

# Essential Guide to EDSQ

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# Where are you now with EDSQ?

## Poll

- Already delivering
- Just about to start
- I need help to get started
- I don't know too much about it

# Legal Entitlement

## Essential Digital Skills

National entitlement was introduced in 2020 to fully fund eligible adults (with no or low digital skills) to enrol on specified digital qualifications at Entry and Level 1

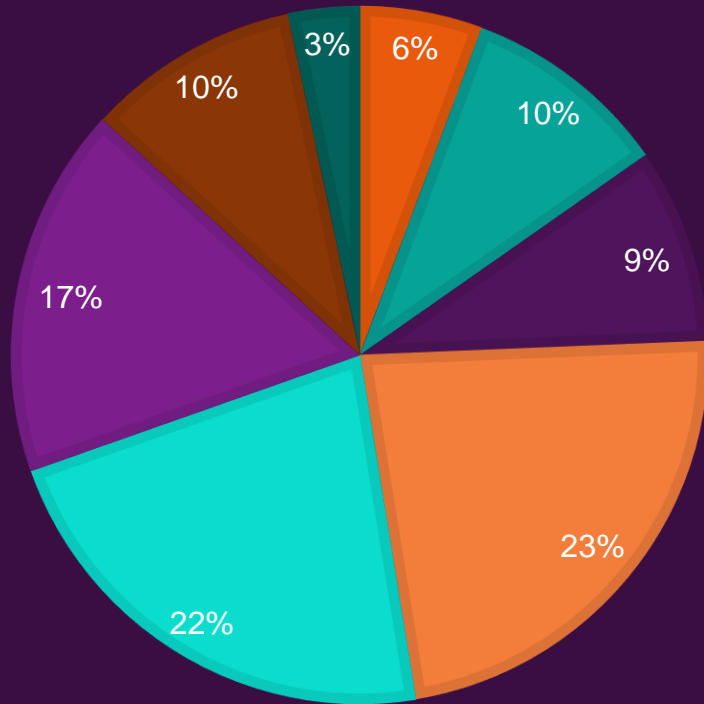
Only Essential Digital Skills Qualifications can be used for the adult legal entitlement

Entry 3 and Level 1 Qualifications are funded for both adults and 16-19 learners

# Profile of EDSQ learners

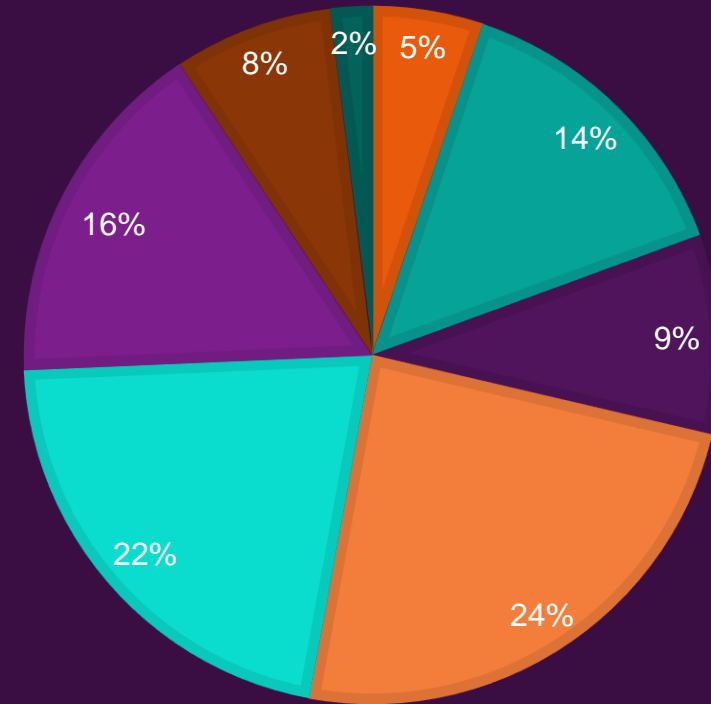
## Age demographics of EDSQ Entry level 3

16-18 19-23 24-29 30-39 40-49 50-59 60-69 70+



## Age demographics of EDSQ level 1 Award

16-18 19-23 24-29 30-39 40-49 50-59 60-69 70+





# Essential Digital Skills Qualifications

## Key features

Life, work and study covered in each qualification

Online, on demand assessment

Free initial assessment tool

Knowledge tested through multiple choice questions

Assessments can be taken in different settings

Online mock assessments

Easy to mark

Free resources

One free resit per learner

Sits alongside Digital Functional Skills Qualifications

# Assessment structure and timings

Qualification	Entry Level 3	Level 1
<b>Assessment structure</b>	A single assessment component comprising 3 parts  In addition, a small number of observed tasks	A single assessment component comprising 3 parts
<b>Duration</b>	Up to 1 hr 30 minutes plus a 15-minute supervised break	1 hr 45 minutes plus a 15-minute supervised break
<b>Conditions</b>	Supervised conditions	Supervised conditions
<b>Total marks</b>	44	54



# Entry Level 3 - Observed tasks

Task and Skill	Task set	Marks Available	Marks awarded	Tutor Comments ( where relevant please note where you have adapted tasks in line with the requirements).
<b>Apply system settings</b>	<p>Change a setting on your device.</p> <p>For example, you could:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>change the way your screen looks (display)</li> <li>change the time or language</li> <li>make changes to suit your level of vision or hearing.</li> <li>Make sure your tutor can see you making the changes.</li> </ul>	1 mark for changing the setting		
<b>Create, edit and use contacts when sending and receiving online communications</b>	<p>Exemplar task – this may be adapted</p> <p>Your tutor (or someone else in your class who is not already in your contacts) will send you an email. The emails says, 'Now you have my email'</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Add the person and their email address to the contacts on your device.</li> </ul> <p>The same person will give you a telephone number (this could be the centre's number)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Edit your contacts to add the telephone number</li> <li>Show your tutor the contact with phone number and email address OR take a screenshot and send it to them.</li> </ul>	<p>3 marks in total</p> <p>2 marks for adding name and email address</p> <p>1 mark for editing the contact</p>		
<b>Initiate and participate in a video call</b>	<p>Make a video call to one other person. You can choose</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>which device you use</li> <li>which way you want to make the call (e.g. Skype, WhatsApp or Facetime).</li> <li>who you want to call.</li> </ul> <p>Your video call should last at least 30 seconds.</p> <p>Make sure your tutor can see you making the call.</p>	<p>4 marks in total</p> <p>1 mark for finding and connecting</p> <p>2 marks for initiating and responding</p> <p>1 mark for closing the conversation</p>		

# Essential Digital Skills

## Assessment

Taken on Surpass  
through web delivery

Opportunity to search  
the internet

Classroom/workplace

Learners can refer to a  
bilingual dictionary

Tasks are tutor  
assessed, centre and  
AO quality assured

Mark based

Pass marks for each  
assessment are set at  
an awarding meeting

# Sample Assessments

 01206 911 211

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# Support and Resources

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# Free Resources and Support

- ✓ Guides for Centres and learners
- ✓ Standardisation materials
- ✓ Teaching resources cover all strands
- ✓ Glossary for learners
- ✓ Webinars and training
- ✓ Dedicated EDSQ team



# Surpass How To Videos

Essential Digital Skills  
Obtaining Key Codes  
for Candidates and  
Downloading Invigilation Packs  
from Surpass



Essential Digital Skills  
Running and Invigilating  
Assessments using Surpass



Essential Digital Skills  
Scheduling an Assessment  
in Surpass



Essential Digital Skills  
Assessment Marking in Surpass



Essential Digital Skills  
Internal Quality Assurance  
in Surpass



# Interactive support sessions

- ✓ Exclusive live webinars available to approved Centres only
- ✓ Regular sessions held by our Quality team throughout the year
- ✓ Staff **must** register using work email address and can attend more than once



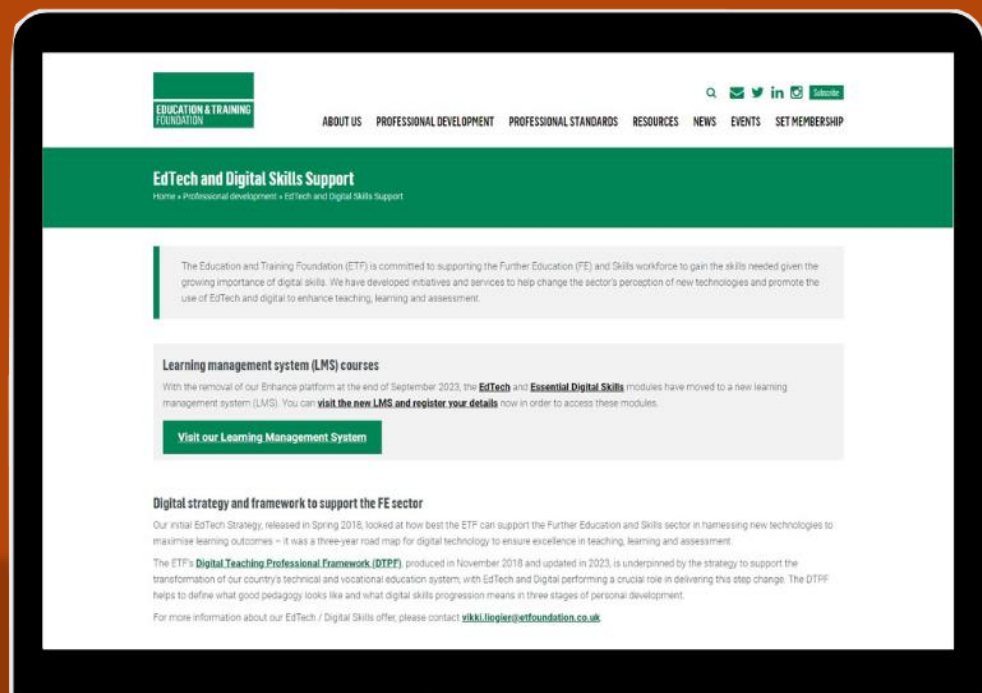
**Onboarding sessions**  
[Quick Start to EDSQ](#)  
[Delivering & Assessing EDSQ](#)

External support

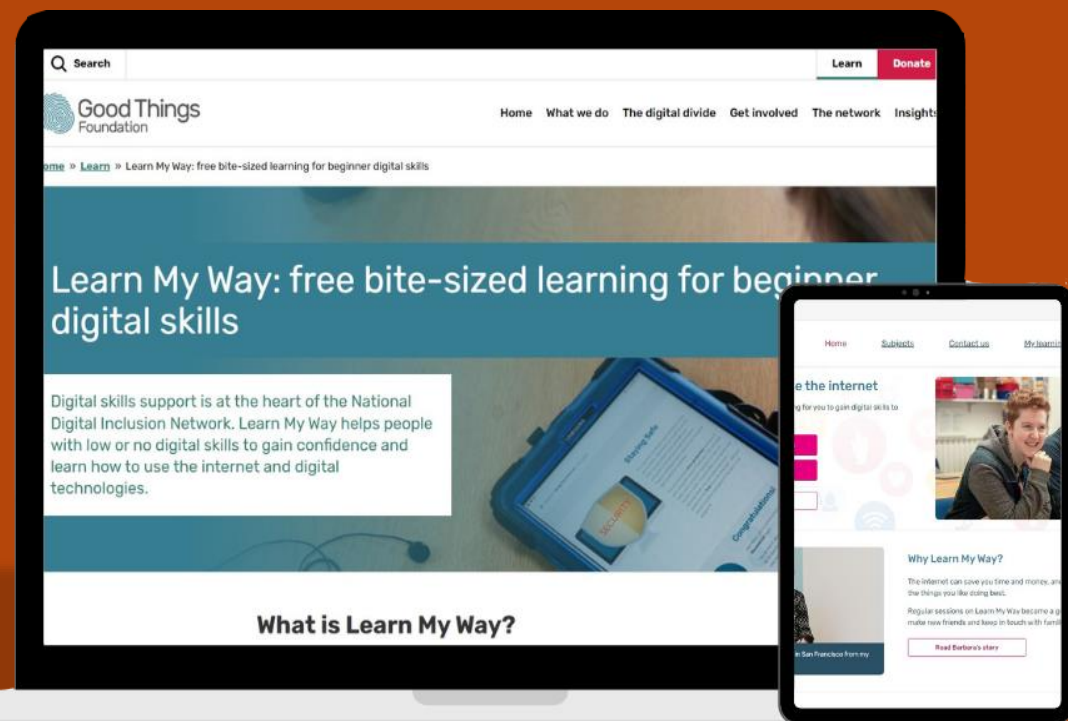




# CPD for staff / resources for learners



Essential Digital Skills | Enhance Digital Teaching Platform



Learn My Way | Free Learning for Digital Skills | Good Things

# Exclusive offer for Gateway Qualifications Centres

Centres approved for Gateway Qualifications EDSQ and/or DFSQ can benefit from an exclusive 20% discount on licence fees for **bksb** Digital Skills Assessments and Resources.



One of the UK's leading online teaching platforms



Millions of learners improve their skills each year



Implementation



# How are Centres implementing EDSQ?

## 16-19

- Pre apprenticeship programmes
- Study programmes
- T level transition Programme

## Adults

- Pre-apprenticeship programmes
- SWAPs
- With other qualifications and units
- In advance of an apprenticeship
- To help prepare returning learners
- In community settings
- With non-regulated learning



# As part of ESOL courses

Qualification No.	Qualification	Funding
60329919	Award in Living and Working in the UK (Entry 3)	£300
60359857	<b>Essential Digital Skills (Entry 3)</b>	£300
6015424X	Award in ESOL Skills for Life (Reading) (Level 1 )	£300
60154238	Award in ESOL Skills for Life (Writing) (Entry 3)	£450

# SWAPs

Qualification title	GLH	Qualification No.	AEB
Level 2 Award in Skills for Logistics	48	60345056	£300
<b>Level 1 in Essential Digital Skills</b>	45	60359869	£300
			<b>£600</b>

Qualification title	GLH	Qualification No.	AEB
Level 1 Award in Health and Care	49	60364944	£336
<b>Level 1 in Essential Digital Skills</b>	45	60359869	£300
			<b>£636</b>

Qualification title	GLH	Qualification No.	AEB
Level 1 Award in Employability Skills	45	60342286	£300
<b>Entry 3 in Essential Digital Skills</b>	45	60359857	£300
<b>Level 1 in Essential Digital Skills</b>	45	60359869	£300
			<b>£900</b>

# Study Programmes

QAN	Qualification	GLH	TQT
60365055	Level 2 Diploma in Digital & IT Skills	360	450
60359869	<b>Essential Digital Skills (Level 1)</b>	45	45
60333571	Level 1 Award in Mental Wellbeing	10	20
60346462	Level 1 in English Functional Skills	55	66
60346462	Level 1 in Maths Functional Skills	55	66
Z0007862	Work experience	30	30

# Top tips from Centres



Centre wide approach



Standalone offer & packages



Staff training



Marketing push



Assessment



# What are learners saying...



“I was quite anxious when I signed up to do this – I hadn’t stepped foot in a college for over forty years. This course has been a great experience, I’m definitely less terrified now and I do have more confidence, I’ve learned that computers are logical, that I shouldn’t overthink things and I’m brave enough to experiment.”

“I got the leaflet about the course through my door, and because Ruth and I now volunteer for a charity and we’re back in the workplace, we knew it made sense to ‘grasp the nettle’ and to take this opportunity.”

# Qualifications that complement EDSQ



# DIGITAL JOURNEY FOR LEARNERS AGED 16 - 19

Develop your learners' digital skills with qualifications approved for funding for learners aged 16-19\*. Covering the skills needed for everyday life and work, to the more advanced technical qualifications for today's workplace.

View our digital qualifications for learners aged 19 and over.

ENTRY  
LEVEL 3  
**Essential Digital Skills**  
**Digital Functional Skills**

LEVEL 1  
**Essential Digital Skills**  
**Digital Functional Skills**  
**Photo Editing Software**  
Award  
**Games Design and Development**  
Award  
**Cybersecurity**  
Award  
**Introduction to Programming**  
Award  
**Website Design**  
Award

LEVEL 2  
**Digital and IT Skills**  
Award | Certificate | Ext Certificate | Diploma  
**Computer Programming**  
Award  
**Cybersecurity**  
Award  
**Social Media Marketing**  
Award  
**Digital Development**  
Award  
**Digital Graphics**  
Award  
**Digital Marketing**  
Award  
**Games Design and Development**  
Award  
**Mobile App Development**  
Award  
**Website Design and Development**  
Award  
**Photo Editing Software**  
Award

LEVEL 3  
**E-Safety**  
Award  
**Digital Business Solutions**  
Certificate | Diploma  
**Digital Engineering Design**  
Certificate | Diploma  
**Digital Product Design**  
Certificate | Diploma  
**Games Technologies**  
Certificate | Diploma  
**Networking and Cybersecurity**  
Certificate | Diploma  
**Social Media for E-Commerce**  
Certificate | Diploma  
**Software Development**  
Certificate | Diploma  
**Systems Infrastructure**  
Certificate | Diploma

**T Level Transition Programme**  
**Digital and IT Skills**  
Certificate | Ext Certificate | Diploma

Apprenticeship



Career Progression



Higher Education



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Photo Editing Software  
Award\*\*

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Digital Development  
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Digital Graphics  
Award  
Digital Marketing  
Award  
Games Design and Development  
Award  
Mobile App Development  
Award  
Website Design and Development  
Award  
Photo Editing Software  
Award\*\*

LEVEL 3  
Computer Game Design and Development  
Access to HE Diploma  
Computing  
Access to HE Diploma  
Creative Digital Media  
Access to HE Diploma  
Creative Industries  
Access to HE Diploma  
Digital Animation  
Access to HE Diploma  
Digital Engineering Design<sup>†</sup>  
Certificate | Diploma  
Digital Product Design<sup>†</sup>  
Certificate | Diploma  
Games Technologies<sup>†</sup> (Certificate only)  
Certificate | Diploma  
Networking and Cybersecurity<sup>†</sup>  
Certificate | Diploma  
Software Development<sup>†</sup>  
Certificate | Diploma  
Systems Infrastructure<sup>†</sup>  
Certificate | Diploma  
Digital Business Solutions  
Certificate | Diploma  
Social Media for E-Commerce  
Certificate | Diploma

<sup>†</sup> Included in the Level 3 free courses for jobs offer

LEVEL 5  
Web Application Development  
Diploma

Software Developer

Apprenticeship

Career Progression

Higher Education

# Digital Functional Skills Qualifications

[Click to discover more!](#)



New Digital Functional Skills Qualifications are ready for teaching

Our Gateway Qualifications DFSQ offer

Only Entry level 3 and Level 1

Free, ready-to-deliver resources to support your teaching and learning

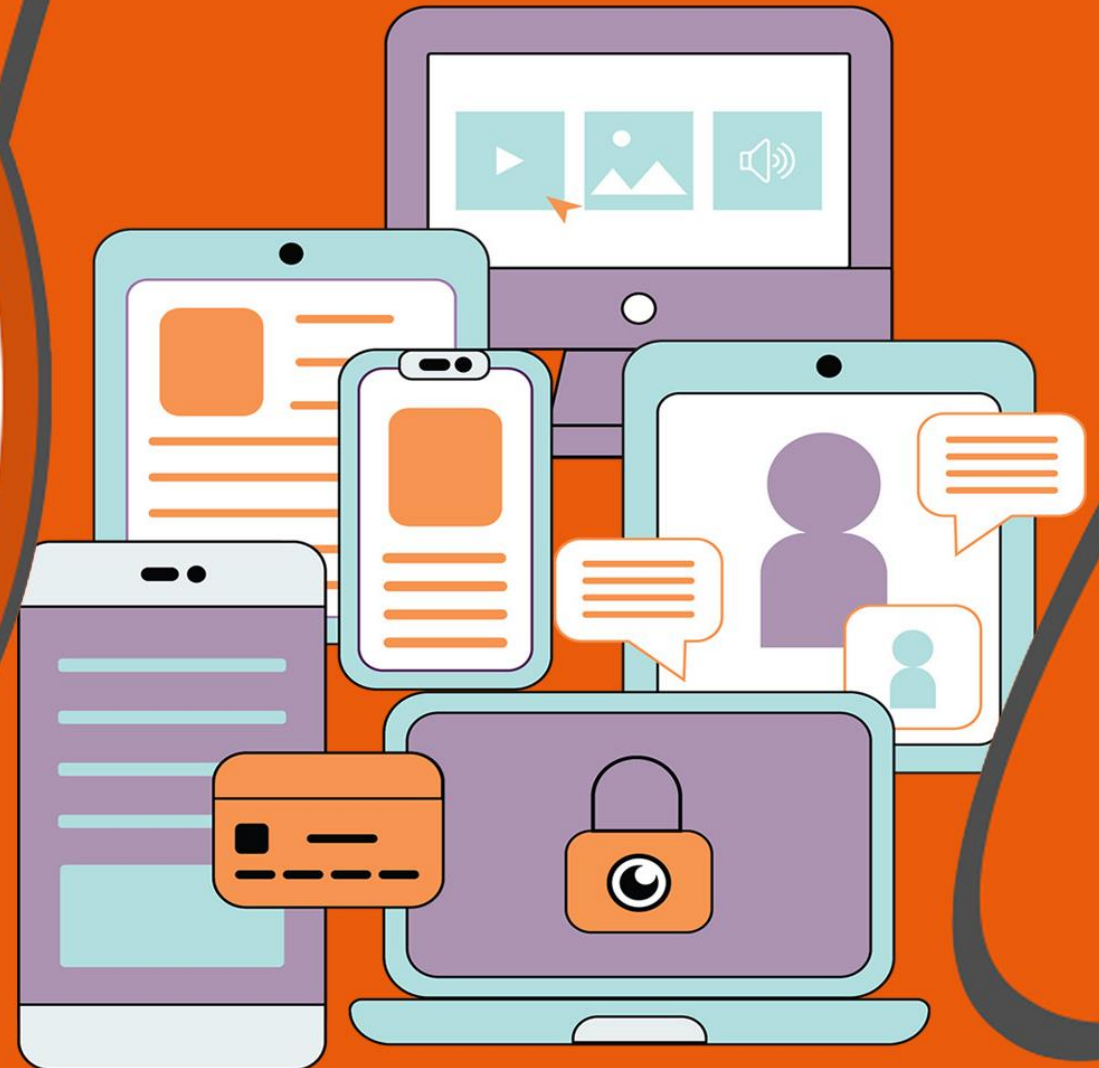


Free webinar

# Introduction to Digital Functional Skills

with  
Diana Muallem  
and Paul Saunders

[Register here](#)



# On Demand

ETF professional development training  
for FE staff delivering EDSQ and DFSQ

with  
The Education and Training Foundation,  
Diana Muallem,  
and Paul Saunders

[Watch on demand](#)





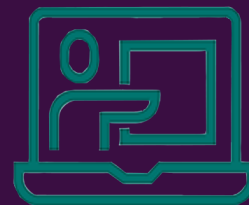
# Next steps



Express interest



Gain approval



Attend on boarding  
sessions



Deliver!



New - Become Recognised  
Existing - Qualification Approval

# Previous webinars

Available on demand

Digital resources  
for DFSQ

Ensuring learners  
are ready for EDSQ

Building a fundable  
offer for learners  
progressing from  
EDSQ

Supporting EDSQ  
Delivery

Webinar mini-  
series with EDSQ  
resources

Implementing  
EDSQ – hints and  
tips from our panel  
of providers

The Digital Sector

T Level Transition  
Programme

Would you like a member of the Business Development team to contact you to support you on your EDSQ approval?

Poll

- Yes please
- No thank you

# Business Development



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# Takeaways

**Digital** is a key thread in every LSIP supporting the needs of employers

**Ofsted** – deploying a digital curriculum offers learners the skills and knowledge that reflect the needs of the local, regional and national context

Carry out a digital diagnostic with your learners

Nest EDSQ and or DFSQ within your current provision

Maximise your funding allocations by using digital qualifications

# Questions?



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