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- Refrain from posting questions that contain threats, obscenity, material that would violate the law if published here, abusive, defamatory or sexually explicit material.
- Submissions containing the following will be deleted:
  - Contains obscene or threatening language or discrimination (hate speech) based on race, sex, gender, religion, national origin, age, or disability.
  - Promotes services or products (not including non-commercial links that are relevant to the topic)
  - Includes any personal or sensitive information (phone numbers, email or postal addresses)
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