Assault - 5th degree - Felony level - same victim	609.224
Major Criminal	Person	Simple Robbery	609.24
Major Criminal	Person	Aggravated Robbery	609.245
Major Criminal	Person	Kidnapping	609.25
Major Criminal	Person	False imprisonment	609.255
Major Criminal	Person	Deprive custodial parent rights	609.26
Major Criminal	Person	Malicious punishment of a child	609.377
Major Criminal	Person	Neglect or endangerment of a child	609.378
Major Criminal	Person	First degree arson - other person	609.561
Major Criminal	Person	First degree burglary - other person	609.582.1



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Case Group	Case Category	Offense Description	Statute
Major Criminal	Person	Second degree burglary - other person	609.582.2
Major Criminal	Person	Crime benefiting a gang	609.229
Major Criminal	Person	Terroristic threats	609.713
Major Criminal	Property	Theft	609.52
Major Criminal	Property	Motor vehicle theft	609.546
Major Criminal	Property	Mail theft	609.529
Major Criminal	Property	Theft of energy	609.593
Major Criminal	Property	2nd degree arson - property	609.562
Major Criminal	Property	3rd degree arson - property	609.563
Major Criminal	Property	Wildfire arson - felony level	609.5641
Major Criminal	Property	Negligent fire - property	609.576
Major Criminal	Property	Receiving stolen property	609.53
Major Criminal	Property	Damage to property	609.595.1
Major Criminal	Property	3rd degree burglary - property	609.582.3
Major Criminal	Property	4th degree burglary - property	609.582.4
Major Criminal	Property	Possession of burglary or theft tools	609.59
Major Criminal	Property	Insurance fraud	609.611
Major Criminal	Property	Medical assistance fraud	609.466
Major Criminal	Property	Wrongfully obtaining assistance	256.98
Major Criminal	Property	Nonpayment for improvement	2514.02
Major Criminal	Property	Financial exploitation of a vulnerable adult	609.2335
Major Criminal	Property	Tax evasion	97E.13
Major Criminal	Property	Identity theft	609.527
Major Criminal	Property	Stolen checks	609.528
Major Criminal	Property	Issuing dishonored check	609.535
Major Criminal	Property	Embezzlement	609.54
Major Criminal	Property	Aggravated forgery	609.625
Major Criminal	Property	Forgery	609.63
Major Criminal	Property	Check forgery	609.631
Major Criminal	Property	Counterfeiting	609.632
Major Criminal	Property	Filing of forged instrument relating to property in a public office	609.64
Major Criminal	Property	Lottery fraud	609.651
Major Criminal	Property	Financial transaction card theft - property	609.821

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Major Criminal	Property	Falsely impersonating another with intent to defraud-property	609.83
Major Criminal	Property	Counterfeiting intellectual property-property	609.895
Major Criminal	Property	Racketeering	609.903
Major Criminal	Property	Violating the Food Stamp Program	393.07
Major Criminal	Sex Crimes	CSC - 1st degree	609.342
Major Criminal	Sex Crimes	CSC - 2nd degree	609.343
Major Criminal	Sex Crimes	CSC - 3rd degree	609.344
Major Criminal	Sex Crimes	CSC - 4th degree	609.345
Major Criminal	Sex Crimes	CSC - 5th degree - previous conviction/adjudication	609.3451
Major Criminal	Sex Crimes	Incest	609.365
Major Criminal	Sex Crimes	Solicitation of children to engage in sexual conduct	609.352
Major Criminal	Sex Crimes	Criminal Sexual Predatory conduct	609.3453
Major Criminal	Weapons	Weapons	609.165
Major Criminal	Weapons	Dangerous weapons	609.66
Major Criminal	Weapons	Firearms - removal of serial number	609.667
Major Criminal	Weapons	Explosives and incendiary devices	609.668
Major Criminal	Weapons	Machine guns- weapons	609.67
Major Criminal	Weapons	Riot - armed weapons	609.71
Major Criminal	Weapons	Weapons of mass destruction	609.712
Major Criminal	Weapons	Possession of pistol firearm	624.713
Major Criminal	Weapons	Carry or possession firearm without permit	624.714
Major Criminal	Weapons	Tear Gas or electronic incapacitation devices	624.731

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Minor Civil

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Case Group	Case Category	Case Type Description
Minor Civil	Conciliation	Conciliation

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Minor Civil	Conciliation	Conciliation - Forfeiture
Minor Civil	Conciliation	Conciliation - Housing
Minor Civil	Eviction	Eviction (Unlawful Detainer)
Minor Civil	Implied Consent	Implied Consent
Minor Civil	Minor Civil Judgments	Appointment of Trustee
Minor Civil	Minor Civil Judgments	Change of Name
Minor Civil	Minor Civil Judgments	Confession of Judgment
Minor Civil	Minor Civil Judgments	Default Judgment
Minor Civil	Minor Civil Judgments	Foreign Judgment
Minor Civil	Minor Civil Judgments	Restitution Judgment
Minor Civil	Minor Civil Judgments	Transcript Judgment
Minor Civil	Minor Civil Judgments	Transcript Judgment from Other Minnesota County

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Case Group	Case Category	Offense Description	Statute
Minor Criminal	Miscellaneous Assaults	Assault-5th Deg-Inflict or Attempt Bodily Harm	609.224.1
Minor Criminal	Miscellaneous Assaults	Assault-5th Degree-Misdemeanor	609.224.1
Minor Criminal	Misdemeanor Domestic Assault	Domestic Assault-Misdemeanor-Intentionally Inflicts/Attempts to Inflict Bodily Harm on Another	609.2242.1
Minor Criminal	Misdemeanor Domestic Assault	Domestic Assault-Misdemeanor-Commits Act to Cause Fear of Immediate Bodily Harm or Death	609.2242.1
Minor Criminal	Misdemeanor Domestic Assault	Domestic Abuse No Contact Order - Violate No Contact Order - Misdemeanor	629.75.2
Minor Criminal	Misdemeanor Domestic Assault	Domestic Abuse - Violate Order for Protection-Misdemeanor	518B.01.14
Minor Criminal	Misdemeanor DWI	Traffic - DWI - Operate Motor Vehicle - Alcohol Concentration 0.08 Within 2 Hours	169A.20.1



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Case Group	Case Category	Offense Description	Statute
Minor Criminal	Misdemeanor DWI	Traffic - DWI - Operate Motor Vehicle Under Influence of Alcohol	169A.20.1
Minor Criminal	Misdemeanor DWI	Traffic - DWI - Operate Motor Vehicle Under Influence of Controlled Substance	169A.20.1
Minor Criminal	Non-Traffic	Theft-Take/Use/Transfer Movable Prop-No Consent	609.52.2
Minor Criminal	Non-Traffic	Drugs - Possession of Drug Paraphernalia - Use or Possession Prohibited	152.092
Minor Criminal	Non-Traffic	Drugs - Possess/Sale Small Amount of Marijuana - No Remuneration	152.027.4
Minor Criminal	Non-Traffic	Liquor-Consumption by persons under 21	340A.503.1
Minor Criminal	Non-Traffic	Disorderly Conduct - Offensive/Abusive/Boisterous/Noisy/Obscene	609.72.1
Minor Criminal	Non-Traffic	Trespass-Return to Property Within One Year	609.605.1
Minor Criminal	Parking	Snow emergency parking restrictions	161.03.a
Minor Criminal	Parking	Parking in a No parking zone	478.600
Minor Criminal	Parking	Parked overtime in a meter zone	478.360
Minor Criminal	Traffic	Motor Vehicle Registration - Failure to Display Current Registration - Expired Plates	168.09.4
Minor Criminal	Traffic	Traffic-Drivers License-Driving After Revocation	171.24.2
Minor Criminal	Traffic	Traffic - Speeding - Exceed Limit	169.14.2
Minor Criminal	Traffic	Traffic Regulation - Driver Must Carry Proof of Insurance when Operating Vehicle	169.791.2
Minor Criminal	Traffic	Traffic - Speeding - Exceed Limit 55 mph Where Appropriate	169.14.2
Minor Criminal	Traffic	Traffic Regulation - Seat Belt Required - Driver and Passengers Must Use	169.686.1

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Probate/Mental Health

Probate is the legal process of obtaining court authority to transfer the property of a person after death. The Civil Commitment area of the Probate Court is responsible for committing people to treatment centers. Guardianship/Conservatorship cases are legal proceedings concerning the appointment of a guardian or conservator.

Case Group	Case Category	Case Type Description
Probate/Mental Health	Commitment	Commitment - Chemically Dependent
Probate/Mental Health	Commitment	Commitment - Developmentally Disabled

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Case Group	Case Category	Case Type Description
Probate/Mental Health	Commitment	Commitment - Mentally Ill, Dev Disabled & Chemically Dependent
Probate/Mental Health	Commitment	Commitment - Mentally Ill
Probate/Mental Health	Commitment	Commitment - Mentally Ill & Chemically Dependent
Probate/Mental Health	Commitment	Commitment - Mentally Ill and Developmentally Disabled
Probate/Mental Health	Commitment	Commitment - Multiple Types
Probate/Mental Health	Commitment - Mentally Ill and Dangerous	Commitment - Mentally Ill and Dangerous
Probate/Mental Health	Commitment - Mentally Ill and Dangerous	Commitment - Mentally Ill, Dev Disabled and Dangerous
Probate/Mental Health	Commitment - Mentally Ill and Dangerous	Commitment - Psychopathic Personality
Probate/Mental Health	Commitment - Sexual Behavior	Commitment - Sexual Dangerous & Psychopathic Personality
Probate/Mental Health	Commitment - Sexual Behavior	Commitment - Sexual Psychopathic Personality
Probate/Mental Health	Commitment - Sexual Behavior	Commitment - Sexually Dangerous Person
Probate/Mental Health	Formal Probate	Decree of Descent
Probate/Mental Health	Formal Probate	Formal Supervised
Probate/Mental Health	Formal Probate	Formal Unsupervised
Probate/Mental Health	Formal Probate	Special Administration
Probate/Mental Health	Formal Probate	Summary Administration
Probate/Mental Health	Guardianship/Conservatorship	Conservatorship - Adult
Probate/Mental Health	Guardianship/Conservatorship	Conservatorship - Minor
Probate/Mental Health	Guardianship/Conservatorship	Emergency Guardianship/Conservatorship
Probate/Mental Health	Guardianship/Conservatorship	Guardian - Adult
Probate/Mental Health	Guardianship/Conservatorship	Guardian - Minor
Probate/Mental Health	Guardianship/Conservatorship	Guardianship - Incapacitated Person
Probate/Mental Health	Guardianship/Conservatorship	Guardianship/Conservatorship
Probate/Mental Health	Guardianship/Conservatorship	Special Conservatorship
Probate/Mental Health	Guardianship/Conservatorship	Special Guardianship
Probate/Mental Health	Guardianship/Conservatorship	Substitute Decision Maker
Probate/Mental Health	Miscellaneous Probate	Informal Probate
Probate/Mental Health	Miscellaneous Probate	Probate Other



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Case Group	Case Category	Case Type Description
Probate/Mental Health	Trust	Trust

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