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GREEN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY: PRINCIPLES, BENEFITS, STRATEGIES & TECHNOLOGIES, CHALLENGES AND BARRIERS

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ABSTRACT

Green Information Technology (Green IT) is an emerging field that focuses on the environmentally responsible and sustainable use of IT resources. It refers to the practice of designing, using, and managing IT in an environmentally responsible and sustainable manner. This paper also discusses the principles of Green IT which are required to be considered in the context of an organization's specific needs and sustainability goals. Additionally, regulations and industry standards may evolve, so staying updated with the latest developments is crucial for effective green IT implementation. The rapid growth of the IT industry has led to environmental issues, such as e-waste and energy consumption. This paper lists some of the mitigation aspects for resolving these problems through responsible practices and technologies. This paper explores the principles and practices of Green IT, its impact on the environment, and its potential benefits to organizations which demonstrate that Green IT practices are not only environmentally responsible but also economically advantageous for organizations, contributing to a more sustainable and socially responsible business environment. It also highlights various strategies and technologies that can be employed to make IT operations more sustainable. Overcoming the challenges and barriers to adopting Green IT enumerated in the paper requires a combination of technological innovation, regulatory support, and organizational commitment to sustainability. Organizations can benefit from improved efficiency, reduced energy costs, and a positive environmental reputation by successfully implementing green IT initiatives. The inescapable aspects included in this paper provide a foundation for understanding the environmental impact of Green IT and the measures that can be taken to promote sustainability in the IT sector. Further research and evolving technologies will continue to shape the landscape of Green IT, and it is opined that staying updated on the latest developments is crucial for addressing environmental concerns in the industry.

Objectives of study:

- To discuss the principles of Green IT for its applicability towards minimizing environmental impact of IT systems & infrastructure.
- To deliberate upon various strategies, practices, and technologies aimed at reducing energy consumption, resource use, and electronic waste in the IT sector.
- To ascertain likely benefits associated with adopting Green IT practices as supported by various research and industry reports.
- To identify strategies and technologies & its adoption for reduction of the environmental impact of IT operations and promote resultant sustainability.
- To detect and deliberate upon the Challenges & Barriers in adopting Green IT.

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INTRODUCTION

In the ever-evolving landscape of technology, the union of environmental sustainability and IT has given rise to a pivotal concept known as Green Information Technology (Green IT). This research paper delves into the multifaceted realm of Green IT, exploring its foundational principles, the myriad benefits it offers, the strategic approaches and technologies involved in its implementation, and the persistent challenges and barriers hindering its widespread adoption.

As the global community grapples with the pressing challenges of climate change, resource depletion, and environmental degradation, the IT sector emerges as both a contributor to environmental issues and a potential catalyst for positive change. Green IT, therefore, represents a paradigm shift in the way we conceive, design, and manage IT systems, aiming to align technological advancements with environmental sustainability.

The principles underpinning Green IT extend beyond mere energy efficiency to encompass a holistic approach, including responsible product life cycle management, waste reduction, and the use of renewable resources. These principles serve as the guiding ethos for organizations seeking to integrate sustainable practices into their IT operations and decision-making processes. The benefits of adopting Green IT are far-reaching, ranging from reduced carbon footprints and energy consumption to cost savings and enhanced corporate social responsibility. Organizations that embrace environmentally friendly IT practices not only contribute to global sustainability goals but also position themselves for long-term viability in an increasingly eco-conscious business landscape. To implement Green IT successfully, organizations must navigate a complex terrain of strategies and technologies. This paper explores various strategic approaches, such as virtualization, cloud computing, and sustainable procurement, shedding light on how these methodologies can be harnessed to achieve environmental objectives without compromising on operational efficiency. However, the journey towards Green IT is not without its share of challenges and barriers. From financial constraints and a lack of awareness to technological limitations and resistance to change, organizations face numerous hurdles in their quest for sustainable IT practices. This research paper will delve into these challenges, providing insights into potential solutions and strategies for overcoming barriers to widespread Green IT adoption. The exploration of Green IT is both timely and imperative, as it offers a blueprint for fostering a harmonious coexistence between technological innovation and environmental preservation. Through an in-depth examination of its principles, benefits, strategies, technologies, challenges, and barriers, this research paper aims to contribute to the ongoing discourse on creating a more sustainable and resilient future through responsible IT practices.

PRINCIPLES OF GREEN IT

Green IT aims to reduce the environmental impact of IT systems and infrastructure while also optimizing their energy efficiency. The principles associated with Green IT provides a framework for integration of environmentally responsible practices into IT operations. The goals pertaining to sustainability, reduction of environmental impact and alignment of IT strategies with broader Corporate Social Responsibilities (CSR).

Principles play a crucial role in Green IT for following reasons:

- Guidance for Decision-Making.
- Sustainability.
- Resource Efficiency
- Regulatory Compliance.
- Cost Savings.
- CSR.
- Long-Term Viability.
- Innovation.
- Risk Mitigation.

Here are some key principles of Green Information Technology.

Energy Efficiency and Optimization: Energy consumption is a significant concern in IT. Efficient hardware, server

consolidation, and virtualization techniques can reduce power consumption significantly (1). There is a requirement to ensure that IT equipment and data centers are designed and operated for maximum energy efficiency. This involves using energy-efficient hardware and software solutions. (S. Murugesan, "Harnessing Green IT: Principles and Practices," IT Professional, 2008) (2)

Virtualization and Consolidation: Utilizing virtualization technologies for consolidation of servers and reducing the physical footprint of data centers can lead to significant energy savings. (V. Soundararajan, et al., "A Survey on Energy-Efficient Data Centers with Virtualization Techniques," Sustainable Computing: Informatics and Systems, 2012.) (3)

Renewable Energy Sources: Incorporating renewable energy sources, such as solar and wind power, can significantly reduce the carbon footprint of data centers and IT operations. (J. Koomey, "Growth in Data Center Electricity Use 2005 to 2010," Analytics Press, 2011) (4)

Lifecycle Management: Implementation of a comprehensive lifecycle management approach for IT equipment, including responsible disposal and recycling to reduce electronic waste (e-waste) is part of Lifestyle Management. (P. R. Haas, "Information Technology and the Environment: Positive or Negative Impacts?," Journal of Industrial Ecology, 2007) (5)

Green Procurement and Supply Chain: Organizations can choose eco-friendly products and practices, including Energy Star-rated devices and recycling programs (6). Organisations can procure IT hardware and software from vendors committed to sustainability and environmental responsibility. However, there is need to consider the entire supply chain impact. (D. Dalcher, "Eco-Friendly Procurement," The Innovation Journal: The Public Sector Innovation Journal, 2009) (7)

Data Center Design

Designing of data centers with cooling and airflow optimization techniques can reduce energy consumption by cooling equipment. (J. Hamilton, "Co-designing Energy-Efficient Datacenters and Distributed Generation with Next-generation Architecture," HotCloud, 2009) (8)

Remote Work and Telecommuting: There is a need to promote remote work and telecommuting options for employees to reduce the need for physical office spaces and commuting, thereby decreasing the carbon footprint. Recent Work From Home (WFH) concept implemented in the wake of COVID-19 is an important step towards this principle. (M. A. Barry, "The COVID-19 Pandemic and Telework: Opportunities and Challenges for an Emerging Research Agenda," The Review of Black Political Economy, 2020) (9)

Green IT Policies and Standards: Organisations must develop and enforce green IT policies and standards within themselves to ensure a consistent approach to sustainability. (International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC), "IEC 80000-13:2008, Quantities and units - Part 13: Information science and technology," 2008) (10)

Data Management and Storage Efficiency: Practice of optimizing data storage, backup, and archiving practices will reduce energy consumption and storage hardware requirements. (E. Pinheiro, et al., "Failure Trends in a Large Disk Drive Population," FAST '07: Proceedings of the 5th USENIX Conference on File and Storage Technologies, 2007) (11)

User Awareness and Training: IT professionals and end-users should be educated about the importance of green IT and should encourage responsible usage and practices. (L. Wilke, "User Behavior in the Home: Adoption and Use of Green IT," International Conference on Human-Computer Interaction, 2009) (12)

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

Green IT/ Sustainable IT, focuses on minimizing the environmental impact of IT and promoting sustainability. While Green IT initiatives have the potential to reduce overall environmental harm compared to traditional IT practices, they are not entirely without impact. The impact encompasses various strategies, practices, and technologies aimed at reducing energy consumption, resource use, and electronic waste in the IT sector. It's essential to recognize that complete elimination of environmental impact is challenging. The goal is to strike a balance between meeting technological needs and minimizing negative environmental effects through responsible and sustainable practices. Ongoing innovation and commitment to improvement are crucial for advancing the goals of Green IT. Some of these are enumerated below.

Energy Efficiency: Green IT emphasizes energy-efficient practices and technologies to reduce the power consumption of data centers, computers, and other IT equipment. This also reduces greenhouse gas emissions. (Koomey, J. G. (2007). Estimating total power consumption by servers in the US and the world. Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory) (13)

Virtualization: Server virtualization enables multiple virtual servers to run on a single physical server thereby optimizing resource usage and reducing the number of physical servers required. (Smith, R., & Nair, R. (2011). The energy case for virtualization. ACM Queue, 9(2), 16-25) (14)

Cloud Computing: Cloud services offer scalable and efficient computing resources, allowing organizations to minimize the number of on-site servers and reduce energy consumption. (Garg, S. K., Buyya, R., & Calheiros, R. N. (2013). Energy-efficient framework for consolidation of virtual machines in cloud data centers. Journal of Parallel and Distributed Computing, 73(11), 1472-1485) (15)

E-waste Management: Green IT promotes responsible disposal and recycling of electronic equipment to reduce electronic waste and its environmental impact. (Duan, H., & Song, X. (2018). E-waste: A review of CRT (cathode ray tube) recycling. Environmental Science and Pollution Research, 25(8), 7655-7666) (16)

Sustainable Procurement: Organizations can choose eco-friendly and energy-efficient IT equipment during procurement to reduce their environmental footprint. (Reijers,

W., Klein, R., & Draskovic, D. (2013). Green and sustainable software: An overview. Environmental Impact Assessment Review, 43, 147-158) (17)

Energy-efficient Data Centers: Employing innovative cooling techniques, power management, and modern server designs can significantly reduce the energy consumption of data centers. (Masanet, E., Brown, R., Shehabi, A., & Koomey, J. (2013). Estimating the energy use and efficiency potential of U.S. data centers. Applied Energy, 112, 1666-1674) (18)

Green IT Policies: Government regulations and company policies can incentivize the adoption of green IT practices, reducing environmental impact. (Umar, I. N., & Anuar, N. B. (2012). Environmental regulations, green supply chain management, and financial performance of the oil and gas sector in Nigeria. Resources, Conservation and Recycling, 69, 28-37) (19)

Mobile Device Optimization: Optimizing mobile devices for energy efficiency can help reduce the energy footprint associated with smartphones and tablets. (Gao, M., Bao, W., Yuan, S., & Yu, M. (2014). Toward energy-efficient mobile computing. IEEE Transactions on Industrial Informatics, 10(2), 1485-1493) (20)

Telecommuting and Remote Work: Enabling employees to work remotely can reduce the environmental impact by decreasing the need for commuting and office energy consumption. (Sathish, S., & Kohli, S. (2019). Environmental and social impact of telecommuting: A case study of the Indian IT industry. Sustainability, 11(15), 4207) (21)

Green Data Storage: Using energy-efficient data storage solutions and data deduplication techniques can reduce power consumption in data centers. (Almeida, T., Bessani, A. N., & Sousa, P. (2015). Using erasure codes efficiently for storage in a p2p-based cloud storage system. Future Generation Computer Systems, 49, 79-93) (22)

BENEFITS OF GREEN IT: As implementing practice of Green IT for effective utilization of IT in an environmentally responsible and sustainable manner involves reducing the environmental impact of IT operations, products, and services, there are several benefits associated with adopting Green IT practices that ripple across industries and societies, and these benefits are supported by research and industry reports. Starting from reduced energy consumption to innovative solutions addressing electronic waste, the Green IT not only mitigates environmental impact but also contributes to organizational efficiency and long-term viability. This exploration delves into the myriad benefits of Green IT, illustrating how this approach is not merely a trend but an imperative for a harmonious coexistence between technology and the environment.

Here are some key benefits of Green IT.

Cost Savings: Green IT practices often lead to reduced energy and resource consumption, resulting in cost savings for organizations (23). A study by Botta et al. (2016) shows that organizations that implement Green IT practices often experience cost reductions due to reduced energy consumption

and resource optimization. (Botta, A., et al. (2016). "Energy Consumption and GHG Emission of the Global ICT Ecosystem." *Energy Policy*, 93, 255-267) (27)

Environmental Benefits: Reducing energy consumption and e-waste contributes to a cleaner and more sustainable environment (13).

Energy Efficiency: Green IT helps organizations reduce their energy consumption, leading to lower operational costs and a smaller carbon footprint. In a study by Koomey et al. (2011), it was found that energy efficiency measures in data centers, such as server virtualization and efficient cooling, could lead to significant energy and cost savings. (Koomey, J. G., et al. (2011). "Server Energy and Efficiency: A Data Center Love Story." *ACEEE Summer Study on Energy Efficiency in Data Centers*) (24)

Reduced E-Waste: Green IT encourages the responsible disposal and recycling of electronic equipment, reducing electronic waste. According to a report by the United Nations University (2019), the global volume of electronic waste is growing, and proper e-waste management, including recycling and refurbishing, can mitigate environmental and health hazards. (United Nations University. (2019). "Global E-Waste Monitor 2017." Retrieved from https://collections.unu.edu/eserv/UNU:6348/GWM_2017.pdf) (25)

Lower Carbon Emissions: Green IT practices help organizations reduce their carbon emissions, contributing to a more sustainable environment. Research by Molla et al. (2016) highlights the potential for Green IT initiatives to reduce carbon emissions in organizations and mitigate the environmental impact of IT operations. (Molla, A., et al. (2016). "Green Information Technology Adoption: An Integration of Environmental Concern and Organizational Factors." *Information & Management*, 53(1), 112-126) (26)

Improved Corporate Reputation: Organizations that embrace Green IT are seen as environmentally responsible, which can enhance their corporate reputation and attract environmentally conscious customers and investors. The Carbon Trust (2017) suggests that adopting Green IT practices can improve an organization's reputation and create opportunities for partnerships and business growth. (Carbon Trust. (2017). "ICT Sector Overview." Retrieved from <https://www.carbontrust.com/resources/ict-sector-overview>) (28)

Compliance with Regulations: Green IT helps organizations comply with environmental regulations and reduce the risk of non-compliance penalties. A report from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) outlines how Green IT practices can help organizations align with regulatory requirements and minimize legal and financial risks (U.S. EPA, 2019).

(U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). (2019). "Green IT." Retrieved from <https://www.epa.gov/greeningepa/green-it>) (29)

Resource Conservation: Green IT promotes the efficient use of resources, such as paper, ink, and hardware, reducing waste and conserving valuable resources. A study by Molla et al. (2014) discusses how Green IT initiatives can lead to resource conservation through measures like print optimization and responsible procurement. (Molla, A., et al. (2014). "Going Green with IT: Managing Sustainable Information Technology." *Information Systems Management*, 31(1), 46-63) (30)

Employee Satisfaction: Employees in organizations that embrace Green IT often report higher job satisfaction, as they appreciate their employer's commitment to environmental sustainability. A report by Greenpeace (2017) highlights how Green IT initiatives can positively impact employee morale and job satisfaction by promoting a sustainable workplace culture. (Greenpeace (2017). "Clicking Clean: Who is Winning the Race to Build a Green Internet?" Retrieved from <https://www.greenpeace.org/usa/reports/clicking-clean-2017/>) (31)

STRATEGIES AND TECHNOLOGIES

As the world grapples with the imperatives of environmental sustainability, the IT landscape stands at the forefront of transformative change. The Green IT is instrumental in shaping strategies and deploying technologies that mitigate the ecological footprint of digital advancements. In this era of heightened environmental consciousness, organizations are compelled to adopt practices that transcend conventional norms and embrace innovative solutions. This exploration delves into the strategies and technologies driving Green IT, shedding light on how proactive measures, from energy-efficient infrastructure to circular economy principles, are reshaping the IT paradigm. By scrutinizing these strategies and technologies, we unravel a compelling narrative of how the IT sector is not only adapting to environmental challenges but also spearheading a sustainable revolution with lasting implications for the planet.

Here are some strategies and technologies used in Green IT.

Server Virtualization: Virtualization technology allows multiple virtual servers to run on a single physical server, reducing energy consumption and server sprawl. (D. A. Menascé, et al. (2009). *Energy-Efficient Computing for Large-Scale Distributed Systems*. In *Proceedings of the 2009 International Conference on Green Computing and Communications*) (32) Virtualizing servers can consolidate hardware, reduce energy consumption, and increase resource utilization (33).

Data Center Optimisation & Cooling: It involves implementing efficient cooling, power distribution, and server placement strategies to reduce energy consumption in data centers. (U.S. Department of Energy. (2018). *Best Practices Guide for Energy-Efficient Data Center Design*) (34)

Using advanced cooling techniques and energy-efficient HVAC systems can reduce data center energy consumption (35).

Renewable Energy Sources: It involves the use of solar, wind, and other renewable energy sources to power data centers and IT infrastructure. (International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA). (2021). Renewable Energy in the Water, Energy, and Food Nexus) (36). Incorporating solar, wind, or hydropower sources into IT operations can make them more environmentally friendly (37).

Energy-Efficient Hardware: The use of energy-efficient servers, switches, and storage devices will lead to reduced power consumption. (Kooimey, J. G. (2007). Estimating Total Power Consumption by Servers in the U.S. and the World) (13)

Cloud Computing: It includes leveraging cloud services for scalable and shared resources, optimizing hardware utilization and reducing the need for on-premises infrastructure. (Marston, S., et al. (2011). Cloud computing – The business perspective. ScienceDirect) (38)

Green Software Development: Developing software with a focus on energy efficiency and reduced resource consumption will significantly enhance impact of Green IT implementation. (Santosa, P. I., & Low, K. H. (2011). Software power estimation: A survey and comparative analysis. ACM Computing Surveys) (39)

Energy-Efficient Networking: Using technologies like Energy-Efficient Ethernet (EEE) and power management will lead to reduced energy consumption in network infrastructure. (Sherwood, T., et al. (2010). Understanding data center traffic characteristics. ACM SIGCOMM Computer Communication Review) (40)

E-Waste Management: Proper disposal and recycling of electronic waste will prevent harmful environmental impacts. (United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). (2021). Global E-Waste Monitor) (41)

Smart Grid Integration: Integrating IT systems with smart grids will result in optimization of energy usage and reduced peak power demands. (Farhangi, H. (2010). The path of the smart grid. IEEE Power and Energy Magazine) (42)

Green IT Policies and Standards: Developing and adhering to policies and standards that promote energy efficiency and sustainability in IT operations will go a long way in implementing and sustaining Green IT initiatives. (The Green Electronics Council. (n.d.). EPEAT - The Global Ecolabel for IT) (43)

CHALLENGES AND BARRIERS

In the noble pursuit of a more sustainable and environmentally conscious future, Green IT stands as a beacon of innovation. However, despite its noble aspirations, the implementation of Green IT is not without its set of challenges and barriers. As organizations worldwide strive to integrate eco-friendly practices into their technological landscapes, they encounter hurdles ranging from financial constraints to cultural shifts. This exploration delves into the multifaceted challenges and barriers that impede the seamless adoption of Green IT initiatives. From the complexities of transitioning legacy

systems to the resistance to change within organizational cultures, understanding these obstacles is crucial for devising effective strategies that pave the way for a greener, more sustainable IT future.

Below are some of the key challenges and barriers.

Initial Investment Costs: Implementing Green IT solutions often requires upfront investments in energy-efficient hardware, software, and infrastructure. (Lacity, M. C., & Willcocks, L. P. (2013). Will green IT blossom or be a false dawn? MIS Quarterly Executive, 12(3), 121-132) (44)

Lack of Awareness and Education: Many organizations and individuals may lack awareness about the environmental impact of IT and how to implement Green IT practices. (Cai, W., Zhu, Y., & Zhang, Z. (2017). Understanding the green IT adoption: A meta-analysis based on the theory of planned behavior. Computers in Human Behavior, 68, 336-345) (45)

Resistance to Change: Resistance from employees and management can be a significant barrier to adopting Green IT practices and technologies. (Melville, N. P. (2010). Information systems innovation for environmental sustainability. MIS Quarterly, 34(1), 1-21) (46)

Regulatory and Compliance Issues: Organizations must comply with various environmental regulations and standards, which can be complex and costly to adhere to. (Eder, L. B., & Igbaria, M. (2008). Green IT adoption: A process management approach. Communications of the ACM, 51(10), 107-112) (47)

Legacy Systems and Infrastructure: Older, less energy-efficient IT systems can be challenging to replace or upgrade, hindering the adoption of Green IT. (Anggraini, R., Suharjito, D., & Harjoko, A. (2018). Green IT implementation in Indonesian universities: Case of legacy information system. Procedia Computer Science, 135, 752-759) (48)

Data Center Energy Consumption: Data centers are major consumers of energy, and reducing their environmental impact can be technically and economically challenging. (Masanet, E., Brown, R., Shehabi, A., Kooimey, J., & Nordman, B. (2013). Estimating the energy use and efficiency potential of U.S. data centers. Energy, 60, 653-666) (49)

Lack of Standardization: The absence of standard metrics and guidelines for measuring and reporting the environmental impact of IT solutions can make it difficult to assess and compare practices. (Sivakumar, M. V. S., Prasad, S. S., & Sharma, R. (2016). Green IT readiness and standardization: An empirical investigation. Journal of Enterprise Information Management, 29(5), 717-733) (50)

ROI Uncertainty: Organizations may be unsure about the return on investment (ROI) for Green IT initiatives, making it difficult to justify the associated costs.

(Zhang, W., Chua, C. E. H., & Wu, Y. (2012). Understanding the determinants of green IT usage: An empirical analysis. Journal of Organizational Computing and Electronic Commerce, 22(3), 248-271) (51)

Supply Chain and Vendor Challenges: Ensuring that IT products and services are sourced and manufactured sustainably can be complex due to global supply chain issues. (Carter, C. R., & Rogers, D. S. (2008). A framework of sustainable supply chain management: Moving toward new theory. *International Journal of Physical Distribution & Logistics Management*, 38(5), 360-387) (52)

Greenwashing: Some organizations may falsely claim to be implementing Green IT practices, creating skepticism among consumers and stakeholders. (Ottman, J. A., & Perkovic, S. (2015). The new rules of green marketing: Strategies, tools, and inspiration for sustainable branding. Routledge) (53)

CONCLUSION

The research paper on Green Information Technology (IT) has delved into the principles, benefits, strategies, and technologies associated with fostering environmentally sustainable practices within the realm of IT. The study has also explored the challenges and barriers that organizations may encounter in their journey towards adopting Green IT initiatives. Through a comprehensive examination of the existing literature, it is evident that Green IT is not merely a trend but a crucial necessity in the contemporary technological landscape.

The principles of Green IT emphasize the importance of minimizing the environmental impact of IT operations, from energy consumption to waste management. The benefits are far-reaching, encompassing cost savings, enhanced corporate social responsibility, and a positive contribution to global sustainability goals. Various strategies and technologies, ranging from energy-efficient hardware to virtualization and cloud computing, have been identified as effective means to implement Green IT practices.

However, the path to embracing Green IT is not without its challenges and barriers. These may include resistance to change, lack of awareness, financial constraints, and the complexity of implementing new technologies. Addressing these challenges requires a multi-faceted approach, involving education and training, policy development, and collaboration between stakeholders.

As organizations strive to integrate Green IT into their operations, it is essential to recognize the interconnected nature of environmental, economic, and social factors. Sustainable practices in IT not only contribute to ecological well-being but also bolster long-term business resilience and competitiveness.

In light of the research findings, it is recommended that organizations prioritize the adoption of Green IT principles and technologies. This involves creating a culture of sustainability, investing in renewable energy sources, and continually evaluating and updating IT infrastructure to align with the latest environmentally friendly solutions.

The research underscores the urgency of incorporating Green IT practices into the core of organizational strategies. By

doing so, businesses can not only reduce their ecological footprint but also position themselves as responsible global citizens contributing to a more sustainable future.

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