

Introduction

What is Party Quiz™?

Party Quiz™ is a fast paced computer quiz game that frees all players from the restraints of the keyboard. All interaction with the computer can take place using the Quick Response™ Controllers, eliminating a crowd around the computer console. Party Quiz is a game for quiz game players. Computer expertise is not required.

Some of the many features are:

- *1 to 4 Player and Team Options*
- *P.Q.U. Dean's List*
- *Lightning Bonus Rounds*
- *Individual player handicapping*
- *Varying Degrees of Competition*
- *Game Pause Feature*

PQ is designed to be used with a number of different home computer systems. This booklet contains instructions for using PQ with the Commodore 64 and Atari Home Computer Series. Most of the steps are the same for both the Commodore and Atari systems. In cases where connections and/or commands differ, the distinctions are clearly indicated.

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Object of the Game

The object of Party Quiz is to correctly answer the computer's questions as quickly as possible, before time runs out. The highest scores are awarded for the quickest responses.

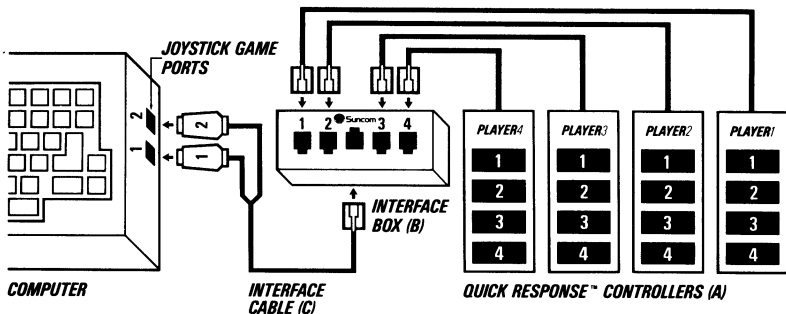
Equipment Requirements

The Commodore 64 version of Party Quiz requires a Commodore 64 computer, a disk drive, and a TV or monitor. The Atari version of Party Quiz requires one of the Atari family of computers (400, 800, 600XL, 800XL, 1200XL) with at least 32K of RAM, a disk drive, and a TV or monitor. Included with Party Quiz are:

- (A) Four (4) Quick Response™ Controllers with cables
- (B) The PQ Controller Interface Box (looks like a telephone junction box with 5 jacks)
- (C) A cable to connect the interface box to the computer (one modular telephone-type plug at one end, and two game control plugs at the other end)
- (D) Four numbered stickers to be placed on the controllers
- (E) The Party Quiz Program Diskette
- (F) General Edition I Question Diskette
- (G) This Gamer's Guide

Installation

First, make sure that your computer is properly connected to the disk drive and TV or monitor. Please refer to your owner's manuals for directions.



The next step is to connect the PQ Interface Box (B) to the computer. There are five connector jacks on the interface; four are numbered for connecting the four Quick Response Controllers. In the center of the interface box is a fifth jack, located under the

Suncom logo. This fifth jack accepts the single connector at the end of the black interface cable (C). Plug the single end connector into the center jack on the interface box (B). At the other end of the interface cable (C) are two connectors which plug into the two joystick game control ports on the computer. These connectors are labelled 1 and 2. Plug connector 1 into game control port 1 and connector 2 into game control port 2.

The four numbered stickers (D) fit into the cavity above the buttons on each of the controllers (A). Peel the backing from each sticker and place one sticker on each controller.

Once the controllers (A) have been numbered, plug the connector at the end of the cable on controller number 1 into the jack labelled number 1 on the interface box (B). The connector will only fit one way (it can't be inserted incorrectly) and must be pushed in until it locks with a 'snap.' Continue connecting the remaining controllers (A) into the numbered interface jacks, making sure that the numbers on the interface (B) and controllers (A) match up.

Once these connections have been made hookup is complete. To ensure proper operation of the Quick Response controllers (A), review all connections. It is very important that the two numbered connectors at the end of the interface cable (C) going into the computer are in their properly numbered game control ports.

IMPORTANT

*Loading the Party Quiz program should be attempted only after the Quick Response Controllers and interface have been properly hooked up to the computer. An attempted load without the controllers connected may cause the controllers to malfunction. If the controllers are not connected until after the program load, it is necessary to press the **RESET** (on the Atari) or function key **F1** (on the Commodore) to assure proper operation.*

Loading the Program (Atari Computers)

To begin the load, the computer should be turned OFF, and the disk drive and TV/Monitor should be turned ON. Remove any cartridges from the system.

- *When the disk drive "busy" light turns off, open the disk drive door and insert the PQ Program Disk, with the side labelled "**This Side-ATARI**" facing up. Close the disk drive door.*
- *Turn the computer ON. The familiar 'beeps' of the disk being loaded can be heard over the television speaker.*

Note: *If your computer is either an Atari 600XL or an Atari 800XL, you must hold down the **OPTION** button on the computer console while turning the computer ON.*

- *After a few moments the Party Quiz title screen will appear. At this point loading is complete. If the screen shows any error messages, make sure the controls and interface are properly connected. Also, check your owner's manuals to see if the disk drive is properly connected. Refer to the beginning of this section to begin loading again.*
- *When starting to play the game the first time after loading, the following message will appear:*

To use Questions on PROGRAM DISK,

Press Button #1 on Controller #1.

To use a different QUESTION DISK,

Remove Program Disk,

Insert QUESTION DISK,

Press Button #1 on Controller #1.

The Atari version of Party Quiz comes with questions on both the Program Disk and the General Edition I Question Disk. If you wish to use the questions contained on the Program disk, you must simply press button #1 on controller #1.

*If you wish to use the questions contained on the separate Question Disk, open the disk drive door, remove the Program Disk, and place it in its protective envelope. Place the Question Disk in the disk drive with the side labelled "**This Side-ATARI**" facing up. Close the disk drive door. Press button #1 on controller #1 to let the computer know that the Question Disk has been inserted.*

Loading the Program (Commodore 64 Computer)

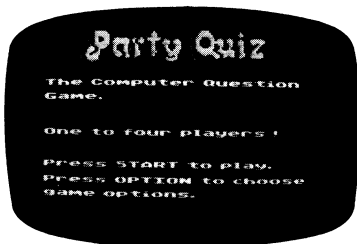
- To begin the load, remove any cartridges from the system, and turn the computer and disk drive ON.
- When the disk drive "busy" light turns off, open the disk drive door and insert the PQ Program Disk, with the side labelled "**This Side-COMMODORE**" facing up. Close the disk drive door.
- Type **LOAD "*" , 8,1** and press **RETURN** The computer will respond with

SEARCHING FOR *

LOADING

READY

- If you do not get this message, check to make sure all equipment is connected properly, and the proper disk is inserted correctly.
- Type **RUN** and Press **RETURN**.
- After a few moments the Party Quiz title screen will appear. At this point loading is complete. If the screen shows any error messages, make sure the controls and interface are properly connected. Also, check your owner's manuals to see if the disk drive is properly connected. Refer to the beginning of this section to begin loading again.
- When starting to play the game the first time after loading, the following message will appear:



**Remove Program Disk
Insert Question Disk, then
press button #1 on controller #1**

*Open the disk drive door, remove the Program Disk and place it in its protective envelope. Place the Question Disk in the Disk Drive with the side labelled "**This Side-COMMODORE**" facing up. Close the disk drive door. Press*

button #1 on controller #1 to let the computer know that the question disk has been inserted.

Party Quiz Game Options

The Quick Response Controllers were designed to allow operation of the game without need for the computer keyboard. The only function performed exclusively by the keyboard is the game pause, which is activated and deactivated by pressing the **SPACE** bar. All selection of options and starting game play can be done using the buttons on controller #1. (Only controller #1 may be used). Buttons 1, 2 and 3 on controller #1 perform the same functions as the **F3**, **F5**, and **F7** function keys on the Commodore 64, and the **OPTION**, **SELECT**, and **START** keys on the Atari keyboard.

From this point on the operation of the Commodore and Atari versions is identical. The Atari **RESET**, **OPTION**, **SELECT** and **START** keys serve the same function as the **F1**, **F3**, **F5**, and **F7** function keys on the Commodore. All references to controller buttons below refer to the buttons on controller #1.

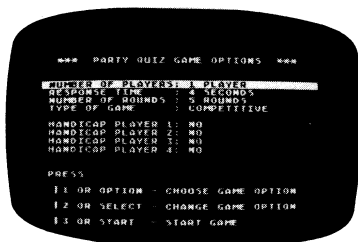
Option Screen

Atari—Pressing the **OPTION** key will cause the Option screen to be displayed.

Commodore—Pressing the **F3** key will cause the Option screen to be displayed.

This screen allows variation of game options.

Number of Players



Atari—Press the **OPTION** key or button #1 until the **NUMBER OF PLAYERS** option is highlighted in white. Pressing the **SELECT** key or button #2 changes the option to 2 players, 3 players, 4 players, or 4 players/2 teams.

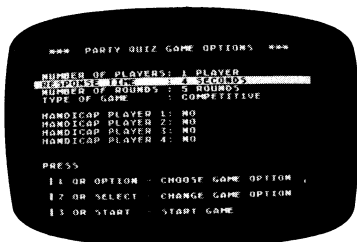
Commodore—Press the **F3** key or button #1 until the **NUMBER OF**

PLAYERS option is highlighted in white. Pressing the **F5** key or button #2 changes the option to 2 players, 3 players, 4 players, or 4 players/2 teams.

This option is preset to one player. The one player game mode allows all four controllers to be used to respond to the questions. This means that additional players can take part

in a one player game to collaborate on one score. In a 4 Players/2 Teams game, players using controllers #1 and #2 play as one team (score #1), and players using controllers #3 and #4 play as a second team (score #2).

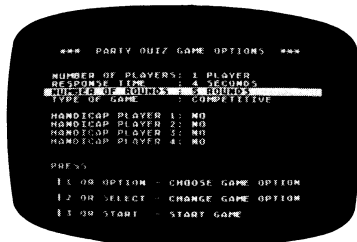
Response Time



the **F5** key or button #2 changes this option to 5 seconds, 10 seconds, or 3 seconds.

This option is preset to 4 seconds. A 10 second game has a leisurely introductory pace, while a 3 second game is very fast paced and frantic.

Number of Rounds



Atari—Press the **OPTION** key or button #1 until the **RESPONSE TIME** option is highlighted in white. Pressing the **SELECT** key or button #2 changes this option to 5 seconds, 10 seconds, or 3 seconds.

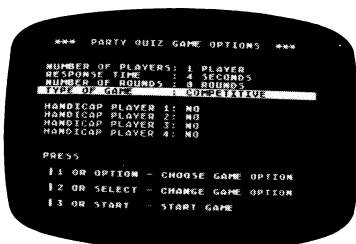
Commodore—Press the **F3** key or button #1 until the **RESPONSE TIME** option is highlighted in white. Pressing

Atari—Press the **OPTION** key or button #1 until the **NUMBER OF ROUNDS** option is highlighted in white. Pressing **SELECT** or button #2 changes this option to 8, 12, 16 or 20 rounds.

Commodore—Press the **F3** key or button #1 until the **NUMBER OF ROUNDS** option is highlighted in white. Pressing **F5** or button #2 changes this option to 8, 12, 16 or 20 rounds.

This option is preset to a 5 round game. One round consists of ten questions. Game length can vary from 50 questions to 200 questions.

Type of Game

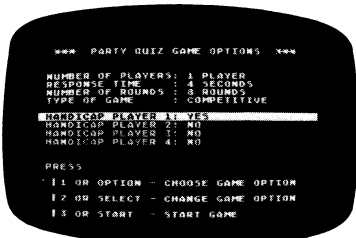


Atari—Press the **OPTION** key or button #1 until the **TYPE OF GAME** option is highlighted in white. Pressing the **SELECT** key or button #2 changes this option to **SOCIAL** mode.

Commodore—Press the **F3** key or button #1 until the **TYPE OF GAME** option is highlighted in white. Pressing the **F5** key or button #2 changes this option to **SOCIAL** mode.

This option is preset to **COMPETITIVE** mode. In **COMPETITIVE** mode all players compete at once to correctly answer questions before their opponents and before time runs out. Only the first correct answer wins the points for that question. **SOCIAL** mode allows all players to attempt an answer, even after a correct answer is received. Points are awarded for all correct answers, with the most points being awarded to the first to answer correctly.

Handicapping



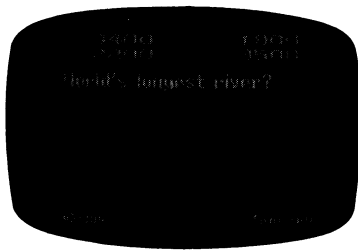
Atari—Pressing the **OPTION** key or button #1 allows you to select the player to be handicapped. Pressing the **SELECT** key or button #2 places or removes a handicap from that player.

Commodore—Pressing the **F3** key or button #1 allows you to select the player to be handicapped. Pressing the **F5** key or button #2 places or removes a handicap from that player.

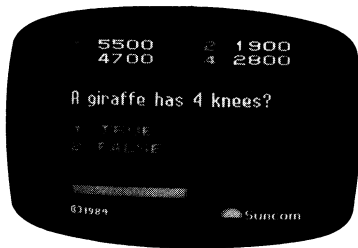
A handicap on a player is indicated with a **"YES"**. A handicapped player is given only half the amount of response time that is allotted to un-handicapped players. For example, if the **RESPONSE TIME** option is set to 4 seconds and player number 2 is handicapped, that player will be able to answer a question only during the last two seconds of response time. His controller will be inactive during the first two seconds.

Playing Party Quiz

Pressing button #3 on controller #1 will begin game play. The Atari **START** key or the Commodore **F7** key will also start the game.



Depending on the number of players, up to four scores will appear across the top of the screen. At the bottom of the game screen will be a countdown clock and a timer bar. The questions and answers appear in the middle of the screen. For a multiple choice question there will be four possible answers to choose from; for a true/false question there will, of course, be only 2.



The computer will display the question and possible answers, set the timer bar and set the countdown clock. The clock is initially set to 1,000 points for a multiple choice question, or 500 points for a true/false. When the answers appear, the clock begins to count down, and the controllers are activated. If a player's controller is inactive, either because he is handicapped or because

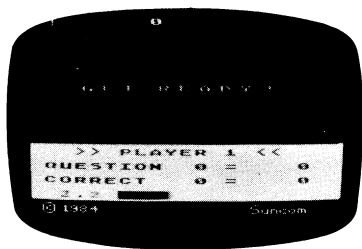
he has entered an incorrect guess, his score will be dimmer than the others.

Players select the answer they think is correct by pressing the appropriate button on their controller. If the guess is correct, a short tune will play. If the guess is incorrect, an "error" tone is played. In **COMPETITION** mode, after the first correct answer is given, the clock stops and the person giving the correct answer is awarded the remaining points. In **SOCIAL** mode, each player is allowed to enter one answer until time runs out. If a correct answer is given by a player, that player receives the number of points on the clock at that moment. The game ends after the last question has been asked in the last round.

If the computer catches a player holding a button down on his controller at the time a question appears on the screen, that player's score will be replaced with the word "CHEAT" and his controller will be disabled for the duration of that question. This is to prevent a player from trying to answer a question he hasn't yet seen.

Game play can be paused at any time by pressing the **SPACE** bar on the keyboard. Play can be resumed by pressing the space bar again.

Lightning Bonus Rounds



Rounds 4, 7, 11, 15, and 19 are Lightning Bonus Rounds. Here the computer randomly selects a player who is given 20 seconds to answer up to ten questions. Because this is very quickly paced, no time is taken to display the correct answer. As soon as the answer to one question is received, a new question appears. The white scoring area keeps track of the number of questions given, number of correct answers received, current point value for the current question, and total accrued points for this lightning round. When one player's 20 seconds are up, the computer selects another player, and repeats this until all players have had a turn in the Lightning Bonus Round.

Report Card Intermission

Every two rounds a Report Card is presented on the screen. Each player's score is displayed, along with a comment on their progress. This short intermission is accompanied by music. If you wish to skip the Report Card and continue play, press any button on controller #1 once the Report Card begins, and Party Quiz will resume play.

P.Q.U. Dean's List

The P.Q.U. Dean's List is a high score screen, showing the initials of the top 10 scorers and their scores. If a player's score at the end of the game is within the top ten scores of the current Party Quiz session, that player is asked to enter her initials. This is indicated by that player's number flashing next to her score. The player can enter her initials by using her controller. Pressing button #1 rotates the letters up through the alphabet; pressing #2 rotates backwards through the alphabet. When the desired letter is reached, pressing button #3 locks that letter in, and the cursor moves to the next position. Button #4 acts as a backspace, allowing players to back up and change mistakes. All players scoring high enough can enter their initials simultaneously. Initials must be entered while the players' numbers are flashing on the screen.

Controller Diagnostic Screen

Pressing the Atari **SELECT** or the Commodore **F5** key while the title screen is displaying will start the Controller Diagnostic Test. This is to be used if you would like to check the operation of the game controllers. On screen will appear a table listing the four controls, followed by a single digit. This digit is the number of the button that is being pressed on that control. If nothing appears on the line next to a controller number, a control may not be connected properly.

Pressing each button on each control should cause the number of the button being pressed to be displayed on the line for that controller. A zero will appear if no buttons are being pressed. If the proper number is not displayed when a controller button is pressed, the controller is not operating properly. You should:

- Check all connections between the control, the interface, and the computer.
- Press the Atari **RESET** or the Commodore **F1** key. This will return you to the title screen, and will also cause the program to try to correct any controller malfunction.
- Return to the diagnostic screen (press Atari **SELECT** or Commodore **F5**).
- Test the control again. If the control still malfunctions, it may need to be replaced.

You can return to Party Quiz by pressing **RESET** (Atari) or **F1** (Commodore).

HAVE FUN!

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The Party Quiz Game™

Limited Warranty

Hardware

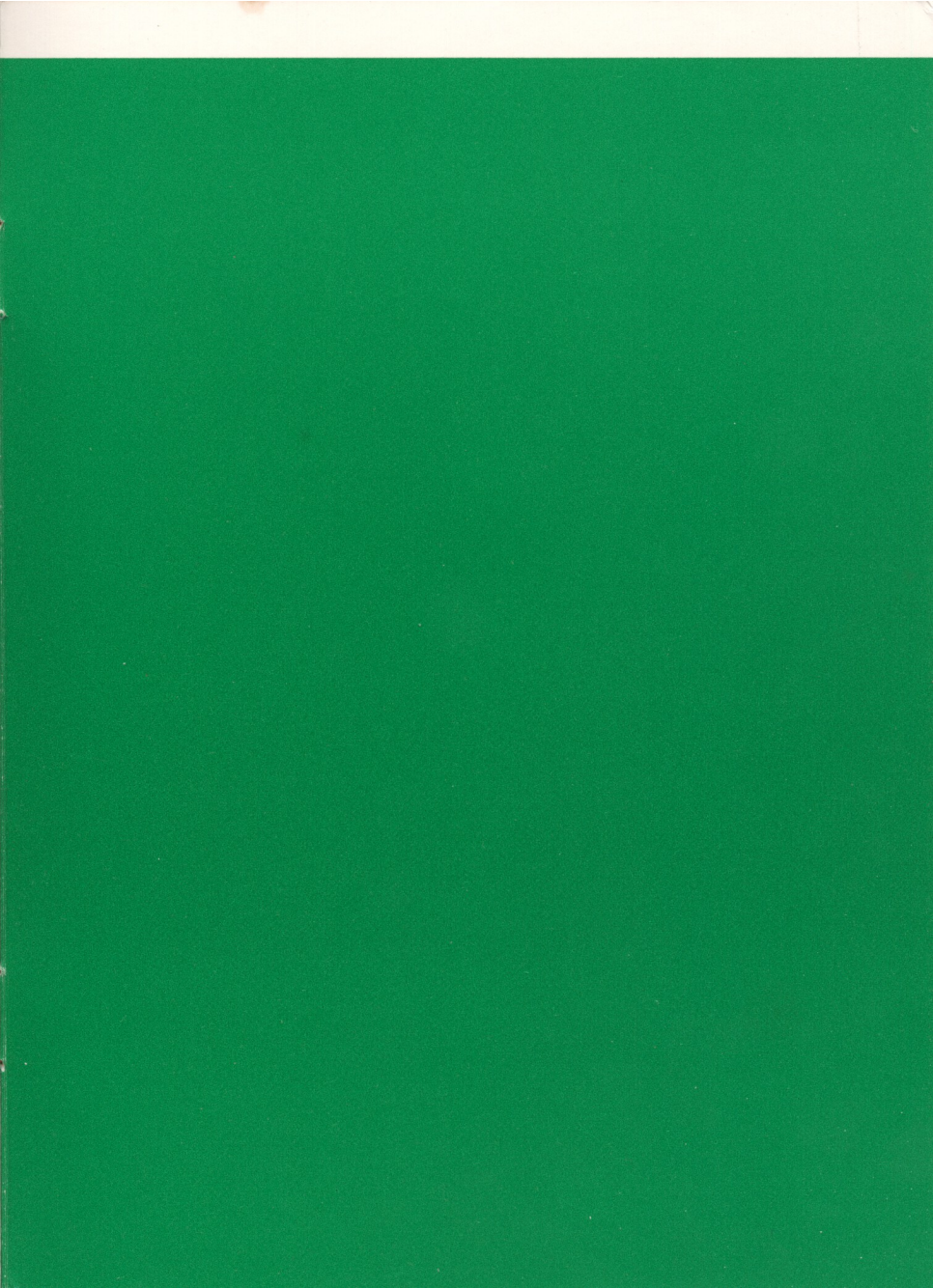
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Party Quiz Questionnaire

Congratulations on the addition of Party Quiz to your home library. Party Quiz adds a new dimension to your personal computer—involving the guests at your next party in a competitive stimulating game of mental skill. To maximize the future entertainment and educational opportunities of this system we ask that you complete this questionnaire after you have played the game. Your assistance will help us to appraise our product, and provide the guidance for the next generation of software.

1. *What was the condition of the package when received? (Rate on a scale of 1 to 10—with 10 being a “very good” rating.)*

Quick Response Controllers Packaging Interface Module

Program Disk Question Library Disk Gamer Guide

2. *Additional data diskettes (questions) will be available in Fall, 1984 at a list price of \$24.95. Please indicate below your level of interest in the following subjects (1 to 10)—with 10 being highest interest.*

Gen. Edition II Gen. Edition III Sports Entertainment Educational

3. *Please rank below any specific subjects you would like to see available as question disks in the future. (1 to 10).*

Movies Famous People Vocabulary Television

Mensa Questions Other (Describe)

4. *Where did you first hear of Party Quiz?*

Magazine Review TV Ad Saw at friend's house Newspaper Ad

Store Salesman Magazine Ad Catalog Ad No advance knowledge Other

5. *Did you receive Party Quiz as a gift? If yes, skip to question 8.*

Yes No

6. *Rate the following factors which influenced your Party Quiz purchase decision (1 to 10)—with 10 being most important.*

Eliminates keyboard captivity Allows up to 4 Player/Team Play

Ability to Personalize Game Play Options Ability to Set Response Times

Ability to Set Individual Player Handicaps Multiple Choice Answers

Pause During Game Play On Sale Price Was Right Best Overall Game Play

7. Where did you purchase your Party Quiz system?

Dept. Store Computer Store Discount Store Software Store Audio Store
Electronic Store Drug Store Catalog Showroom Direct Mail Other

8. If received as a gift, please indicate who made the purchase.

Male Female Age

9. Do you presently own another computer trivia game?

Brand Owned None

10. Would you recommend Party Quiz to a friend?

Yes No Comments

11. How many other computer software titles have you purchased in the last 12 months?

1-2 3-5 6-10 11 or more

12. Hours per week computer is used?

1) 0-3 hrs. 2) 4-8 hrs. 3) 8-12 hrs. 4) over 12 hrs.

Game Play Personal Productivity Educational Use

Business Applications (Check all applicable)

13. Brand of computer owned?

Apple Commodore Radio Shack Atari IBM Other

14. Length of time computer owned?

Under 3 Months Under 6 Months Under 1 Year Over 1 Year

15. Brand of Disk Drive Owned?

Apple Percom Rana Atari Commodore Trac Indus IBM Other

16. Additional Comments

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