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Editor's Note

Welcome, dear readers, to the heartbeat of our campus—a compilation of stories, insights, and the collective spirit that defines our college community. Dive into the pages, and let the journey begin.

Chronicles of December: Inspiring Journeys, Transformative Talks, and Joyful Revelries in Atharva's 69th Edition

A crisp new year dawns, and with it, the opportunity to reflect on the vibrant canvas of December. In this space, we wish you a *'Happy New Year'* and welcome you to the 69th edition of Atharva magazine. In December, brimming with activity, SCIT transformed into a vibrant learning hub. Student-led initiatives sparked curiosity, igniting the pursuit of knowledge. Guest lectures, like guiding flames, led towards new ideas, while panel discussions, diverse tapestries of voices, broadened perspectives.

On 2nd December, the ISR Committee's Harmony Symposium, themed "Nurturing Positivity and Progression," featured inspiring individuals overcoming hardships. Maya Awasthy, a trans activist, and Deepali Bhagwati, a social entrepreneur, shared their impactful journeys advocating for inclusivity and positive change. On 8th December, cybersecurity expert Mr. Sankha Chakraborty delivered a captivating session, enlightening students and faculty on crucial aspects of cyber hygiene, transformative measures, and resilience in the digital era. Graffiti'24 theme launch, the annual Techno-Management Fest, on December 9th with a transformative theme: "SYLVERA" featured electrifying performances by Konnect & Symbeats and DJ sets.

On December 16th, the 8th Edition of Integrity and Ethics Conclave, themed "METAMELD," explored ethical tech use and its impact on humanity. Speakers like Mr. Samir Chabukswar and Ms. Nirali Bhatia offered unique perspectives on social media responsibility, cyberpsychology, and more.

"We all get the exact same 365 days. The only difference is what we do with them."

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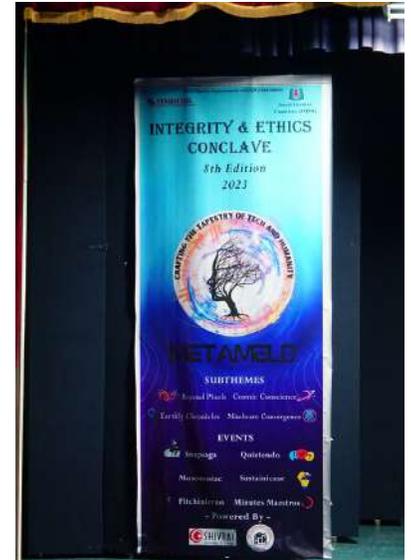
December 20th saw iTELF unveil the captivating theme for TEDx 10.0 - "Aswattha," the inverted tree where roots soar upwards and branches cascade downwards. A promise of perspectives unbound, a symposium ripe for ideas that defy gravity, awaits – mark your calendars, for the Aswattha will bloom soon. December 20th, Data Science Manager Vishal Kumar delivered a guest lecture on Navigating the Challenges of Reinforcement Learning, balancing theory and practical; he explored open-time optimization and trade-offs between exploitation and exploration. Celebrating the birth of Christ with joy and gratitude, SCIT's Cultural Committee hosted a captivating Christmas event on December 23rd. Lively dance acts, a spinning wheel, anonymous confessions through a Padlet platform, musical performances, Secret Santa, and engaging games enthralled the audience, culminating in a joyous DJ Night, making it a resounding success.

We are elated to present this edition's star alumni, Ridhima Ahuja, who works at Amazon as an Analyst.

-Pooja Mourya

In the Spotlight

Grafitti Theme Launch

Graffiti is SCIT'S annual event; everyone is ready and fully prepared. Graffiti epitomizes our cherished annual Techno-Management Fest. From planning to execution, everything done for this fest has to be grand.

The theme launch for the same happened on December 9, 2023, and this year's theme is SYLVERA- Transformative Paradigms, launched at the prestigious SIC Amphitheatre from 6 PM to 10 PM. The charismatic hosts and presenters took the stage, skillfully guiding the audience through the excitement. There were several mesmerizing performances by Konnect and Symbeats, seamlessly blending Bollywood beats with a Tollywood twist and harmonizing Hollywood hits with the enchantment of Mollywood. The reveal of the theme happened through a video that transported everyone to another world. It was a very well-crafted video that clearly signified this year's theme.

The event concluded with a DJ where everyone enjoyed dancing to the tunes of their favorite songs. The anticipation builds as we pave the way for the upcoming January event, promising to unveil a plethora of insights that will captivate and enlighten you. Stay tuned for an immersive journey into the unfolding excitement!

-Manvi Khandelwal

Tis the Season: A Sparkling Christmas Celebration

Christmas commemorates the birth of Jesus Christ, who they believe is the Son of God and savior of humanity. It is a day of joy, reflection, and thanksgiving for his teachings and sacrifices. This is the core meaning of the holiday for Christians, often observed through attending church services, nativity plays, and singing carols.

The cultural committee at SCIT organized the Christmas celebration on 23 Dec 2023. The event included various fun activities, including dance performances by SYMBEATS, singing performances by Konnect Band, Secret Santa, and games. The event was a significant success as the audience was interactive and thoroughly enjoyed.

It started with dance performances by seniors, juniors, and the committees, and then there were confession and gift exchange games. It was followed by different spontaneous games like spin the wheel, and then there was a performance by Santa Claus, who came and elevated the energy amongst the crowd.

The event concluded with DJ Night. The audience was enthralled and had a blast at the celebration.

-Manvi Khandelwal

Captured Moments

TEDxSIUHinjewadi 10.0 theme launch

At SCIT, buzz and excitement peak each year as TEDx draws near. TED stands for Technology, entertainment, and design, and x stands for an independently organized event. TEDx stimulates minds globally, creating a vivid tapestry of innovation weaved from local threads. These freely run events enable enthusiastic people to communicate worthwhile ideas and inspire interest, dialogue, and action in communities. TEDx promotes the power of human connection via artistic expressions and scientific advances, creating a world filled with varied viewpoints and limitless possibilities.

On 20th December 2023, the iTELF team launched the theme of TEDx SIUHinjewadi, 10th Edition. The theme for this year is 'aswattha', the inverted tree with roots soaring upwards, and branches cascading downwards. A cosmic dance of gunas, where actions become the roots of our reality. The branches, intended to reach for heaven, point downwards. Humanity, swayed by actions, has turned the cosmic tree upside down. It's time to awaken from this cosmic dream, reverse the inversion, and reclaim our upward growth toward knowledge. As we gaze upwards, towards the roots of eternal knowledge, we begin the journey of reclamation. The figure, a symbol of humanity, seeks to reverse the cosmic inversion. The theme launch event started with singing and dancing and ended with the theme reveal. TEDx theme launch event garnered enthusiastic participation, effectively capturing the imagination of the SCIT.

-Pooja Mourya

Thoughtful Encounters

Words have the power to ignite minds, spark creativity, and unite communities. Welcome to the world of ideas, where we share stories that matter.

8TH Edition of Integrity and Ethics Conclave

The Guest Lecture Committee of Symbiosis Centre for Information and Technology organised the 8th Edition of Integrity and Ethics Conclave on December 16, 2023. The theme for this year was 'METAMELD: Crafting the Tapestry of Tech and Humanity'.

The conclave started with the Main Coordinators of the event Urjita and Adrit introducing the theme and the subthemes. Following the introduction, lamp lighting was done by Dr. Abhinita Dahiya, faculty of SCIT to give an auspicious start to the event. Five esteemed speakers Mr. Samir Chabukswar, Ms. Leena Bokil, Ms. Nirali Bhatia, Mr. Pandurang Taware, Mr. Anub George were invited to share their thoughts on embracing a framework of ethics and integrity, harnessing the potential of technology as a force for positive change, empowering humanity while safeguarding the core values that define our collective conscience.

The Keynote Speaker Mr. Samir Chabukswar, CEO and Founder of Yuj Designs talked about global connectivity, work transformation. He said, "Our behaviours are shaped by the technologies we use daily". He further elaborated on the responsible use of the internet and social media. He said," because of the technological revolution, 210 million people suffer from internet and social media influence." He further talked about digital and sustainable technology and how communication channels have improved significantly.

Mr. Anub George, Writer/Director and brand strategist, taking forward the discussion on "beyond pixels" a sub theme of the ethics and integrity conclave shared his opinion on "Ethos of Virtual Reality". Third speaker, Ms. Leela Bokul, NASA-Honeywell Space Educator, spoke on Cosmic Conscience, another sub theme of the event. She shared her experience and various learnings with the students.

Ms. Nirali Bhatia, Cyber Psychologist Psychotherapist shed light on Mindware Convergence by speaking about Cyber Bullying, AI and Cyber Psychology. She explained what cyber Psychology is, she said , ''Cyber Psychology is like looking at how our minds work in the digital world". She further added, " How do we feel, think and act when we're using computers , phones and those techy things is very important." The last speaker, Mr.Pandurang Taware, a fourth generation farmer and first generation entrepreneur spoke on Geo tourism, shedding light on the last subtheme earthly chronicles. He spoke on the importance of the intersection of technology and humans.

The event was also filled with various entertaining and educating performances by various committees of Symbiosis Centre for Information and Technology(SCIT). Symbeats, the dance committee of SCIT put on a great performance highlighting the rising issue of deep fakes. Eklavya, the drama committee put light on the importance of integrity and ethics with a creative act. Lastly, the music committee of SCIT Konnect engaged the audience with a fun game of guessing the music. The vote of thanks was given by Dr. Tamal Mondal. Savitha Nair ma'am was also present for the event.

There were various events both online and offline that were organised for the students to participate in. Snapsaga, minutes maestros were the two offline events organised and Quiztendo, Sustainicase, PitchinFerno, MuseMosaic were online events organised.

-Arya Tripathi

Harmony Symposium

On 2nd December 2023 ISR Committee organized the Harmony Symposium under the guidance of mentors Dr. Krishnan Ramanathan and Dr. Abhinita Daiya. The theme was Nurturing Positivity and Progression. The guests for the event were Maya Awasthy and Deepali Bhagwati, and the moderator was Manas Ranjan Patnaik, who intricately intertwined diverse opinions.

Maya Awasthy is a prominent trans activist and co-founder of a transgender welfare and equity trust, TWEET Foundation, and has been working for the rights of transgender Asia Pacific region for the last 15 years. She shared her journey and heart-wrenching stories of sexual harassment and violence. Her constant motivation and calling in life are what she faced, and whatever difficulties she had to go through, from getting a quality education to getting fundamental human rights in society, no one else should meet the same in her community. However, she has completed her MBA and worked in corporate for a few years. She highlighted the need for a more effective implementation of a progressive transgender policy and acceptance of all humankind irrespective of their identity will make it better.

Ms. Deepali Bhagwati is another powerful individual with a double Master's in Genetics. She is now into teaching. Deepali leads the citizenship vertical at IDOBRO- a social enterprise. She excels in project management and CSR initiatives. Deepali beautifully quoted Abdul Kalam- "When there is righteousness in the heart, there is beauty in the character. When there is beauty in the character, there is harmony in the home. When there is harmony in the home, there is order in the nation. When there is order in the nation, there is peace in the world."

The event was very heart-touching and inspiring to everyone. Personalities like these make us believe one needs to be persistent and kind in whatever one wants.

-Manvi Khandelwal

Guest Lecture – Navigating the Challenges of Reinforcement Learning
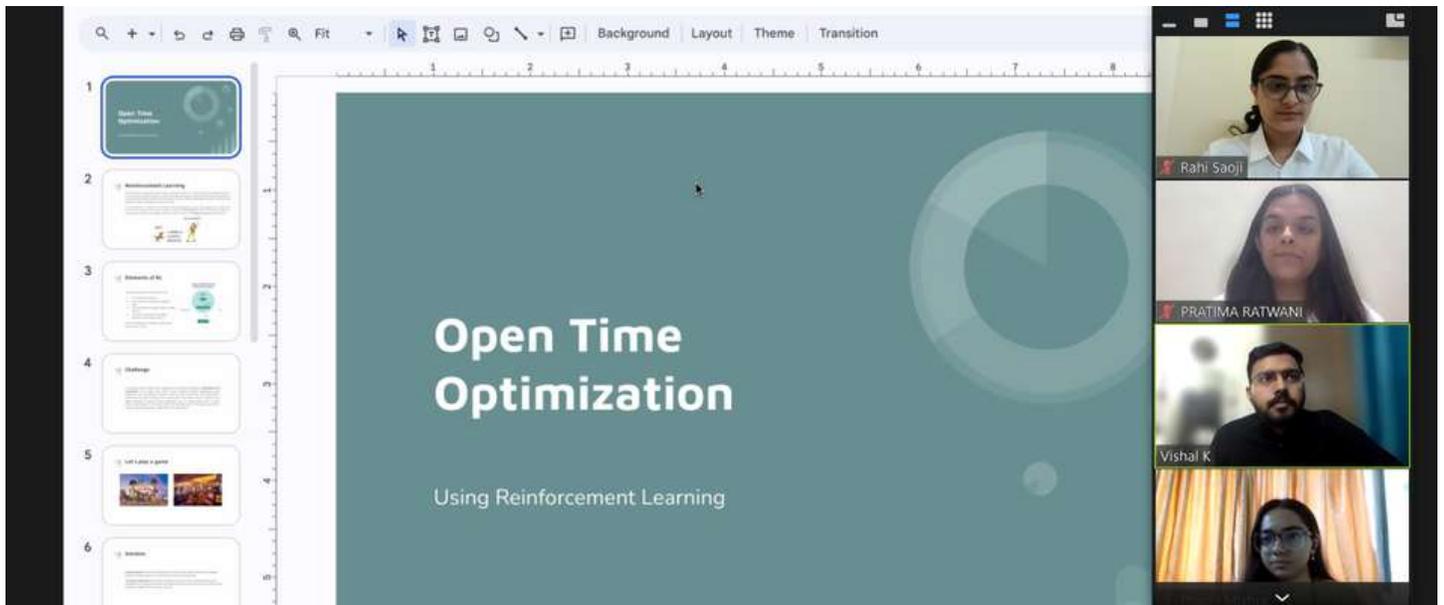
In a recent guest lecture, Mr. Vishal Kumar, a seasoned Data Science Manager at American Express, delved into the intricacies of reinforcement learning, focusing on the nuances of Open Time optimization and the challenges associated with long-term rewards. Under the guidance of Dr. Ajey Kumar, mentor of the Guest Lecture Committee for the Data Science and Data Analytics division, the lecture provided insights into real-life scenarios; Mr. Vishal Kumar elucidated the significance of distinguishing between exploitation and exploration using a relatable example from the world of casinos.

In a captivating introduction by the Guest Lecture Committee, attendees were welcomed to a thought-provoking guest lecture featuring Mr. Vishal Kumar, where he elucidated the complexities of tackling long-term rewards in reinforcement learning, emphasizing the need for a comprehensive understanding of the trade-off between exploiting known strategies and exploring new possibilities. To address this challenge, he introduced two prominent approaches – greedy decision-making and Thompson sampling. The former involves selecting optimal actions, while the latter incorporates a probabilistic strategy, allowing for a balance between exploration and exploitation.

Transitioning seamlessly from theory to practical application, Kumar presented a compelling problem statement. He outlined the objectives and intricacies of the task, providing insights into the crucial steps of data preparation, data weightage, and updating parameters. The lecture culminated in a demonstration of real-life Python code, showcasing the implementation of the discussed concepts in a tangible and applicable manner.

Mr. Vishal Kumar's expertise in the field and his ability to bridge theoretical concepts with practical applications provided attendees with valuable insights into the world of reinforcement learning. The lecture not only shed light on the challenges of long-term rewards but also equipped the audience with actionable strategies to navigate and overcome them in their own data science endeavors. As the representative from the guest lecture committee, Prachi Mishra provided a closing perspective, leaving the audience inspired and well-equipped to navigate the challenges of reinforcement learning in their data science pursuits.

-Siddhartha Chattaraj

Unlocking the Secrets of Cybersecurity: A Journey with Mr. Sankha Chakraborty

On the 8th of December 2023, the ITBM (2023-2025) batch had the privilege of hosting Mr. Sankha Chakraborty, Assistant Manager at PWC Singapore, for an enlightening guest lecture on the topic 'Infosec Related.' Mr. Chakraborty, an esteemed international cybersecurity professional with over six years of experience, brought a wealth of knowledge and expertise to our academic community.

The event began with a brief introduction to his impressive credentials, including his CISA and CISM certifications, signifying his deep understanding of Information Security. The session delved into the ever-evolving landscape of cybersecurity, emphasizing the critical importance of cyber hygiene, transformative measures, and resilience in the digital era.

His ability to blend theory with practical examples and real-world experiences set this lecture apart. He covered a diverse range of topics, from Privacy Policy and Procedure Design to SOC 2 Audit and Vulnerability Management, providing our students and faculty with a comprehensive view of the challenges and opportunities in the field.

The incorporation of anecdotes enriched the learning experience, offering a glimpse into the complexities of Information Security. Mr. Chakraborty's insights are poised to impact our academic and professional journeys, equipping us with the knowledge essential for success in this dynamic field.

We extend our sincere gratitude to Mr. Sankha Chakraborty for his generosity in sharing his time and expertise. The success of this guest lecture has inspired us to continue seeking enlightening sessions with distinguished guests of Mr. Chakraborty's caliber in the future. As we face the evolving challenges of cybersecurity in the digital age, we are now better equipped, inspired, and ready for the journey ahead.

-Siddhartha Chattaraj

Archives from the Past

Fair and Consistent Enforcement of Ethics Code

SCIT organized a session on "Fair and Consistent Enforcement of Ethics code" by Mr. Anuj Ranjan, General Manager & Executive Assistant to Deputy Governor, RBI Mumbai. He spoke on the significance of maintaining integrity at a professional level. He shared his experiences on the various instances when he and his colleagues at the Central Bank had ensured that there is no compromise on integrity. He emphasized on the mission statement which brought the employees together on the code of conduct followed by the RBI. He also spoke about the moral belief that an employee in any organization is expected to be bound to, which is to respect and abide to the values thereby instilling them as part of the work ethics in a day to day routine. We were then briefed on the Ten Commandments that the employees at RBI followed to demonstrate positive code of conduct. Most of them were related to Ethics and significance of Ethics at workplace and as the work was directed towards serving the people of country, few of the commandments that he discussed included the ease at which ethics are expected to be demonstrable and also that rise in performance standards must go hand in hand in promoting greater credibility. He also covered the various Ethical dilemmas that were subjected to and how to overcome them without compromising on the performance. It was a useful session with students getting clarified on various fronts from a knowledgeable executive of high regards.

Samaarambh'16

Samarambh which means ceremony actually inculcates the spirit of celebration in the soul of all the students who have joined SCIT. It is the most awaited event among the students as it gives them the platform to showcase their talent in the very beginning of their MBA journey. Samarambh brings together the SCIT family. This is where the fun lays after all the induction programmes that each and every newly admitted student of SCIT had to go through.

Samarambh'16 was completely entertaining and loaded with brilliant performances. The new comers, seniors and staff members thoroughly enjoyed the event and the auditorium was reverberating with whistles, claps and hoo-has.Samarambh catered to every taste, the various performances kept the audience entranced completely. It was this event where talent met opportunity and wonderful things happened.

The glimpse of various performances of Samarambh is as follows

Dance performances included classicalBharatanatyam dance to Bollywood numbers, MJ dance to Fusion of classical and western dance. Dance performances were thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated. The dancers made the crowd jump from their seats and move their body a bit. SCIT can boast about the electrifying dance performances which made the crowd go berserk.

Skit performances inspired the audience with thoughtful messages.One performance was titled as Cholay which was very hilarious as it depicted the IT world's testing and development cycle with the Sholay effect. Second skit performance was a MIME with two strong messages of driving with helmet on and self-defence for women. It was one of the best performances of Samarambh'16. The skit performances in particular stand out in a way that these teamsshow how entertainment can not only showcase talents, but also tell a meaningful story.

One of the major attractions was musical band performances. The crowd was mellowed and pleased with songs like "pehla Nasha", "Gunjasha hai Koi Ek Tara" and "Jo bheji thi Dua" and later on the crowd went berserk with songs like "Chainya chainya" and "Rolling in the deep" and they started animatedly singing along with the performer. Last but not the least of Samarambh'16, compering— which was very well done by the studentsand the crowd was engrossed with shayeris, poems, jokes and merrymaking.

Samarambh'16 ensured that every soul in the auditorium was sated and was left with a feeling that why it ended so soon. It brought people together and we got to see an array of talents which we never saw before.Samarambh'16 was not only successful but undoubtedly appreciated amongst many people who came to see it. Samarambh '16 transformed the information and technology centre into a barrel of refreshing revelry and merrymaking.
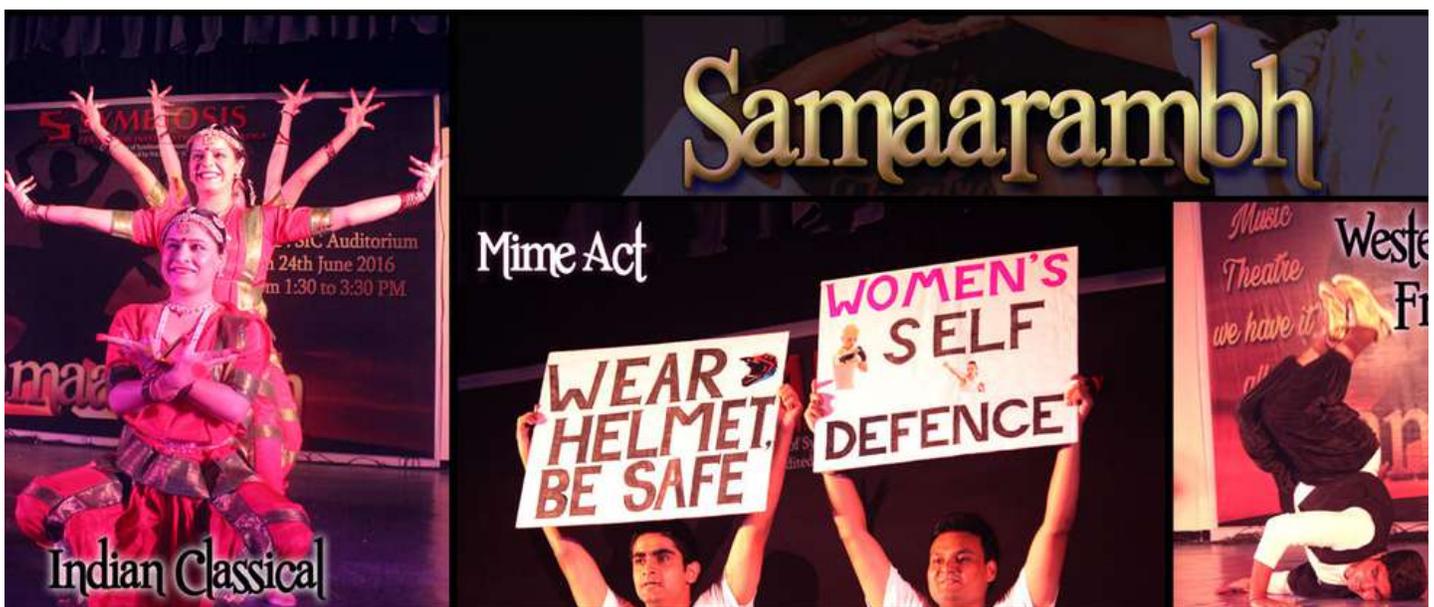
Star Alumni

We are elated to present this edition's star alumni, Ridhima Ahuja. She has a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from Delhi Technological University, formerly DCE. After that, she started her MBA journey at SCIT (Data science Data Analytics).She is an alumnus of the 2021-2023 batch.

Ridhima was not only excellent in academics but also a member and Spocc of the Sports Committee. While at SCIT, she bagged an internship at Advarisk as a Product Analyst.

She has varied knowledge of tools and technologies like Power BI, SQL, Python and Microsoft Excel. She got placed in Amazon as a Business Analyst. She showed traits of excellence in her MBA days and is proving the same now in her career. Every student should look up to her for the perfect balance she struck between her academics and committee work.

SCIT is hugely proud to present Ridhima Ahuja, one of the precious gems SCIT has. Ridhima is a highly motivated individual who is reaching heights in her career and taking the name of SCIT one step ahead.

-Arya Tripathi.

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Coming Up Next

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Social Media

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Web Development

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