

# Avoiding the commodity trap:

The intersection of eCommerce and BSS/OSS in an ISP's market launch playbook.



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# MARKET CHALLENGE

Legacy solutions are too rigid and there is **no solution for regionally concentrated ISPs** deploying a mix of FWA & Fiber.



Rural telecom is growing at a rapid pace and must use a lot of tools with **limited resources**.



No solution for Regionally concentrated ISPs that solves end-to-end business needs. Enterprise systems are **too costly**.



ISPs are left managing a complex tech stack with **multiple products** that do not communicate.

# BSS & OSS SYSTEMS

## 3 TYPES OF

### PLATFORMS Present & future

- Invested in the right architecture
- Developing the platform with market intent
- Develop the right ecosystem partners
- Tireless becoming more referenceable everyday

### The New entrant

- No Published API
- No Support hotline or support hours
- Few customers, lack of long-term viability

### The legacy solution

- Antiquated architecture
- Local hosting, mainframes
- No added reinvestment in the roadmap
- Scaling back on staffing and support



# BSS/OSS Systems

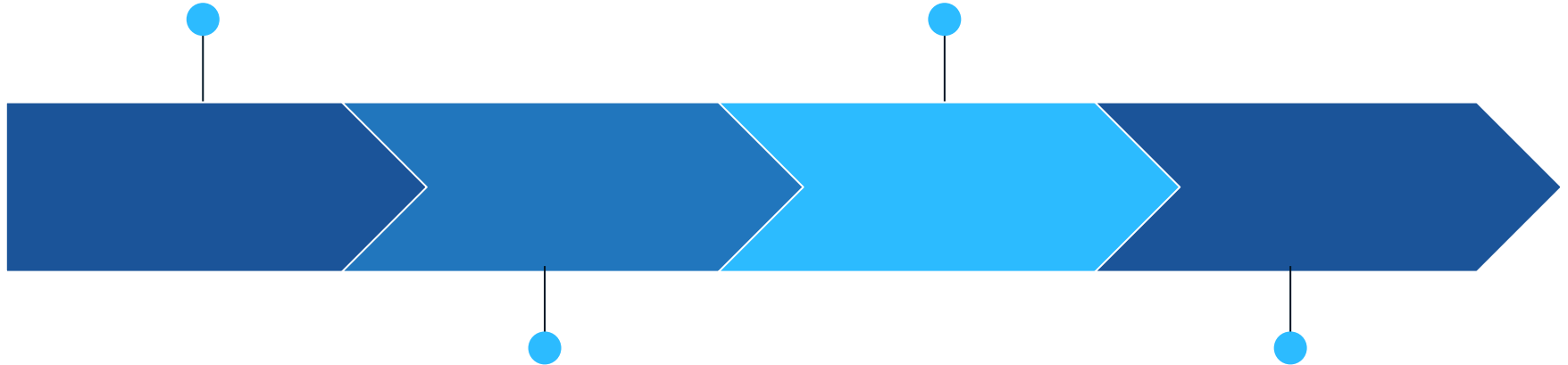
A history of What's gone wrong with Sign-up pages & BSS/OSS platforms

## Leads routed to 'no man's land'

Leads get routed to a 'catch all' inbox  
No mechanism to track engagement with the prospect  
No way to model COA or popularity of certain offerings

## Flying blind with no actionable data

No possible way to track the Digital campaign source (FB Pixel tracking)  
No way to tie customer enrollment to local pop-up events  
No way to report on cart abandonment trends



## No lead routing logic

Leads traditionally not routed to specific sales queues  
No way to tie prospects to your plant & infrastructure  
Sign up info comes in as a paragraph of plain text

## No ML/AI modeling

AI Models learn more about your customers everyday  
No way to disseminate data and use it to your advantage

# Why the right digital experience matters

**16%**

Of Digital Households plan on decreasing their spend on broadband services.

**75% of Gen-Z customers prefer self-service.**

**Avg CAC has risen to \$135.00**

**AVG Cart Abandonment of 70%.**

**Bounce rates range from 25-40%.**

**Most operators can't monitor the effectiveness of specific campaigns.**

# The Static Webform paradigm

Many operators are relying on the wrong digital tools '

**Internet Options: \***

- Gigabit Internet (1,000Mbps Down X 1,000Mbps Up) - \$XX.XXX **Most Popular**  
\*Ask your price for 48h at initial signal. require your 48h down.
- 300 Megabit (300Mbps Down X 300Mbps Up) - \$XX.XX
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**Which phone package would you like? \***

- Basic Phone Service - \$XX.XX  
Digital Phone Line, \$0.08/min Long Distance
- Enhanced Phone Service - \$XX.XX  
Digital Phone Line, Unlimited Long Distance, Caller ID, Voicemail, 3 Way Calling, Call Waiting

**Please choose your TV package:**  
[View Channel Details for each Package \\*](#)

- Fiber Basic TV - \$XX.XX+ Fees & Taxes
- YouTube TV - \$XX.XX **Best Value**  
-Service provided directly from Google
- Fiber Deluxe TV - \$ZZZ.XX+ Fees & Taxes

\* Fees include a \$ou/mo "Regional Network Fee" and a 5% Municipal Franchise Tax.

**How many TVs would you like set up in your home? \***

1 TV - \$0.00

Upgrade my equipment to receive (HD) - \$XX.XX

Would you like to be able to record TV? - \$XX.XX

**How many premium channels would you like?**  
Starz/Encore, Showtime, HBO, Cinemas \*

No Premium Channels

**Protection Plan-\$x.xx/month Contractual Agreement for a year**  
This is like an insurance policy for your inside wiring and equipment.

I'd like to have the Protection Plan!

No thank you

Please provide your contact information and we will contact you to discuss your service request or service inquiry.

**Service Location**  
12 HAPPY PLACE LN, CITY VIEW, NJ 22301 [Change](#)

\* First Name  \* Last Name

\* Email

\* What number would you like us to contact you at?

\* Comments



## Templated shopping carts

Lack of digital differentiation  
No cart abandonment mitigation



## Static webforms

Submissions come in as plain text  
Client's first experience may be their last



## CRM Landing Pages

Appropriate for events, popups  
Not a substitute for a digital experience



## Legacy ISP Sign-up Sites

UI/UX Precedes web 1.0  
Not built for today's consumer

# The Market Personalization opportunity

Identifying E-Commerce innovations for multi-tenant ISPs

## Customize branding

Optimal for ISPs with several entities & divisions

Customize the E-Commerce 'webskin' based on each company entity.

Standardization by localization.

## Route orders to local techs

Automate work order assignments to local teams.

Customize drop install workflows by market & climate.

Route assignments to the right local technician.

## Product multi-tenancy

Customize offerings by entity

Map products to specific company entities.

Avoid painting different markets with the same brush.



# Use cases for mixed Network topologies



## WISPS

Load all your Wireless propagation mapping to customize product offerings by market.

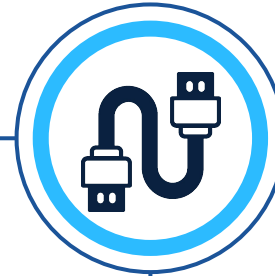
Personalize offerings based on LTE & FWA networks, frequencies & deployed technology



## FIBER

Load all your GIS mapping & addressing data to customize product offerings by market.

Personalize offerings based on Active Ethernet, XGS-Pon & competitive local dynamics.



## CABLE

Load all your HFC plant & addressing data to delineate between G.HN, Docsis and VDSL.

Personalize offerings based on available infrastructure & network capacity



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# Today's Revenue Opportunity


# Today's biggest revenue opportunity for ISP's is being squandered

- » Most of a customer's **lifetime value** is determined by what they purchase at the beginning of the subscriber relationship
  - What is initially offered and said directly impacts whether customers purchase
  - ARPU is set (from a relatively wide range) during this initial sale
- » Customers want to buy **when** they want to buy and **how** they want to buy
  - Some want to speak to a person, and some don't
  - By not offering a great ecommerce experience, ISPs are leaving money on the table

# For customers, sales can look like this...

Unlimited data included


FAST  
**400** MBPS

 Our Fast speed is great for online gaming

**\$XX/mo**

Unlimited data included


SUPERFAST  
**800** MBPS

 Our Superfast speed is really great for online gaming

**\$YY/mo**

Unlimited data included

GIGABIT  
**1000** MBPS

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**\$ZZ/mo**

# most often like this

The 'paradox of choice' or full  
menu of options approach

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Submit

# what would you do?

would you make the same offer and say the same things if you knew, at the start of a sales engagement, that a prospect:

- » owned a multi-million dollar home with 8+ rooms?
- » was a family of five w/ teenage kids who game?
- » worked from home on a fixed-income, but needed the best video conferencing they could get?
- » lived in a neighborhood where >70% of the homes had bought 750mbps or higher?
- » could save \$200 a year if they bought 1 gig service from you, but would save \$120 a year if they bought 500mbps service from a competitor?

# How **actifai** works

**01** Actifai gathers over 1500 data points about a caller or website visitor at the start of a sales interaction

## real-time customer data

### demographic

Family size, length of residency, education level, estimated income, employment

### household

Info on customers' homes, neighborhood, and community

### behavioral

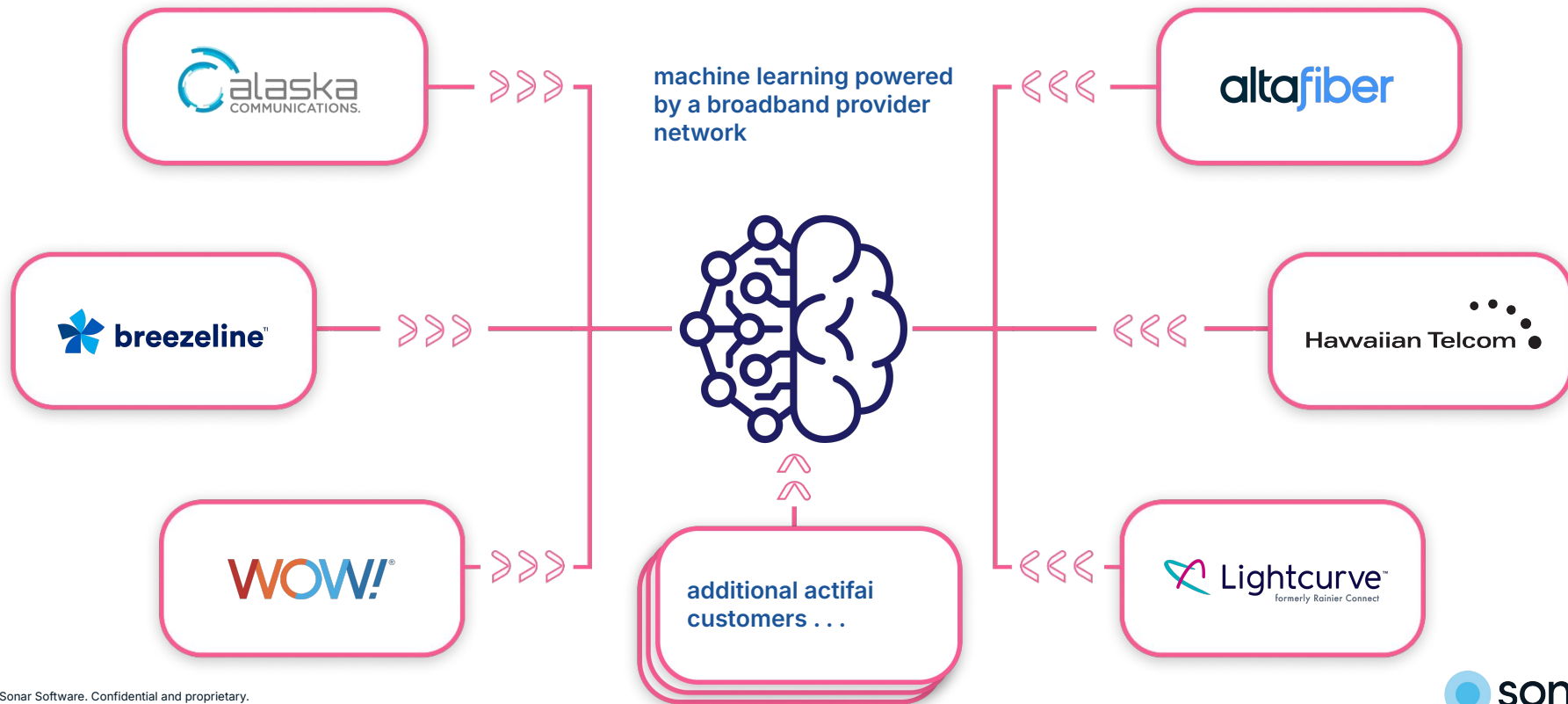
Number of connected devices, gamer, OTT video consumer, work from home, etc.

### competitive

Comparison vs competitors' offers and promotions



## 02 Actifai uses machine learning to analyze the prospect against over two million previous sales we've powered across the Actifai network





### 03 Actifai's AI determines the best offer to recommend a customer and the personalized selling points that help motivate the buying decision

#### artificial intelligence

##### new customer

4 people, \$475k home, 3 BR, 2 providers offering {X..Y}, WFH full-time, OTT video consumer

##### offer

1.2 Gig & Premium Stream bundle + Managed WiFi & Extender Add-on

##### selling points

With multiple people connected, our Blast 1.2 Gb speed, will ensure you have lag-free video conferencing while you work from home . . .



boost acceptance



increase ARPU



improve retention

# What does this look like to your customer?

The screenshot displays the actifai website interface. At the top left is the actifai logo, and at the top right is the address: 14 King St, Rochester, NH 03867. The main heading is "Your Recommended Plan".

**Internet** (with a Wi-Fi icon and a checkmark) is the selected category. A "Remove" button with an upward arrow is visible.

**Blazing 1 Gbps** is the recommended plan, priced at **\$119.99**. A "Show All Plans" link is present. The plan details include:

- ✓ People working from home often need high speeds for pause-free video conferencing
- ✓ 83% of customers in your area who work from home purchased 1GB in the last year
- ✓ For homes with 3 or more bedrooms, we recommend our W2W WiFi package which comes with 2 nodes
- ✓ Online gaming is clearer, faster, and better with higher speed data connections
- ✓ Save \$240 over 1 year vs going with Comcast's comparable package (1.2 Gbps)
- ✓ Our Blazing package is 16x faster than what Consolidated can provide in your area (60 Mbps)

**Equipment** section includes:

- W2W WiFi (2 Pods) - \$9.99 (checked)
- Wireless Router - + \$9.99 (checked)
- Add'l Pod - + \$4.99 (unchecked)

**Order Summary** section:

**Blazing (1000 Mbps)**

Internet	\$79.97
Blazing (1000 Mbps)	\$119.99
W2W WiFi (2 Pods)	\$9.99
Wireless Router	\$9.99
New Customer Internet Discount	-\$60.00
<b>Order Total</b>	<b>\$79.97</b>

**Calculations**

Monthly Bill (first 12 months)	\$79.97*
Monthly Bill (after 12 months)	\$139.97*
Discount Savings (Year 1)	<b>\$720.00</b>

\*Excluding regional taxes and fees.

**Apply Discount Code**

Discount Code  **Apply**

Step 2 of 6 | [← Previous](#) | [Next Step →](#)

# actifai results – all provider customers

up to **30%**

improvement in sales conversion rate

**8-14%**

increase in  
ARPU across new  
subscribers

**doubled**

sales of add-on  
products (e.g., WiFi  
extenders)

**22X ROI**

**6-11%**

retention improvement after 18 months

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# Where we go next

# Develop your market launch playbook

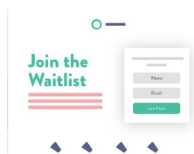
## 01 Pick your markets & Subdivisions

- Rely on data to select potential markets
- Rely on demographic & competitive data



## 02 Launch Demand Aggregation tooling

- Stand up waitlisting pages for each market
- Survey potential clients to develop modeling
- Provide incentives for first movers



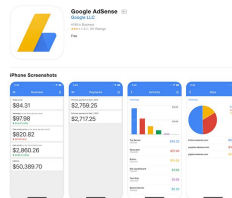
## 03 Drip campaign & outreach

- Launch drip campaigns to automate outreach
- Keep customers in feedback loop through every milestone
- Track campaign sequence engagement (clicks, opens)



## 04 Digital Ads & Referral source tracking

- Leverage Facebook & Google Ads and target clients
- Direct customers to Ecommerce & CRM landing pages
- Track inbound referral sources, tie sign-ups to campaigns
- Model data, refine ad spend strategy for new builds



## 05 Standardization by Localization

- Carry out A/B testing to determine what works, what hasn't
- Community Pop up events, collect data on attendees voluntarily
- Launch public Wi-Fi in common areas (Libraries, Rec centers)



## 06 Door knocking street teams


- Put together a street team to compel the hearts & minds
- Deploy a Sales canvassing tool to capture leads in real time
- Relentlessly follow up with your prospects
- Refine 'sweeteners' on 2nd and 3rd attempts




# E-Commerce & BSS/OSS

## Surveying roadmap enhancement opportunities with Omni-channel tools


### UCAAS Tools

- 
- Outbound auto dialer automation for upsell (eg: unadopted features)
  - Outbound auto dialer automation for abandoned orders
  - Predictive recognition of numbers and order statuses
  - 1 to 1 call recording for sales calls to enhance coaching


### SMS notice enhancements

- 
- Automatic outreach to prospects at every build milestone
  - Automatic reminders for all appointments & line locates
  - Automatic notices as techs are in transit

### Chat bot widgets

- 
- Predictive key word prompts and responses to customers
  - Session threading on every given interaction
  - Support for key word searches to pull up chat transcripts

### Social Media plug-ins, Comm Tools

- 
- Plug-in for Facebook messenger, automatic session threading
  - Plug-in for What's App, automatic session threading

# E-Commerce & BSS/OSS

## Surveying roadmap enhancement opportunities with Door knocking tools



### Order Routing

- Routing of committed orders to the system
- Mapping all form data to creation of lead account
- Mapping of customer order preferences to account
- Mapping of digital documents to account



### Scheduling & Note Syncing

- Bi-directional syncing of notes
- Automated work order creation upon firm order
- Scheduling follow up appointment bi-directional



### Lead tracking on Dashboards and Maps

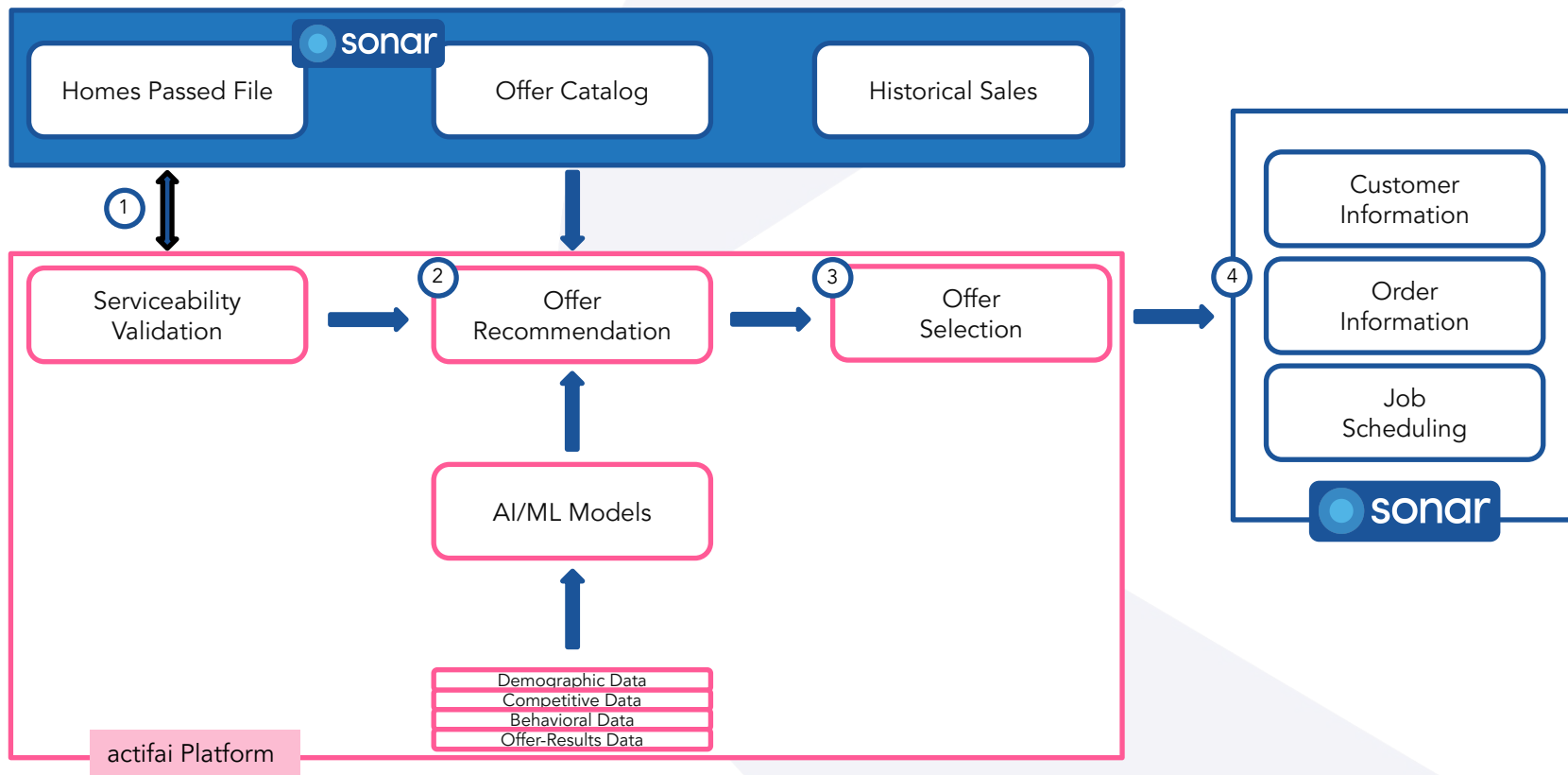
- Tracking of MQLs and SQLs on dashboards
- Tracking of appointments on dashboards
- Tracking of activity on dashboards
- Plotting of leads on google maps
- Capturing leads on dashboards



### Reminders & Task delegation

- Bidirectional sync of tasks
- Bidirectional sync of future dated follow ups

# How Sonar/Actifai Work Together





# Questions?

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# Thank You!