Unlocking the

UNIDIR Cyber Policy Portal

A Comprehensive User Guide

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Foreword

Since its launch in January 2019, the UNIDIR Cyber Policy Portal (CPP) has diligently mapped the cyber policy landscapes of all 193 UN Member States, alongside key Intergovernmental Organisations and multi-stakeholder and other initiatives. The roots of the CPP extend to 2013 with publication of UNIDIR's *Cyber Index: International Security Trends and Realities*.

Originally designed to provide a comprehensive overview of cyber activities at national, regional, and international levels in a period of rapid evolution in cybersecurity policy, the Cyber Index underscored the pressing need for a dynamic digital resource to continuously update policymakers with information on cybersecurity issues. This is how the vision for UNIDIR's Cyber Policy Portal was born.

The CPP has garnered broad recognition across UN Member States, Regional Organisations as well as UN processes focused on International Security in ICTs. In an era where the digital and physical worlds increasingly intersect amid global tensions, tools promoting transparency and fostering trust among nations are essential. Drawing upon years of data collection and development informed by consultations with policymakers and the cyber community, the CPP meets this demand with advanced functionalities designed for easy access and availability in all official languages of the United Nations.

We trust this booklet will assist you in navigating the tool and take advantage of all the great features it offers. Access thousands of concise summaries covering strategies, policies, legislations, cooperative initiatives, and more. Dive into a repository of hundreds of PDF documents available in over 50 languages, and explore insights into hundreds of capacity-building projects. Additionally, access the Survey of National Implementation of the 2015 GGE recommendations to take stock of your national progress and, if you so wish, to share your national practices through your national profile on the CPP, supporting transparency and information sharing.

In navigating today's intricate digital landscape, we believe the UNIDIR Cyber Policy Portal stands as an essential tool for charting these critical waters, facilitating cooperation and trust in cyberspace.

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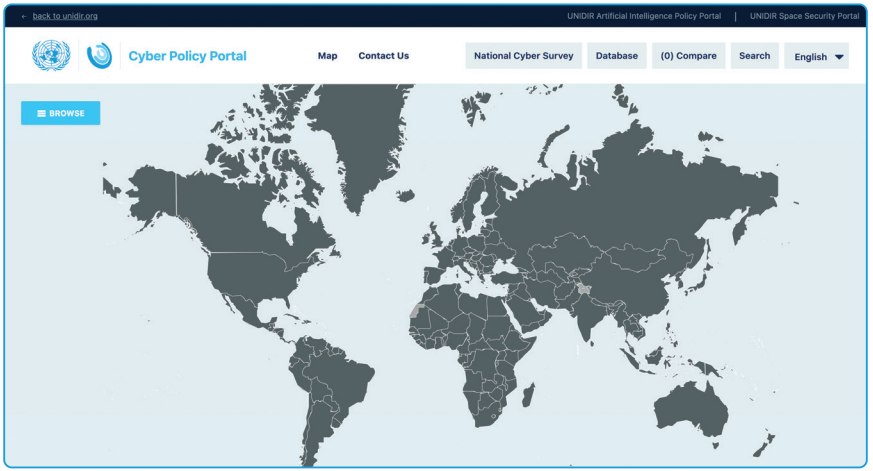
Where can I explore the cybersecurity policy landscape of all United Nations Member States?

Launched in 2019, the Cyber Policy Portal of the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR) serves as a comprehensive online reference tool, providing detailed profiles of all 193 UN Member States. It acts as a central hub for information on each country's cybersecurity policy documents, responsible agencies and departments, legal frameworks, and cooperation efforts. The Portal offers insights into the cybersecurity policy landscape through main categories and various subcategories within each profile. It also includes information on Intergovernmental Organisations, multi-stakeholder instruments, and other initiatives. As a confidence-building tool, it seeks to facilitate informed participation by all relevant stakeholders in policy processes and to enhance trust, transparency, and cooperation in cyberspace.



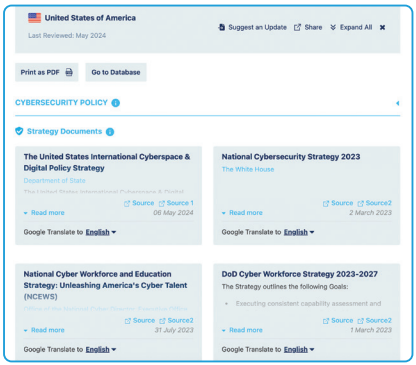
> The UNIDIR Cyber Policy Portal is a go-to resource for understanding the multilateral cyber policy landscape. It is not only easy to use and navigate, but rich with information to support meaningful analysis that ultimately informs better policymaking.
>
> **Katherine Prizeman**, Political Affairs Officer, United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA)

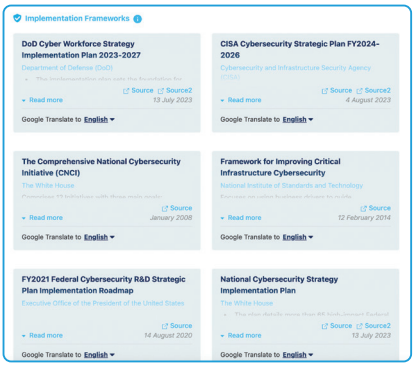
What information is available on the Portal?

Each country profile on the Portal includes information on cyber policy landscape of the country divided in categories, such as **Cybersecurity Policy, Structures, Legislative Frameworks, and Cooperation**.

Where can I find information about national cybersecurity strategies and implementation frameworks?

The **Cybersecurity Policy** category provides detailed information on each country's national cybersecurity strategies and policies, including those currently being in the development stages. Within this category, sub-categories include strategy documents, official documents designed to outline state positions, policies, and strategies to address cybersecurity and cybersecurity-related matters. Additionally, implementation frameworks subcategory features execution plans that States have adopted to meet their national cyber policy objectives. These frameworks encompass guideline documents as well as standards frameworks at the state level.



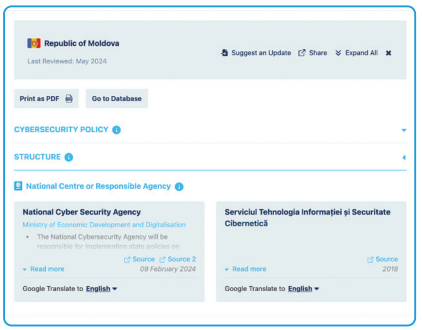


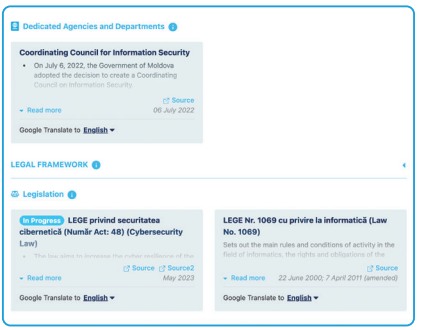
> Ever since the launch of the Cyber Policy Portal, I have been particularly impressed by the information opportunities this tool can offer cybersecurity experts and cybersecurity enthusiasts. I believe Portal facilitates the identification of best practices and formulation of effective cybersecurity strategies. Moreover, countries seeking to enhance their national position in this field can explore the tool to find lessons learned about building efficient public institutions while incorporating the latest cybersecurity standards.
>
> **Corina Moroi**, First Secretary, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Moldova to the United Nations, New York

Where can I find information about the government agencies responsible for cybersecurity? Is this available on the Portal?

On the Portal, you can find information about relevant **Structures**, which include National Centers or Responsible Agencies, Key Positions, Dedicated Agencies, Departments, and CERT or CSIRT.

It provides comprehensive information on the National Centre or Responsible Agency, which serves as the primary nodal entity for formulating and/or implementing the State's cyber policy. You will also find details on Key Positions pertinent to the cyber policy of the State and its implementation. Additionally, it covers Dedicated Agencies and Departments, including the Agencies, Ministries, Departments, and other entities (and their subdivisions) tasked with supporting and implementing the State's cyber policy. Furthermore, information is available on the National Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT) or Computer Security Incident Response Team (CSIRT), which are the designated teams responsible for addressing cybersecurity threats and incidents at the State level.

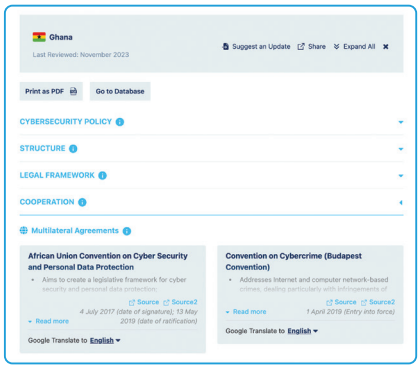




Where can I access information on whether a country has published its position on the applicability of International Law to cyberspace?

The **Legal Framework** section outlines relevant legislation of each country and includes the Views on International Law category, which details the State's position on the application of international law to cyberspace, if available.

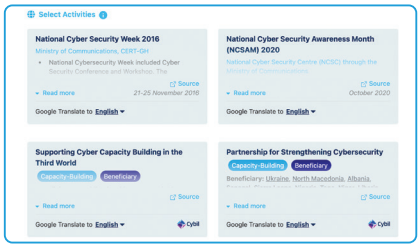
I would like to learn more about cooperation activities of a specific country. Can I find this information on the Portal?



The existing cooperation initiatives involving a specific country are categorised under **Cooperation**. This category features several subcategories, including Multilateral Agreements, UN processes, Bilateral and Multilateral Cooperation, Select Activities, and information on Membership in Intergovernmental Organisations.

The Multilateral Agreements subcategory features international treaties focused on cyber policy issues. Under UN Processes, you can explore key dialogues and policy processes also related to cyber matters. The Bilateral and Multilateral Cooperation subcategory provides insights into both legally binding and non-legally binding agreements, dialogues, and exercises concerning cyber policy that the State has engaged in with other states. Lastly, the Select Activities subcategory highlights specific activities and engagement efforts undertaken by the State, such as trainings and other initiatives related to cyber policy.

Where can I find information about past and current capacity-building projects?



In the Select Activities subcategory of the **Cooperation** section, the Portal provides comprehensive information on capacity building initiatives. In addition to already existing information on the Portal, it also features hundreds of capacity building projects transferred from GFCE Cybil Portal to UNIDIR Cyber Policy Portal. These initiatives are easily identifiable by the Cybil logo displayed in their summaries. Additionally, the Portal's Filter feature allows users to specifically search for information related to capacity building initiatives. We invite States to highlight additional capacity building projects that have been implemented or received by using the dedicated section on the Survey of National Implementation.

Do you map which countries provide or receive capacity-building support?

The Select Activities provide comprehensive details about the **capacity building projects**, indicating whether the country is a **beneficiary** or a **funder**. The information also includes a complete list of both the beneficiaries and the funders involved. Additionally, it provides the project's start and end dates, along with a direct link to the initiative. The Filter feature also allows for easy access to detailed information on the beneficiaries and funders of these initiatives.

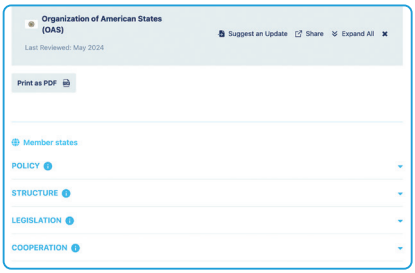
> Capacity building is too important for us to work in duplicative or isolated silos and this cooperation serves as a model for leveraging the strengths of each of our platforms and communities to help countries get the information and help they need.
>
> **Chris Painter**, President, Global Forum on Cyber Expertise (GFCE) Foundation Board

Where can I find information about the efforts of Intergovernmental Organisations in cyberspace?

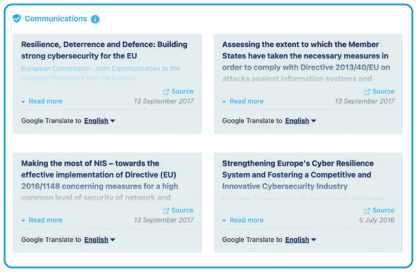
The UNIDIR Cyber Policy Portal also hosts profiles for several Intergovernmental Organisations, such as the African Union (AU), the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), the European Union (EU), the Organization of American States (OAS) and the United Nations among others.

> The UNIDIR Cyber Policy Portal is an extremely useful tool to have at our disposal, as it provides easy access to a great deal of relevant information regarding the global landscape as it relates to policies and other data. Features such as the interactive map that allows quick access to countries and facilitates the search for other partners are valuable to our member states and to those of us at the Cybersecurity Program within the Inter-American Committee against Terrorism (CICTE) of the Organization of American States (OAS). We congratulate UNIDIR on this initiative.
>
> **Kerry-Ann Barrett**, Cybersecurity Program Manager, Organization of American States (OAS)

I'm interested in exploring the strategies of Intergovernmental Organisations. Is this information available on the Portal?



The profile of the Intergovernmental Organisations (IGOs) encompasses detailed information on its **Policy, Structure, Legislation, and Cooperative** efforts. Within the **Policy** category, the information is divided into three main types of documents: Strategy Documents, Communications, and Other Documents. In the Strategy Documents section, you will find documents outlining IGO's policy plans, priorities, and principles in cybersecurity and cybersecurity-related matters.



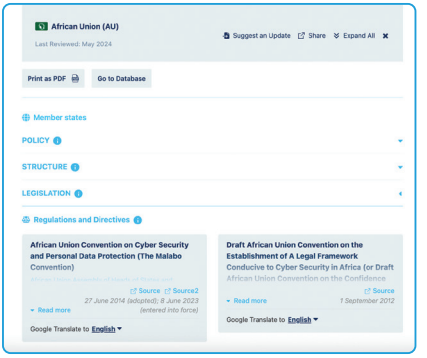
The Communications section features statements from the organisation or its agencies, detailing positions, commitments, action plans, and obligations related to cyber policy. In the Other Documents you'll find guidelines that establish frameworks, approaches, and best practices in cyber policy.

Can I also find information on agency responsible for cybersecurity issues within the organisation?

Like the individual country profiles, the profile for each Intergovernmental Organisation details the **Structures** in place, including relevant Specialised Agencies and Key Positions. The Specialised Agencies include the official nodal agencies within the organisation, either established or proposed, tasked with supporting cyber policy-related processes. Examples include Regional Computer Emergency Response Teams (CERTs), Cybercrime Agencies, Committees, and any Joint Units established within the organisation. Key Positions include positions pertinent to the organisation's cyber policy (or aspects thereof) and its implementation.

Does the Portal offer information on the regulations and directives adopted by Intergovernmental Organisations as part of their cyber policy efforts?

The Portal features Regulations and Directives adopted by the selected intergovernmental organisation, all of which are accessible under the **Legislation** category. This category also includes any views adopted by the **Intergovernmental Organisations** on the applicability of international law in cyberspace.



Does the Portal contain information on the cooperative initiatives undertaken by the Intergovernmental Organisation?

The Portal also features information on the cooperation initiatives of Intergovernmental Organisations, including relevant meetings such as conferences and dialogues concerning cyber policy matters. Additionally, this section covers external collaborations in which the organisation is involved, along with activities like joint exercises, training programs, and other initiatives related to cyber policy that the organisation undertakes.

Where can I learn more about Multistakeholder Instruments and Other Initiatives in the cyber sphere?

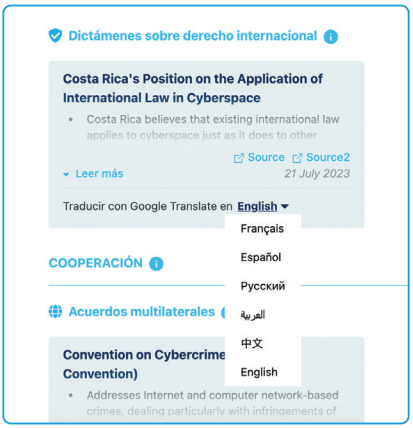
The Portal also includes section focusing on **Multistakeholder Instruments and Other Initiatives**. This section includes current multistakeholder initiatives in cyberspace, such as the Charter of Trust from Siemens, or the Paris Call for Trust and Security in Cyberspace, and other initiatives.

Does the UNIDIR Cyber Policy Portal include features for easy access to information?

The UNIDIR Cyber Policy Portal is equipped with several features designed to facilitate easy access to information. These include a **Search Function** that helps users quickly find specific topics or data. The Portal also features a **Filter Feature**, that allow users to narrow down the information by various criteria, making it simpler to locate relevant data. Additionally, there is a **Compare Feature** that enables users to directly compare cyber policy landscape of different countries or organisations, providing a comprehensive overview of global cyber policy landscape.

Is the information on the Portal available in any other UN official languages?

The Portal acknowledges the importance of making information globally accessible in cyberspace. It is available in **all UN official languages** – Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian, and Spanish. Both the Portal's interface and the individual summaries on the profiles have been translated. The interface translations were provided by the UN Translation Unit, while the summaries can be translated by users utilising the built-in translation feature. This ensures comprehensive accessibility for a diverse global audience.



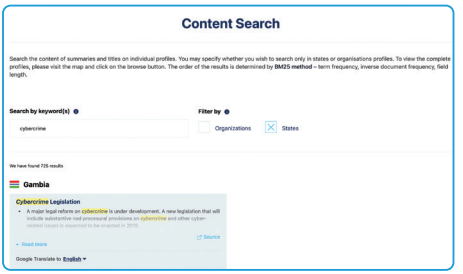
> The Portal's detailed information on the cyber policy landscape of all UN Member States enables Latin American countries to stay informed about global cyber trends, strategies, and policies. This fosters international cooperation, helps align national cyber policies with global standards, and ultimately enhances both regional and global cybersecurity resilience.
>
> **Ambassador Maritza Chan,** Permanent Representative of Costa Rica to the UN in New York, Chair of the First Committee, UNGA 79

How can I quickly access an overview of all strategies or countries that have released their position on the applicability of International Law in cyberspace?

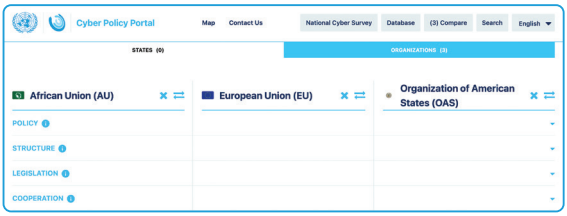
To easily find an overview of all strategies or countries that have released their positions on the applicability of international law in cyberspace, the Portal offers a **Filter Feature.** Located under the **Browse** option on the landing page, this tool allows for tailored searches, enabling quick and straightforward access to specific data. You can utilise this feature to filter by one or more of the sixteen available categories, such as strategy documents, views on international law, or legislation. Additionally, the filter function includes logical operators like “And” and “Or,” enhancing the precision of the search. This streamlined approach helps users navigate the vast information on the Portal efficiently, ensuring that they can quickly find the relevant information.

How can I find specific documents or information on the Portal?

The Portal features a **Content Search** function that enables users to locate specific documents and information by searching through summaries and titles in state and organisation profiles using keywords. Simply enter words or phrases relevant to your area of interest, and you can choose to narrow your search to either state profiles or organisation profiles. This targeted approach helps you quickly and efficiently find the information you need.



Is there an easy way to compare information between different States and Intergovernmental Organisations profiles?

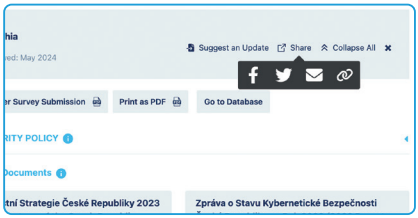


The Portal offers a **Compare Feature** that simplifies the process of conducting comparative analyses of cyber policy landscapes. Users can analyse up to three states or organisations at the same time. To use this feature, click on Compare on the landing page, select the states or organisations you are interested in, and choose the specific category you want to compare. This feature makes it straightforward to directly contrast cyber policies across different entities.

Would you like to access the profile information offline?

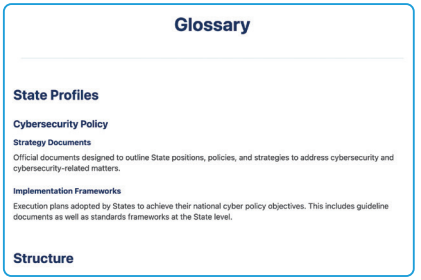
The UNIDIR Cyber Policy Portal provides a **Print as PDF** option that enables users to save profile information in PDF format. This functionality is ideal for offline access, sharing, and archiving. To use this feature, simply navigate to the states or organisations profile you wish to save. Within the profile, you will find the Print as PDF option, which allows you to generate a PDF of the displayed content. The PDF preserves the original format and layout of the content, ensuring it is easy to reference when needed.

I would like to share profile information. What is the best way to do this?



To share a profile from the Portal, simply click the **Share** button found on the relevant profile page. This feature allows you to share the profile directly on your social media accounts, via email, or by copying the information to your clipboard. This option makes disseminating the information straightforward and efficient.

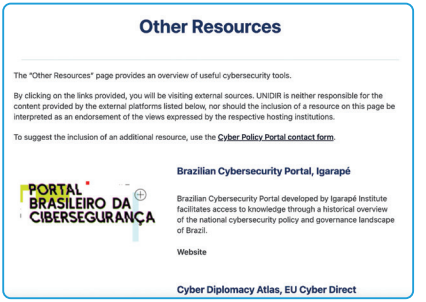
How can I access a comprehensive overview of the type of information available on the Portal?



To locate a comprehensive overview of the information available on the Portal, refer to the **Glossary**. This resource provides a detailed list of terms and definitions, offering clear explanations of key concepts featured across various sections of the Portal. It specifically details the categories and subcategories present, outlining the types of information you can expect to find under each.

Does the Portal provide more information about other cybersecurity tools?

To help users develop a comprehensive understanding of cybersecurity ladscape, the Portal provides an overview of a range of valuable resources. These include the Cybil Portal from the GFCE, the Brazilian Cybersecurity Portal from Igarapé, the Sharing Electronic Resources and Laws on Crime (SHERLOC) from the UNODC, among other tools. On the Portal, we provide a brief summary of each tool's functions.



Does the Portal provide access to the National Survey of Implementation of the 2015 GGE Report Recommendations?

The Portal offers access to the **National Survey of Implementation** of United Nations recommendations on the responsible use of ICTs by states in the context of international security. The Survey collates national take-up of the recommendations from the 2015 GGE report, as endorsed by the 2021 OEWG and GGE reports, to assist assessment of their further development and implementation. The Survey allows UN Member States

to conduct regular self-assessments of national implementation of the recommendations. The Survey serves as a baseline assessment tool as well as a tool available to all Member States to track their progress over time. The Survey also support UN Member States in responding to the General Assembly's invitation to continue to inform the Secretary-General of their views and assessments on the issue of developments in the field of ICTs in the context of international security. Additionally, the available submissions by governments to this survey can be found under **National Survey Submission** on nation's profile on the Portal.

Is it possible to analyse all national cybersecurity strategies that mention a specific term?

You can analyse all national cybersecurity strategies and related documents within the Cyber Policy Portal's **Documents Database**. This database houses over thousands of documents, available in over 50 different languages, and featured on the Cyber Policy Portal. Additionally, it provides the capability to analyse these documents by the topic labels used to categorise the content, ranging from critical infrastructure to cybercrime.

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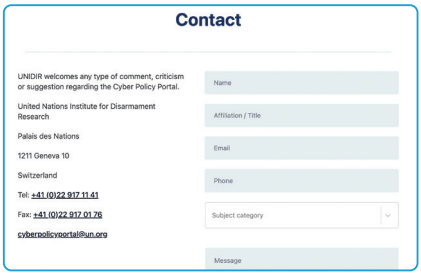

We collect data for the Portal from open sources and voluntarily submitted material. Our team conducts thorough desk research and regularly reaches out to governments for their updates. To update your country's profile, you can use the **Suggest an Update** feature located on the profile page, which directs you to our contact form. Alternatively, you can click on **Contact Us** in the Portal header. The form allows you to specify the nature of your inquiry. Additionally, you can email us directly at **cyberpolicyportal@un.org** for any updates or inquiries.

Who are the donors of the Portal?

The development, maintenance and continuous improvement of the Cyber Policy Portal since its inception in 2019 has been possible thanks to generous support of many donors including the Governments of Australia, Canada, Czechia, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the Netherlands, Norway, Switzerland, the United Kingdom and by Microsoft.

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