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Foreword

The period under review has been an exhilarating one, full of industry and promise. Now in our fifth decade as a key educational presence at the heart of the North West, IT Sligo continues to serve as an avenue to the future for its learning community.

When I took up position as President of the institute in October 2008, I was greatly enthused by the dedication of IT Sligo’s staff and the willingness and ambition to buy-in to change. As I leave the institute, I take great pride in what we have achieved together.

I have had the pleasure to have worked with and witnessed the accomplishments of so many talented and conscientious governors, staff and students. The development of the Institute, from the modernisation of the learning environment through to strengthening the vocational relevance of our programmes, is a tribute to their deep commitment and interest in IT Sligo.

The only unchanging aspect of the higher education agenda during my years at the Institute has been the unremitting pace of change itself. We have faced many challenges, not least the reduction in public expenditure that was the inevitable consequence of the period of austerity. However, although there are no grounds for complacency, there is emerging evidence of brighter and more promising times ahead. It is the least the Institute deserves.

The lodestar for our policies and pronouncements since the publication of the National Strategy for Higher Education to 2030 has been the drive to bring a Technological University to the region through the Connacht Ulster Alliance (CUA). In the light of the profound significance for social development and economic growth in the region of the establishment of such an institution, we have espoused this ambition – consistently and resolutely - in our submissions to and negotiations with government and the Higher Education Authority.

It was with great satisfaction that I welcomed the formal recognition of our intention by the Department earlier this year. That recognition was publicly endorsed by the Taoiseach when he visited the campus to open the MacMunn Science Building in September, itself both an actual and symbolic vote of confidence in IT Sligo’s future. I could not have asked for a more appropriate conclusion to my period of office as President and with every confidence I hand over the baton to my successor, Professor Vincent Cunnane. Vincent takes up the reins of office with my warmest wishes for his future and for the future of the Institute, in which it has been an honour to serve.

Go raith maith agaibh agus Ádh mór oraibh.

Professor Terri Scott

President (Outgoing) IT Sligo
2. Enabling The Vision

The 2013-2015 Strategic Plan for IT Sligo was approved by the Governing Body in July 2013 and builds on the Institute’s successful history of making higher education accessible in the North West.

It is necessarily framed by the direction set by the National Strategy for Higher Education to 2030, which is built on the premise that higher education is central to economic recovery and the future development of Ireland, and that significant social and cultural advantage can be gained through widening participation in higher education. Our Plan clearly articulates our strategic direction to 2015 and beyond, and our response to the higher education reform agenda.

It builds on the significant work completed in advancing the Connacht-Ulster Alliance (CUA), which included substantial external consultation and engagement with our community stakeholders, industry partners, electoral representatives and policy makers.

IT Sligo aims to deliver on its vision to 2015 and beyond through five interconnected strategic pillars supported by the organisation, and Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) have been identified for each pillar. They are aligned with recommendations in the National Strategy for Higher Education to 2030.

Each pillar represents one of five key areas where the Institute is focussing efforts over the life of the Plan if the overall vision for the Institute is to be achieved.

- Strategic Pillar 1 – Student Participation & Experience
- Strategic Pillar 2 – Learning Teaching & Assessment
- Strategic Pillar 3 – Connacht-Ulster Alliance
- Strategic Pillar 4 – Research Innovation & Entrepreneurship
- Strategic Pillar 5 – External Engagement & Outreach

Enabling the Vision Governance, Staff, Finances, Infrastructure & Communication Student Participation & Experience Learning Teaching & Assessment Research Innovation & Entrepreneurship External Engagement & Outreach

The Strategic Plan 2013-2015 is a stepping stone towards the achievement of Technological University status by the Connacht-Ulster Alliance.

The IT Sligo Strategic Plan 2013-2015 can be viewed in full at www.itsligo.ie/publications.
3 - Student Participation & Experience

IT Sligo continues to build on its national leadership role in the provision of online and flexible learning opportunities which allow learners to remain in the workplace as they learn, and providing a successful model of lifelong learning.

2012-13 Campus Fact File

- 5,272 students across Higher Certificate to Postgraduate programmes

- 224 international students from 40 countries, up from 146 from 24 countries in 2011-12

- 459 employees, comprising 291 academic and 168 support and administrative staff

- 930 students are studying online on a total of 40 programmes, right across the globe.

- 1826 students graduated at the Conferral Ceremonies in November 2012

Conferring 2012 & 2013

A total of 1,826 graduates were conferred on the 8th and 9th November including the first cohort of students from: Higher Certificate in Advanced Carpentry & Joinery; the Higher Certificate in Science in Supervisory Management; Bachelor of Science in Construction Project Management, Level 8; and Bachelor of Science in Computing in Games Development, Level 7. The Corn Sheain Mhic Mhagnuis Award was awarded posthumously to student Luke Savage who passed away this year. The Sam Maguire Cup and the Airtricity League Premier Division Trophy were on show at graduation on Thursday and Friday respectively.

Australian-based students conferred

A group of staff at Australia’s leading biopharmaceutical company CSL Limited have been conferred with a Certificate in Biopharmaceutical Science which they studied online through IT Sligo. Ten staff at CSL’s Melbourne facility received their awards at an event on 20th December 2012, which featured video messages from the President of IT Sligo and the
Technical and Training Director of the National Institute for Bioprocessing Research and Training (NIBRT).

**International Student Numbers on the Increase**

Just over 250 international students from across the globe have travelled to Sligo to take up courses at IT Sligo this year – a 70 per cent increase on last year’s intake and the largest in the Institute’s history.

Students from Oman, Kuwait, the USA, Canada, China and all over Europe are amongst the international contingent at the Institute, as well as almost 100 from Brazil funded through the inaugural Brazilian Government funded Science without Borders scholarship programme.

The Institute’s International Strategy is about developing links with university partners overseas and attracting additional students to study in Sligo.

The estimated economic value to the region is estimated at €5 million. The Institute is conscious that these students are tomorrow’s entrepreneurs and decision makers. IT Sligo is striving to put Sligo on the map internationally as a destination that can provide skilled graduates who have developed the languages and soft skills that IDA Ireland and Forfás cite as the key skills necessary for all successful graduates.

Not all of the Institute’s international strategy is about incoming students. IT Sligo is also an accredited member of the European Transfer Scheme and a participant in the Erasmus Programme which provides valuable opportunities for our students to experience both study and internship periods abroad.

**Ireland’s first MOOC**

The Institute was the first in the country to announce details of a Massive Open Online Course on 14th February 2013. MOOCs are considered to be a ‘disruptive innovation’ in higher education and have been sweeping the US in recent years. The MOOC comprises a six-week, level 6, unaccredited introductory course in Lean Sigma Quality and will commence in September. MOOC is being developed by the Centre for Online Learning in association with lecturers Brian Coll and John Donovan.

**Another Stunning Microsoft Imagine Cup Victory**

A team of IT Sligo students, Killian Mc Cormack, (Sligo) Damien Fee, (Fermanagh), Linzi Ryan, (Dublin) and Gabriel Cioflica, (Romania) were today (February 28, 2013) crowned winners of the Irish finals of the Microsoft Imagine Cup 2013. The students – Team RUOK – won with their innovative solution to support the physical and social needs of older people in their homes through technology.

The Institute excelled yet again in the prestigious Microsoft Imagine Cup, the world’s premier student technology competition.

The four member Team RUOK team added fresh lustre to IT Sligo’s track
record by winning the 2013 Irish finals which involved more than 60 teams from Irish third level institutions. Institute teams won the Irish finals in 2008 and also in 2011, when the team went on to become the first from Ireland to win the global finals.

Team RUOK was Gabriel Cioflica, 4th Year Software Development, PhD student Linzi Ryan, Centre for Design & Innovation, Damien Fee, 4th year Creative Design & Innovation and Killian McCormack 4th year Software development. They were supported by computing lecturer Padraig Harte.

Their winning concept and product was an innovative solution to support the physical and social needs of older people in their homes through technology. In July they travelled to St Petersburg, Russia, where they represented Ireland in the Imagine Cup World finals.

Forensic Science Accreditation

A forensic science course at IT Sligo has become the first on the island of Ireland to be granted accreditation by the UK professional awarding body, the Chartered Society of Forensic Science in December 2013.

The highly prized seal of approval has been awarded to the BSc (Hons) Forensic Investigation and Analysis programme.

The Forensic Science Society (FSSoc) is an international professional body with members in more than 60 countries. Recently, it was accorded the honour of being granted a Royal Charter by Queen Elizabeth and changed its name to the Chartered Society of Forensic Sciences.

The FSSoc accreditation rating is a quality mark which signifies that the degree’s taught and practice components, the Institute’s scientific facilities and staff expertise meet the Society's highest standards.

IT Sligo now joins an elite list of UK universities with FSSoc accreditation. They include King’s College London, Keele, Kent, East Anglia, Portsmouth, Abertay Dundee and South Wales.

Strengthening Ties With Canada

IT Sligo signed a new agreement in Spring 2014 with a prestigious Canadian Third Level Institution, which will enable students in Canada to complete their degree courses here in Ireland.

Fanshawe College, which is one of the largest colleges in Ontario with six campuses, has developed a strong relationship with the Institute. Innovation staff from the Canadian college visited IT Sligo to sign a new agreement which will enable their diploma and advanced diploma graduates to complete an honours bachelor degree at IT Sligo in Early Childhood Education, Social Care Practice, Environmental Science, Pharmaceutical Science, Medical Biotechnology and Recreation & Leisure (Ordinary Bachelor Degree).
STAR for Epilepsy Course

A further education and training initiative for people with epilepsy which is based in IT Sligo won a prestigious AONTAS national STAR award. “Training for Success” scooped the Nationwide section prize for “outstanding contribution to adult learning”.

The initiative is the only one of its kind in Europe in which a third level college and a voluntary organisation have linked up to address exclusively difficulties that face people with epilepsy.
4. The Connacht-Ulster Alliance

The Connacht-Ulster Alliance (CUA) was established by the three Institutes of Technology of Galway-Mayo, Letterkenny and Sligo in 2012, through the signing of a formal Memorandum of Understanding.

This was approved by each Governing Body with the support of each Academic Council. A set of ‘Guiding Principles’ was also agreed between the three Presidents to a framework for engagement towards the ambition of achieving re designation as a Technological University (TU) for the Connacht-Ulster region, referred to as the Connacht-Ulster Alliance.

The needs of the Connacht-Ulster region are such that the establishment of a TU will be one of the prerequisites for renewing the regional economy and driving prosperity. The significant Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) which the region has attracted and the well-established industry and enterprise base provides a compelling justification for a TU that can exploit opportunities for Research & Development.

IT Sligo is committed to delivering the CUA implementation plan to achieve the criteria for designation as a Technological University and to drive the social and economic development of the region.
5. RESEARCH, INNOVATION & ENTREPRENEURSHIP

IT Sligo continues to invest in research and capacity building to produce knowledge in the Institute’s chosen disciplines to address regional, national and international needs. It strives to strengthen links between research, teaching and enterprise to deliver greater economic contribution and commercialisation opportunities.

Establishment of Strategic Research Centres

During the period under review, the Institute officially launched two new major research centres, the Centre for Environmental Research Innovation and Sustainability (CERIS) and Centre of Precision Engineering and Manufacturing (PEM), and the Centre for Research in the Social Professions (CRISP) is also making progress. These centres will encourage greater participation in research and make a valuable practical contribution to the advancement of applied research relevant to the needs of this region and beyond.

There were two successful applications to the Strategic Research Centres call. Dr. Frances Lucy will lead the Centre for Environmental Research Innovation and Sustainability (CERIS), which will include a team of eight staff. Dr. David Tormey will lead the Precision Engineering and Manufacturing (PEM) Centre, which will include a team of five staff. Seed funding was also allocated to the Centre for Research in Social Professions (CRISP), which will be led by Dr. Breda McTaggart. The objective is to increase the institute’s research activity, funding, output and level of staff engagement, with the goal of meeting the research criteria for designation as a Technological University. The centres will receive funding from the institute of up to €100K over 3 years and the CRISP group will receive €25K in 2013/14. A further call will take place for SRCs before the end of 2013.

The Precision Engineering and Manufacturing (PEM) Strategic Research Centre and the Bio-PolyTec research group in medical devices were launched on February 12th, 2014.

The Centre for Environmental Research Innovation and Sustainability (CERIS) was launched by Micheál Ó Cinnéide, Director of the Environmental Protection Agency and the President on 12th March. CERIS will act as a driver for strengthening the Institute’s research capacity and promoting further collaboration with other third-level institutions, organisations and industries. Dr. Frances Lucy, the Centre’s Director will lead a training workshop on Aquatic Invasive Species at
Buffalo State College in United States in June 2014.
https://www.itsligo.ie/2014/03/13/research-centre-boost-for-it-sligo/

**Overstock in Innovation Centre**

Over the reporting period the Innovation Centre supported 12 IDA company visits. Following a second visit, US based online retailer Overstock decided to set up their first European presence in the Centre occupying the suite recently vacated by Equinoxe AIS – who moved to larger accommodation in Sligo. Overstock is a $1 billion company with 14,000 employees. The company has recruited 15 developers who are due to commence work in the Innovation Centre on Monday November 4th. Their Innovation Centre Operation will customise their software for European operations.

**Ramona Cheers for STEM**

Dragon’s Den star Ramona Nicholas gave a valuable personal insight on the crucial importance of STEM in a keynote address at an event promoting Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) subjects during Enterprise & Innovation Week in March.

“STEM subjects are for me the most relevant area in the current economic climate,” she told an audience of second-level students, parents and teachers.

“I think that the job opportunities that are available out there for those who have a science or a technology or maths background are so much more likely than in any other subject area.”

The week’s programme, organised by the three institutes in the Connacht Ulster Alliance, included a showcase of successful start-ups from IT Sligo & LYIT and a panel discussion with contributions by a number of successful Innovation Centre alumni businesses.

**Working with the IDA to secure jobs**

The first Foreign Direct Investment to locate at our Innovation Centre with the support of IDA Ireland has successfully expanded and relocated to office space in Sligo’s Castle Street, securing 20 highly skilled financial services jobs for the region.

Equinoxe AIS, a global hedge fund administrator headquartered in Bermuda, established at the Innovation Centre in October 2010 with a staff of four. Our employment-ready graduates, the support of the Innovation Centre and the work-life balance offered in the North West, helped attract the company to Sligo.
Tourism A Vital Economic Lifeline

Team Sligo Tourism says it is receiving “invaluable” assistance from IT Sligo. Thanks to the Institute, TST was able to devote its entire €140k summer budget to advertising. Institute support also enabled TST to redesign the Sligo Marketing Forum website and employ a digital media consultant.

Research by five undergraduates under the direct guidance of Ann Higgins, Head of Department of Marketing, Tourism and Sport, informed TST’s approach to its 2013 marketing campaign.

Team Sligo Tourism is now equipped to conduct timely research into its publicity campaigns and to support them through effective above and below-the-line PR activities.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Researcher of Promise

IT Sligo Civil Engineering graduate and Doctorate student Sean Mulligan was named among Ireland’s “most promising researchers” for a green energy initiative that could boost the country’s renewable electricity supply by bringing hundreds of disused riverside mill sites back to life.

The commendation came from the National Digital Research Centre and Irish Research Council when they chose Sean and 14 other leading researchers for places on a new commercial mentoring programme called “From Basic Research to Business Models.”

Glenn Gordon, a PhD student from the School of Engineering and Design, received the highest marks awarded in a prestigious Irish Research Council (IRC) scholarship scheme that drew nearly 500 applications from universities, Institutes of Technology and other third level colleges in Ireland and other EU states.

USI Honours Inspirational Student Luke Savage

Third level students across the Republic paid a poignant national tribute to Luke Savage, an inspirational IT Sligo student who died in June 2012.

Luke was posthumously named winner of the award for “Outstanding Contribution to Student Life” at the inaugural USI Student Achievement Awards Ireland 2013.

Luke, who had a disability, was singled out for the award in recognition of his selfless support and enthusiasm which helped so many of his student friends and other people. An active member of the Students’ Union and the student body, he was a student on the Higher Certificate in Business course.

IrelandSkills Success

For the fifth successive year a student at IT Sligo came first in Joinery at the Ireland Skills competition, the annual national showcase for outstanding young craft trainees.
Sheamus McLaughlin, who is doing a BSc in Advanced Wood & Sustainable Building Technology, was also presented with the John Sisk & Sons Joinery Trophy.

Five IT Sligo trained students reached the finals – three in Joinery and two in Carpentry – in yet another remarkable demonstration of IT Sligo expertise in this event.

Emma Hansberry – FAI Player of the Year

First year Recreation & Leisure student Emma Hansberry and soccer star who was named FAI Women’s Under 19 International Player of the Year.

The Castlebar WFC player and Under 19 Ireland vice-captain scooped the prize at the 23rd “Three FAI International Football Awards” televised live on RTE at the weekend. Top Irish soccer stars, including Bolton midfielder Keith Andrews who took the Senior International Player of the Year, were at the ceremony to see Emma accept her prize.

Karate Kid Liam Takes Five

Sports Scholar Liam Codd has confirmed his stature as one of Ireland’s brightest hopes in martial arts. The Science and Physiology student he won three gold medals plus a silver and a bronze at the World Traditional Karate Kickboxing Kung Fu & All Styles Association)World Championships in Italy.

Sligo Women Win Futsal Cup

IT Sligo women soccer players have notched up another memorable victory in WSCAI Intervarsities Futsal tournament. In an exciting tussle in which Carlow IT were in front twice, IT Sligo came back strongly to take a 4-2 lead and withstood a final push when Carlow scored a third.

It was their first time win the competition, having been beaten in the finals in three times previously.

The first National Skills Competition

The first National Skills Competition was held in Precision Die Engineering/Toolmaking in IT Sligo on 25th and 26th January, 2013. The winner, Connor Scanlon is an apprentice toolmakers working with Avenue Mould Solutions, Sligo. He will represent Ireland at the World Skills Competition in Leipzig in July.

Mechanical Engineering

Four Mechanical Engineering students won the Level 7 Engineers Ireland Innovative Student Engineer of the Year Award. Ruairi McGee, Anthony Mannion, Gary Lyons and Niall took the top prize for their Willow Harvester project, which is used for whole stem harvesting of biomass crops. A second Mechanical Engineering project was also shortlisted for the National final. Ciaran Duffy, Niall Hunt, David Acheson, and Damian
Conlon developed a portable lift to move small and medium sized vehicles.

**Dessie Leonard**, a second year Health Sports Science and Physiology student, won gold at the WAKO World Cup senior men’s -74Kg event in Italy.

**Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award**

Engineering student Brian Moran was named the Leitrim’s Young Entrepreneur of the Year 2014 for his new business idea - Waterwatch. This is a smart water meter which will allow the consumer understand their real time water consumption, thereby saving money by reducing water usage.

**STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS (2012)**

**Dr Don Cotton**

Dr. Don C.F. Cotton, who recently retired from the School of Science, was presented with the Distinguished Recorder Award 2012 at a special ceremony in Dublin on Thursday 22 November. Dr Cotton received this award for his outstanding contribution to the recording of biological diversity in Ireland for almost 40 years. Dr Don Cotton, one of IT Sligo’s most respected academics, has received national recognition for lifelong commitment to environmental conservation.

In a ceremony at the Royal Irish Academy, he was presented with the Distinguished Recorder Award 2012 of the National Biodiversity Data Centre.

One of Ireland’s the best-known figures in Environmental Science, he was given the award for assiduous recording of key aspects of biological diversity, particularly in Sligo-Leitrim.

His compilation of extensive databases focussing on woodlice, harvest spiders, freshwater invertebrates, earthworms, butterflies, moths, bees, flowers, birds and mammals represents an unrivalled record of environmental impact over the past 35 years.
“Species are nothing without their habitat,” Don says, “and so the efforts of conservation should be to protect habitat such as the wetlands that our birds and insects depend upon.”

The retired Senior Lecturer reckons he has spent about an hour every day since 1994 compiling a database with 150,000 records of species.

Archaeology Find

Dr Marion Dowd and her postgraduate student Mr Thorsten Kahlert have discovered bones of a Stone Age child and adult in a cave high on Knocknarea mountain. Radiocarbon dating has shown that they are some 5,500 years old, which makes them among the earliest human bones found in the county. The find represents important fresh evidence of Knocknarea’s Neolithic (Stone Age) links and a prehistoric practice known as “excarnation”.

Fullbright Award

Dr Ian McLoughlin, School of Science, is one of six Irish recipients of a new “Fullbright –Tech Impact Award”, This prestigious accolade that will enable him to take up an invitation from Stanford university and he will travel to California in July to study the provision of online laboratory environments.

Custodial Care Award

An innovative partnership between IT Sligo and the Irish Prison Board was recognised this week when 10 Institute staff were presented with a National Award for Excellence in Teaching at a special ceremony in Dublin Castle.

The IT Sligo team was honoured by the National Academy for Integration, Research and Learning (NAIRTL) for their role in designing and teaching the Higher Certificate in Custodial Care (HCCC), a programme designed for prison officers working for the Irish Prison Service.

€1 Million Research Project

Dr Marion McAfee of the Department of Mechanical and Electronic Engineering led an international consortia application that secured EU funding to research greater use of bioresorbable polymer material in medical implants. The overall value of the project, which has partners in five nations, is €1,000,535. The proposal was ranked 83rd out of over 1200 applications under the EU’s Seventh Framework Programme for Research and Technological Development.

Ancient Ancestors Link

IT Sligo expertise at uncovering the secrets of the past – as the only third level institution in Ireland to offer a science-based, honours degree course in Applied Archaeology – was demonstrated again in a project funded by National Monument Service.

Investigations found evidence that Moneen Cave at Ballyvaughan Co Clare was a significant religious site during the Bronze Age.
Senior Management Appointments

2012-2014

Dr David Tormey was appointed Head of Department of Mechanical & Electronic Engineering in September 2012. Following a proposal to the Executive, he was seconded to lead the development of the interdisciplinary Centre for Design Innovation. Dr Tormey was recognised in June 2012 as one of Ireland’s ‘Champions of EU Research’.

Ms Una Parsons has taken up the position of Head of Department for the period of Dr Tormey’s secondment. She has over 20 years experience working in the multinational manufacturing sector in Ireland and abroad.

Mr Michael Barrett, who is seconded to the Registrar’s Office until 31st August 2013, will return to the School as Head of Department of Business from 1st September 2013.
6. Capital Projects

IT Sligo’s €35 million capital development programme continues to transform the campus by strengthening our infrastructure, learning and research environments and positioning the Institute to expand its role in the life of the North West and enhance its contribution to the nation.

Science Extension/Canteen Redevelopment

Phase 2 is now half way through the construction programme, with the main structure complete. It is anticipated that the building itself will be weather tight before Christmas. The courtyard infill and main concourse works have been completed.

The major additional facilities on which work is under way are:

- A three story Science Building to include an 80-station foundation laboratory, 11 specialist laboratories, 3 online learning laboratories and additional classrooms. The new building will add a further 4,300 m² to cater for the growing number of science students
- A 600 seat restaurant

It is envisaged that following fit out and equipping the new facilities will be available for the start of the 2014/15 academic year.
7. Governing Body & Academic Council

Governing Body 2010 – 2015

The Governing Body of IT Sligo met on 21 occasions during the period under review (Sept 1, 2012 – Aug 31, 2014).

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Mr Ray MacSharry

President
Professor Terri Scott

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Section 4 (1) (d)
Mr Stephen Doak (Student)
Ms Helen Campbell (Student)

Section 4 (1) (f)
Mr Joe McDonagh (ICTU)

Section 4 (1) (g)
Mr Sean McEwen (American Chamber of Commerce)
Mr Philip Delamere (Arts Council)
Mr John McGowan (Engineers Ireland)
Mr Declan Walsh (Institute of Chartered Accountants)*
Dr Mary Hodson (HSE – North West)

*Stepped down in August 2014

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- Ms Una L’estrange
- Dr Frances Lucy
- Dr Brian McCann
- Ms Mairead McCann
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- Mr Trevor McSharry
- Dr Breda McTaggart
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- Mr Noel Moran
- Mr Emmet O’Doherty
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