DEPAUL UNIVERSITY

2019-2020 Spring OTE
James Riely
CSC-300-610 DATA STRUCTURES I

Project Title: **2019-2020 Spring OTE Course Evaluation**

Enrollment: **21**
Responses Received: **8**
Rate of Response: **38%**

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University Questions

University Questions Table

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	Mean	Standard Deviation	Median	Mean	Standard Deviation	Median	Mean	Standard Deviation	Median
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The instructor conveyed what was expected of me in this course.	4.63	0.52	5.00	4.37	0.89	5.00	4.44	0.83	5.00
The instructor conveyed the goals of the course.	4.63	0.52	5.00	4.42	0.85	5.00	4.47	0.79	5.00
The instructor used activities or assignments that helped me to achieve the goals of the course.	4.75	0.46	5.00	4.33	0.95	5.00	4.41	0.88	5.00
The instructor's evaluation criteria were an appropriate measure of whether I achieved the goals of the course.	4.50	0.53	4.50	4.27	0.99	5.00	4.36	0.91	5.00
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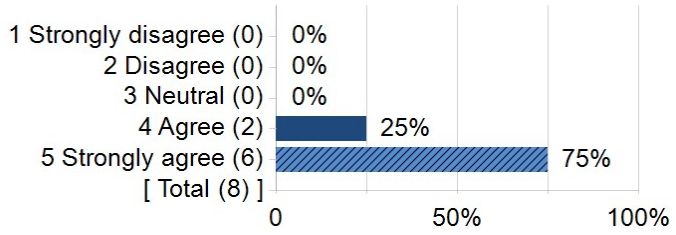

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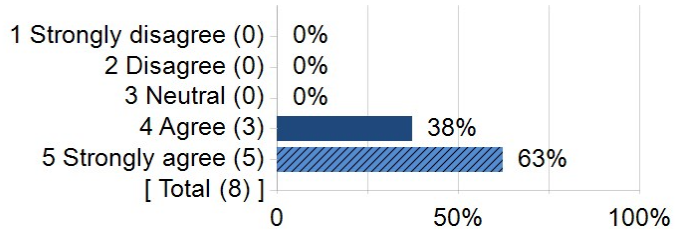

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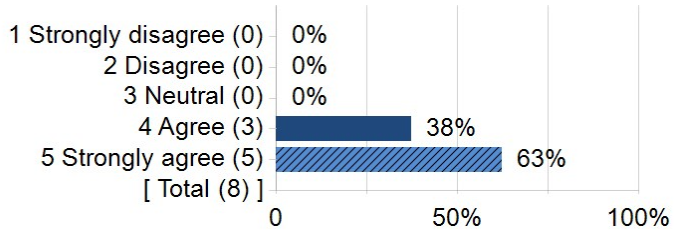

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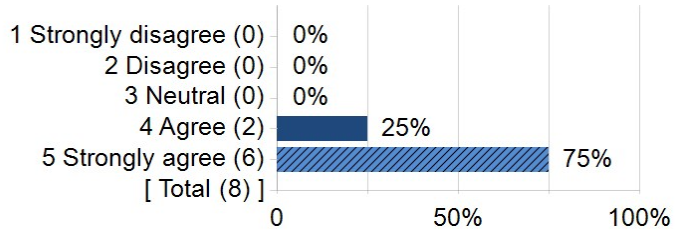

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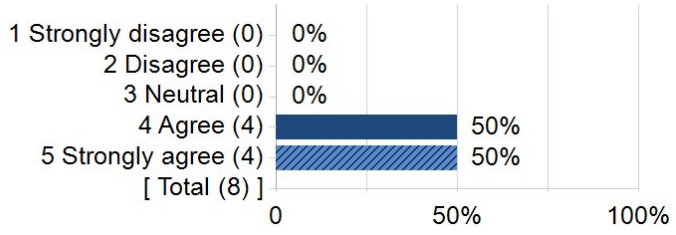

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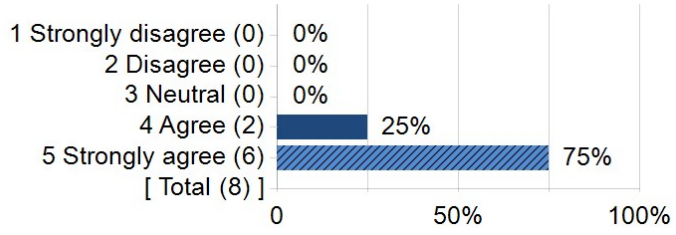

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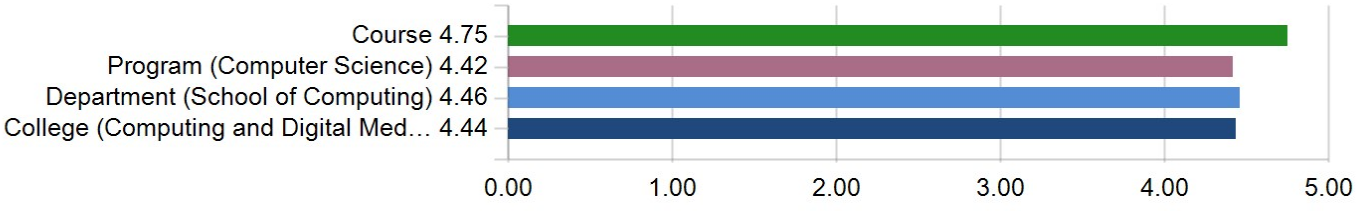

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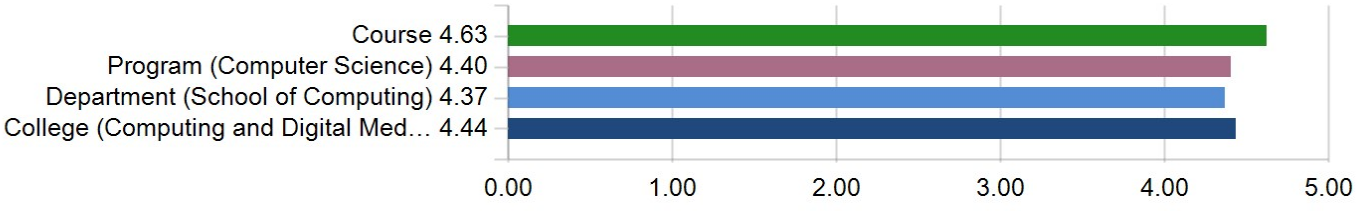

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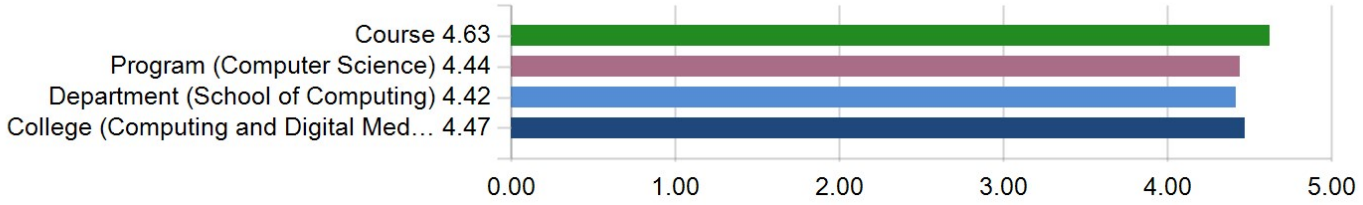

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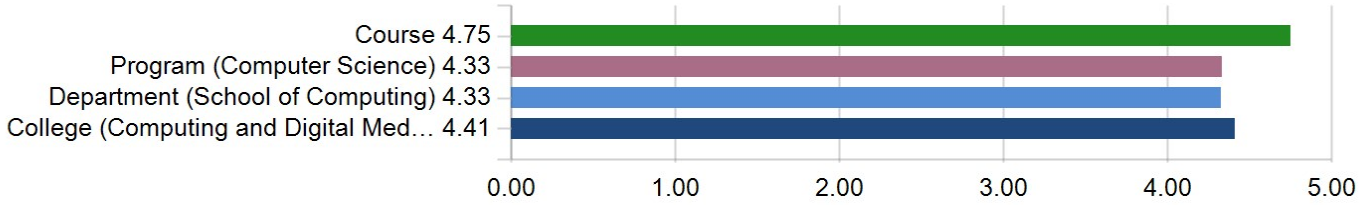

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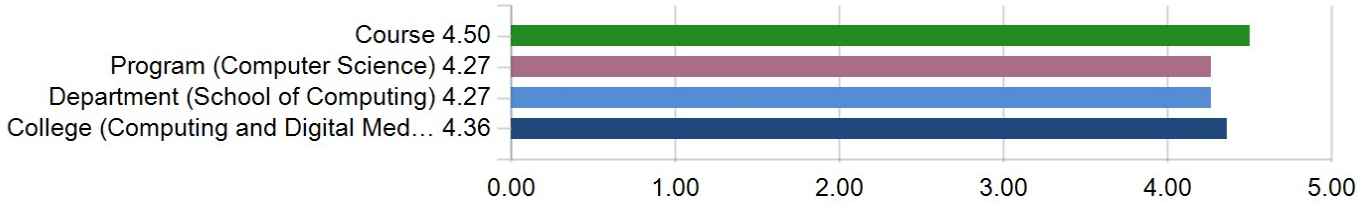

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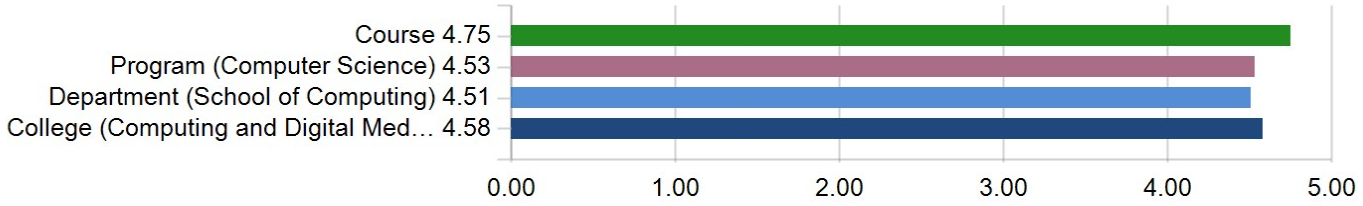

College Questions

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The course material was clear and organized.	4.50	0.76	5.00	4.18	1.10	5.00	4.29	1.01	5.00
The amount of work I performed outside scheduled class time was	3.38	0.52	3.00	3.30	0.71	3.00	3.22	0.63	3.00
Compared to other courses I took at DePaul, I found this course to be	4.29	0.76	4.00	3.53	0.93	3.00	3.35	0.90	3.00

Instructor Questions Table

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Homework and exams were graded in reasonable time.	4.38	0.74	4.50	4.16	1.01	4.00	4.22	0.95	4.00
The instructor was able to effectively present and explain the course content.	4.38	0.92	5.00	4.30	0.96	5.00	4.40	0.89	5.00
The instructor encouraged participation from the students.	4.50	0.53	4.50	4.33	0.89	5.00	4.41	0.83	5.00
The instructor was responsive in answering questions outside the scheduled class time.	4.71	0.49	5.00	4.36	0.93	5.00	4.42	0.87	5.00

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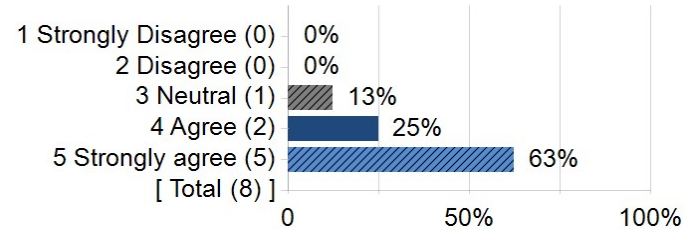

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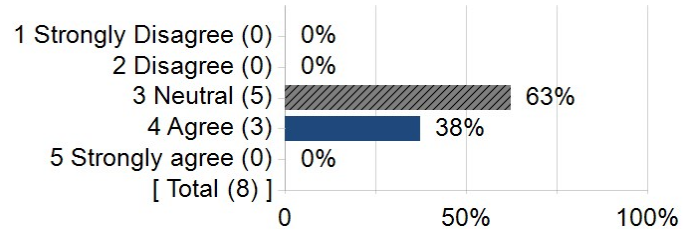

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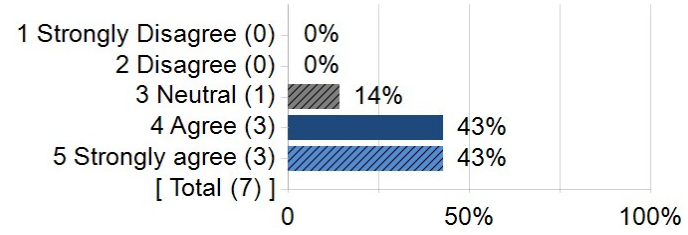

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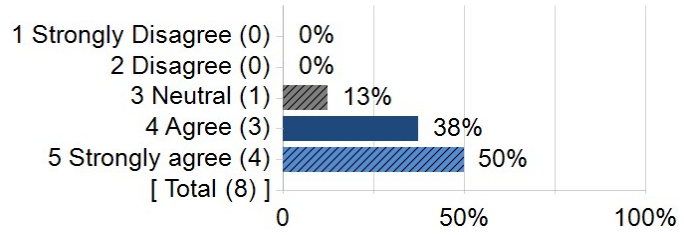

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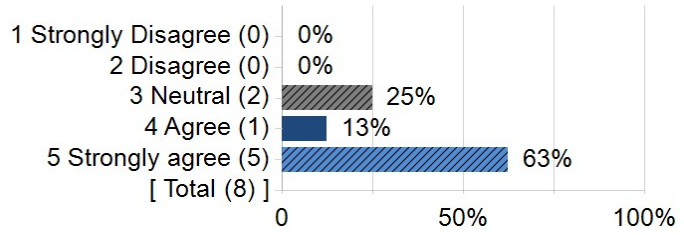

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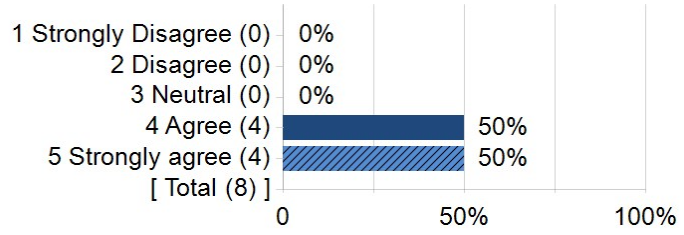

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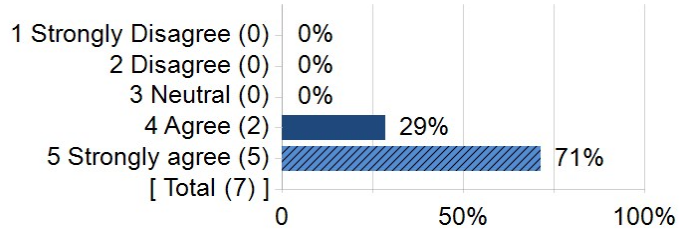

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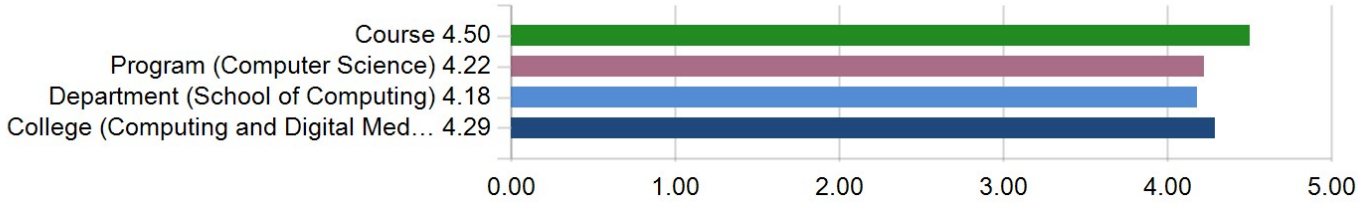

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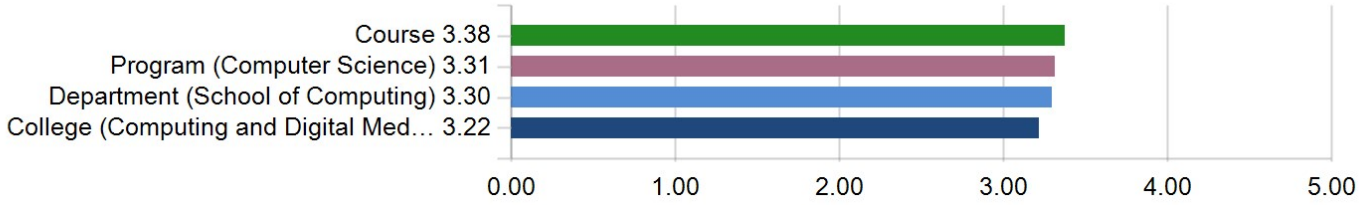

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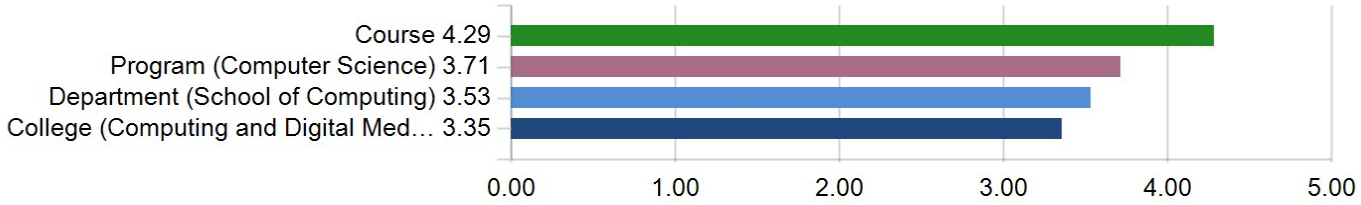

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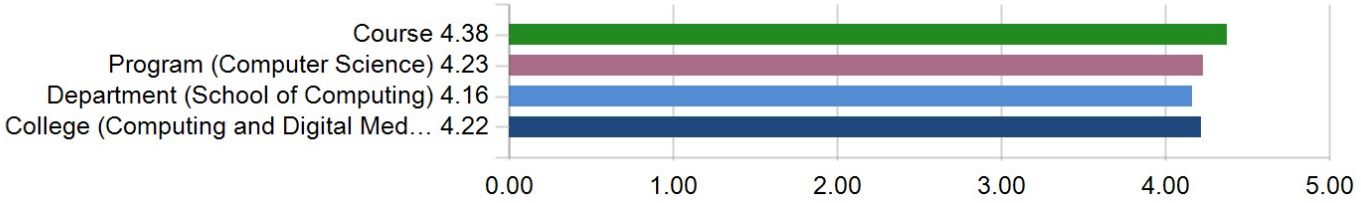

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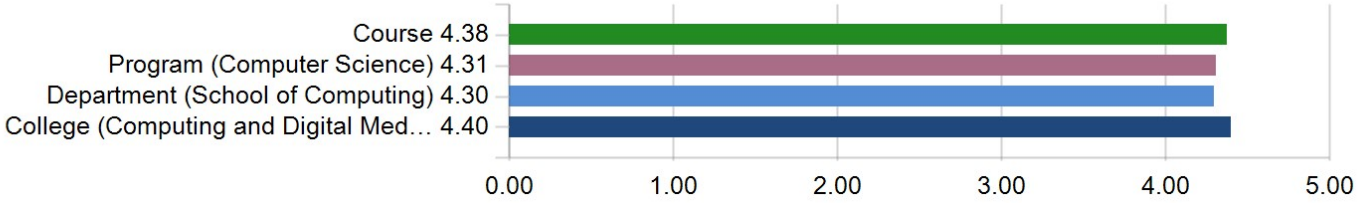

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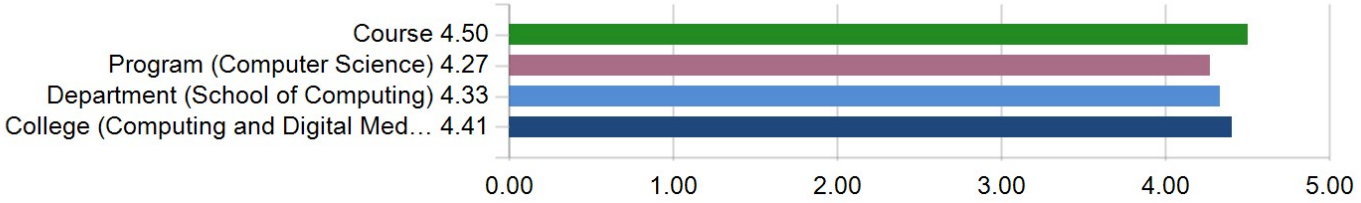

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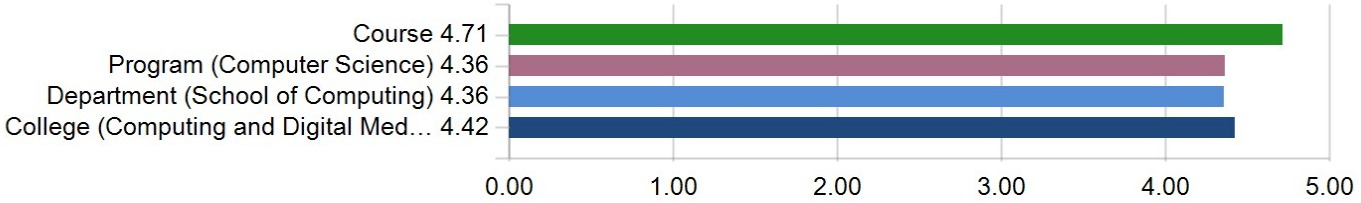

Open Ended Feedback By Question

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What suggestions do you have that could help improve the course?

Comments
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n/a
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Other comments?

Comments
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