

International Baccalaureate Malmö Borgarskola





Malmö Borgarskola provides a quality education with an international perspective. Our vision is to help people to develop into responsible and reflective individuals who seize opportunities and develop them to the full.

We offer a full range of study programmes, many with an international dimension, in Natural Sciences, Social Sciences, Commerce and Economics as well as the International Baccalaureate. Our students regularly participate worldwide at a high level in sporting and academic activities ranging from competitions to exchanges to specialist advanced courses.

On the IB Diploma Programme our well-educated and experienced staff, together with our very motivated students combine to create an excellent environment for study and personal development.

Why not take the opportunity to study an excellent international education that is well known throughout the world.

We welcome applications from both within Sweden and internationally to join our school.

Nicola Sarac, Rector

IB – the Gateway to Higher Education & the World

AN ACADEMIC PROGRAMME leading to an IB Diploma, the IB is offered at more than 2450 schools worldwide.

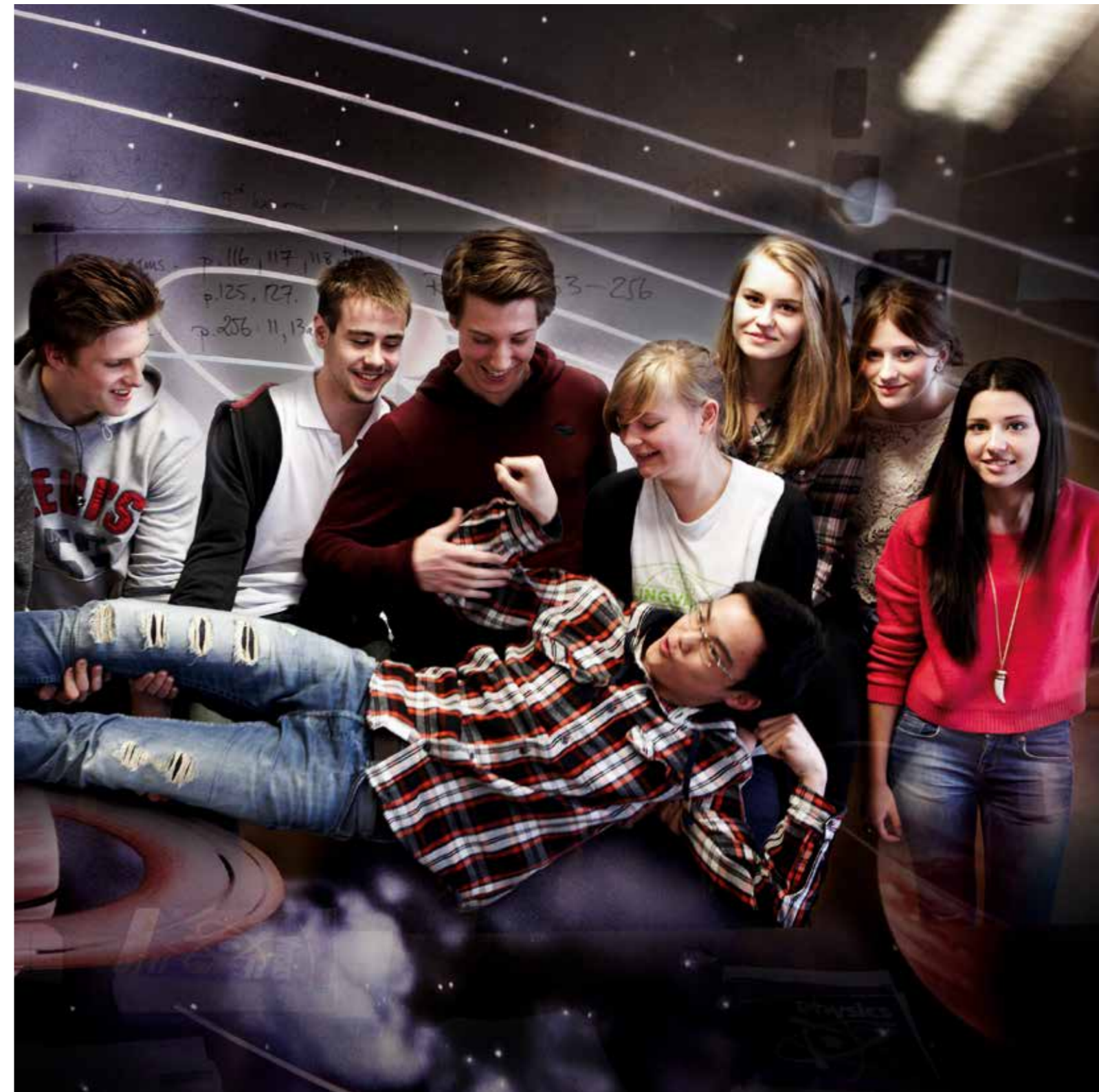
A RECOGNISED INDICATOR of academic excellence, the IB Diploma is awarded after examinations in the third year and is highly regarded by university admissions officers worldwide.

ONE OF THE BIGGEST IB SCHOOLS IN SCANDINAVIA, Malmö Borgarskola has taught the IB programme since 1994 with outstanding results.

OUR WORLD CLASS RESULTS are due to our many years of experience and a combination of highly-qualified teachers and strongly motivated students. Our staff participate in regular professional development seminars organised by the International Baccalaureate Organisation and several have been appointed as examiners.

OUR GRADUATES nearly all continue to higher education, studying at top universities such as Oxford, Cambridge, London School of Economics, Imperial College, Durham, Warwick, St Andrews, Harvard, Yale, Handels Stockholm as well as medical schools in Sweden and abroad.

OUR THREE YEAR PROGRAMME is divided into a pre-IB year which is the equivalent of year 10 in international schools or year one in the Swedish gymnasium system followed by two IB Diploma years where class sizes are around 20.



Pre-DP

LAYING THE GROUND FOR YOUR FUTURE SUCCESS The pre-IB is a one-year course prior to the actual IB Diploma Programme. Here you follow a course of study which is similar to the Social Science Programme in the Swedish system making it possible for you to change to another programme should you not wish to continue with the IB.

The aim of pre-DP is to prepare you for the challenge of the diploma, developing your academic and language skills, getting you ready to study a broad range of subjects in English.

Subjects	Hours
First language, Swedish or English	100
Foreign language, English or Swedish	100
Foreign language, French, German or Spanish	80
History	70
Social Sciences	90
Theory of Knowledge	20
General Science	
Biology	85
Chemistry	55
Physics	50
Mathematics	115
Physical Education/Action	90



IB Diploma Programme

THE IB DIPLOMA IS WELL REGARDED BY UNIVERSITIES WORLD-WIDE The International Baccalaureate is a comprehensive and rigorous two-year curriculum, leading to an IB Diploma. The general objectives of the IB are to provide students with a balanced education to facilitate geographic and cultural mobility and to

promote international understanding through a shared academic excellence. The IB Diploma is well regarded by universities world-wide. Malmö Borgarskola offers the following IB subjects:

- Group 1** Studies in language & literature: English, Swedish, Self-Taught (SL)
- Group 2** Language acquisition: English, French, German, Spanish
- Group 3** Individuals and Societies: Economics, History, Psychology, Business and Management, Global Politics
- Group 4** Experimental Sciences: Biology, Physics, Chemistry, Environmental Systems and Societies
- Group 5** Mathematics: Mathematics HL, Mathematics SL, Mathematical Studies SL
- Group 6** Electives: Theatre, or an additional subject from group 2, 3 or 4

Full course descriptions can be found at www.ib.malmoborgarskola.se

One subject must be chosen from each of the groups shown above. For students wanting to study medicine or dentistry it is possible to study three sciences and leave out a group 3 subject.





What is the Diploma Programme?

You choose six subjects from the groups above. Three subjects will be studied at Higher level and three at Standard level. At both Higher and Standard level each subject is graded on a scale of 1 to 7 where 7 is the maximum. The award of the diploma requires a minimum total of 24 points. Good Extended Essays and Theory of Knowledge Essays may give the student 3 bonus points and therefore the maximum score is 45 points. Students holding the diploma are accepted by universities worldwide.

EXTENDED ESSAY is an essay of 4000 words in an IB subject of your choice, providing an excellent opportunity to undertake original research and learn more about a topic of special interest to you. The essay is assessed by an external examiner.

THEORY OF KNOWLEDGE (TOK) is a subject which aims to train your critical thinking. Issues from the fields of Logic, Ethics and Philosophy are discussed. TOK is graded in the form of an essay that is submitted and externally assessed and an internally assessed oral presentation.

CREATIVITY, ACTION AND SERVICE (CAS) aims to let you experience the importance of life outside school. Creativity and Action should play an equal part with Service in the CAS programme. CAS should challenge you and help you develop a spirit of discovery and self-reliance as well as encouraging new skills and interests and a sense of responsibility towards all members of the community.

World Class Examination Results

Outstanding IB Diploma scores are consistently achieved by our graduating students. Almost every year we have one or more students with a perfect score of 45 and several in the 40 plus range. 40 points in the IB Diploma corresponds to 20 points in the Swedish national system.

2009:

- Our average 37.6 / World average 29

- 40% gained 40 or more / 5% worldwide

- 78% awarded a distinguished pass of 37 points or more

Year	No. Candidates	Mean Score
1997-2004	57 (average)	36.0 (average)
2005	74	37.4
2006	66	36.5
2007	65	37.3
2008	67	36.0
2009	76	37.6
2010	74	36.2
2011	70	35.2
2012	79	34.8
2013	69	34.0
2014	104	34.6

Conversion from IB grades to Swedish and Danish final grades

IB	SE	DK
24	13.5	3.1
25	13.95	3.7
26	14.5	4.3
27	15.03	4.8
28	15.31	5.4
29	15.7	5.9
30	16.04	6.4
31	16.6	6.8
32	17.18	7.2
33	17.5	7.7
34	18.11	8.1
35	18.49	8.4
36	18.95	8.8
37	19.31	9.1
38	19.55	9.5
39	19.83	9.8
40	20.0	10.1
41	20.0	10.4
42	20.0	10.6
43	20.0	10.9
44	20.0	11.2
45	20.0	12.0

Styrelsen for International Uddannelse, 2010

Högskoleverket, 2010

Merit points in the Swedish system can be attained by choosing appropriate subject combinations

Tell Us About Your Time at Malmö Borgarskola



Name: Philip Ahlgren **Graduated:** 2008

Currently: Handelshögskolan in Stockholm, did an exchange term in Hong Kong

"By choosing the IB Programme at Malmö Borgarskola I also chose the international arena. Whether you want to do your undergraduate studies abroad, work abroad or maybe do an MBA abroad you have evidence of a quality high school education that is recognised worldwide.

As a student at one of the world's leading IB schools you get the absolute best teachers who aim for the best results together with their students. This unique relationship gives you as a student fantastic opportunities to meet the academic goals you need to get into top universities. My IB studies have helped get me to Handelshögskolan, studies in Hong Kong and a investment bank in London."

Name: Sofia Thorell **Graduated:** 2008

Currently: Studying Medicine at St Andrews University in Scotland



"I have great memories of my time at Malmö Borgarskola's IB Programme. It's a world class IB school that really helps you to succeed academically and prepare you for studies at the next level. Four years after graduating I still meet old friends from Borgar where the atmosphere and esprit de corps among the students really was something special. I'm at St Andrews now but I've also studied at Villanova University in Philadelphia, USA after getting a Wallenberg stipendium in 2008. All of this thanks to Malmö Borgarskola!"

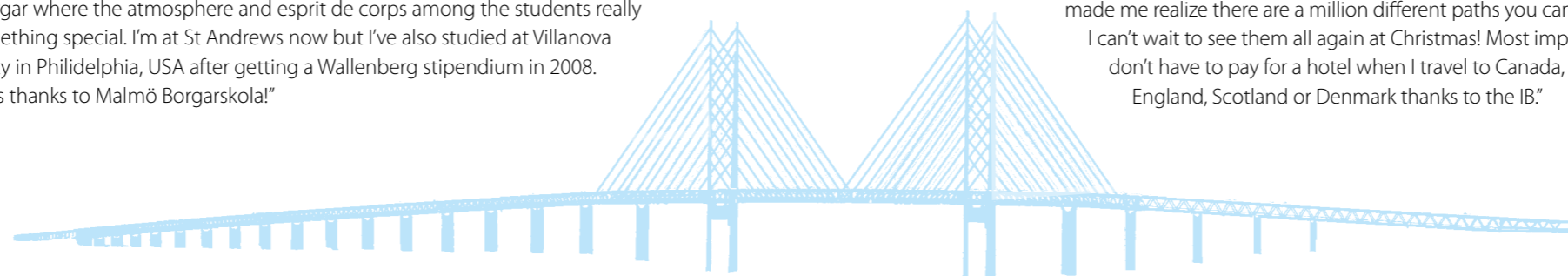
Name: Sebastian Röiing **Graduated:** 2011 **Currently:** King's College, Cambridge

"As both a Borgar and an IB student I can only say that this is the absolute best combination both in terms of education and having a great time at gymnasium. The IB programme gives you the skills you need for your studies later, and it certainly is cool that people all over the world know that the IB stands for high standards! Being encouraged to join in activities outside the classroom is another great advantage of Borgarskolan and here you have loads of chances to get involved in all sorts of activities."



Name: Anja Cecilia Nilsson **Graduated:** 2011 **Currently:** Harvard University, Boston

"There is no question that Borgar, and the IB program, offer their students unparalleled avenues for academic success, from math and science Olympiads to international Model United Nations and European Youth Parliament sessions. That alone would convince me to apply to Borgar again if I had the chance. What I find more important though is that the IB program and the atmosphere of Borgarskolan leave you with a sense of independence and maturity in life outside of academics. The IB with time forces you to become more self-disciplined with your studies, to study for yourself (this sounds scary now, but all of us go through it!), which has been the best preparation possible for my studies at Harvard. Lastly, my friends and classmates in the IB with all their diverse interests, backgrounds and goals made me realize there are a million different paths you can take through life and I can't wait to see them all again at Christmas! Most importantly though, I now don't have to pay for a hotel when I travel to Canada, China, Singapore, England, Scotland or Denmark thanks to the IB."





Admissions

Malmö Borgarskola is a state-funded school so there are no fees for residents of Sweden or Denmark.

Students in Sweden Use the general application form and send to the address below before February 1 or submit your application through the internet.

www.gymnasieansokan.se

Utbildningsförvaltningen, Gymnasieintagningen

Box 17195, S-20010 Malmö

Overseas students Malmö Borgarskola welcomes international applications. You are invited to apply directly to the school by downloading the application form from our website and mailing it to us. Please, also include transcripts from your current school and send the application to the address below. The application should ideally have reached us by February 1 for admission in August the same year.

After receipt of the application you will be invited to sit entrance tests in Mathematics, English and perhaps in one or two additional subjects.

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Requirements for IB programme applicants:

First Year: Nine years of school (corresponding to 9th Grade of Swedish Comprehensive School)

Second Year: Completed education from the 10th grade in international schools

Good written and spoken English

Passing test results in Mathematics and English



More than 1 million students

By 2014 more than 1 million International Baccalaureate students will have participated in the IB Diploma Programme, and more than 120,000 Diploma Programme students will be entering university each year.

Skilled thinkers

The IB Diploma Programme is exceptionally strong in the areas of key cognitive strategies, *problem solving, critical thinking, analysis, research* and *writing skills*. Through the IB curriculum IB students develop the ability to interpret, analyse, think critically and present arguments. They learn to question and reflect on what they know. They also learn to research, write and present what they have learned.

The IB assessment tasks evaluate students' ability to think and process what they know rather than to simply memorise facts.

Recent studies confirm that IB students perform well and have significantly higher grade point averages and higher graduation rates than students who did not complete the IB Diploma Programme. Scores on IB assessments are a significant predictor of performance at university.

Universities around the world say IB students are 'well prepared'

In a survey of 150 university faculty and admissions staff from the UK, the IB Diploma Programme was rated higher than other qualifications based on the breadth of the curriculum, development of *critical thinking, time-management* and *communication skills*, and *motivation of the students*.

- 97% were satisfied the Diploma Programme prepares students for university.
- 96% favoured a broad curriculum of the type IB offers.

Why do universities value IB students?

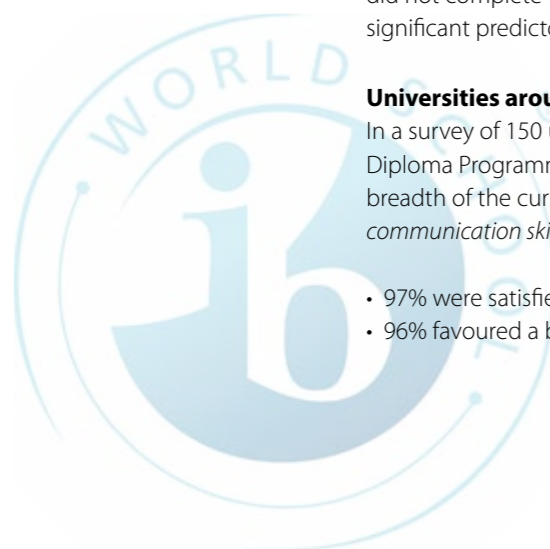
- IB students are prepared for academic success.
- IB students are more likely than others to enroll in and graduate from selective higher education institutions.
- Based on their experiences, IB students possess a broader range of skills that enhance their ability to adapt and contribute to university life.
- IB students demonstrate a level of emotional and intellectual maturity for managing the demands of challenging coursework and make meaningful contributions.
- They have extensive experience in doing independent research and presenting what they have learned through presentations, papers and other projects.
- They think critically and draw on diverse perspectives that reflect an international outlook.
- Participation in the IB Diploma Programme shows that students have excelled in multiple and diverse academic challenges and *is a strong predictor for success in university*.

“Diploma Programme students are well-rounded, multifaceted, multiskilled and have studied in depth. They have good time-management skills. They score higher than students in other national systems, and the IB score is worldwide the same measure.

Hrilina Lock, undergraduate admissions manager,
London School of Economics, UK

“IB is well known to us as excellent preparation. Success in an IB programme correlates well with success at Harvard. We are pleased to see the credential of the IB Diploma Programme on the transcript.

Marlyn McGrath Lewis, assistant dean of admissions,
Harvard University, USA





'I've been helped tremendously, not only with the application but with the process afterwards. Filling out an application may seem easy but you're bound to get stuck somewhere. Anytime I felt uncertain Lois or Stuart would clarify everything for me; from what grades to fill in to interpreting offers from the universities. I don't know what I would have done without their help and I'm really grateful for it.'

Josefin Nilsson, IB graduate 2010, admitted to MA in Psychology and Linguistics at Edinburgh University

Education UK

UK universities have an excellent reputation for providing a quality education recognised by employers around the world. This, in addition to the unique experience of student life in the UK, makes study here a firm favourite for Scandinavian students wishing to study abroad.

We have a long tradition of preparing students for university studies in the UK with around 40 applicants each year. University admissions officers, with whom we have close contact, confirm the advantages of the IB Diploma; they know that its breadth and depth as well as emphasis on self discipline and planning give you an excellent basis for university studies. Past students report being very well prepared for the first year at university.

Our Education UK centre is manned by Stuart Cameron and Lois Petersson, both from the UK and with many years experience of university guidance. You can get to know the universities as they visit us throughout the year.

At Malmö Borgarskola you will receive unique help with your application and personal statement including interview practice. We are also the test centre for the south of Sweden for the entrance tests to top institutions such as Oxford, Cambridge, UCL, LSE and the medical schools.

Education USA

Our Education USA centre is part of a global network of more than 450 advisory centres supported by the US State Department. We offer accurate, comprehensive, objective and timely information about higher educational opportunities in the United States and provide specialist guidance to qualified individuals on how best to apply. During the year we are visited by a number of the universities so you will have a chance to get to know them. The centre is staffed by our two professional advisors, Josefin Burge and Carol Lundgren, who have extensive experience in placing our students. At Malmö Borgarskola we administer the SAT. This is an US university entrance test.





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