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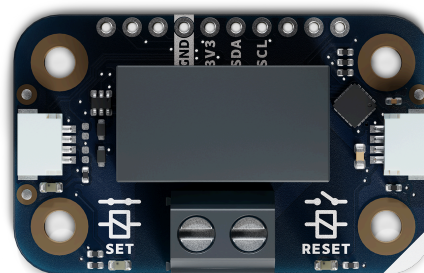
The Arduino® Modulino Latch Relay, powered by an on-board STM32C011F4 microcontroller, features an electromechanical bistable latching relay (HFE60/3-1HT-L2) capable of switching high-power loads. This setup enables both simple relay control via I2C and maintains its last state even when power is removed.

IMPORTANT SAFETY NOTE: This board is NOT SAFE for 250VAC switching and must only be used for DC loads (maximum 30V DC) due to exposed metal contacts.

Target Areas

Maker, beginner, education

Contents

1 Application Examples

- **DC Power Control** Switch DC motors, pumps, heaters, or lighting systems in automation projects with high current capacity.

- **Smart Home Automation** Control appliances and devices that require bistable switching, where maintaining state during power outages is critical.

- **Industrial Control** Implement safety interlocks or control systems where the relay state must be maintained regardless of control system power status.

2 Features

- **Electromechanical bistable latching relay** (HFE60/3-1HT-L2) that maintains state without power.
- Integrated **STM32C011F4** microcontroller providing I2C interface by default.
- **Dual coil design** with SET and RESET functionality controlled via I2C.
- Designed for **3.3V** operation via the Qwiic connector (I2C).

2.1 Contents

SKU	Name	Purpose	Quantity
ABX00138	Modulino® Latch Relay	Bistable relay for high-power switching	1
	I2C Qwiic cable	Compatible with the Qwiic standard	1

3 Related Products

- *SKU: ASX00027* - Arduino® Sensor Kit
- *SKU: K000007* - Arduino® Starter Kit
- *SKU: AKX00026* - Arduino® Oplà IoT Kit
- *SKU: AKX00069* - Arduino® Plug and Make Kit

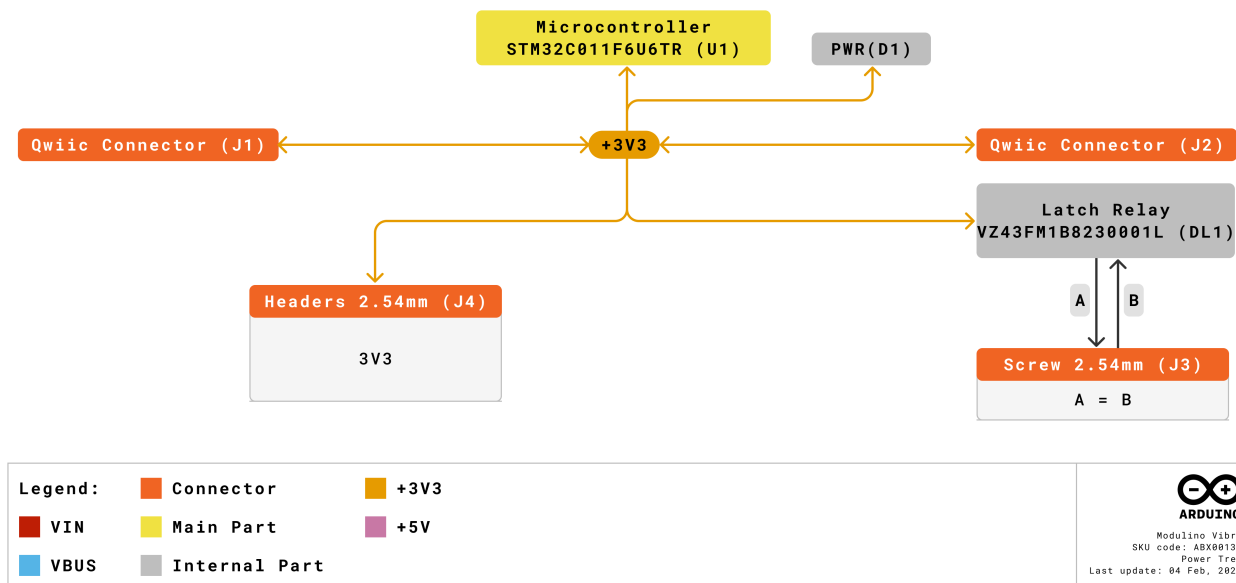## 4 Rating

4.1 Recommended Operating Conditions

- **Powered at 3.3 V** through the Qwiic interface (in accordance with the Qwiic standard)
- **Operating temperature:** -40 °C to +85 °C

Typical current consumption:

- Microcontroller: ~3.4mA
- Coil activation: ~100mA for 50ms (during switching only)

5 Power Tree

The power tree for the Modulino® node can be consulted below:

Modulino® Latch Relay Power Tree

6 Block Diagram

This module includes an STM32C011F4 microcontroller handling relay control via dual MOSFETs. The bistable relay maintains its state without continuous power. It communicates via I2C by default, but can be reprogrammed via SWD for custom functionality.
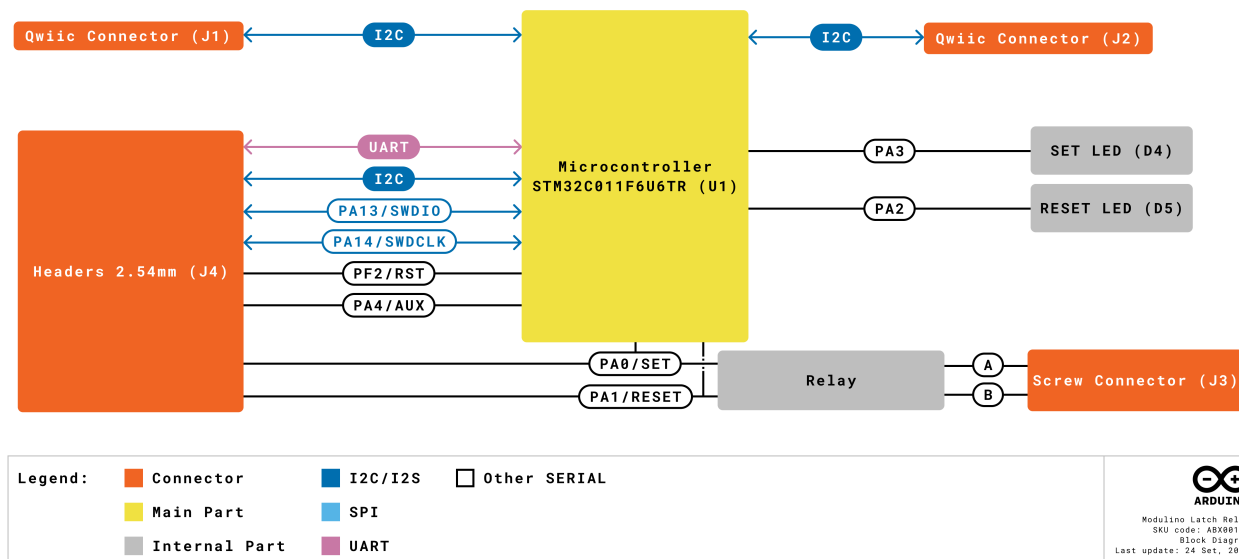
Modulino® Latch Relay Block Diagram

7 Functional Overview

The Modulino® Latch Relay features a bistable latching relay that retains its last state (OPEN/CLOSED) even when power is removed. The on-board STM32C011F4 controls dual N-MOSFETs (2N7002PS,115) that drive the SET and RESET coils. LED indicators show the current state, and the relay can switch DC loads up to 30V DC.

7.1 Technical Specifications (Module-Specific)

Specification	Details
Microcontroller	STM32C011F4
Relay Type	HFE60/3-1HT-L2 bistable latching
Supply Voltage	Rec: 3.3 V
Power Consumption	~3.4 mA idle, ~100 mA during switching
Coil Voltage	3 V nominal, 2.4 V min, 3.9 V max
Communication	I2C (Qwiic), SWD (reprogramming)

7.2 Pinout

1×10 Header

Pin	Function
PA0	SET Coil Control
PA1	RESET Coil Control
GND	Ground
3V3	3.3 V Power
PF2	RESET
SDA	I2C Data
SCL	I2C Clock
SWCLK	SWD Clock
SWDIO	SWD Data
PA4	Additional GPIO

Note:

- Never set both PA0 and PA1 HIGH simultaneously as this creates an undefined state.
- LED indicators: PA3 (SET yellow LED), PA2 (RESET red LED).

Pinout Overview

Function

PA0	SET	Coil
PA1	RESET	Coil
PF2	RESET	
GND		
3V3		
SDA		
SCL		
SWCLK	SWD Clock	
SWDIO	SWD Data	
PA4	Auxiliary Output	
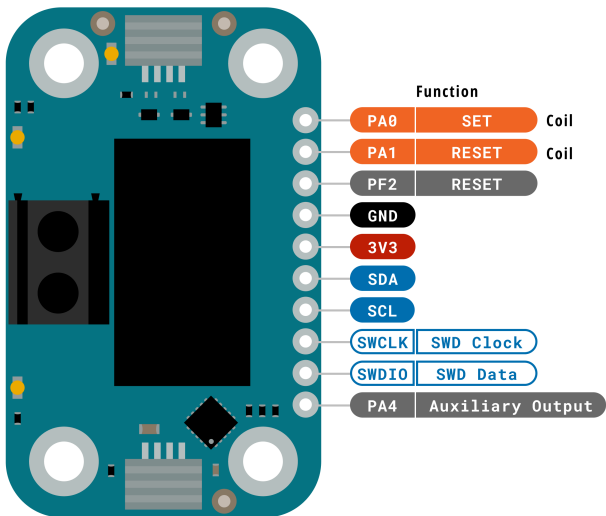
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- I2C
- Other SERIAL
- Power
- Analog
- SPI
- Analog
- Ground
- Main Part
- UART/USART
- PWM/Timer
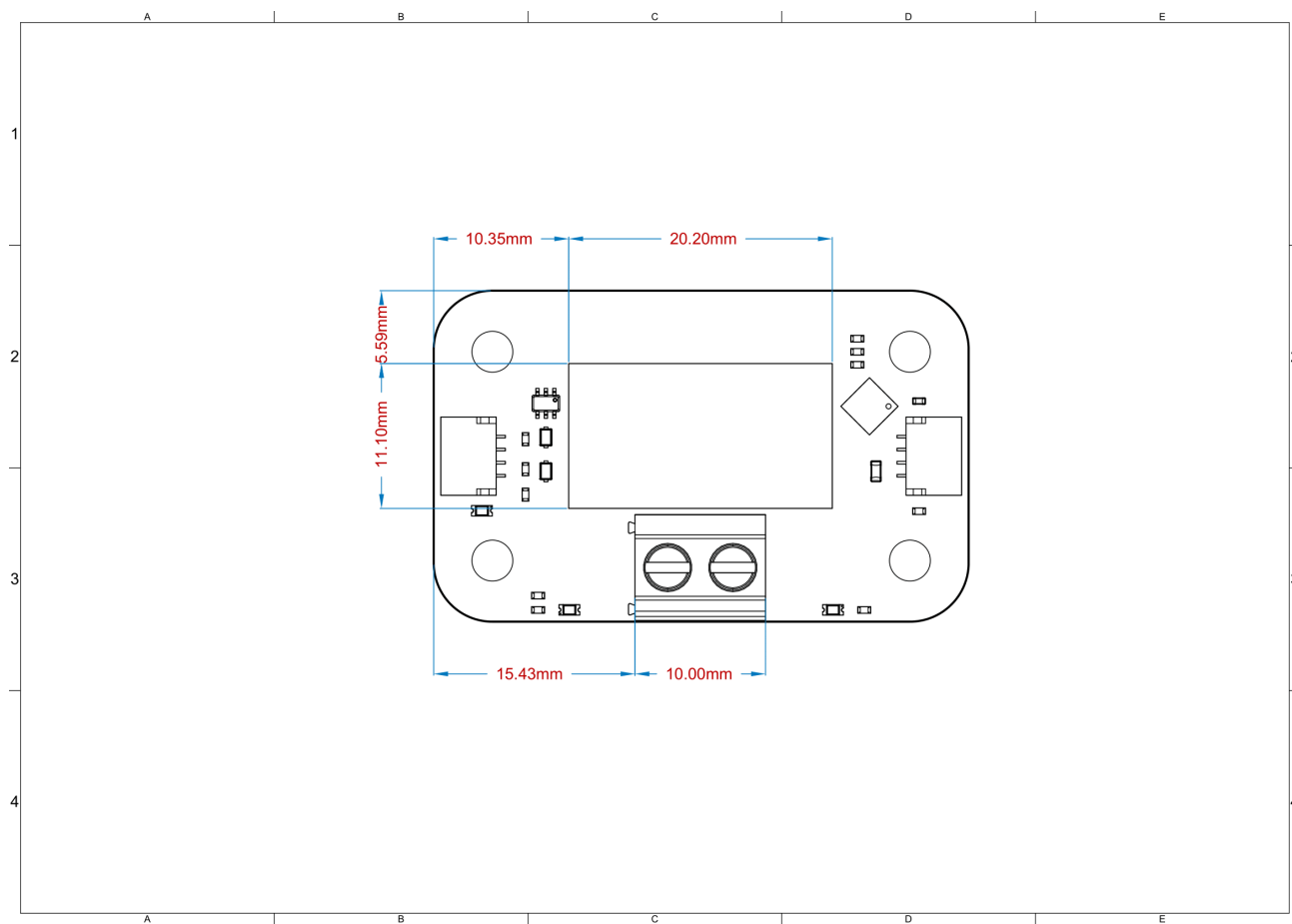
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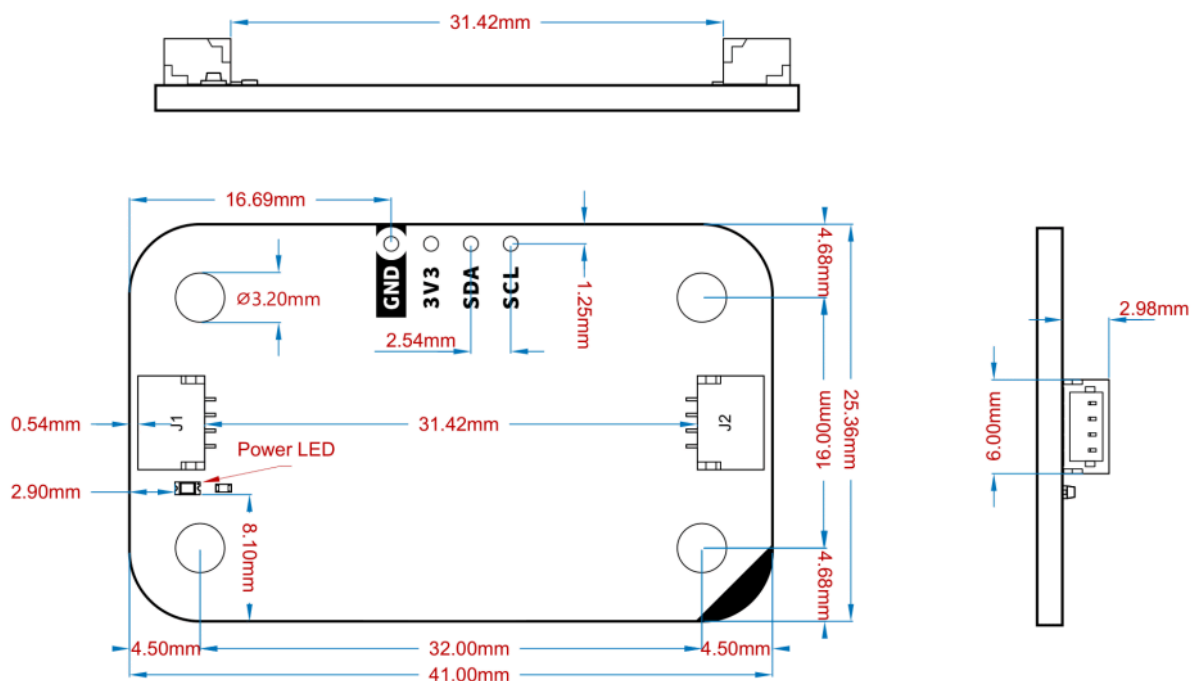Last update: 12 Set, 2025

7.3 Power Specifications

- **Nominal operating voltage:** 3.3 V via Qwiic

7.4 Mechanical Information

Modulino® Latch Relay Mechanical Information

- Board dimensions: 41 mm × 25.36 mm
- Thickness: 1.6 mm (±0.2 mm)
- Four mounting holes (⌀ 3.2 mm)
  - Hole spacing: 16 mm vertically, 32 mm horizontally

Modulino® Node Shape

7.5 I2C Address Reference

Board Silk Name	Sensor/Actuator	Modulino® I2C Address (HEX)	Editable Addresses (HEX)	Hardware I2C Address (HEX)
MODULINO LATCH RELAY	Bistable Latch Relay	0x2A	Any custom address (via software config.)	0x15

Note:

- Default I2C address is **0x2A**.
- A white rectangle on the bottom silk allows users to write a new address after reconfiguration.
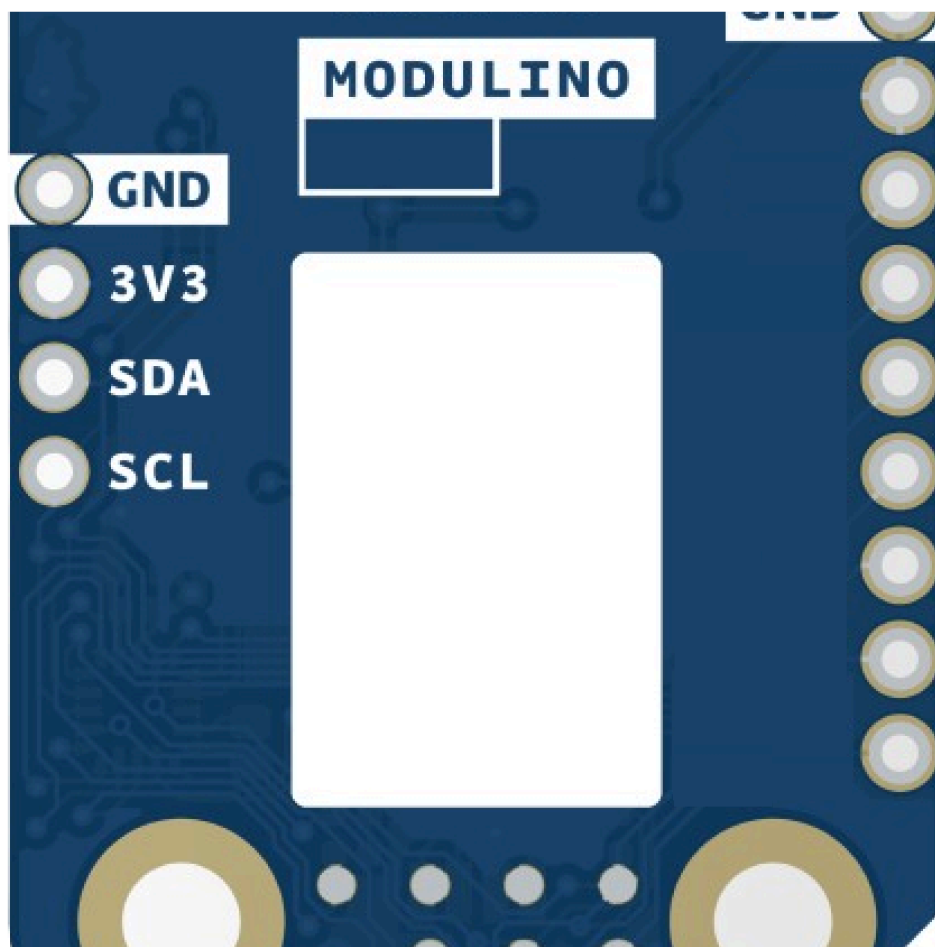
Blank silk for identification

7.5.1 Pull-up Resistors

This module has pads for optional I2C pull-up mounting in both data lines. No resistors are mounted by default but in case the resistors are needed 4.7 K resistors in an SMD 0402 format are recommended.
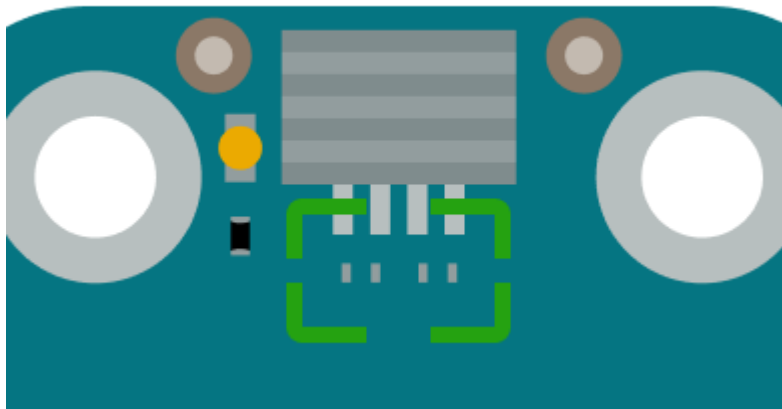
These are positioned near the Qwiic connector on the power LED side.

Generic pull-up resistor position

8 Device Operation

By default, the board is an I2C target device. It manages relay switching through integrated firmware that drives the SET and RESET coils via dual MOSFETs. The bistable nature means the relay maintains its state without continuous power. **DANGER: Never activate both SET and RESET coils simultaneously.**

8.1 Relay Control States

PA0 (SET)	PA1 (RESET)	Relay State
HIGH (≥50ms)	LOW	CLOSED (Latched)
LOW	HIGH (≥50ms)	OPEN (Latched)
LOW	LOW	No change
HIGH	HIGH	**DANGER - UNDEFINED**

Important Safety Warning

The board NODE36 RELAY ABX00138 IS NOT SAFE TO BE USED WHILE SWITCHING AC LOADS AND MUST ONLY BE USED TO SWITCH DC LOADS.

Maximum DC voltage: 30V

Certifications

9 Certifications Summary

Certification	Status
CE/RED (Europe)	Yes
UKCA (UK)	Yes
FCC (USA)	Yes
IC (Canada)	Yes
RoHS	Yes
REACH	Yes
WEEE	Yes

10 Declaration of Conformity CE DoC (EU)

We declare under our sole responsibility that the products above are in conformity with the essential requirements of the following EU Directives and therefore qualify for free movement within markets comprising the European Union (EU) and European Economic Area (EEA).

11 Declaration of Conformity to EU RoHS & REACH 211 01/19/2021

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Substance	Maximum limit (ppm)
Lead (Pb)	1000
Cadmium (Cd)	100
Mercury (Hg)	1000
Hexavalent Chromium (Cr6+)	1000
Poly Brominated Biphenyls (PBB)	1000
Poly Brominated Diphenyl ethers (PBDE)	1000
Bis(2-Ethylhexyl) phthalate (DEHP)	1000
Benzyl butyl phthalate (BBP)	1000
Dibutyl phthalate (DBP)	1000
Diisobutyl phthalate (DIBP)	1000

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12 FCC WARNING

This device complies with part 15 of the FCC Rules.

Operation is subject to the following two conditions:

(1) This device may not cause harmful interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

13 IC Caution

This device complies with Industry Canada licence-exempt RSS standard(s).

Operation is subject to the following two conditions:

(1) This device may not cause interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference, including interference that may cause undesired operation of the device.

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Reference Documentation

Ref	Link
Arduino IDE (Desktop)	https://www.arduino.cc/en/software/
Arduino Courses	https://www.arduino.cc/education/courses
Arduino Documentation	https://docs.arduino.cc/
Arduino IDE (Cloud)	https://create.arduino.cc/editor
Cloud IDE Getting Started	https://docs.arduino.cc/cloud/web-editor/tutorials/getting-started/getting-started-web-editor
Project Hub	https://projecthub.arduino.cc/
Library Reference	https://github.com/arduino-libraries/
Online Store	https://store.arduino.cc/

Revision History

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01/07/2025	1	First release