

Helfine: Real-Time Helmet Violation Detection with Automated Fine System

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Abstract: Motorcycles have traditionally been one of the most widely used modes of transportation in developing countries. However, in recent times, the number of motorcycle accidents has increased. One of the major contributing factors to these accidents is the absence of helmets worn by riders. Traffic authorities monitor road intersections, review CCTV footage, and take action against motorcyclists who fail to comply with helmet regulations. Enforcing this rule typically requires human intervention, making it a labor-intensive process. To address this issue, this project proposes an automated system that detects and extracts motorcycle number plates from riders without helmets using CCTV footage. The extracted number plate is then processed using an Optical Character Recognition (OCR) algorithm to identify the vehicle's registration details. This AI-powered approach helps in identifying violators and notifying them to pay their challans. The proposed system first captures real-time traffic images before distinguishing motorcycles from other vehicles on the road.

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I. INTRODUCTION

In recent years, the number of motorcycle-related accidents on major roads and in urban areas has risen significantly. One of the primary reasons for these fatalities is the failure of riders to wear helmets. Identifying motorcyclists without helmets is crucial for enhancing road safety and reducing accident rates. Traffic monitoring systems should incorporate automated detection methods by analyzing surveillance footage. However, traditional traffic cameras often capture unclear images of fast-moving vehicles, making manual enforcement challenging.

Motorcycles are a common mode of transportation in countries like India, Brazil, and Thailand, with helmet usage being a legal requirement in India. Currently, traffic police are responsible for enforcing helmet laws and preventing motorcycle accidents. However, due to the limited number of personnel, manual surveillance is not highly effective. Implementing automated helmet and number plate detection systems can significantly improve traffic monitoring and safety measures. The efficiency of these systems depends on factors such as data quality and environmental conditions.

Advancements in computer vision and deep learning are continuously improving the accuracy and reliability of

these detection systems. With increasing concerns about road safety, helmet and number plate detection technologies have gained popularity. This research focuses on automating the process of monitoring motorcyclists using machine learning algorithms and image processing techniques. When a rider or pillion is detected without a helmet, the system identifies the vehicle's number plate through Optical Character Recognition (OCR). Given that road safety remains a global public health concern, such automated solutions play a crucial role in reducing motorcycle-related injuries and fatalities.

II. LITERATURE SURVEY

➤ *Helmet and Number Plate Detection Using Machine Learning*

The rise in motorcycle-related accidents on major roads and in urban areas has become a growing concern. A significant factor contributing to these fatalities is the failure of riders to wear helmets. Identifying motorcyclists who do not comply with helmet regulations is crucial for enhancing road safety and reducing accident rates. Traffic monitoring systems should incorporate automated methods to detect such violations by analyzing surveillance footage. However, conventional security cameras often capture blurry images of fast-moving motorcycles, making manual enforcement challenging.

In India, the number of riders neglecting helmet use is increasing rapidly, leading to numerous head injuries and fatalities. OpenCV, a powerful computer vision library, is widely used for detecting helmets and number plates in images and videos. By leveraging OpenCV for helmet and number plate detection, law enforcement agencies can enhance traffic surveillance, ensuring better compliance with safety regulations. The ability of OpenCV to automate the identification and recognition process significantly improves efficiency by reducing manual intervention and saving time.

This technology plays a vital role in monitoring and enforcing traffic laws while also providing valuable data for policymaking and research. Implementing automated helmet and number plate detection as part of a comprehensive traffic management system can help ensure compliance with road safety regulations. Given the high population density in urban areas, motorcycles remain one of the most commonly used modes of transport in India, making such technological advancements essential for improving road safety. [pandey2024].

➤ A Review on Helmet and Number Plate Detection

Motorcycles serve as a primary mode of transportation for many people in countries such as India, Brazil, and Thailand. In India, wearing a helmet while riding a motorcycle is a legal requirement. However, enforcing this law is challenging due to the limited availability of traffic police personnel for continuous surveillance. Automated helmet and number plate detection systems offer a promising solution to enhance road safety and traffic management. Their effectiveness, however, depends on factors such as data quality and environmental conditions. Ongoing research in computer vision and deep learning is focused on improving the accuracy and reliability of these systems, making them increasingly relevant for modern traffic monitoring.

To enhance the accuracy of Optical Character Recognition (OCR) when extracting text from number plates, pre-processing the image is a crucial step. This involves rotating the captured license plate image to optimize readability. Since the camera's angle remains fixed relative to the motorcycle, determining the correct rotation angle often requires a trial-and-error approach. Once the optimal rotation value is identified, it can be consistently applied to similar cases, ensuring improved recognition accuracy in automated traffic monitoring systems.

➤ Helmet and Number Plate Detection Using Yolov-3

In recent years, intelligent monitoring has become a critical application, with object detection emerging as a key area of focus in computer vision. As the number of motorcycle riders continues to rise, road accidents are also increasing, many of which result from the failure to wear helmets. To address computer vision techniques, contributing to the broader goal of accident prevention and public safety.

III. PROPOSED SYSTEM

➤ Architecture

The system architecture is composed of multiple modules:

- **Image/Video Capture Module:** Image fragments get collected using camera, CCTV or drone.
- **Preprocessing Module:** This module preprocesses the captured images (e.g., noise reduction, contrast enhancement) to make them suitable for detection tasks.
- **Helmet Detection Module (Deep Learning Model):** Detects if a person riding the vehicle (usually a two-wheeler) is wearing a helmet or not. It outputs a "helmet detected/not detected" result.
- **Number Plate Detection and Recognition Module:** Detects the number plate from the image and recognizes the characters on it to extract the vehicle's registration number.
- **Violation Verification and E-Challan Generation Module:** Verifies if the vehicle is violating any traffic rule (e.g., riding without a helmet) and generates an electronic challan (fine receipt) if a violation is detected.

➤ Mathematical Model

YOLO uses a custom loss function to train the model, which combines the errors from the predicted bounding box coordinates, confidence scores, and class predictions. The YOLO loss function consists of three components:

The Chatbot uses a classification model to categorize legal queries into predefined categories, which helps provide accurate responses.

- **Localisation Loss :** Measures how well the predicted bounding box coordinates match the ground truth.

$$L_{loc} = \lambda_{coord} \sum_{i=0}^B \frac{1}{b_i} \left((x_i - \hat{x}_i)^2 + (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2 + \left(\frac{w_i}{w} - \frac{\hat{w}_i}{w} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{h_i}{h} - \frac{\hat{h}_i}{h} \right)^2 \right)$$

This issue, our model is designed to detect whether a rider is wearing a helmet. If a rider is found without one, the system identifies the vehicle's number plate, enabling traffic authorities to issue an e-challan.

Our approach utilizes YOLOv3 (You Only Look Once, version 3), a deep learning algorithm based on Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN), to accurately detect objects in videos, live images, and real-time feeds. With the growing demand for automation and industrialization, accessibility and efficiency have become essential features of modern technological advancements.

- **Confidence Loss :** Measures how confident the model is about the presence of an object. This includes both the presence of an object and the accuracy of the bounding box.

$$L_{conf} = \lambda_{conf} \sum_{i=0}^B 1_{obj}((\hat{c}_i - c_i)^2)$$

- **Classification Loss** : Measures how accurate the predicted class probabilities are for the detected objects.

$$L_{class} = \lambda_{class} \sum_{i=0}^C 1_{obj}((P_i - P_i)^2)$$

Today, technology is widely adopted across various sectors to enhance accuracy, reduce costs, and save time. Deep learning, in particular, has played a significant role in improving existing models and enabling more efficient task execution.

➤ Key Algorithms

Given the increasing number of road accidents in recent years, enforcing helmet usage has become a necessity. Therefore, developing an automated system for helmet and number plate detection can contribute to improved road safety by helping authorities take preventive measures. This research aims to enhance existing safety solutions by leveraging advanced

- **Object Detection Algorithms**: YOLO (You Only Look Once): A popular real-time object detection model, efficient for detecting objects like helmets and number plates in images or video streams.
- **Image Preprocessing and Enhancement Algorithms**: Useful for segmenting areas of interest in grayscale images, which can improve detection accuracy. Enhances contrast in images, which can make features more distinguishable, especially in varied lighting conditions.
- **Classification Algorithms**: A fundamental deep learning model for image classification tasks, capable of identifying objects like helmets.
- **Optical Character Recognition (OCR)**: A popular open-source OCR tool that can be fine-tuned to detect and read characters on number plates.

IV. IMPLEMENTATION

The implementation of the Automated Helmet and number plate detection and E-challan system requires the integration of several AI technologies, which are combined to detect objects and characters and generate E-challan.

➤ Architecture Diagram

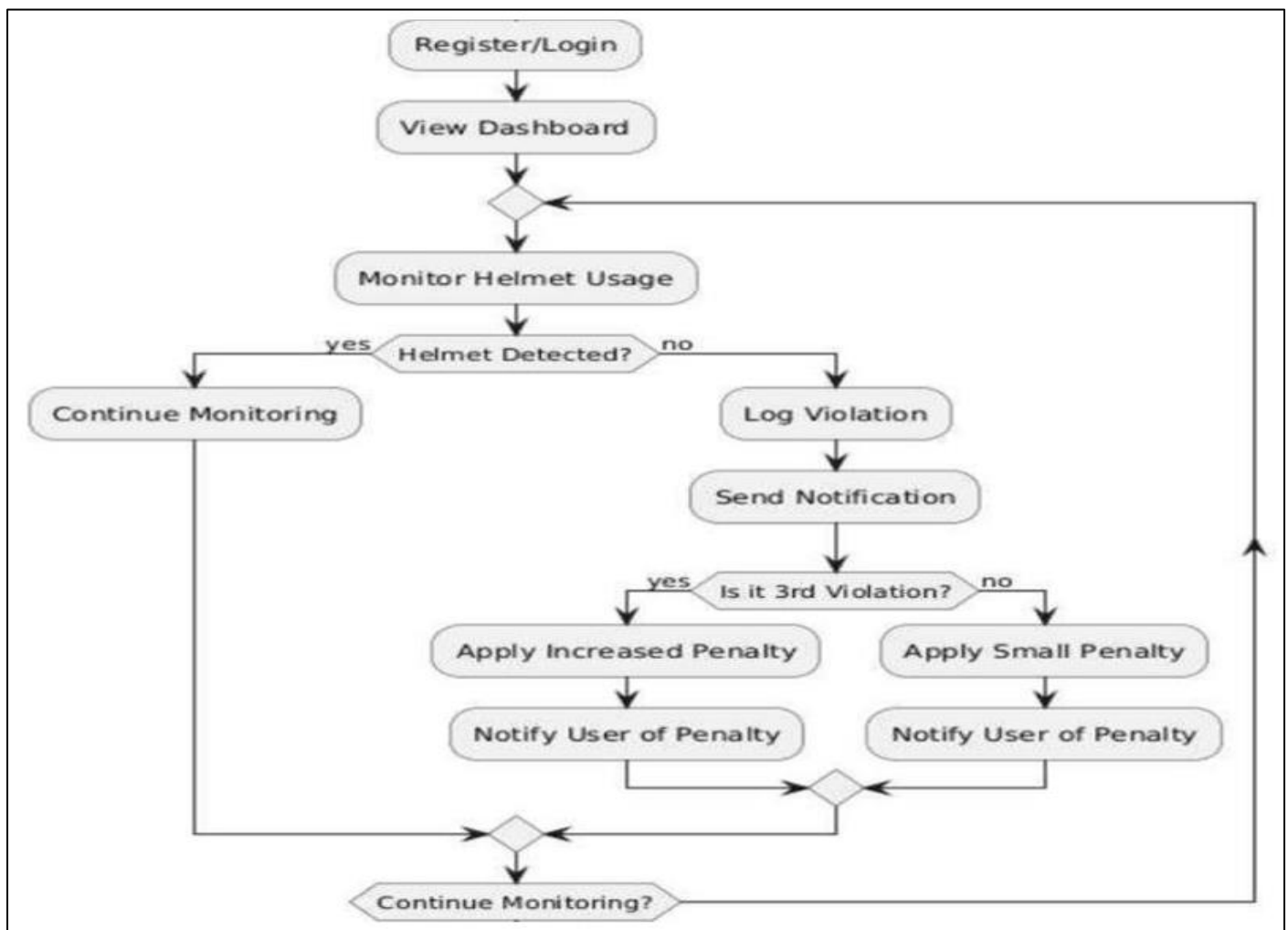


Fig 1 Architecture of the HelFine

- *How it Works:*

- ✓ **Input Collection:** The system takes input from video footage or images captured via CCTV cameras, drones, or road surveillance systems. The input images or frames are preprocessed to enhance quality (e.g., noise reduction, resizing, and contrast adjustment) for better detection accuracy.
- ✓ **Helmet Detection:** The system identifies the area where the rider's head is located using object detection algorithms like YOLO, SSD, or Faster R-CNN.
- ✓ **Number Plate Detection and Recognition:** The system detects the vehicle in the same frame using object detection models. It identifies the number plate region using bounding boxes.
- ✓ **Violation Verification:** If "No Helmet" is detected, the system records the violation. The recognized license plate number is compared with a database of registered vehicles. Vehicle owner details are fetched, including name, address, and contact information.
- ✓ **E-challan Generation:** A digital challan (fine receipt) is automatically generated with Vehicle owner's name,

Vehicle registration number, Date, time, and location of the violation, Penalty amount. The challan is stored in the system and linked to the database for payment tracking.

➤ *SMS/Email Notification Service (Alert System)*

- **Algorithm:** The alert system uses algorithms to send auto- mated notifications to vehicle owners via SMS or email once a violation is detected and a fine is applied.
- **Working:** After the fine is generated, the system triggers an SMS or email notification containing details of the violation, fine amount, and payment instructions.

➤ *YOLO (You Only Look Once)*

YOLO treats object detection as a regression problem and predicts bounding boxes and class probabilities directly from an image in a single evaluation. Unlike traditional methods like Faster R-CNN that use a two-stage process, YOLO is significantly faster and suitable for real-time tasks.

➤ *YOLO Architecture*

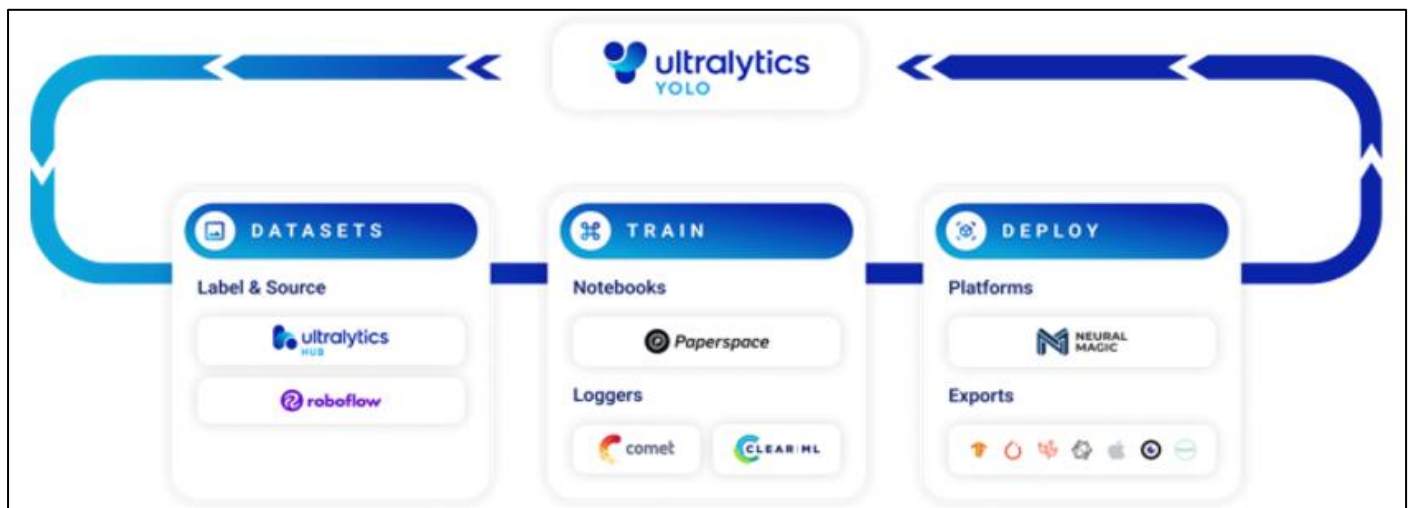


Fig 2 Architecture of the Yolo

- *How it Works:*

- ✓ YOLO divides an input image into a grid and assigns: Each grid cell predicts a set of bounding boxes. The likelihood of a detected object belonging to specific classes.
- ✓ For each bounding box, YOLO predicts: Center coordinates (x, y).

Width and height (w, h).

Confidence score (how likely the bounding box contains an object).

Class probability (e.g., helmet, vehicle, etc.).

V. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

In the Results and Discussion section of your research paper on the "Helmet and Number Plate Detection and E-

Challan System," you should aim to highlight the outcomes, analyze the system's performance, and discuss its implications. Here's a structure and examples of what to include:

A. System Performance

The model achieved an accuracy of 92 in detecting helmets on riders. Present metrics that show the balance between false positives and false negatives. Number plates were correctly detected in 95 of cases. OCR correctly recognized the characters on 90 of the detected number plates.

B. Real Time Performance

The system processes video frames at 25 frames per second (fps), making it suitable for real-time surveillance. End-to-end processing time for helmet detection, number plate recognition, and challan generation is approximately 1.2 seconds per frame.

C. Result Analysis



Fig 3 Result Analysis

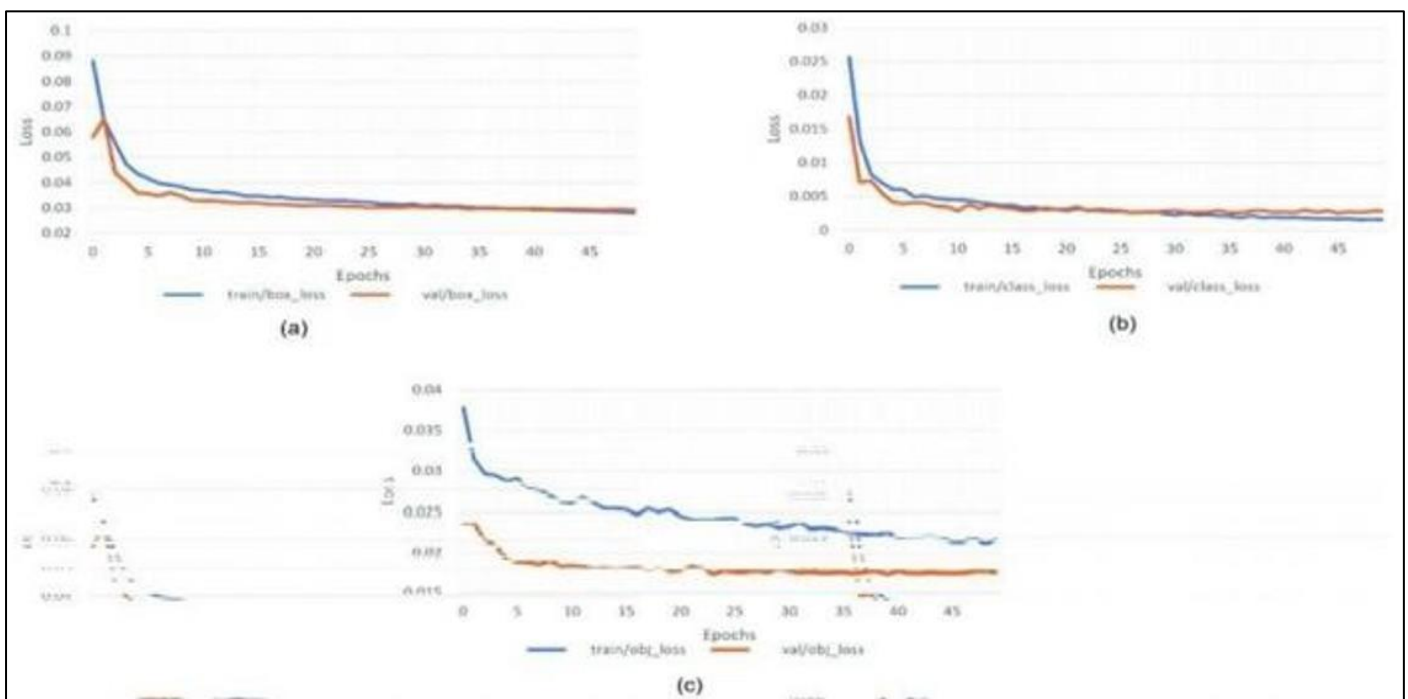


Fig 4 Result Graph

- **F1 Score:** The F1 Score is a widely used metric for evaluating the performance of a classification model, especially in cases with imbalanced datasets. It combines precision and recall into a single metric, providing a balanced measure of the model's performance.

➤ True Positives (TP)

- **Formula:** Count of correctly predicted positive instances.
- **Description:** True Positives refer to the cases where the model accurately predicts the positive class. In this example, with $TP = 4$, it means the model successfully identified 4 positive instances.

➤ *False Positives (FP)*

- Formula: Count of incorrectly predicted positive instances.
- Description: False Positives are situations where the model mistakenly labels an instance as positive when it isn't. Here, with FP = 3, it indicates that 3 instances were incorrectly marked as positive.

➤ *False Negatives (FN)*

- Formula: Count of incorrectly predicted negative instances.
- Description: False Negatives represent instances where the model fails to recognize a positive case, leading to a misclassification. In this case, FN = 4 shows that there were 4 actual positives that the model missed.

➤ *Precision*

- Formula:

$$\text{Precision} = \frac{\text{True Positive}}{\text{True Positive} + \text{False Positive}}$$

- Description: Precision measures how reliable the model's positive predictions are. It shows the proportion of true positives among all positive predictions. A precision of 0.85 means that 85% of the times the model predicted positive, it was correct.

Precision: 0.85

➤ *Recall*

- Formula:

$$\text{Recall} = \frac{\text{True Positive}}{\text{True Positive} + \text{False Negative}}$$

- Description: Recall, also known as Sensitivity, assesses the model's ability to identify all relevant positive cases. A recall of 0.95 indicates that the model successfully found 95% of the actual positives.

Recall: 0.95

➤ *F1 Score*

- Formula:

$$\text{F1 Score} = 2 \times \frac{\text{Precision} \times \text{Recall}}{\text{Precision} + \text{Recall}}$$

- Description: The F1 Score combines Precision and Recall into a single metric, giving a balanced view of the model's performance. It's especially helpful when you want to consider both false positives and false negatives. An F1 Score of about 0.87 suggests a fair balance between precision and recall.

➤ *F1 Score: 0.87 (approx.)*

The F1 score analysis graph evaluates how accurately the summarization model captures important information from documents. Each bar (or point) in the graph represents an F1 score, calculated as the balance between precision (relevance of generated text) and recall (coverage of key details). Higher F1 scores on the graph indicate more effective summaries that are both accurate and comprehensive, while lower scores highlight summaries that may be missing important content or include irrelevant details. This graph gives an overview of the model's summarization performance across various documents.

VI. CONCLUSION

This project focuses on developing an automated system to detect motorcycle riders who are not wearing helmets and vehicles without number plates in real-time video feeds. The system utilizes advanced algorithms and computer vision techniques to achieve high detection accuracy for both helmets and number plates. However, mere detection is not enough; appropriate action must be taken against violators. This system assists transport authorities in enforcing traffic laws by providing actionable insights. The detected helmet violations and number plate data are captured from real-time video and presented as image outputs, enabling authorities to take necessary measures efficiently.

Additionally, the integration of e-challan generation using OCR provided a streamlined approach for automating the violation reporting process, reducing manual errors and enhancing the efficiency of traffic management systems. The real-time processing capability ensures that the system can be deployed in practical scenarios, with potential applications in surveillance and automated traffic control.

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