

DEVELOPER GUIDE

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Chapter 3: Definitions and abbreviations

[APP] "Application" is a Word Wide Web server-based application.

[DB] "Application Data Base" is the place where [APP] data is stored. The

layout of the [RECORD]s (and the location where the records are

stored) depends on [APP] internal architecture.

[CONNECTOR] The "Data base connection handler" is used by [SERVER] to access

records in [DB].

[CLIENT] Client device on which user initiates synchronization session. The

[CLIENT] may be a cell phone or personnel digital assistant (PDA). On most [CLIENT], the synchronization capabilities are build-in; on other

[CLIENT] it may be required to install special client software.

sync●gw server acts as a gateway between [CLIENT] and [DB]. The

server provides data conversion utilities and support of a couple of

data protocols enabling communication with [CLIENT].

[CONFIG] sync•gw configuration is stored in configuration file

syncgw/config.ini.php.

[BROWSER] The standalone syncogw "Web User interface" is available at

http://[yourdomain]/sync.php.

[DATASTORE] "Data Store" contains all related data to a specific data store (e.g. all

contact data). Depending on which [CONNECTOR] is used, the data may be physically stored in MySQL tables, in flat files or somewhere $\frac{1}{2}$

else (e.g. in an Oracle data base).

[GROUP] All records are stored in groups. These may be user defined. If no

group is selected during synchronization, sync•gw uses a special group called "default" in each [DATASTORE] to synchronize. Please note this group cannot be deleted and is always automatically (re-) created. During [SYNCML] synchronization, only the "default" group is used. Other groups may be selected using [WEBDAV] synchronization.

nization.

[RECORD] A "Data Record" contains an indefinite number of [FIELD]s. In case of

e.g. a contact [RECORD], there may be one name with multiple telephone numbers assigned and multiple location information such

as work and private address.

[FIELD] A "Data field" is one piece of information store in a [RECORD]. In

case of a contact [RECORD], each telephone number is a [FIELD].

[GUID] The "Global Unique Identified" is the primary key used by sync●gw

to access a specific [RECORD] in a specific [DATASTORE] for a specific

user.

[LUID] The "Local Unique Identifier" is the primary key used by the [CLIENT]

to access a specific [RECORD] in a specific [DATASTORE] for a specific

user.

Record mapping During access to external [DATASTORE] all internal [FIELD] needs to

be mapped to external [FIELD]. This process is called "Record mapping". This transformation is performed based on an XML

mapping table.

Character Encoding [SERVER] use internally the UTF-8-character set. During conversation

with [CLIENT], all user data is automatically converted to the character set supported by [CLIENT]. If you want to know more about the supported character sets, please open [BROWSER] and select "Check status". Please search for "Encoding handler". Below

the header line all supported character sets are listed.

[WAP] The "Wireless Application Protocol" used for transferring data across

3G networks.

[WBXML] "<u>WAP Binary XML</u>" is a binary representation of [SYNCML] protocol

which is used to synchronize smaller data packages during

synchronization.

[WEBDAV] "Web-based Distributed Authoring and Versioning" is a set of

methods based on the Hypertext Transfer Protocol (HTTP) that facilitates collaboration between users in editing and managing

documents and files stored on Word Wide Web servers.

[MS-EAS] <u>MicroSoft Exchange ActiveSync</u>

[MS-ASPROV] <u>MicroSoft Exchange ActiveSync: Provisioning Protocol</u>

[MS-ASRM] <u>MicroSoft Exchange ActiveSync: Rights Management Protocol</u>

Chapter 4: Introduction

syncogw is written fully object oriented. This approach makes it easy to integrate [BROWSER] in your [APP] without running into potential conflicts with global variables and function names. To reduce allocated PHP memory, we additionally implemented late object binding - internal class definitions and class objects are only loaded as they are required. Starting from version 6 we also restrict memory allocation to singleton instance of one class object.

Chapter 5: Data flow between [CLIENT] and syncogw

5.1 Session initiated by [CLIENT]

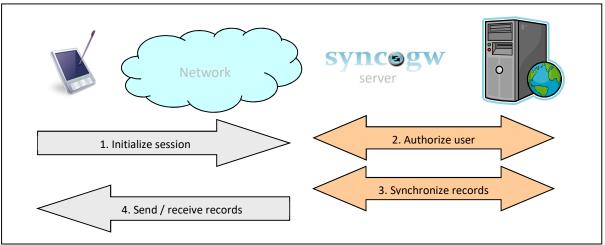


Figure 1: Session initialization by [CLIENT]

Figure above show the data flow during session initialization between session initiated by [CLIENT], syncogw and [APP].

- (1) User initiates a synchronization session on [CLIENT]. The [CLIENT] connects to sync•gw through available network (3G, WLAN).
- (2) sync•gw authorizes user in [APP] (using [CONNECTOR]). If authorization fails, an appropriate return code is sent to [CLIENT] and session is terminated.
- (3) The first-time syncogw access the internal [DATASTORE] in session, syncogw synchronize [DB] with [DATASTORE]. During this process, all internal [RECORD] are mapped to external [RECORD] (using methods provided by [CONNECTOR]). Then the records are compared with [RECORD] loaded from [DB] to discover any changes.
 - If syncogw detects any field change, the appropriate field is mapped back to internal representation and the internal [RECORD] is updated. Finally [RECORD] is flagged for synchronization with [CLIENT].
 - In case [RECORD] is found in [DATASTORE] but not found in [DB], [RECORD] is flagged for deletion on [CLIENT].
 - If [RECORD] is not found in [DATASTORE] (but in [DB]), then it is loaded into [DATASTORE] and flagged to be added on [CLIENT] on next synchronization.
- (4) Synchronization is started. During follow-up communication all flagged [RECORD] are synchronized with [CLIENT].

5.2 Data exchange

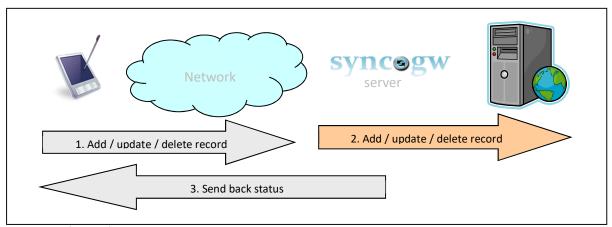


Figure 2: Add / update / delete record

Figure above show the data flow for syncogw data exchange processing.

- (1) [CLIENT] send updates to existing [RECORD], new [RECORD] or notifies syncogw about deletion of [RECORD].
- (2) sync•gw performs the requested action on the [DATASTORE] and initiates associated changes on [DB] using [CONNECTOR].
- (3) The status of the command is sent back to [CLIENT].

Chapter 6: [CONNECTOR] to [APP]

There is no straightforward interface between <code>syncogw</code> and [APP]. The only link is the external [DB]. This simplifies the integration of <code>syncogw</code> into [APP] extremely. There is no need to make any modification to [APP] code and [APP] doesn't need to take care about <code>syncogw</code> processing.

To access external [RECORD] sync•gw uses [CONNECTOR] to perform any add, update and delete to [DB].

The following picture shows the central role of [CONNECTOR] in data processing.

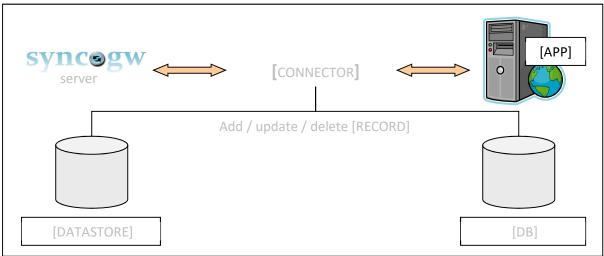


Figure 3: Role of [CONNECTOR]

6.1 Add or update [RECORD] processing

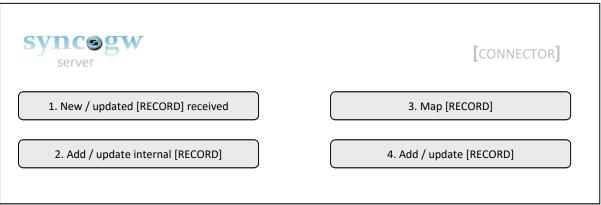


Figure 4: Add or update [RECORD] processing

Figure above illustrates which steps are performed during processing of new [RECORD] (add) or updated [RECORD] received from [CLIENT].

- (1) sync@gw receive a new [RECORD] (or a request for update on an existing [RECORD]) from
 [CLIENT]
- (2) syncogw adds new or updates an existing [RECORD] in [DATASTORE].
- (3) sync•gw calls [CONNECTOR] to map [RECORD] to external record. [CONNECTOR] may use mapping methods provided sync•gw.
- (4) [CONNECTOR] adds mapped record to or updates existing record in [DB].

6.2 Delete [RECORD] processing

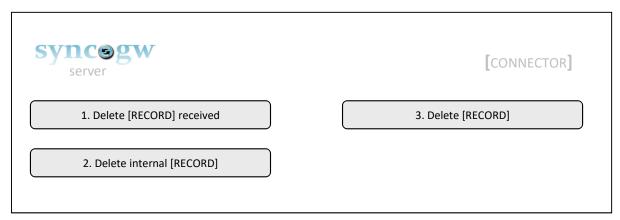


Figure 5: Delete [RECORD] processing

Figure above illustrates which steps are performed during processing of delete [RECORD] requests received from [CLIENT].

- (1) sync•gw receives the request for record deletion and deletes [RECORD] in [DATASTORE] from [CLIENT].
- (2) sync•gw deletes [RECORD] in [DATASTORE].
- (3) sync•gw calls [CONNECTOR] to delete external record.

6.3 [RECORD] mapping

syncogw assume [APP] is using its own [DB] and its own [RECORD] layout. syncogw needs to map internal and external [RECORD] in various situations. This process is called "[RECORD] mapping".

To enable <code>syncogw</code> to perform this mapping and add, update or delete [RECORD] in [DB], [CONNECTOR] **must** provide methods which performs the mapping of the internal and of the external [RECORD].

6.4 Data exchange options

During synchronization either on [CLIENT] or on sync•gw [RECORD] are added, updated or deleted.

In some syncogw installations it may be required to control the exchange of data.

Imagine you want to set up a global phone directory for your employees. This directory should only be maintained on server. This requires a way to reject any changes received from [CLIENT].

Or think about your [CLIENT] data should be protected under all circumstances. This requires a way to reject any changes in [DB].

This behavior may be configured by setting the appropriate "Synchronization options" in [BROWSER].

Chapter 7: Creating myApp [CONNECTOR]

In the following chapters, we create a sample [CONNECTOR] named myApp.

The connector files were located in directory <code>vendor/syncgw/myapp-bundle</code>.

We assume

- There is an existing [APP] called myApp available up and running. This is not part of the sample code.
- The [APP] data is stored in a MySQL data base.
- myApp [CONNECTOR] will only support contact data.
- The internal sync•gw [DATASTORE] is in same data base.

To create the initial environment for [APP], please import file tables.sql in a MySQL data base of your choice. This file will create a user authorization table and a contact table used to store synchronized contact data including some sample data. At least configure syncogw to use this data base.

During synchronization session, please user the sample user ID "syncgw" with password "syncgw" as credential on your [CLIENT].

You may check the interface definition files <code>DBAdmin.php</code>, <code>DBintHandler.php</code> and <code>DBextHandler.php</code> located in directory <code>syncgw/interfaces</code> which contains commented definitions of all classes and methods you need to implement in your own data base handler.

Now we're ready to start.

First, we create your own bundle. This directory is automatically discovered by syncogw during startup. syncogw expects to find at least two files in this directory. The file Admin.php contains the administrator interface class and is only used during calls to [BROWSER]; the second file Handler.php contains the [CONNECTOR] class definitions and is used especially during syncogw synchronization.

7.1 Administrator interface class

For the administrator interface class, we need to create PHP file Admin.php in myapp directory. This file contains a class definition including all class methods required by [BROWSER].

7.1.1 Class definition: Admin

Table 1: Admin class definition

We define our own class which is based on the MySQL class definition and implements the Admin class. Using this approach, we can use all the provided MySQL class methods and only need to add our own code to handle special myApp configuration parameter.

7.1.2 Admin::getInstance()

```
/**
 * Get class instance handler
 *
 * @return - Class object
 */
static function getInstance(): Admin {
  if (!self::$ obj)
     self::$ obj = new self();
  return self::$_obj;
}
```

Table 2: Admin::getObj ()

This function is called internally to allocate the object for this class. This reduces overall amount of allocated memory and boosts execution of class object.

7.1.3 Admin::getParms()

Table 3: Admin::getParms ()

This method is called to show any required parameter in [BROWSER]. In the Admin class, this method asks for all parameters required to connect to data base.

To avoid any conflicts with syncogw or [BROWSER] parameter please add the prefix Usr_ to any configuration parameter you want to use.

7.1.4 Admin::Connect()

Table 4: Admin::Connect ()

This method is called to perform [CONNECTOR] installation. In the Admin class, this method creates all required internal syncogw MySQL tables.

We want to store a [CONNECTOR] dummy configuration parameter. For this purpose [BROWSER] provide a method updVar() to store configuration parameter in [CONFIG] file.

To avoid any conflicts with syncogw or [BROWSER] parameter please add the prefix Usr_ to any configuration parameter you want to use.

At least we call parents Connect () method to ensure all required MySQL parameter are saved.

7.1.5 Admin::DisConnect()

Table 5: Admin::DisConnect ()

This method is called to perform the de-installation of [CONNECTOR] as soon as "Drop data base connection" in [BROWSER] is selected.

We clear configuration parameter to know our handler is not available anymore and calls parents <code>DisConnect()</code> method to ensure MySQL handler is de-installed properly.

7.1.6 Admin::SupportedHandlers()

```
/**
    * Return list of supported data store handler
    * @return - Bit map of supported data store handler
    */
public function SupportedHandlers(): int {
    return DataStore::EXT| DataStore::NOTE;
}
```

Table 6: Admin::SuppoetedHandlers ()

This method is called to provide information about which [DATASTORE] are supported by [CONNECTOR]. Other [DATASTORE] not returned by this method are not available for synchronization or available in [BROWSER].

In myApp [CONNECTOR] any client request to synchronize [DATASTORE] except notes data will be rejected with an appropriate return code.

If [CONNECTOR] should support more [DATASTORE], IDs of the supported [DATASTORE] needs to concatenated using a bitwise OR (e.g. DataStore::CONTACT|DataStore::CALENDAR). The parameter DataStore::EXT specifies this data base handler supports external records.

For more information about the available handlers please refer to file corebundle/lib/DataStore.php.

7.2 [CONNECTOR] handler class Handler

Table 7: Handler.php skeleton

Please create a new PHP file your-bundle/src/Handler.php.

Make sure the Notes class definition is included at the top of the file. This is required because the class is not automatically loaded.

7.2.1 Handler::getInstance()

```
/**
 * Get class instance handler
 *
 * @return - Class object or NULL
 */
public static function getInstance() {
}
```

Table 8: Handler::_start ()

- We check if we're responsible.
- We define a message we want to use in our [CONNECTOR] and load the configuration parameter we defined in [BROWSER] configuration panel.
- We load parameter required to connect to data base and open a connection.
- We create our notes data store handler object \$ hd.
- We register our shutdown function delInstance().

At the end of the method we send a message about the configuration parameter to syncogw log.

7.2.2 Handler::delInstance()

```
public function delInstance (): void {
```

Table 9: Handler::_stop()

In the destructor method you may specify any "shutdown" code to stop the interface to [APP] [DB].

We need to delete reference object to enable call to getInstance() on next allocation of object.

7.2.3 Handler::Authorize()

Table 10: Handler::Authorize()

This method is called to authorize user connecting from [CLIENT] trying to initiate a synchronization session.

Please note this authentication check is required, because **sync•gw** itself does not maintain any authorization scheme.

7.2.4 Handler::Query()

Table 11: Handler::extQuery()

Method Query() is called each time sync•gw recognize any need to add, update or delete an external [RECORD] or to discover record status on any [RECORD] in [DB]. All internal call were redirected to MySQL handler.

The first parameter \$hid is the [DATASTORE] handler ID to be accessed.

Parameter \$cmd is the command to perform on [DB].

Please note this method must take care about some special conditions:

- For command DataStore::GRPS and DataStore::RGIDS method must always return the groups at top of array().
- [GROUP] array () consists of all assign external record IDs.
- External default [GROUP] must be created and maintained by [APP].

7.2.4.1 Class definition: Notes

Table 12: Notes.php skeleton

We define our class as child of the syncogw XML class. The XML class provides a couple of methods we will use. Class definition is in your-bundle/src/Notes.php.

7.2.5 Field mapping

Table 13: Mapping table

Starting with version 9 sync•gw uses its own data model. We decided to make this step forward establish clear responsibilities: From this version on, syntax check, data validation and input/output and any other field activity is in "responsibility" of each field object. If you have a field title and want to store in sync•gw data model, you check directory corebundle/src/documents/fields. There all sync•gw supported field objects are stored.

In our handler we decided to store title in FieldSummary. Calling this object in standardized way and the object is responsible to store data within syncogw and provide output in all supported protocols.

The MAP constant array is used to define the mapping between the internal MySQL data fields used and syncegw fields.

7.2.6 Notes::Query()

```
public function Query(\mysqli &$db, int $uid, int $cmd, $parm) {
```

Table 14: Notes::Query()

sync•gw use this method to access all external [RECORD] in [DB]. It is called by handler.

Chapter 8: User configuration options

As user performs first synchronization, a <code>User</code> object is been allocated in user data store. Within this object there are some special variables which you can use to modify synchronization behavior.

Name	Description	Options
<banned></banned>	Allow user login	0 – login allowed (default) 1 – user is banned
<mailsend></mailsend>	User is allowed to send mails for ActiveSync	0 – not allowed 1 – allowed (default)
<accountname></accountname>	Friendly user account name for ActiveSync	
<displayname></displayname>	User display name in directory service for ActiveSync	
<pre><userdisplayname></userdisplayname></pre>	User display name associated with the given account for ActiveSync	
<outofoffice></outofoffice>	Out of office message for ActiveSync.	
<state></state>	Status of property	0 – The property is disabled 1 – The property is enabled
<time></time>	Time slot definition for out-of-office	"Unix start time"./."Unix end time" or NULL for global property
<message></message>	Message to return	1 – Internal
<audience></audience>	Audience	2 – Known external user 3 – Unknown external user
<text typ="Text"></text> <text typ="HTML"></text>	Clear message text HTML message text	
	Free busy array	
<slot></slot>	Time slot definition. If nothing is specified, all time slots were of type "0"	"Unix start time/Unix end time/Type (see below)" 0 – Free 1 – Tentative 2 – Busy 3 – Out of Office (OOF) 4 – No data

In file syncgw/activesync-bundle/assets/masPolicy.xml you may specify server policy settings for ActiveSync. Please check all available comments in file.

In file syncgw/activesync-bundle/assets/masRights.xml you may specify server right management settings for ActiveSync. Please check all available comments in file.

Appendix A: External [CONNECTOR] handler testing

There is a plug-in available to test data base synchronization.

Please open [BROWSER] and configure user "debug" with password "syncgw" as "Debug user ID" and "Debug user ID password".

Open administrator interface panel select "Explore data" and click on "Run". Switch into a [DATASTORE] and select a group. Then one additional button is available:



Synchronize internal [DATASTORE] with external [DB].

Appendix B: syncogw document data structure

sync•gw use its own data representation based on XML objects. These documents all have basically the same data structure.

Table 15: Document data structure

<Data>

<GUID> [GUID] on sync•gw. <LUID> [LUID] on [CLIENT]. <SyncStat> Status of document. Allowed statuses are the value of the constants DataStore::STAT OK Synchronization performed successfully DataStore::STAT_ADD [RECORD] need to be send to client device) DataStore::STAT_REP [RECORD] need to be replaced on client device) DataStore::STAT DEL [RECORD] to be deleted on client device Available [RECORD] types are defined in syncgw/lib/DB.php. For user <Type> [RECORD] processing the relevant record types are: DataStore::GROUP Record is a [GROUP] record. Please note [GROUP] records are only allowed to be member of ONE parent group DataStore::DGROUP Special default [GROUP] DataStore::DATA Data record <Group> [GROUP] to which <GUID> is assigned. When [RECORD] was created - as UNIX time stamp. <Created> Last date and time [RECORD] was modified - as UNIX time stamp. <LastMod> <CRC> Unique record hash. <extID> Record id in external data base. External [GROUP] to which <extID> is assigned to. <extGroup>

Data assigned to this document. The content depends on the [DATASTORE].

Appendix C: [BROWSER] customization

[BROWSER] use two skeleton files to display the web interface. Feel free to modify these files as required.

syncgw/gui-bundle/assets/login.html Login page
syncgw/gui-bundle/assets/interface.html sync@gw administrator interface

Appendix E: Character encoding

syncogw use internally the UTF-8-character set. During synchronization with [CLIENT], all user data is automatically converted to the character set supported by [CLIENT]. If you want to know more about the supported character sets, please open [BROWSER] and select "Check status". Please search for "Encoding handler". Below the header line all supported character sets are listed.

```
/**
  * Get external encoding
  *
  * @return - Active character set name
  */
public function getEncoding(): string {
}
```

Table 16: Encoding::getEncoding()

You may use this method to get information about which character set is in use. The method returns the name of the external character set. For more information look at syncgw/core-bundle/assets /charset.xml which contains all available and supported character sets.

```
/**

* Set external character set encoding

*

* @param - Character set ID or name

* @return - Name of character set or ''

*/

public function setEncoding(string $cs): string {
}
```

Table 17: Encoding::setEncoding()

If you use a different character encoding in [APP], you may use this function to set either the character set ID (e.g. 1017 for UTF-32) or the name of the character set name (e.g. US-ASCII).

If the requested character set is not supported by PHP, a Null value is returned.

```
@param - String to encode
@return - Converted string
public function export(string $str): string {
```

Table 18: Encoding::export()

```
@param - String to decode
@return - Converted string
public function import(string $str): string {
```

Table 19: Encoding::import()

Please use these two methods to either convert a string from internal to external character set (or back).

Appendix F: Base class XML

sync•gw uses its own implementation of PHP DOM XML class. We decided to create our own wrapper class to make access to XML object easier and more auditable.

Appendix G: Internal configuration parameter

This chapter contains a detailed description of all available internal configuration options used in [CONFIG] file. You can only modify them in [CONFIG] file.

Max. PHP execution time

(Parameter name: MaxExecutionTime)

This sets the maximum time in seconds a script is allowed to run before it is terminated by the parser. This helps prevent poorly written scripts from tying up the server. Defaults to 910 seconds (more information).

Default timeout for socket based streams

(Parameter name: SocketTimeout)

Default timeout (in seconds) for socket based streams. Specifying a negative value means an infinite timeout (more information).

MySQL record size

(Parameter name: MySQLSize)

Attachments may be very big. Sometimes MySQL has a limitation of record size which let's **sync•gw** crash. This parameter limits the size of attachments. Default is **10485760**.

MySQL retry counter

(Parameter name: MySQLRetry)

In shared hosting environment it might happen that the MySQL server fails with error "[2006] MySQL server has gone away". To recover from this error, sync•gw waits for 300 milliseconds and tried SQL action again. These retries were limited by this parameter (defaults to 10 times).

Temporary directory

(Parameter name: TmpDir)

Where to store temporary used files. On some hosting provider, you may encounter problems with temporary files, since the value returned by sys get temp dir() is unusable.

Default system time zone

(Parameter name: Timezone)

Time zone to use.

Maximum bytes send in one chunk

(Parameter name: SendSize)

Defaults to 1 MB.

Force WebDAV task list synchronization

(Parameter name: TaskDAV)

If you use CalDAV to synchronize data and you want to synchronize tasks, then you need to set this parameter to "FORCE". Please be aware you cannot synchronize calendar and tasks from same installation.

Directory where RoundCube is installed

(Parameter name: RCDirectory)

Normally, you should install **sync•gw** in sub directory of RoundCube. If your RoundCube installation is installed in a different directory, you may specify the path with this configuration variable.

Set SMTP debug messages level

(Parameter name: SMTPDebug)

Set this parameter to get additional messages from PHPMAILER handler. Defaults to 0.

- 0: No output
- 1: Client messages
- 2: Client and server messages
- 3: As SERVER plus connection status
- 4: Noisy, low-level data output, rarely needed

Throw external exceptions in PHPMAILER

(Parameter name: MailerError)

Set this parameter to **1** to allow PHPMAILER to throw external exceptions. These exceptions were then catched by **sync•gw** and written to log file. Defaults to **0**.

Connection test timeout

(Parameter name: ConnectionTimeout)

This is the SMEP connect test timeout. It is set to 5 seconds by default.

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