

# Murray Patterson

## Curriculum Vitae

### Education

- 2006—2012 **Doctor of Philosophy**, *Department of Computer Science, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada, GPA – 4.0/4.*  
Advisors: Ján Maňuch, Cedric Chauve and Arvind Gupta  
Thesis title: “Variants of the consecutive-ones property motivated by the reconstruction of ancestral species”
- 2004—2006 **Master of Science**, *School of Computing Science, Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, British Columbia, Canada, GPA – 3.9/4.*  
Advisors: Eugenia Ternovska and Arvind Gupta  
Thesis title: “Grounding for model expansion in  $k$ -guarded formulas”
- 1999—2003 **Bachelor of Computer Science (Honours)**, *Jodrey School of Computer Science, Acadia University, Wolfville, Nova Scotia, Canada, GPA – 3.8/4 (top 5%).*  
Advisors: Raymond J. Spiteri and Jim Diamond  
Thesis title: “Implementing Runge-Kutta solvers in Java”

### Work Experience

- 2020— **Assistant Professor**, *Department of Computer Science, Georgia State University, Atlanta, Georgia, USA.*  
Teaching both undergraduate and graduate courses in computer science, as well as carrying out my research program in bioinformatics
- 2019—2020 **Visiting Assistant Professor**, *Department of Computer Science and Engineering, Fairfield University, Fairfield, Connecticut, USA.*  
Teaching both undergraduate and graduate courses in computer science, as well as carrying out my research program in bioinformatics
- 2016—2019 **Postdoctoral Researcher**, *Experimental Algorithmics Lab (AlgoLab), Informatics Department, Università degli Studi di Milano-Bicocca, Milano, Italy.*  
Advisors: Gianluca Della Vedova and Paola Bonizzoni  
Performing research on haplotype assembly, cancer phylogenetics and their application
- 2014—2016 **Postdoctoral Researcher**, *Laboratoire de Biométrie et Biologie Évolutive (LBBE), Université Claude Bernard Lyon 1, Villeurbanne, France.*  
Advisors: Daniel Kahn and Vincent Daubin  
Studying the co-evolution of (metabolic) function, and how it can be used to help the construction of phylogenetic trees

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- 2013—2014 **ERCIM Postdoctoral Research Fellow**, *Life Sciences Group, Centrum Wiskunde Informatica (CWI)*, Amsterdam, The Netherlands.  
Advisors: Alexander Schönhuth and Gunnar W. Klau  
Improving the state-of-the-art haplotype assembly methods for next-generation genome sequencing data  
Research funded by ERCIM Marie Curie ABCDE Postdoctoral Fellowship
- 2012—2013 **ERCIM Postdoctoral Research Fellow**, *INRIA Rhône-Alpes and the Laboratoire de Biométrie et Biologie Évolutive, Université Claude Bernard Lyon 1*, Villeurbanne, France.  
Advisor: Eric Tannier  
Performing a study of the co-evolution of genes, and how it can be used to help the construction of phylogenetic trees  
Research funded by ERCIM Marie Curie ABCDE Postdoctoral Fellowship

### Contracts

- 2022 **Research Agreement**, *AI Learning Alliance, Facebook (Meta), Inc.*, Amount: \$50,000 USD (2 years).  
PI: Anu Bourgeois  
To support work related to providing education at the frontier of R&D and to increase representation of historically marginalized researchers and engineers in machine learning to prepare learners for jobs in the artificial intelligence field
- 2021 **Collaboration Agreement**, *Hanyang University ERICA*, Industry-University Cooperation Foundation, Amount: \$25,000 USD (1 year).  
PI: Zhipeng Cai  
For the development of online modules in computer science and entrepreneurship as part of a global education program
- 2018 **Project Collaboration**, *Experimental Algorithmics Lab, Informatics Department, Università degli Studi di Milano-Bicocca*, Milano, Italy, Amount: 5,000 € (2 months).  
Advisor: Raffaella Rizzi  
The development of efficient algorithms for comparing evolutionary histories of cancerous tumours as inferred by the latest methods
- 2017 **Project Collaboration**, *Experimental Algorithmics Lab, Informatics Department, Università degli Studi di Milano-Bicocca*, Milano, Italy, Amount: 5,000 € (2 months).  
Advisor: Gianluca Della Vedova  
Studying phylogenetic models and how they can be used to model the evolution of tumours. This project resulted in a publication at CiE 2017

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### Teaching Experience

- Fall 2022 **Georgia State University.**  
○ CSC 4330 / 6330 — a senior year / masters-level programming language concepts course
- Spring 2022 **Georgia State University.**  
○ CSC 4330 / 6330 — a senior year / masters-level programming language concepts course
- Fall 2021 **Georgia State University.**  
○ CSC 4710 / 6710 — a senior year / masters-level course on database systems

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- Spring 2021 **Georgia State University.**
- CSC 4330 / 6330 — a senior year / masters-level programming language concepts course
- Fall 2020 **Georgia State University.**
- CSC 4330 / 6330 — a senior year / masters-level programming language concepts course
- Spring 2020 **Fairfield University.**
- CS 131 — an introductory programming course in Java, and
  - CS 354 — a junior year theory of programming languages course using Haskell and Prolog
- Fall 2019 **Fairfield University.**
- CS 131 — an introductory programming course in Java
  - CS 231 — an intermediate (sophomore year) programming course, focusing on the object-oriented features of Java, and
  - SW 402 — a senior-year / masters-level course on database management systems
- 2015 **Instructor, Department of Mathematics, Université Claude Bernard Lyon 1, Villeurbanne, France.**
- Section head: Raymond Lobry
- Teaching a section of mathematics for the life sciences to first-year university students

### Advising

- Fall 2022 PhD students Zahra Tayebi, Sarwan Ali, Prakash Chourasia and Taslim Murad, and Master's students Supriya Arun, Kaustubh Khandai, Kushal Khatri, Prashanth Annam, Babitha Reddy Devireddy, Indu Munnangi, Venkata Krishna Chaitanya Nuthalapati, Dhruval Patel, Shraddha Sharma and Atharv Utkarsh Yeolekar. Zahra Tayebi won a B&B fellowship, funding the remainder of her study. The following Master's projects were graduated:
- Supriya Arun: "Comparative analysis of Covid classifiers"
  - Kaustubh Khandai: "Determining significant correlation between pairs of extant characters in a small parsimony framework"
  - Prashanth Annam: "Neobook: A social medial application using Flutter and Firebase"
  - Babitha Reddy Devireddy: "Chaos engineering using Gremlin and GC analyzer"
  - Indu Munnangi: "My recipe book: A MERN stack web application"
  - Venkata Krishna Chaitanya Nuthalapati: "Tsuba: Web security scanner"
  - Dhruval Patel: "Best actor detection"
  - Shraddha Sharma: "Sunsetting customer identification service"
  - Atharv Utkarsh Yeolekar: "Data condensation using generative adversarial networks"
- Spring 2022 PhD students Zahra Tayebi, Sarwan Ali, Prakash Chourasia and Taslim Murad, and Master's students Babatunde Bello, Supriya Arun and Kaustubh Khandai. Babatunde Bello graduated with Master's thesis titled: "Functional enrichment analysis of transcriptomics data of breast cancer RNA-seq"

- Fall 2021 PhD students Zahra Tayebi, Sarwan Ali and Prakash Chourasia, Master's students Babatunde Bello and Kaustubh Khandai, and Honors student Yijing Zhou. Sarwan Ali won an MBD fellowship, funding the remainder of his study. Yijing Zhou graduated with honors thesis titled: "Towards a complete workflow for inferring tumor phylogeny from raw single-cell sequencing reads"
- Spring 2021 PhD students Zahra Tayebi and Sarwan Ali
- Fall 2020 PhD student Zahra Tayebi

## Volunteer Experience

- 2017—2019 **Research Advisor**, *Lycée Stendhal*, Milan, Italy.  
 Advising and guiding students on an after-school mathematics project which is part of the larger European program: Math en Jeans. There is an annual conference where the students go to present their work on the year's project.

## Grants

- 2021 **Global Education Online Module Design**, *Hanyang University ERICA*, Amount: \$30,195 USD (3 years).  
 PI: Zhipeng Cai  
 For the development of online modules in data science and business intelligence, which could be offered as a course or training program

## Awards

- 2011 The Marie Curie Alain Bensoussan (ABCDE) Postdoctoral Fellowship of the European Research Consortium for Informatics and Mathematics (ERCIM)  
 Award of 60,300 € and 5000 € for travel, in order to fully fund 2 years of postdoctoral study in the European ERCIM member countries
- 2006 The Postgraduate Scholarship (PGS) of the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC) of Canada  
 Award of \$63,000 CAD in order to fully fund 3 years of postgraduate (PhD) research
- 2006 Simon Fraser University Computing Science Graduate Fellowship  
 Award of \$3000 CAD towards funding postgraduate research
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 Award of \$3000 CAD towards funding postgraduate research
- 2002 The Undergraduate Student Research Award (USRA) of the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC) of Canada  
 Award of \$6400 CAD in order to fully fund a summer of undergraduate research

## Technical Skills

advanced	C/C++, Python, $\text{\LaTeX}$	7+ years experience
intermediate	Java, Unix tools, Shell programming	4+ years experience
basic	Matlab, R, Prolog, Haskell	2+ years experience

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## Languages

English	maternal language	
French	second language	conversational and technical fluency
Italian	intermediate	comprehension and basic conversational skills
Spanish	intermediate	comprehension and basic conversational skills
中文	basic	basic words and phrases

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## Publications

### Journal Articles

1. Sarwan Ali and Murray Patterson. Improving IOSOMAP efficiency with RKS: a comparative study with t-distributed neighbor embedding on protein sequences. *MDPI J — Multidisciplinary Scientific Journal*, 6(4):579–591, 2023. doi:10.3390/j6040038.
2. Taslim Murad\*, Sarwan Ali\*, Imdad Ullah Khan, and Murray Patterson. Spike2CGR: an efficient method for spike sequence classification using chaos game representation. *Machine Learning*, 112:3633–3658, 2023. doi:10.1007/s10994-023-06371-4.
3. Sarwan Ali, Prakash Chourasia, Zahra Tayebi, Babatunde Bello, and Murray Patterson. ViralVectors: compact and scalable alignment-free virome feature generation. *Medical & Biological Engineering & Computing*, 2023. doi:10.1007/s11517-023-02837-8.
4. Taslim Murad, Sarwan Ali, and Murray Patterson. Exploring the potential of GANs in biological sequence analysis. *MDPI Biology*, 12(6):854, 2023. doi:10.3390/biology12060854.
5. Bikram Sahoo\*, Sarwan Ali, Pin-Yu Chen, Murray Patterson, and Alexander Zelikovskiy\*. Assessing the resilience of machine learning classification algorithms on SARS-CoV-2 genome sequences generated with long-read specific errors. *Biomolecules*, 13(6):934, 2023. doi:10.3390/biom13060934.
6. Danushka Bandara, Karen Exantus, Cristian Navarro-Martinez, Murray Patterson, and Ashley Byun. Identifying distinguishing acoustic features in felid vocalizations based on call type and species classification. *Acoustics Australia*, 2023. doi:10.1007/s40857-023-00298-5.
7. Sarwan Ali, Babatunde Bello, and Murray Patterson. Solvent accessibility of coronaviridae spike proteins through the lens of information gain. *MDPI J — Multidisciplinary Scientific Journal*, 6(2):236–247, 2023. doi:10.3390/j6020018.
8. Sarwan Ali, Bikram Sahoo, Alexander Zelikovskiy, Pin-Yu Chen, and Murray Patterson. Benchmarking machine learning robustness in covid-19 genome sequence classification. *Scientific Reports*, 13(1):4154, 2023. doi:10.1038/s41598-023-31368-3.
9. Prakash Chourasia, Sarwan Ali, Simone Ciccolella, Gianluca Della Vedova, and Murray Patterson. Reads2Vec: Efficient embedding of raw high-throughput sequencing reads data. *Journal of Computational Biology*, 2022. doi:10.1089/cmb.2022.0424.

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10. Sarwan Ali, Babatunde Bello, Zahra Tayebi, and Murray Patterson. Characterizing SARS-CoV-2 spike sequences based on geographical location. *Journal of Computational Biology*, 2022. doi:10.1089/cmb.2022.0391.
11. Sarwan Ali, Bikram Sahoo, Muhammad Asad Khan, Alexander Zelikovsky, Imdad Ullah Khan\*, and Murray Patterson\*. Efficient approximate kernel based spike sequence classification. *Transactions on Computational Biology and Bioinformatics*, 2022. doi:10.1109/TCBB.2022.3206284.
12. Kaustubh Khandai, Cristian Navarro-Martinez, Brendan Smith, Rebecca Buonopane, S. Ashley Byun\*, and Murray Patterson\*. Determining significant correlation between pairs of extant characters in a small parsimony framework. *Journal of Computational Biology*, 29(10):1132–1154, 2022. doi:10.1089/cmb.2022.0141.
13. Sarwan Ali, Babatunde Bello, Prakash Chourasia, Ria Thazhe Punathil, Yijing Zhou, and Murray Patterson. PWM2Vec: An efficient embedding approach for viral host specification from coronavirus spike sequences. *MDPI Biology*, 11(3):418, 2022. doi:10.3390/biology11030418.
14. Sarwan Ali, Yijing Zhou, and Murray Patterson. Efficient analysis of COVID-19 clinical data using machine learning models. *Medical & Biological Engineering & Computing*, 60(7):1881–1896, 2021. doi:10.1007/s11517-022-02570-8.
15. Zahra Tayebi, Sarwan Ali, and Murray Patterson. Robust representation and efficient feature selection allows for effective clustering of SARS-CoV-2 variants. *Algorithms*, 14(12):348, 2021. doi:10.3390/a14120348.
16. Sarwan Ali, Simone Ciccolella, Lorenzo Lucarella, Gianluca Della Vedova, and Murray Patterson. Simpler and faster development of tumor phylogeny pipelines. *Journal of Computational Biology*, 28(11):1142–1155, 2021. doi:10.1089/cmb.2021.0271.
17. Andrew Melnyk, Fatemeh Mohebbi, Sergey Knyazev, Bikram Sahoo, Roya Hosseini, Pavel Skums, Alex Zelikovsky\*, and Murray Patterson\*. From alpha to zeta: Identifying variants and subtypes of SARS-CoV-2 via clustering. *Journal of Computational Biology*, 28(11):1113–1129, 2021. doi:10.1089/cmb.2021.0302.
18. Simone Ciccolella\*, Murray Patterson\*, Paola Bonizzoni, and Gianluca Della Vedova. Effective clustering for single cell sequencing cancer data. *IEEE Journal of Biomedical and Health Informatics*, 25(11):4068–4078, 2021. doi:10.1109/JBHI.2021.3081380.
19. Simone Ciccolella, Mauricio Soto, Murray D. Patterson, Gianluca Della Vedova, Iman Hajirasouliha, and Paola Bonizzoni. Gpps: An ILP-based approach for inferring cancer progression with mutation losses from single cell data. *BMC Bioinformatics*, 21(1):413, 2020. doi:10.1186/s12859-020-03736-7.
20. Simone Ciccolella, Camir Ricketts, Mauricio Soto Gomez, Murray Patterson, Dana Silverbush, Paola Bonizzoni, Iman Hajirasouliha, and Gianluca Della Vedova. Inferring cancer progression from single-cell sequencing while allowing mutation losses. *Bioinformatics*, 37(3):326–333, 2020. doi:10.1093/bioinformatics/btaa722.

21. Raffaella Rizzi, Stefano Beretta, Murray Patterson, Yuri Pirola, Marco Previtali, Gianluca Della Vedova, and Paola Bonizzoni. Overlap graphs and de Bruijn graphs: data structures for de novo genome assembly in the big data era. *Quantitative Biology*, 7(4):278–292, 2019. doi:10.1007/s40484-019-0181-x.
22. Stefano Beretta\*, Murray Patterson\*, Simone Zaccaria, Gianluca Della Vedova, and Paola Bonizzoni. HapCHAT: Adaptive haplotype assembly for efficiently leveraging high coverage in long reads. *BMC Bioinformatics*, 19(1):252, 2018. doi:10.1186/s12859-018-2253-8.
23. Wandrille Duchemin, Yoann Anselmetti, Murray Patterson, Yann Ponty, S  verine B  rard, Cedric Chauve, Celine Scornavacca, Vincent Daubin, and Eric Tannier. DeCoSTAR: Reconstructing the ancestral organization of genes or genomes using reconciled phylogenies. *Genome Biology and Evolution*, 9(5):1312–1319, 2017. doi:10.1093/gbe/evx069.
24. Andrea Bracciali, Marco Aldinucci, Murray Patterson, Tobias Marschall, Nadia Pisanti, Ivan Merelli, and Massimo Torquati. PWhatsHap: Efficient haplotyping for future generation sequencing. *BMC Bioinformatics*, 17(11):342, 2016. doi:10.1186/s12859-016-1170-y.
25. Murray Patterson\*, Tobias Marschall\*, Nadia Pisanti, Leo van Iersel, Leen Stougie, Gunnar W. Klau<sup>†</sup>, and Alexander Schoenhuth<sup>†</sup>. WhatsHap: Weighted haplotype assembly for future-generation sequencing reads. *Journal of Computational Biology*, 22(6):498–509, 2015. doi:10.1089/cmb.2014.0157.
26. Murray Patterson, Gergely Sz  ll  si, Vincent Daubin, and Eric Tannier. Lateral gene transfer, rearrangement, reconciliation. *BMC Bioinformatics*, 14(15):S4, 2013. doi:10.1186/1471-2105-14-S15-S4.
27. Mohammed El-Kebir\*, Tobias Marschall\*, Inken Wohlers\*, Murray Patterson, Jaap Heringa, Alexander Schoenhuth, and Gunnar W. Klau. Mapping proteins in the presence of paralogs using units of coevolution. *BMC Bioinformatics*, 14(15):S18, 2013. doi:10.1186/1471-2105-14-S15-S18.
28. J  n Ma  uch\*, Murray Patterson\*, Roland Wittler\*, Cedric Chauve, and Eric Tannier. Linearization of ancestral multichromosomal genomes. *BMC Bioinformatics*, 13(19):S11, 2012. doi:10.1186/1471-2105-13-S19-S11.
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30. J  n Ma  uch\* and Murray Patterson\*. The complexity of the gapped consecutive-ones property problem for matrices of bounded maximum degree. *Journal of Computational Biology*, 18(9):1243–1253, 2011. doi:10.1089/cmb.2011.0128.
31. Roland Wittler, J  n Ma  uch\*, Murray Patterson\*, and Jens Stoye. Consistency of sequence-based gene clusters. *Journal of Computational Biology*, 18(9):1023–1039, 2011. doi:10.1089/cmb.2011.0083.

## Conference Proceedings

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32. Taslim Murad, Sarwan Ali, Prakash Chourasia, Haris Mansoor, and Murray Patterson. Circular arc length-based kernel matrix for protein sequence classification. In *the 2023 IEEE International Conference on Big Data (IEEE BigData, Sorrento, Italy, 2023)*. 2023. To appear.
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34. Prakash Chourasia, Taslim Murad, Zahra Tayebi, Sarwan Ali, Imdad Ullah Khan, and Murray Patterson. Efficient classification of SARS-CoV-2 spike sequences using federated learning. In *the 10th International Conference on Information Management and Big Data (SIMBig, Mexico City, Mexico, 2023)*. 2023. To appear.
35. Zahra Tayebi, Akshay Juyal, Alex Zelikovsky, and Murray Patterson. Simulating tumor evolution from scDNA-seq as an accumulation of both SNVs and CNAs. In *the 19th International Symposium on Bioinformatics Research and Applications (ISBRA, Wrocław, Poland, 2023)*, volume 14248 of LNCS, 530–540. 2023. doi:10.1007/978-981-99-7074-2\_43.
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38. Prakash Chourasia\*, Taslim Murad\*, Sarwan Ali\*, and Murray Patterson. Enhancing t-SNE performance for biological sequencing data through kernel selection. In *the 19th International Symposium on Bioinformatics Research and Applications (ISBRA, Wrocław, Poland, 2023)*, volume 14248 of LNCS, 442–452. 2023. doi:10.1007/978-981-99-7074-2\_35.
39. Usama Sardar\*, Sarwan Ali\*, Muhammad Sohaib Ayub, Muhammad Shoaib, Khurram Bashir, Imdad Ullah Khan, and Murray Patterson. Sequence-based nanobody-antigen binding prediction. In *the 19th International Symposium on Bioinformatics Research and Applications (ISBRA, Wrocław, Poland, 2023)*, volume 14248 of LNCS, 227–240. 2023. doi:10.1007/978-981-99-7074-2\_18.
40. Sarwan Ali, Pin-Yu Chen, and Murray Patterson. Unveiling the robustness of machine learning models in classifying COVID-19 spike sequences. In *the 19th International Symposium on Bioinformatics Research and Applications (ISBRA, Wrocław, Poland, 2023)*, volume 14248 of LNCS, 1–15. 2023. doi:10.1007/978-981-99-7074-2\_1.



41. Sarwan Ali, Usama Sardar, Imdad Ullah Khan, and Murray Patterson. Efficient sequence embedding for SARS-CoV-2 variants classification. In *the 19th International Symposium on Bioinformatics Research and Applications (ISBRA, Wrocław, Poland, 2023)*, volume 14248 of LNCS, 16–30. 2023. doi:10.1007/978-981-99-7074-2\_2.
42. Mansoor Ahmed, Usama Sardar, Sarwan Ali, Shafiq Alam, Murray Patterson, and Imdad Ullah Khan. Robust brain age estimation via regression models and MRI-derived features. In *Advances in Computational Collective Intelligence (ICCCI, Budapest, Hungary, 2023)*, volume 1864 of Communications in Computer and Information Science. 2023. doi:10.1007/978-3-031-41774-0\_52.
43. Zahra Tayebi\*, Sarwan Ali\*, Prakash Chourasia, Taslim Murad, and Murray Patterson. T cell receptor protein sequences and sparse coding: A novel approach to cancer classification. In *the 2023 International Conference on Neural Information Processing (ICONIP, Changsha, China, 2023)*. 2023. To appear.
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47. Prakash Chourasia\*, Zahra Tayebi\*, Sarwan Ali\*, and Murray Patterson. Empowering pandemic response with federated learning for protein sequence data analysis. In *the 2023 International Joint Conference on Neural Networks (IJCNN, Queensland, Australia, 2023)*, 1–8. 2023. doi:10.1109/IJCNN54540.2023.10191721.
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51. Sarwan Ali, Taslim Murad, and Murray Patterson. PSSM2Vec: A compact alignment-free embedding approach for coronavirus spike sequence classification. In *the 29th International Conference on Neural Information Processing (ICONIP, Indore, India, 2022)*, volume 1794 of Springer CCIS, 420–432. 2023. doi:10.1007/978-981-99-1648-1\_35.
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55. Sarwan Ali, Bikram Sahoo, Naimat Ullah, Alex Zelikovsky, Murray Patterson\*, and Imdad Ullah Khan\*. A  $k$ -mer based approach for SARS-CoV-2 variant identification. In *the 17th International Symposium on Bioinformatics Research and Applications (ISBRA, Shenzhen, China, 2021)*, volume 13064 of LNCS, 153–164. 2021. doi:10.1007/978-3-030-91415-8\_14.
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