



LTM API & LTM for Linux

Presented by the LTM API teams at SINTEF and Lyse



Plan

- 1) Intro [Bernt Garten Galtrud]
- 2) Status [BGG]
- 3) Design and technical solutions - [Kent Fagerjord]
- 4) How to use it? - [Harald Wilhelmsen]
- 5) Development process - [HW]
- 6) LTM API as seen and used by Lyse [Øivind Høivik and Ådne Øvrebø]
- 7) Questions?

1) Intro

- a) What is it?
- b) Why do we do it?
- c) How is it organized?



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➤ Then you already know why ...

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- Complex & hard task, but we do it such that you do not have to
- “Harmonisation” with the other SINTEF models
- Makes it easier to integrate LTM into other tools / workflows
- Facilitate use/transition to ngLTM + testing of both old and new

1c) How is it organized?

- SINTEF-project started up after last user meeting (November 2023)
- Lyse reached out for close cooperation:
 - Dedicated inhouse resources for extensive and continuous beta-testing
 - Pays for one of the developers in the project
- Funding: Sub-project of the “maintenance project” + devel from Lyse

1c) How is it organized?

- Current team: 3.5 developers + project leader (BGG)
 - Kent Fagerjord
 - Harald Wilhelmsen
 - Ole Martin Hansen
 - Emil Lysholm (50%)

2) Status

- a) Current features
- b) “Work-in-progress”
- c) Roadmap(s)

2a) Current features

- Remodelled objects, not one-to-one file-API
- EMPS parallel sim
 - Detailed hydro
 - Aggregated hydro
 - Wind & solar
 - Batteries
 - Exogenous prices
 - Up to hourly resolution
 - ...

2a) Current features

- EOPS series sim
- Linux
 - All API functionality => works on both OS
 - “Manual port” of a full CLI dataset from a customer

2b) “Work-in-progress”

- EMPS
 - MPI
 - FBMC
 - Series simulations
- CLI to API dataset converter tools

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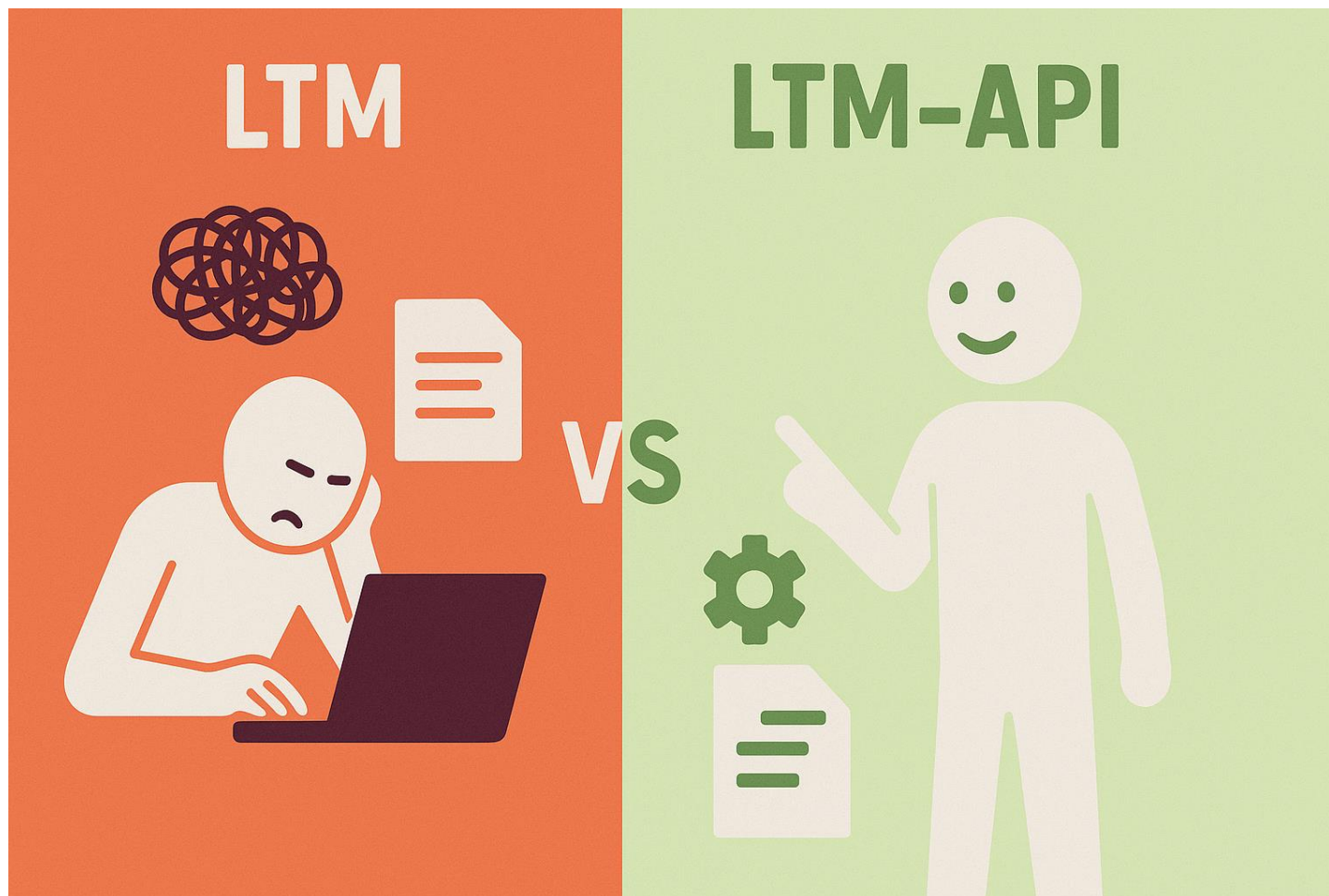
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 - TBD ...



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Summary



KISS – Keep it Simple & Stunning

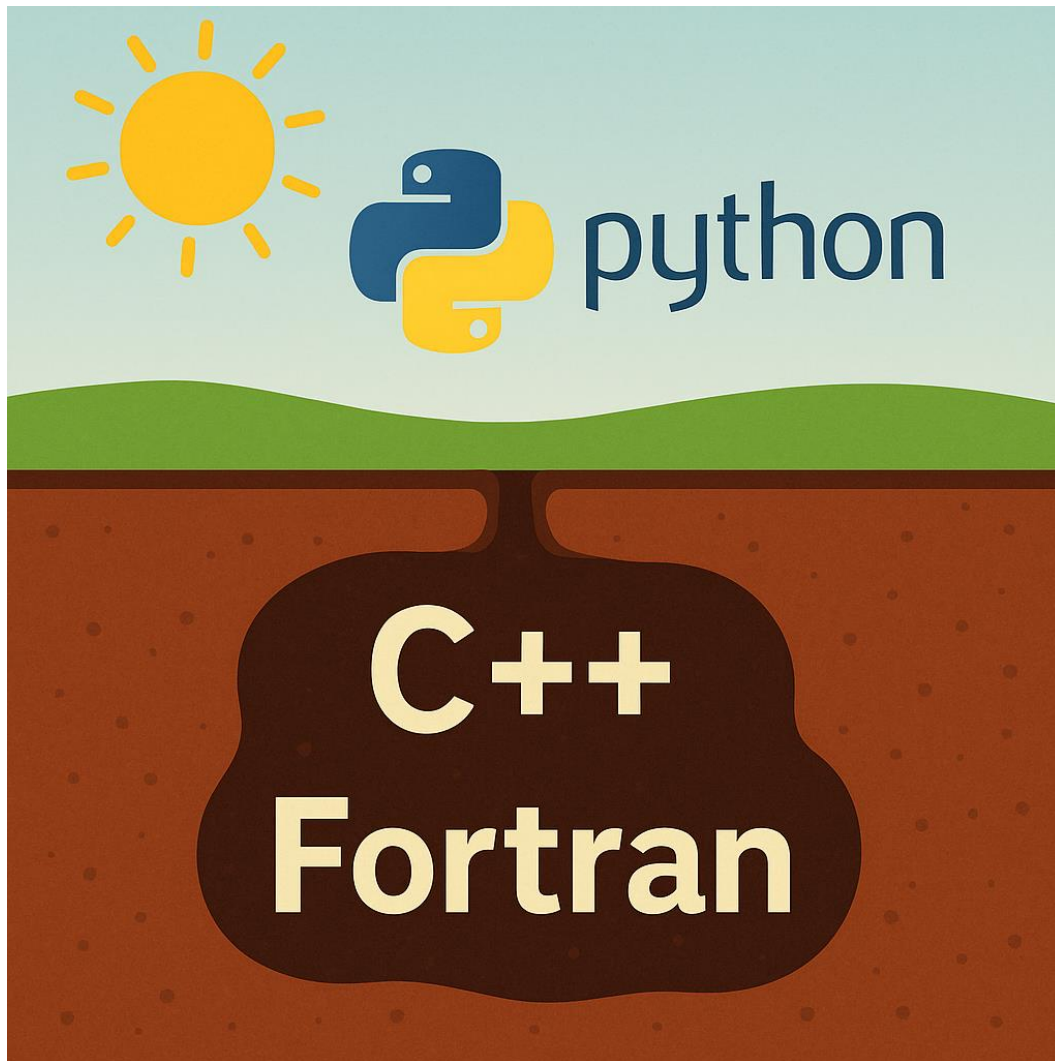
- Driven by structured data
- Ensures internal data consistency for all LTM input files
- Common components with ngLTM
 - Itmio (Input / Output)
 - Timeseries library



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Technology stack



Future interface:

- C++

Sub-surface:

- Safe and modern C++
- Unit test coverage >85%
- Python – C++ bridge with pybind11



Itmio

- Shared with ngLTM.
- Standalone readers and writers.



Itmapi

- Transforms the model into EMPS / EOPS compatible files
- Runs the model
- Results have a uniform shape



pyltm

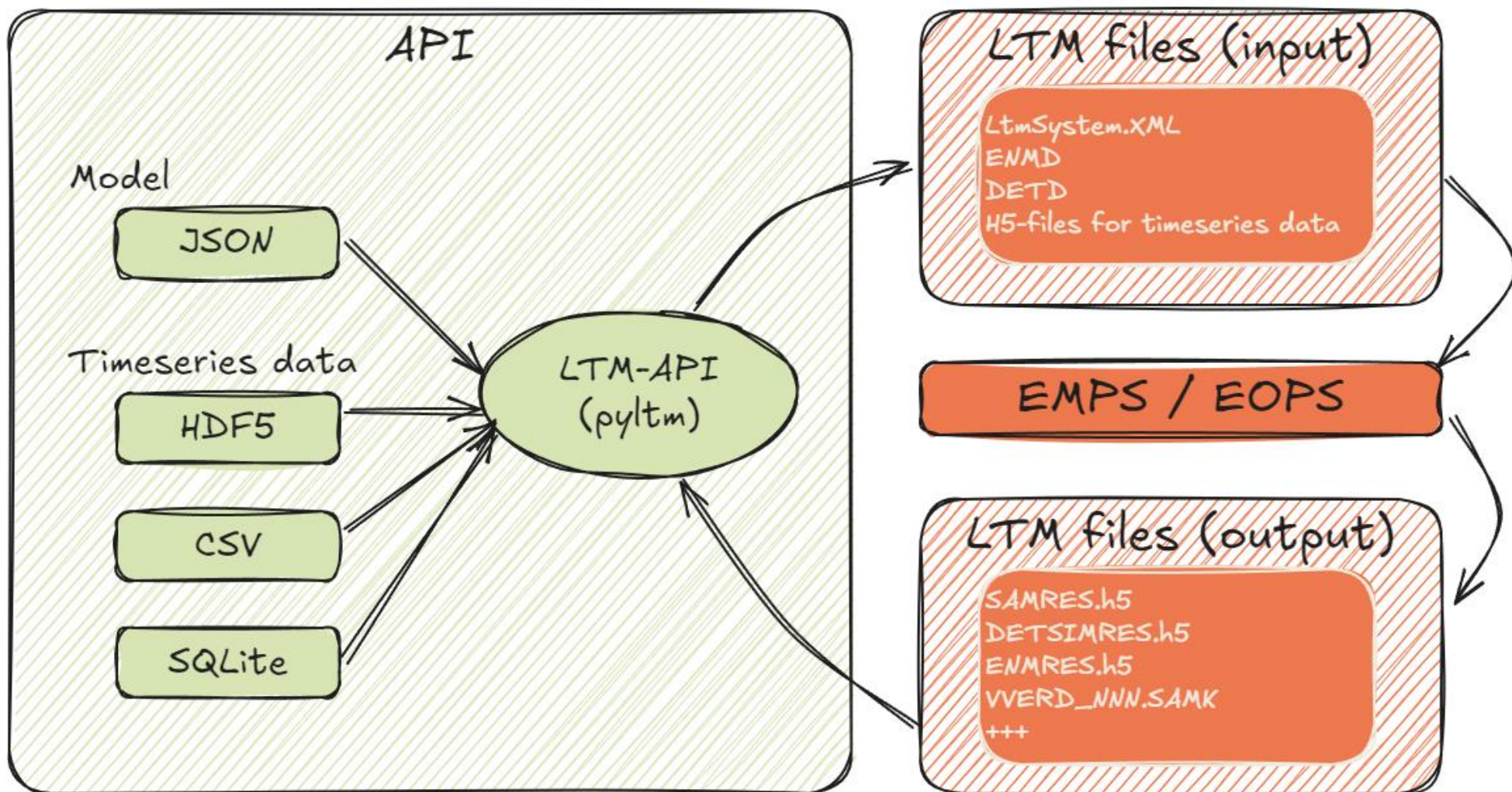
- Bridge between Python and native C++ libraries



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Very high-level data flow





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4) How to use it?

Example JSON input file:

```
{
  "model": {
    "global_settings": { ... },
    "busbars": [ ... ],
    "dclines": [ ... ],
    "loads": [ ... ],
    "inflow_series": [ ... ],
    "reservoirs": [ ... ],
    "plants": [ ... ],
    "detailed_hydro_modules": [ ... ],
    "aggregated_hydro_modules": [ ... ],
    "connections": [ ... ],
    "wind": [ ... ]
  }
}
```

Example Python code:

```
from pyltmapi import LtmSession

ltm_core_path = <path to ltm-core>
license_file = <path to license_file>

with LtmSession("demo") as session:
    session.load(filename="model.json") # Convert json to c++ objects
    validation = session.validate_model() # Optional validation
    write_model = session.write_model() # Writes files to folder
    last_rc, results = session.execute_model() # Run ltm from folder
```

5) Workflow

- a) Development and testing of new features
- b) Packaged and distributed:
 - Release candidate (RC)
 - Stable releases uploaded to the LTM Portal
- c) Test and feedback from Lyse on each RC

LTM API at Lyse

Hydropower Scheduling User meeting 2025

Lyse

Energi AS
E N M D A T - 9.9.2/Release/13089 - 2017.05.19



!! Programmet lar seg ikke kj|re lengere. Kontakt Sintef Energi !!

Current
operational EMPS
setup

Lyse

Example – Add load

Energi AS

E N M D A T - R10.8.6/Release/ce5d84462 - 2025-02-12

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Markedsfil (ENMD) hvor enmagasindata skal leses fra :

End goal

One model
representation



One runtime
environment



One common way
of handling results



Example – Add load

```
config = EMPSConfigurationBuilder.from_operational()

load = Load(
    name="N02 Christmas Lights",
    capacity=Timeseries(
        value=christmas_load_capacity
    )
)

config.add(load)
config.connect(load, config.busbars["N02"])
```




Scalable pools



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Jobs

Operational EMPS

Operational ProdRisk

EMPS Experiment

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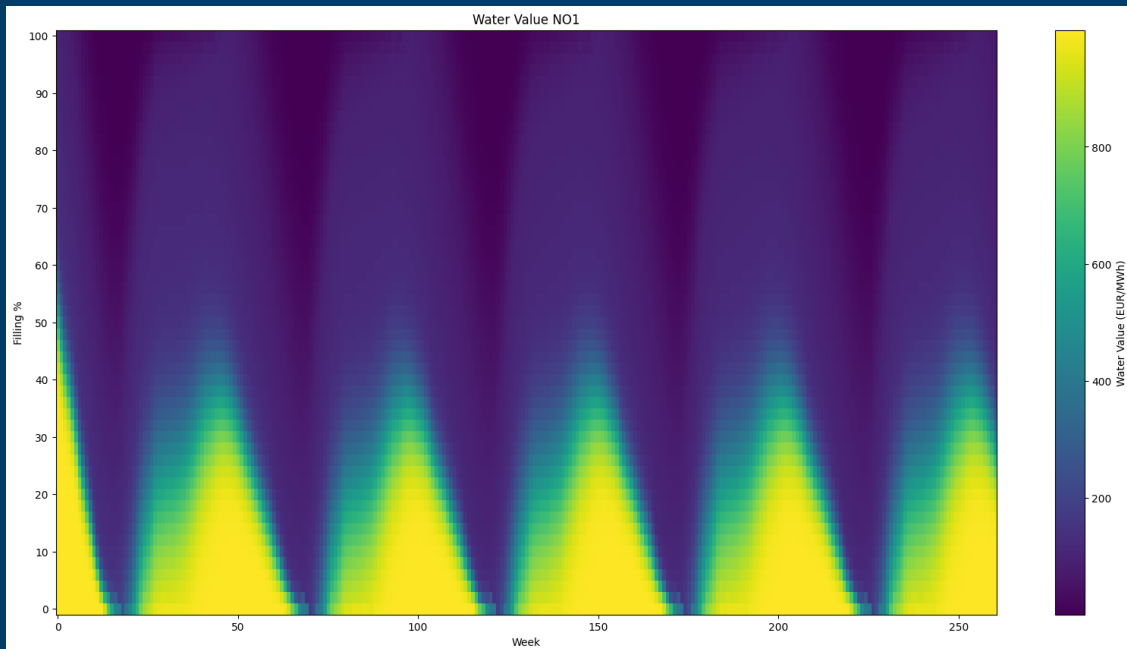
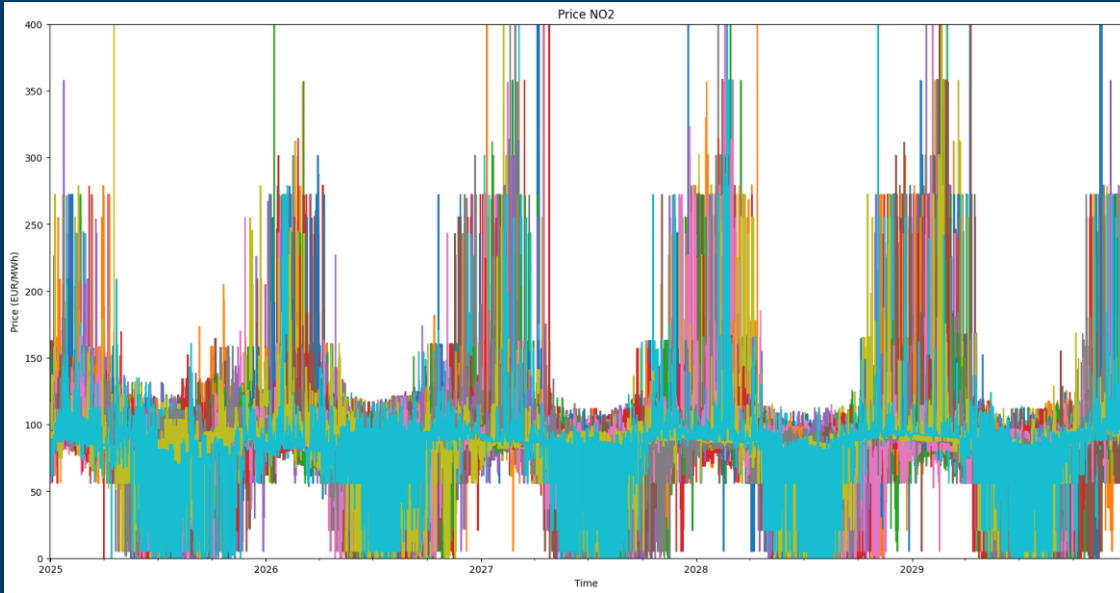
Storage



Infrastructure

- Linux version
 - Containerization
 - Unified environment for all models
 - Full version control
 - Dev Containers
- Azure Batch
 - Near-infinite compute
 - Cost-efficiency
 - Parallelization
 - Resource Targeting

```
config.cloud_run(. . .)
```



Current state

- Building LTM models using multiple sources
 - NVE, Volve, Nena, Volt, TheMA, inhouse data/models
- Close to operational EMPS model
- Able to run EOPS -> Prodrisk
- Converted watercourses



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7) Questions?



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