



# THE CYBERSECURITY NEXUS OF THE AI ACT AND MDR

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- Overview of Healthcare cybersecurity challenges and bleak stats
- Project Architecture and Toolbox
- Legal Challenges

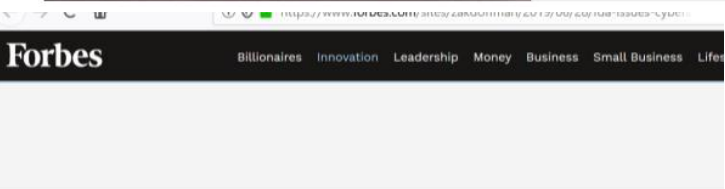


CYBERATTACK

The cyberattack that has paralysed Barcelona's Hospital Clínic: "No ransom will be paid"

Major Catalan public hospital hopes to resume some activity progressively from Tuesday after serious ransomware attack

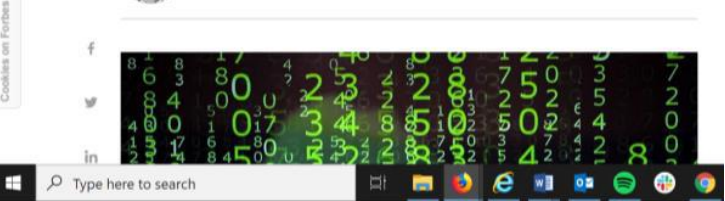
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## FDA Warns Of Dangerous Cybersecurity Hacking Risk With Connected Medical Devices

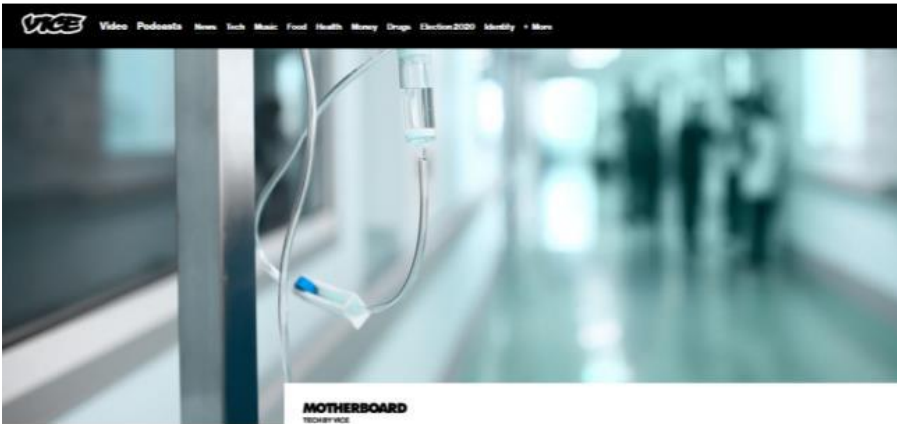
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## Why Hospitals Are the Perfect Targets for Ransomware

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MOTHERBOARD  
TECHBYWIRE

## The Spreading Epidemic of Hospital Ransomware

Ransomware including the new Samsam has been disrupting healthcare providers across the globe.



Health

## HSE cyber attack: More than 470 legal proceedings issued against health service after ransomware hit

Leak by Conti, the Russia-based crime group, compromised personal data of almost 100,000 staff and patients

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## First death reported following a ransomware attack on a German hospital

Death occurred after a patient was diverted to a nearby hospital after the Duesseldorf University Hospital suffered a ransomware attack.

2023  
DATA  
BREACH  
REPORT

The Annual Data Breach Report explores a dramatic increase in reported data compromises and the underlying trends behind the growth. 2023 represented an all-time high for data compromises reported in the United States.

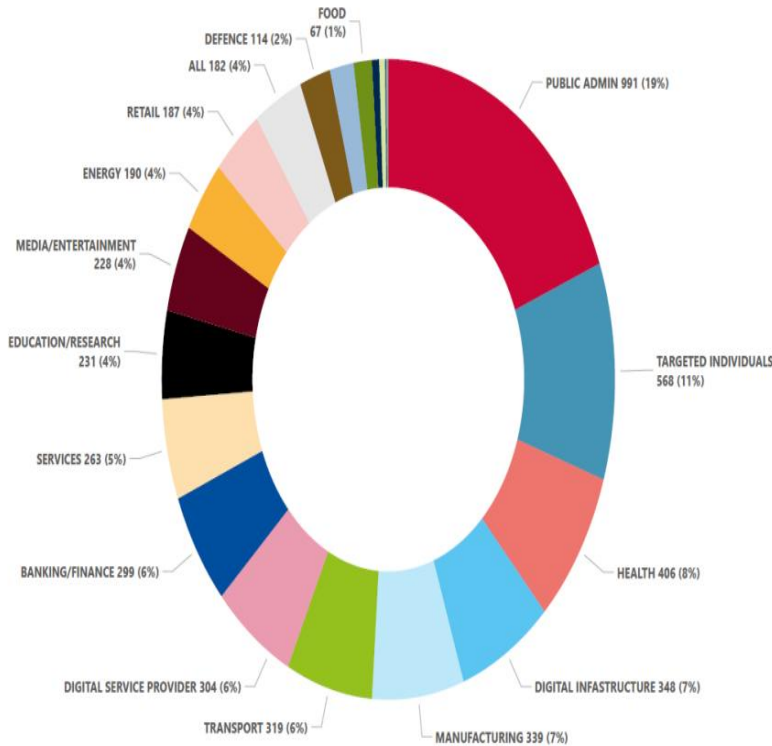
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### Top Compromises by Industry



## ENISA THREAT LANDSCAPE 2023



THE 2024 STUDY ON  
CYBER INSECURITY IN HEALTHCARE:  
THE COST AND IMPACT  
ON PATIENT SAFETY  
AND CARE

Independently conducted by:  
**Ponemon**  
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of organizations in this research had at least one cyberattack over the past 12 months

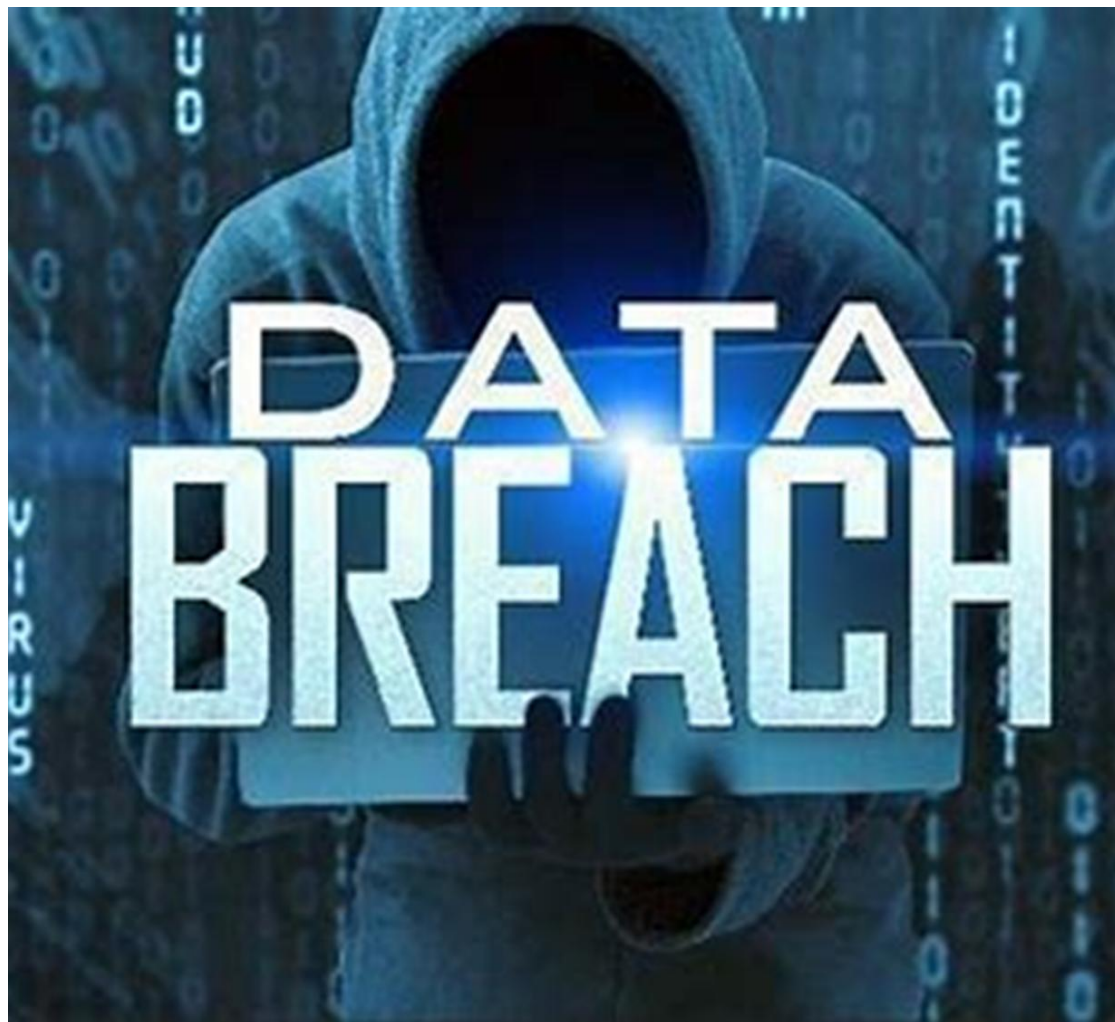


is the average total cost for the single most expensive cyberattack experienced over the past 12 months



in disruption to normal healthcare operations was on average the most significant financial consequence from the cyberattack





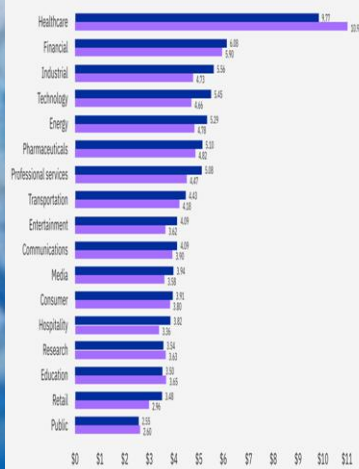
# WHAT IS AT STAKE?



## FINANCIAL LOSS

### Cost of a Data Breach Report 2024

Cost of a data breach by industry





# WHY IS HEALTH SECTOR VULNERABLE ?



CONNECTED MEDICAL DEVICES (LEGACY DEVICES)

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HUMAN  
FACTOR

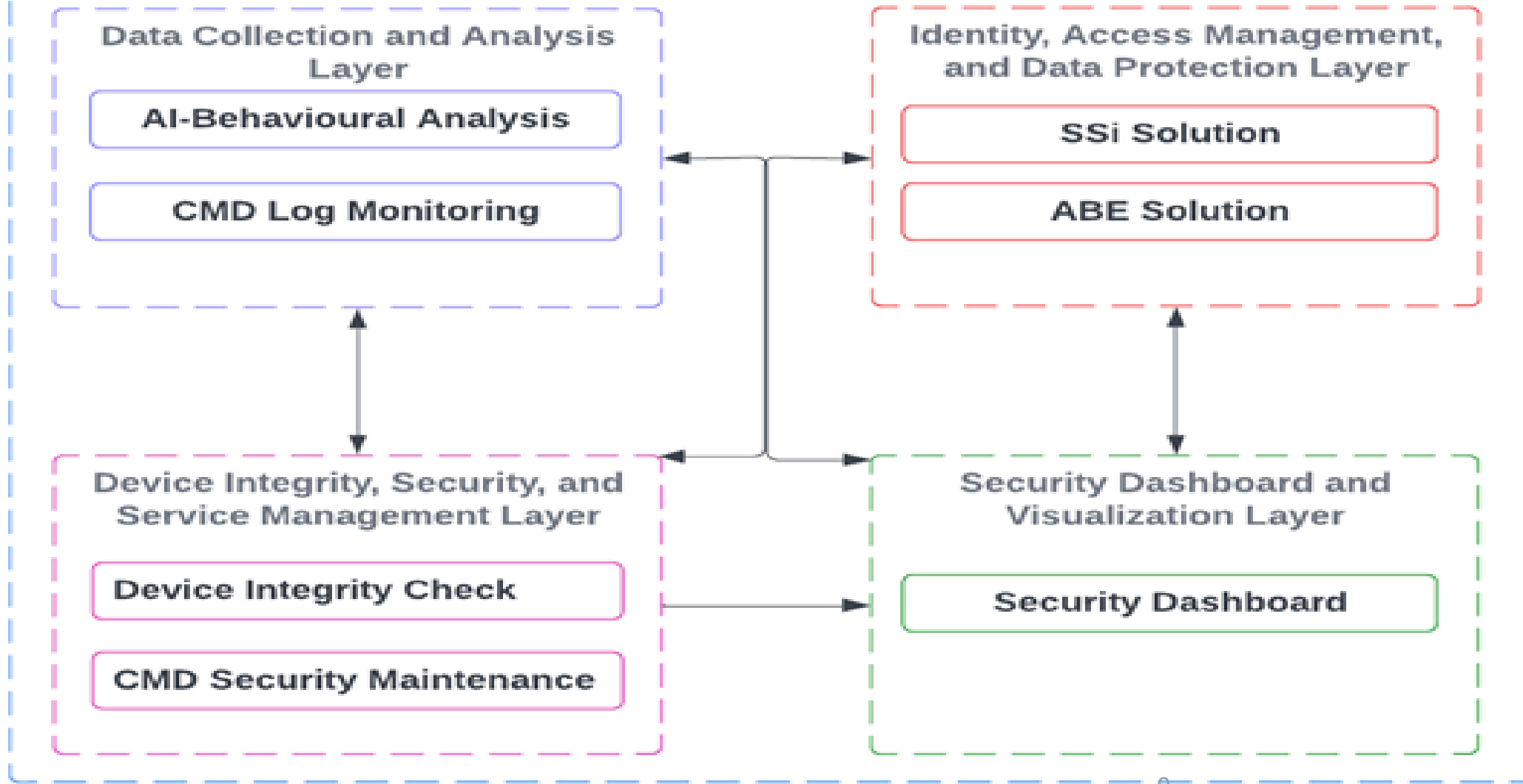
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## Objectives

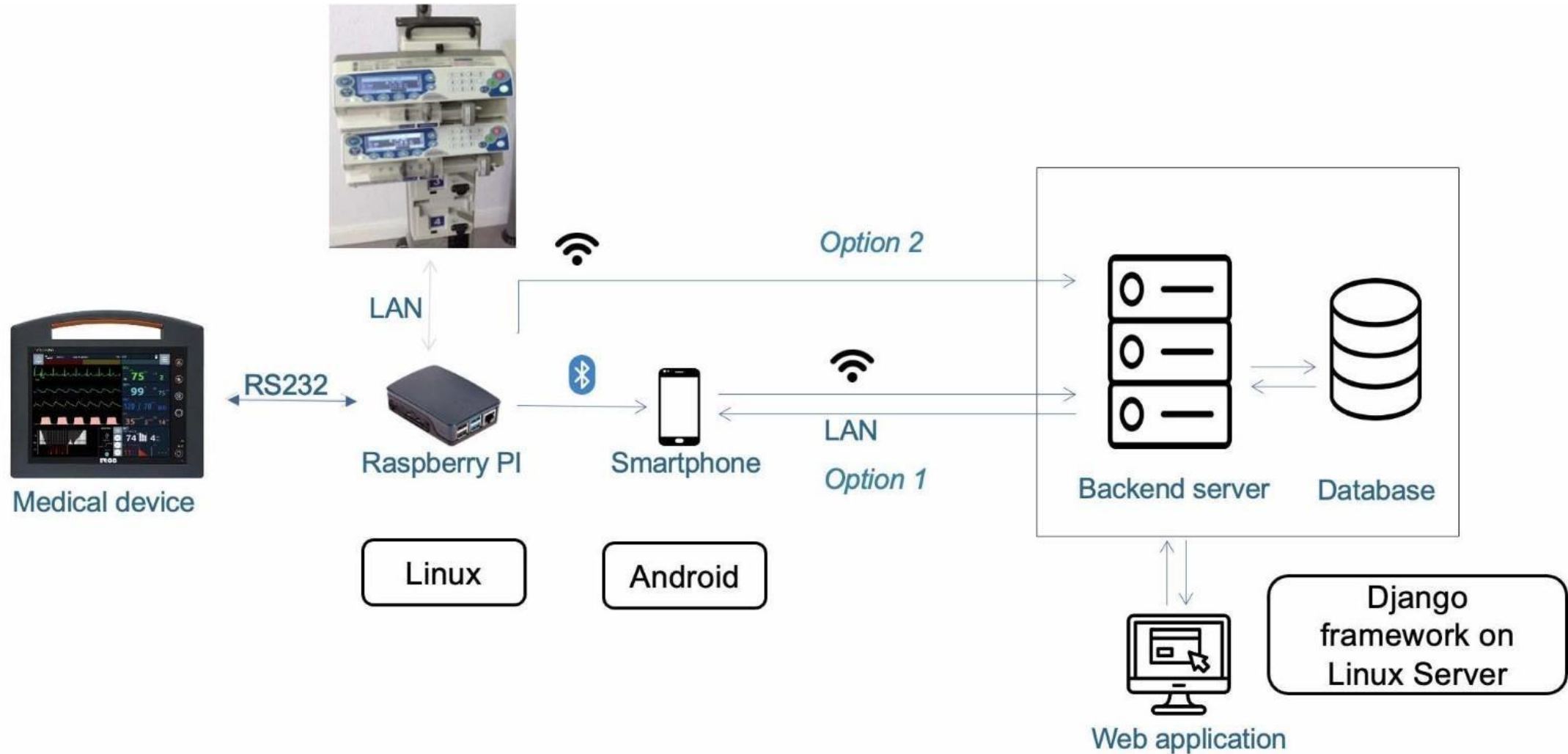
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| 1 | Identification of ethical, legal and regulatory frameworks and challenges and providing recommendations to extend cybersecurity guidelines for CMDs from the legal and ethical perspective |
| 2 | Complete review of CMD cybersecurity standards, guidelines and best practices, issuing intermediate and final Recommendations to extend cybersecurity guidelines for CMDs                  |
| 3 | Adoption-ready cyber risk management methodology and tools for CMD and novel technologies (AI, 5G, Blockchain, Cloud computing)  |
| 4 | End-user driven design and implementation of cybersecurity toolbox for CMDs  |
| 5 | Toolbox integration and validation in real-world telemedicine and hospital infrastructures   |
| 6 | Maximise impact through communication, dissemination, exploitation and training for adoption   |



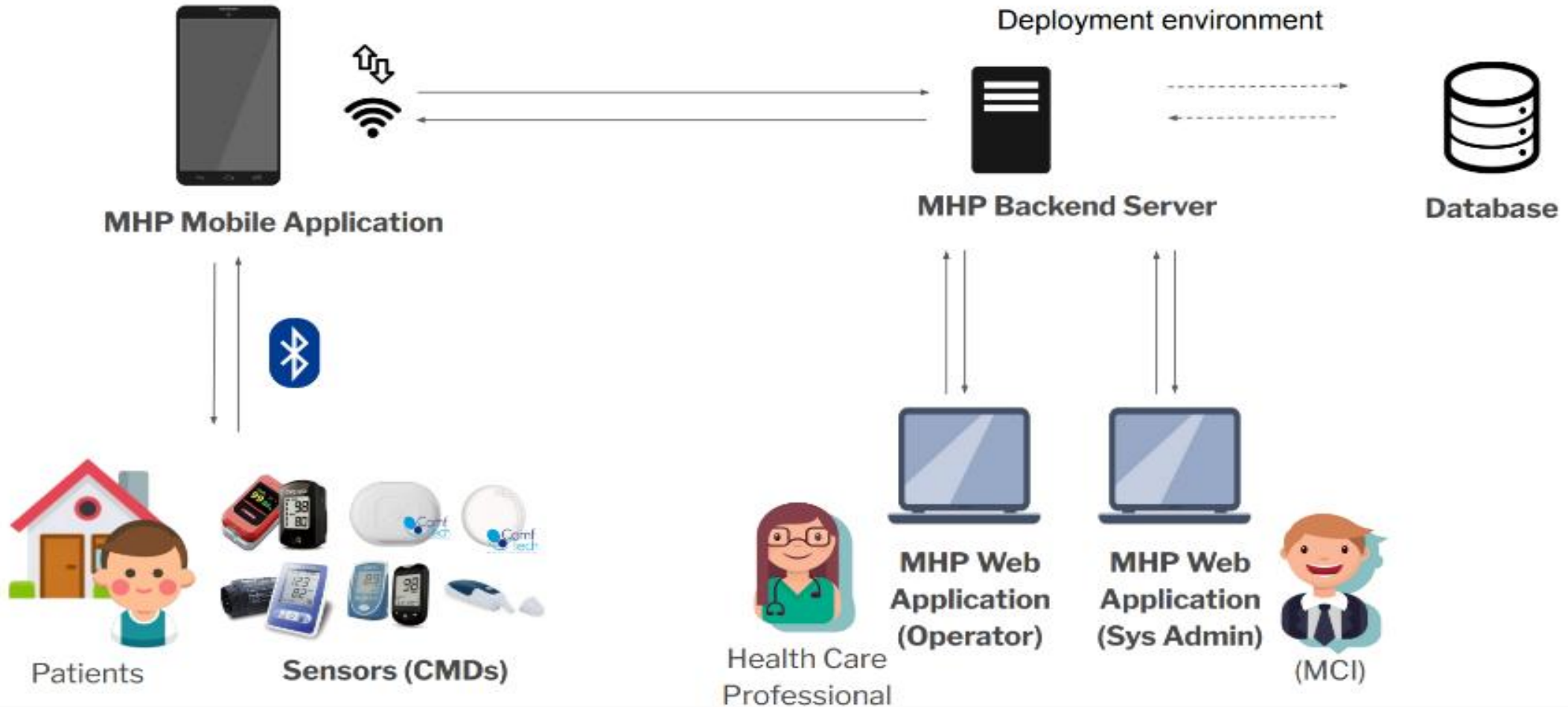
## CYLCOMED Toolbox's Architecture



# PILOT 1 - "CYBERSECURITY IN HOSPITAL EQUIPMENT FOR COVID-19 ICU PATIENTS"

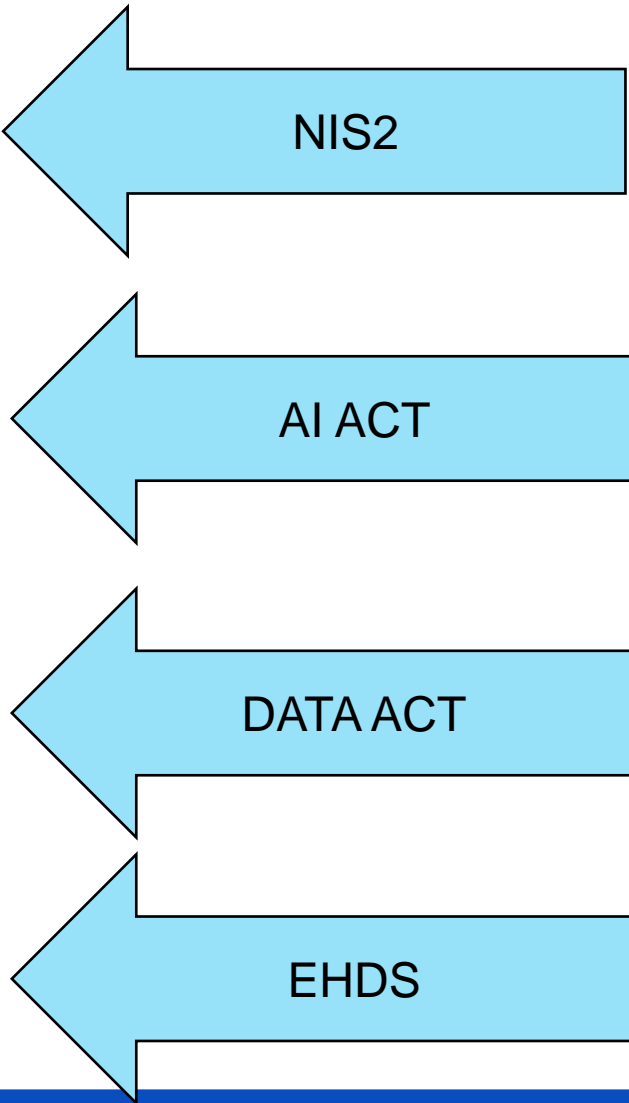
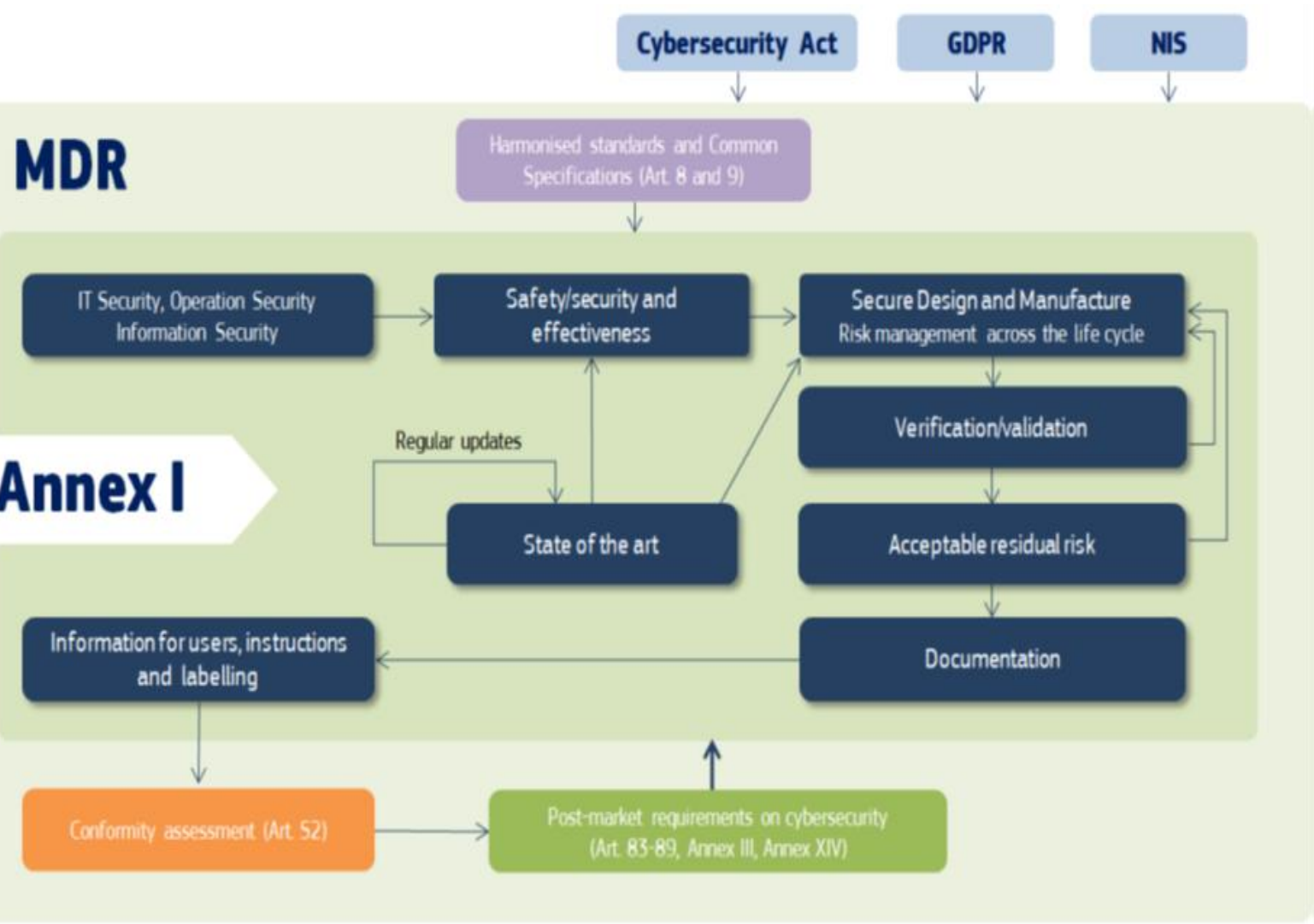


# PILOT 2 - *CYBERSECURITY FOR TELEMEDICINE PLATFORMS*











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Horizontal Regulation

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Sector Agnostic

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Regulatory obligations for Healthcare sector  
(medical device manufacturers, hospitals, etc.)

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Cybersecurity Requirements



## MDR

**‘serious incident’** means any incident that **directly or indirectly led**, might have led or might lead to any of the following:

- (a) the death of a patient, user or other person,
- (b) the temporary or permanent serious deterioration of a patient's, user's or other person's state of health,
- (c) a serious public health threat; (Art.2(65))

## AI ACT

**‘serious incident’** means an incident or malfunctioning of an AI system **that directly or indirectly leads** to any of the following:

- (a) the death of a person or serious harm to a person's health;
- (b) a serious and irreversible disruption of the management or operation of critical infrastructure;
- (c) **the infringement of obligations under Union law intended to protect fundamental rights;**
- (d) **serious harm to property or the environment; (Art. 3.(49))**

# REPORTING OBLIGATIONS

| Regulation    | Triggering Event     | Reporting Responsibility          | Deadline  | Authority                       |
|---------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|
| <b>MDR</b>    | Serious incident     | Medical devices manufacturers     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Immediately and not later than 15 days</li> <li>2 days in the event of a serious public health threat, or “immediately” in the event of death or unanticipated serious deterioration of a person’s state of health</li> </ul>  | relevant competent authorities  |
| <b>AI Act</b> | Serious incident     | Providers of high-risk AI systems | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Immediately and not later than 15 days</li> <li>not later than two days after the provider or, where applicable, the deployer becomes aware of that incident in the event of a widespread infringement</li> <li>in the event of the death of a person, the report shall be provided immediately</li> </ul> | market surveillance authorities |
| <b>GDPR</b>   | Personal data breach | Data Controller                   | Without undue delay and, where feasible, not later than 72 hours after having become aware of it  | Supervisory authority           |
| <b>NIS2</b>   | Security incident    | Entities affected                 | <p>Within 24 hours, an early warning</p> <p>Within 72 hours, an incident notification</p>   | National authority or CSIRT     |

# Cybersecurity Toolbox for Connected Medical Devices



## KU Leuven: Legal and Ethical Partner in CYLCOMED Project

- **Role:** Ensures ethical and legally compliant use of innovative solutions to enhance the cybersecurity of connected medical devices (CMDs).
- **Expertise:** Develops an ethical and legal framework addressing privacy, data protection, CMD regulations, and cybersecurity legislation.
- **Track Record:** Renowned for expertise in AI, autonomous systems, data protection, eHealth, ethics & law, intellectual property, media, telecommunications, and cybersecurity. Longstanding partner in large international and interdisciplinary research projects.



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