



# Future Tech Event

Accelerating Digital Transformation

27-28 NOV 2023

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# Future Tech Event

## EVENT OVERVIEW



The **3rd Future Tech Event - Accelerating Digital Transformation**, Sultanate of Oman's foremost B2B and B2G bespoke Technology Event was held on 27 - 28 November 2023, at the Oman Convention and Exhibition Centre, Muscat.



Future Tech was Under the Patronage of the Ministry of Transport, Communication and Information Technology, Sultanate of Oman and was supported by the Central Bank of Oman, Telecommunications Regulatory Authority, Capital Market Authority and Oman Vision 2040, Sultanate of Oman.



It was a definitive meeting place facilitating multi-stakeholder dialogue with power packed networking opportunities among C-Level executives, leading industry experts, decision makers, policy makers and government officials from across the value chain to foster collaboration, discuss current challenges, business opportunities, develop market strategies, share knowledge and identify solutions shaping the future of technology.



The **Tech Event** was inaugurated by **H.E. Dr. Ali Al Shidhani, Undersecretary for communications and Information Technology, Ministry of Transport, Communications and Information Technology** on **27 November 2023**, while the **Banking and Fintech Event** was inaugurated by **H.H. Sayyid Azzan Bin Kais Bin Tarik Al Said** on **28 November 2023**.

## TECH EVENT







## BANKING AND FINTECH EVENT



## VISION 2040

التقدم بثقة  
Moving Forward  
with Confidence



**Oman's Vision 2040** Digital Transformation will play an integral role, boost and nearly double to OMR 2.2 billion (USD 5.6 billion) by 2024, up from OMR 1.2 billion (USD 3.2 billion) in 2019, according to a recent report by the market research firm Global Data.

**Future Tech Event** remains committed to close collaboration with government entities and the private sector to deliver innovative solutions.

Future Tech Event aligns with Vision 2040 which highlights - A Diversified and Sustainable Economy that is based on Technology, Knowledge and Innovation, operates within Integrated Frameworks, Ensures Competitiveness, Embraces Industrial Revolutions and Achieves Fiscal Sustainability.



## EVENT HIGHLIGHTS



**70+** Local and International Participants



**Iran Pavilion** for the first time in Oman



A stellar line-up of **50+ Local and International Speakers**



Two Certified Trainings:

- 1) AI in Banking: Scope, Applications and Use Cases - Mr. Ravikiran M. A. from The London Institute of Banking and Finance.
- 2) Governance of Cybersecurity and AI Risk - Mr. Keyaan Williams from CLASS LLC - Cyber Leadership and Strategy Solutions



**Two Tracks at the Conference:**

- **Track 1** - 27 and 28 November on Tech (Cyber, AI, Cloud, Digital Transformation and more) and
- **Track 2** - 28 November on Banking and Fintech.



**2000+** Visitors

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**TRAINING**  
AI in Banking: Scope, Applications and Use Cases  
27 NOVEMBER 2023  
OMAN CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE

**TRAINER**  
  
**RAVIKIRAN M A**  
Faculty Member  
The London Institute of Banking & Finance MENA

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**TRAINING**  
Governance of Cybersecurity and AI Risk  
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**TRAINER**  
  
**KEYAAN WILLIAMS**  
MBA  
CLASS-LLC

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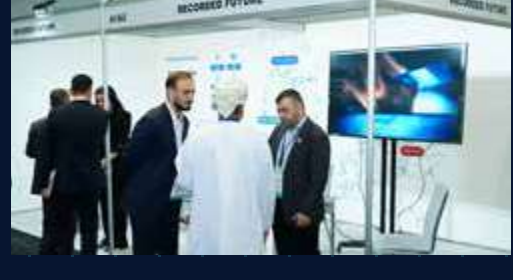
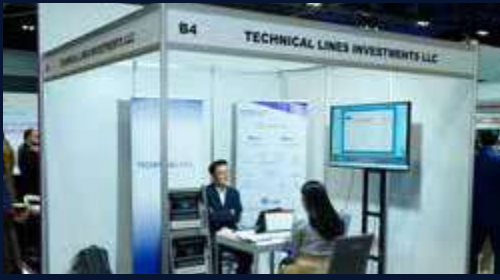
# THE FUTURE TECH EXHIBITION

The Event featured a comprehensive B2B Expo with 70+ Exhibitors showcasing an array of avant-garde solutions, specific, transverse, latest technologies, cutting edge innovation, unique launches, cost-effective products, services and solutions that are customized to adapt to the given demands across all sectors.

The Event facilitated unparalleled networking and business matching, providing a catalyst for investments partnerships, business growth and development.













## SME Pavilion



For the first time in Oman, the Future Tech Event, featured a Pavilion of Iranian Companies.



# THE TRAINING



**Mr. Ravikiran M. A.**  
The London Institute of Banking and Finance

**Topic: AI in Banking: Scope, Applications and Use Cases**

The workshop, hosted by The London Institute of Banking & Finance MENA, provided participants with an overview of AI in the banking industry, exploring its applications, real-world use cases, benefits, and challenges. It included an ice-breaker activity, a sample case-study session, a real-time problem statement session, a main session covering key concepts, and a conclusion session with postworkshop tasks. Through interactive discussions and activities, participants could enhance their understanding and knowledge of AI in banking, staying informed about the latest advancements in this field.





## THE TRAINING



**Mr. Keyaan Williams**

CLASS LLC - Cyber Leadership and Strategy Solutions

**Topic: Governance of Cybersecurity and AI Risk**

The Future Tech Event facilitated dialogue about critical topics facing C-Level executives, industry experts, decision makers, policy makers and government officials. The results of international research completed by CLASS-LLC highlighted that the most important issues facing corporate directors and the C-Suite are governance and management of risk related to cybersecurity and artificial intelligence. This training session equipped participants to understand the risks, opportunities, and rewards that are possible with effective management of cybersecurity and AI.





# THE CONFERENCE

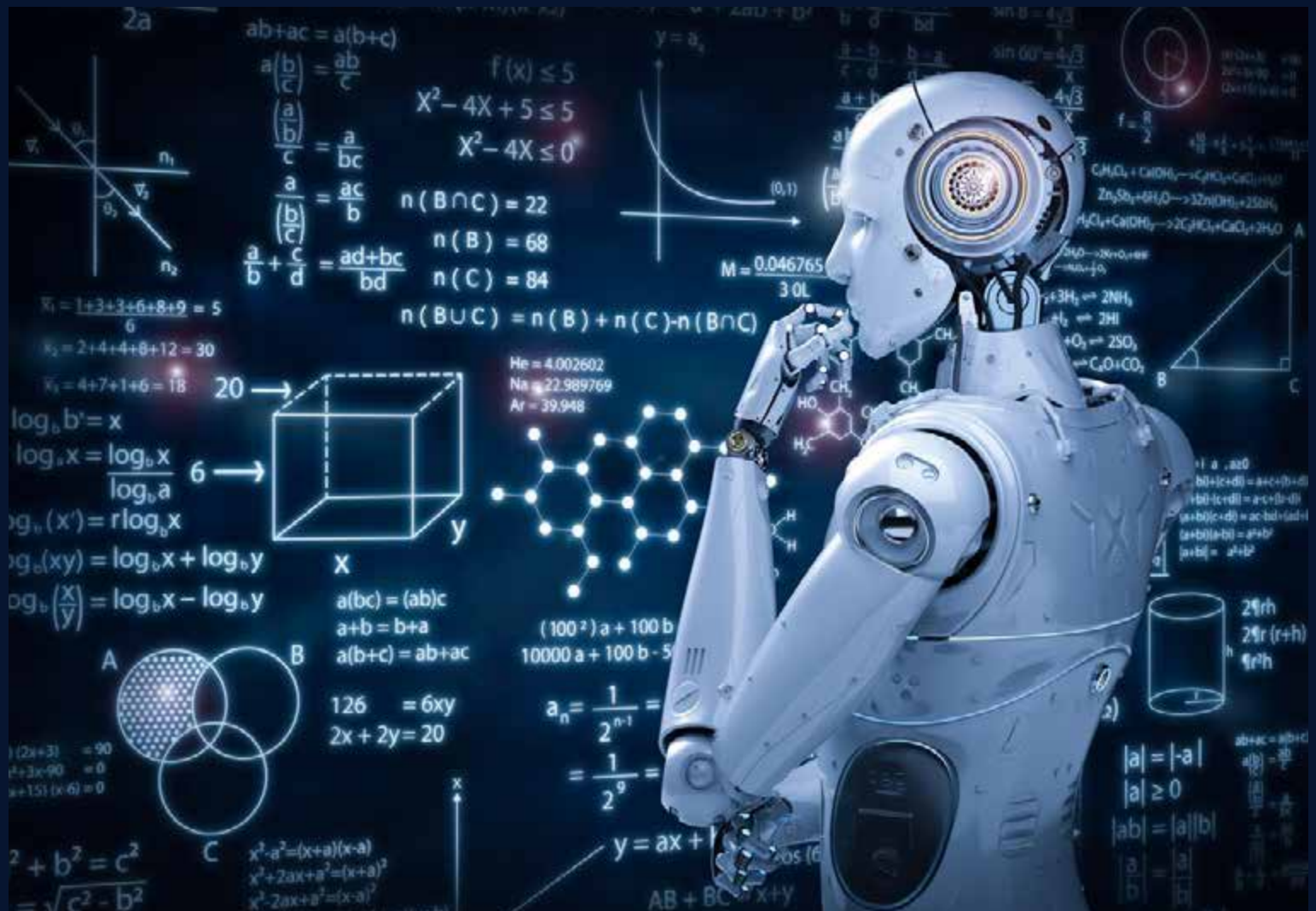
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We had an expansive line-up of 50+ stellar speakers, case studies, panel discussions, engaging discussions, unique presentations that provided access to a wealth of industry-leading knowledge, best practices & experiences, spotlighting trends, information exchange, cutting-edge insights and outlooks with actionable takeaways.

The Speakers were the finest industry experts, thereby giving everyone the opportunity to hear first-hand experiences from ministries, research institutions and industry leaders.

The Agenda is meticulously designed with elaborate case study presentations, networking meetings, problem solving sessions and interactive panel discussions to focus on current market trends, technological advancements and future challenges.



# SPEAKERS

## THE TECH TRACK



### HAMDAN AL ALAWI

Director of Artificial Intelligence and Advanced Technology Development Program

**Ministry of Transport, Communications and Information Technology**

Topic: Harnessing Artificial Intelligence for Sustainable Development in Oman



### ENG. MAQBOOL AL WAHAIBI

Chief Executive Officer  
**Oman Data Park (ODP)**  
Keynote Speaker



### DR. MARGARETE SCHRAMBOECK

Board Member of Aramco Digital; International Strategic Advisor & CEO of MSCH Management; Former Minister of Digital & Economic Affairs, Austria

**Aramco Digital, MSCH Management**

Topic: Digital Transformation: A Human Centric Approach



### AHMAD HALABI

Managing Director (MENA)

**Resecurity**

Topic: Disrupting Criminal Underground Operations via DarkWeb Intelligence



### DINESH VARADHARAJAN

Chief Product Officer

**Kissflow**

Topic: ERP Orchestration With the Power of Low-Code and No-Code



### AHMED SALEH

Senior Sales Engineer, META

**Recorded Future**

Topic: MFA is not Enough



### KARTHIK ANANDA RAO

Chief Technical Evangelist

**ManageEngine**

Topic: Future-fit Technology Strategy for Sustainable Growth



### WAQAS NAKHWA

CEO

**Smart Chain**

Topic: Adoption of Web3 and Real World Asset Tokenization



### HYUNMIN SHIN

Business Development and Strategic Manager

**KIWONTECH**

Topic: Email Security and International Standardisation



### GHULAM QADIR

Senior Solutions Architect

**Alibaba Cloud**

Topic: Alibaba Cloud Powers Up Future Business



### AHMAD QAROUT

Director - Digital Infrastructure Solutions  
**GBM Oman**

Topic: Embracing Cyber Chaos



### SAMEER HASHMI

Middle East Business Correspondent  
**BBC News**

Panel Discussion: Future of Telecom



**SHEERAZ KHATEEB**

Channel Manager - Information Solutions  
**Rockwell Automation**  
Panel Discussion: Future of Telecom



**DR. YOUSUF SALIM AL HINAL**

General Manager, ICT & Digital Solutions  
**Omantel**  
Panel Discussion: Future of Telecom



**PRAMOD CHINCHUNSURE**

Head of Technology Operations  
**Vodafone Oman**  
Panel Discussion: Future of Telecom



**YAHYA NASSER MOHAMMED AL HAJRI**

Licensing and Compliance Manager  
**Telecommunications Regulatory Authority (TRA)**  
Topic: Enabling IoT Services Through Regulation



**PAVEL VISHNYAKOV**

Senior Cloud Solution Architect  
**Huawei**  
Topic: Unleash Digital with Everything as a Service - Diving Into All-Intelligent Cloud



**ISLAM AL AARAG**

Director of AI and ML Infrastructure  
**Talabat Regional Office**  
Topic: talabat AI: Transforming the Customer Journey



**KRISHNADAS**

Co-Founder & Partner  
**Securado**  
Topic: Dark SOC



**DANIEL MARKIC**

Director  
Security and Intelligence Agency (SOA)  
**Republic of Croatia**  
Topic: Digital Transformation as a Driver of Change in Security-Intelligence World



**SAQAR AL MASKARI**

Chief Technology Officer  
**Tatweer Cyber Security**  
Topic: R&D at TCS



**RASHID AL SALMI**

CEO  
**Insight Information Security LLC**  
Topic: Security in the Age of Digital Transformation



**RAMEEZ KHAN**

Head of Operations Middle East  
**Planisware**  
Topic: Digitalization of the PMO



**HAIDER AL LAWATI**

Senior Manager - Artificial Intelligence  
**Oman Data Park**  
Topic: How to Chat with Your Data



**MARCO MAGLIO**

CEO  
**Piritech**  
Topic: Using Software to Tackle the Energy Storage Challenge



**MICHEL SALLOUM**

Cloud Solution Architect  
**Oracle**  
Topic: Trusting the Cloud



**DR. MARYAM KETAIF**

Regional Lead ay Aerospace Xelerated  
**Boeing**  
Topic: The Digital Divide and the Value of Listening



**KARIM IBRAHIM**

Presales Country Lead  
**SAP**  
Topic: SAP Generative Business AI



# SPEAKERS

## THE BANKING TRACK



### ALI HAMED AL JABRI

Manager, Payment Systems Operations  
Department

**Central Bank of Oman**

Topic: Payment Trends in Oman



### AASIYA MULJI

Installments Lead for GCC  
**VISA**

Topic: Visa Installment Solution



### WISSAM MASSUD

Director - International Alliances and  
Partnerships

**UAE Trade Connect**

Topic: Case Study - De Risking Trade Finance



### FARES M ALSALEH

Manager of FinTech Development  
**Saudi Central Bank (SAMA)**

Topic: From Vision to Action: Fintech and  
Policymaker Strategies for Financial Inclusion



### KEDAR MULEY

Lead, Middle East & Africa  
**NPCI International Payments Limited**

Topic: Growth of Real-time Payments in India and  
its impact on Financial Inclusion



### LAILA AMIN

Business Development Manager for the  
MEA Region

**SettleMint**

Topic: Blockchain Transformation in the Public  
Sector



### TIM PHILLIPS

Managing Director (Middle East and Africa)  
**Smart**

Topic: Technology's Answer to the Middle East  
Retirement Crisis



### ESLAM ANBAR

CEO  
**Phi Wallet**

Topic: Gold and the Future of Payments



### NOORIYA BINT YUSUF AL BALUSHI

Technical Innovation Specialist  
**Central Bank of Oman**

Topic: Oman Fintech Landscape



### NITIN BHANDARI

SVP and Head of Payit Digital Wallet  
**First Abu Dhabi Bank**

Topic: Curated Experiences – Transforming  
everyday transactions into joyful moments



### NATALIE LINDO

**International Journalist**

Panel Discussion: Future of Banking, Oman



### DR. ALI SALIM SAID AL SHEKAILI

Head - Digital & E-Channel  
**National Bank of Oman**

Panel Discussion: Future of Banking, Oman



**DR. KHALID SALIM ALI AL HAMADANI**  
CHROO  
**Bank Dhofar**  
Panel Discussion: Future of Banking, Oman



**NITIN SWARUP SOKHEY**  
SVP and Head of Digital Banking  
**Sohar International**  
Panel Discussion: Future of Banking, Oman



**SHANE FARRELL**  
Researcher  
**Coin Bureau**  
Panel Discussion: Evolving Landscape of Virtual Assets in Oman



**KEMAL RIZADI ARBI**  
Expert Advisor  
**Capital Market Authority**  
Panel Discussion: Evolving Landscape of Virtual Assets in Oman



**DR. KHALID M.W. TAHHAN**  
Co-Founder  
**Easy Coins**  
Panel Discussion: Evolving Landscape of Virtual Assets in Oman



**JAD FREDRICK KHARMA**  
Founder and CEO  
**Exahertz International**  
Panel Discussion: Evolving Landscape of Virtual Assets in Oman











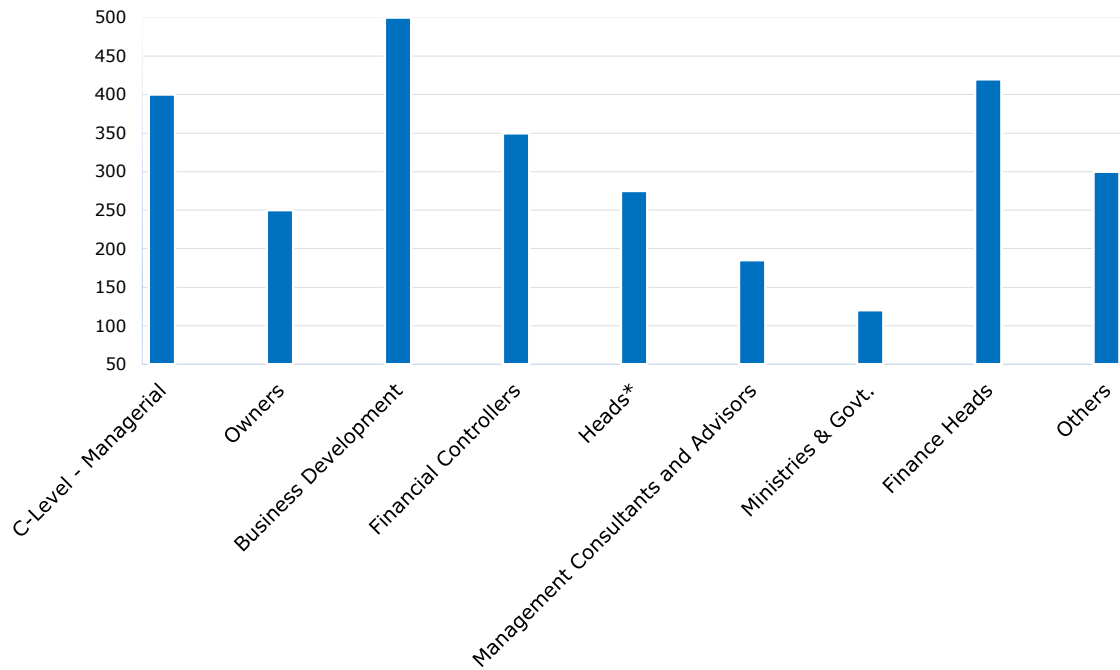






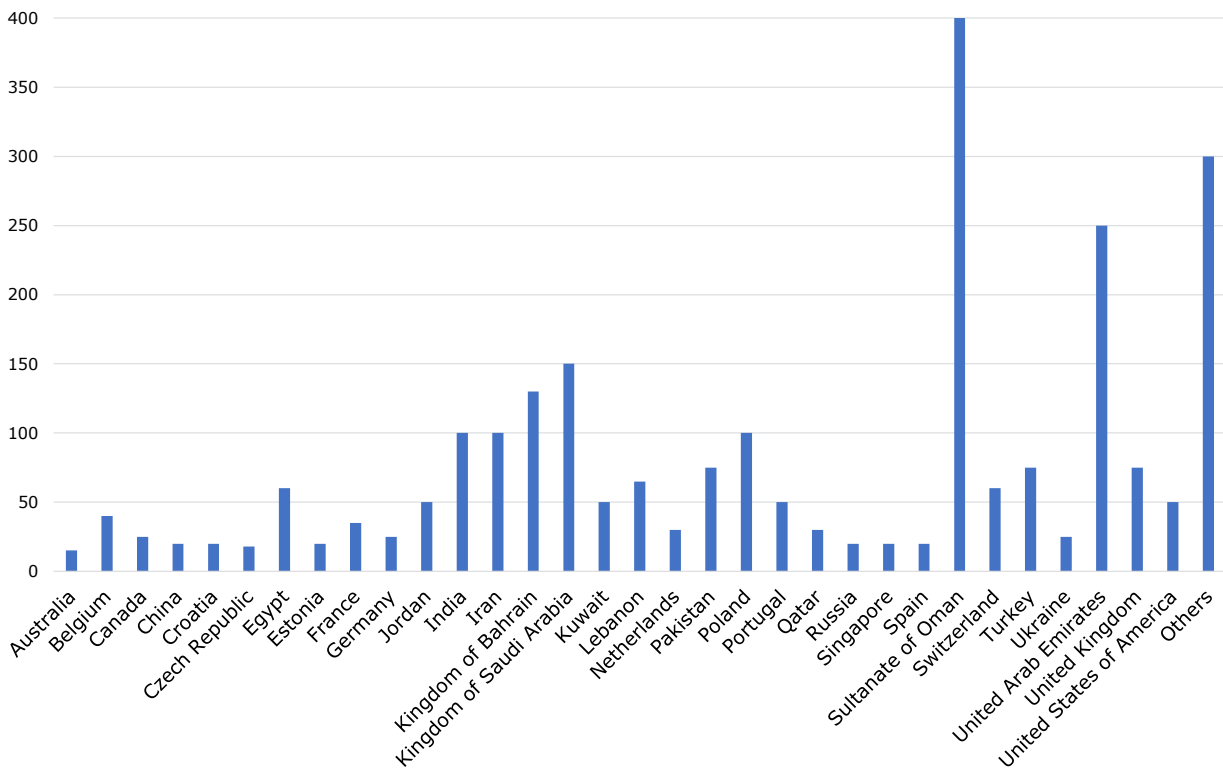
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## Attendee Profile - Designation



\*Heads - Banks, Compliance, Financial Regulatory, Payments, Retail Banking, Strategy, IT, Legal, Mobile Banking, Risk Management., Digital Banking and Transformation, R&D, Information Security.

## Region-wise Attendance



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