



TRAINING IN ORGANIC BREEDING!



CONTEXT: Training in LIVESEEDING project

<https://liveseeding.eu/trainings-summer-school/>

The screenshot shows the LiveSeeding website's 'Trainings & Summer School' page. The page features a navigation menu with categories like LIVESEEDING, Project activities, News & Media, Resources, Events & trainings, Living Labs, and Seed policy. Below the menu is a table of training packages. The 'Organic plant breeding' row is highlighted with a red box. The table includes columns for the training package name, 'Info & Materials', 'Upcoming Sessions', and 'Target Groups'. A 'NEWS LETTER' button is visible in the bottom right corner of the page content.

| Training Packages & Summer School | Info & Materials | Upcoming Sessions | Target Groups |
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| Organic plant breeding | More info | Register here | breeders, researchers, students |
| Organic cultivar testing | More info | Register here | farmers, breeders, examination and certification offices, researchers, national/regional authorities, citizens/consumers |
| High-quality organic seed production | More info | Register here | farmers, seed producers and multipliers, seed savers, breeders, examination and certification offices, researchers |
| Regulatory and policy aspects of the organic seed market and organic seed databases | More info | Register here | farmers, seed producers and multipliers, seed traders, seed savers, breeders, examination and certification offices, expert groups, national/regional authorities, actors of long value chains, actors of local value chains, private and public procurement bodies/officers |
| Entrepreneurship in the organic seeds and breeding sector | More info | Register here | farmers, seed producers and multipliers, seed traders, actors of long value chains, actors of local value chains, private and public procurement bodies/officers |
| Embedding organic seed and cultivated diversity in city food policies | More info | Register here | farmers, seed producers, seed savers, researchers, national/regional authorities, private and public procurement bodies/officers, citizens/consumers, media, students |
| Summer School | More info | Register here | |

Training in organic breeding organized in 5 Modules

1. **Module 1** - Plant Genetic Resources (PGRs): collection, conservation and exchange to support the increase of agrobiodiversity in farming systems
2. **Module 2 - Phenomics: approaches and tools for genetic resources and breeding material characterization** - FEBRUARY 3rd 2025, 9:00 to 17:30 CET
3. **Module 3** - Breeding methods fundamentals - FEBRUARY 13th 2025, 9:00 to 18:00 CET
4. **Module 4** - Development and application of molecular methods in organic breeding - MARCH 4th 2025, 9:00 to 18:00 CET
5. **Module 5** - Organic heterogeneous material (OHM) design and development - MARCH 7th 2025, 9:00 to 18:00 CET



February 3rd 2025 - 9:00 to 17:30 CET



Unit 2.1: Main descriptors used worldwide in characterizing plant genetic resources

- 9:00-10:30 - UPV (Adrian Rodríguez-Burruezo)
- 10:30-11:00 Break

Unit 2.2: Intro to ShineMas: a web tool dedicated to Seed Lots History, Phenotyping and Cultural Practices¹

- 11:00-12:30 - INRAE (Yannick de Oliveira, Isabelle Goldringer)
- 12:30-14:00 Lunch Break

Unit 2.3: Guidelines and examples of good practices in data management

- 14:00-15:30 - INRAE (Yannick de Oliveira, Isabelle Goldringer)
- 15:30-16:00 Break

Unit 2.4: Methods for phenotyping and selection of agronomic traits of interest in organic farming

- 16:00-17:30 - IPC (Pedro Mendes Moreira)

Unit 2.5: Methods for phenotyping and selection of added-value traits (e.g. taste and nutritional value)²

ITAB (Solenne Jourden)

¹ - An extra practical session to use the tool with own data is scheduled for FEB 10th (9-12h)

² - Unit 2.5 planned for the end of March 2025. Registrants will be invited for this extra training lesson



Training in organic breeding

Module 2: Phenomics: approaches and tools for genetic resources and breeding material characterisation

Unit 2.1: Main descriptors used worldwide in characterizing plant genetic resources

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Module 2 – Unit 1 Phenomics: approaches and tools

Planned for today

DYNAMIC MIXTURE OF:

1. *Presentation about main topics on phenomic descriptors: utility, types, examples of descriptors, management of data, knowledge, additional material (50 min)*
2. Guided virtual visits (about 10-15 min)
3. Fast quiz (about 10 min) ***
4. Debate, Wrap up & Proposed homework (about 10 min) ***
5. QUESTIONS: THROUGH THE CHAT (Petra Jelincic will manage)

*** = IMPORTANT for CERTIFICATES

Module 2 – Unit 1 Phenomics: approaches and tools

Characterization of plant genetic resources (PGRs)

- PGRs can be: Landraces/heirlooms, breeding lines, wild relatives,...
- For their efficient management, it is of paramount importance... being aware of their diversity
- HOW? Catalogue PGRs based on objective description
- Actors using:
 - Seedbanks (essential) Level 2 info: “Characterization data”
 - Breeders, farmers
 - Seed companies

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Descriptors?

- Many ways to describe variation:..... ¿?
- *DESCRIPTORS = Phenological traits**
- *High inheritance (which means.....??)
- Compiled in a list, ordered by blocks

1. Plant vegetative traits:

General development

Branches

Leaves



2. Plant reproductive traits:

Flowers/inflorescences

Fruits/infrutescences

Seeds



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Descriptors. Why?

- Essential to manage agrobiodiversity/PGRs in hands of:*
 - Seedbanks (germplasm collections)*
 - Breeders (germplasm, prebreeding materials, breeding lines, etc.)*
 - Farmers (landraces, traditional varieties, ecotypes, etc.)*
- Being aware of the materials you have*
- Check the level of diversity you have*
- Comparison to other collections in hands of other actors*
- Detecting duplicates, establishing core collections, know the types you need to enrich the diversity of your collections*
- LIMITATION: there are many descriptors, but better to work with those which best encompass the diversity present on a crop and its relatives (comprehensive & discriminating ability)*

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Examples of descriptors

- ❑ *BIOVERSITY International (former IPGRI)*

<https://alliancebioversityciat.org/>

Alliance



- ❑ *High throughput digital tools*

e.g. Tomato analyser

Developed in E. Van der Knapp lab

<https://vanderknaaplab.uga.edu/tomato-analyzer/>

- ❑ *Online tools: e.g. Seedlinked*



“We connect plant growers and their data to help breed, source, and harvest the best seeds”

<https://seedlinked.com>

Module 1 – Unit 1 Public/Institutional Seedbanks

PRACTICAL:

1. Guided visit to BIOVERSITY Descriptors
+ example with excel compiled data
2. Guided visit to TOMATO ANALYZER webpage
+ example of UPV lab results with own data
3. Seedlinked (short)

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1. VISIT TO:

Alliance



<https://alliancebioiversityciat.org/>

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1. VISIT TO:

EXAMPLE UPV

Alliance



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Genetic diversity, population structure, and phylogeny of insular Spanish pepper landraces (*Capsicum annuum* L.) through phenotyping and genotyping-by-sequencing

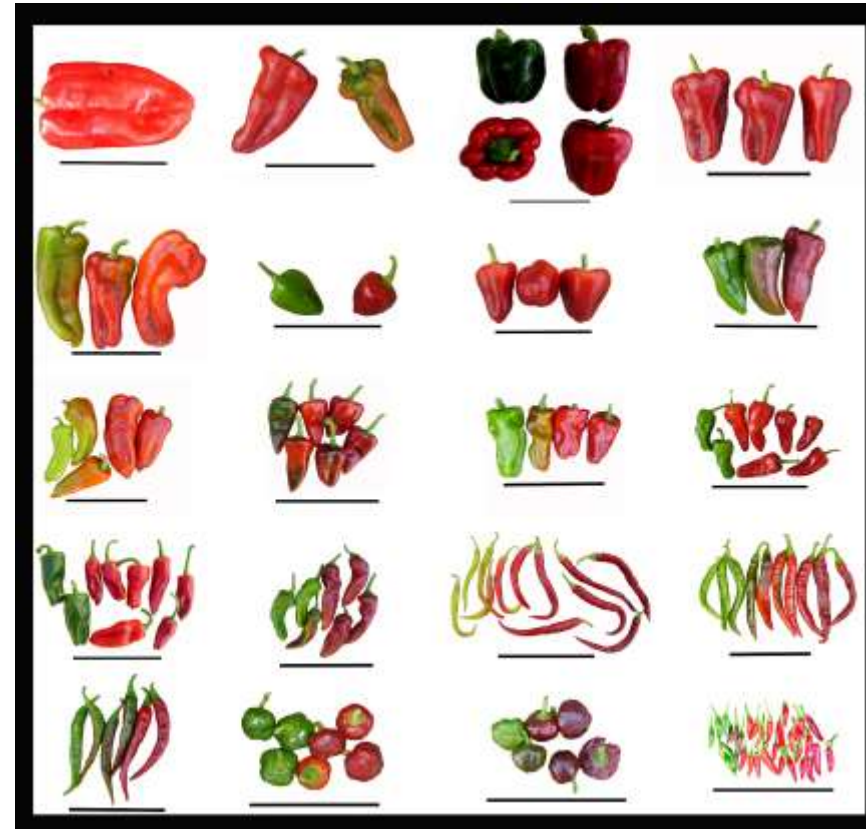
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1. VISIT TO:

Example fruit characterization. *Capsicum* peppers COMAV -UPV

Alliance



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2. VISIT TO:

TOMATO ANALYZER

Developed in E. Van der Knapp lab

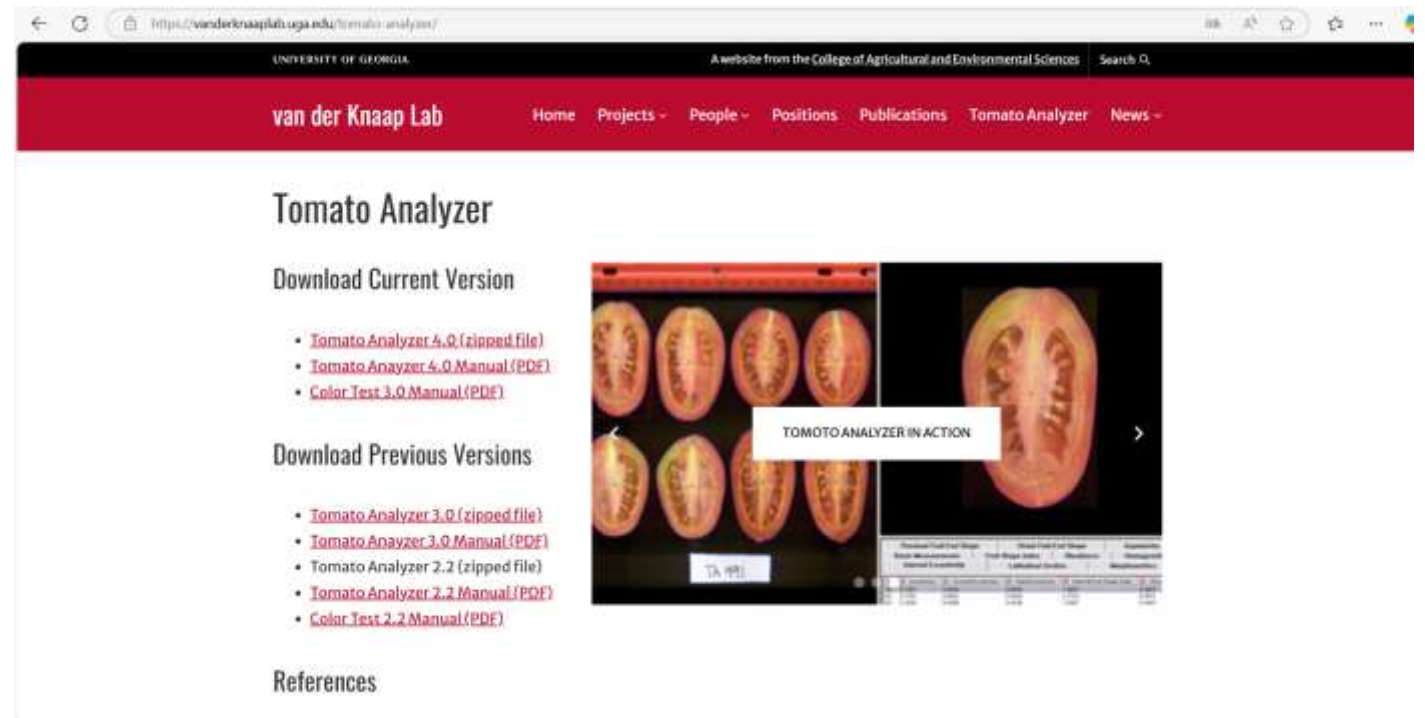
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BASED ON:

CUT FRUIT SCANNED PICTURES



The screenshot shows the website for the Tomato Analyzer software. The page is titled "Tomato Analyzer" and is part of the "van der Knaap Lab" website at the University of Georgia. The navigation menu includes Home, Projects, People, Positions, Publications, Tomato Analyzer, and News. The main content area features a "Download Current Version" section with links for "Tomato Analyzer 4.0 (zipped file)", "Tomato Analyzer 4.0 Manual (PDF)", and "Color Test 3.0 Manual (PDF)". Below this is a "Download Previous Versions" section with links for "Tomato Analyzer 3.0 (zipped file)", "Tomato Analyzer 3.0 Manual (PDF)", "Tomato Analyzer 2.2 (zipped file)", "Tomato Analyzer 2.2 Manual (PDF)", and "Color Test 2.2 Manual (PDF)". A central image shows a grid of tomato slices with a "TOMATO ANALYZER IN ACTION" overlay. The footer includes a "References" section.

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OTHER EXAMPLES OF Tomato Analyzer:

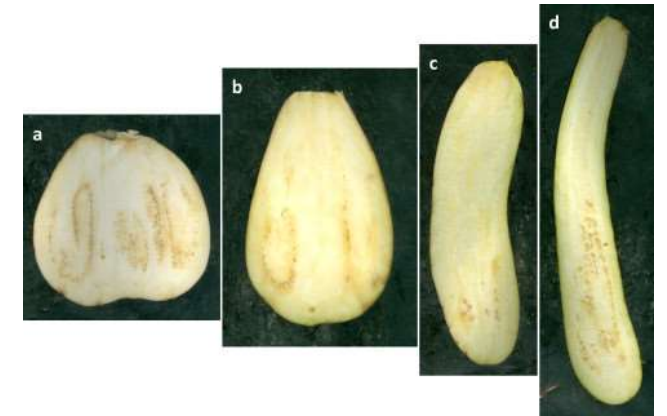
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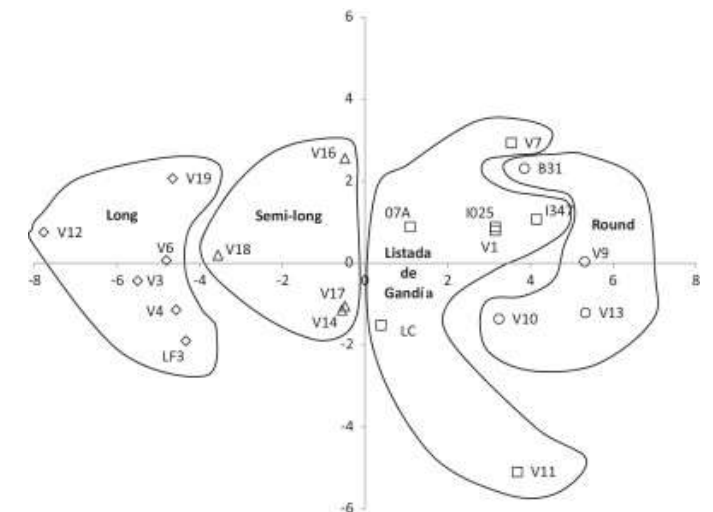
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Phenomics of fruit shape in eggplant (*Solanum melongena* L.) using Tomato Analyzer software

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3. SHORT VISIT TO:



<https://seedlinked.com>


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EXAMPLE OF UTILITY BY USING BOTH: Descriptors & Tomato Analyzer (alone and together)

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Phenomics of elite heirlooms of peppers (*Capsicum annuum* L.) from the Spanish centre of diversity: Conventional and high-throughput digital tools towards varietal typification



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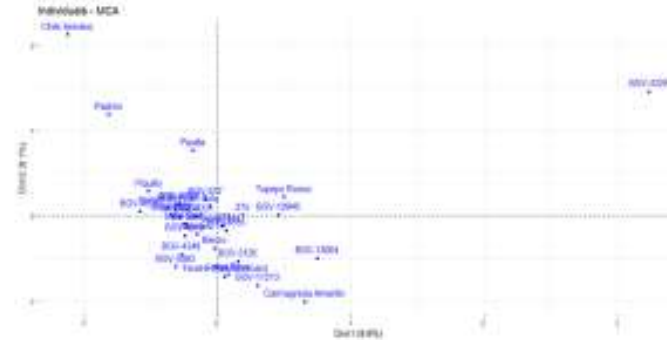


Peppers, 40 varieties

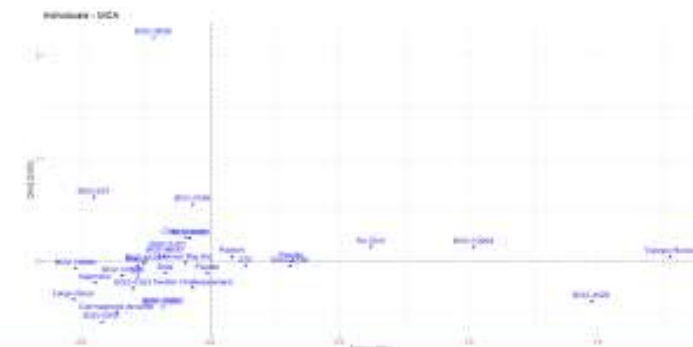
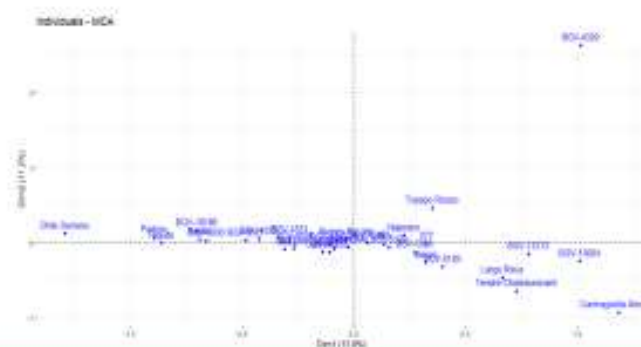
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Location 2 - Picassent

Conventional descriptors



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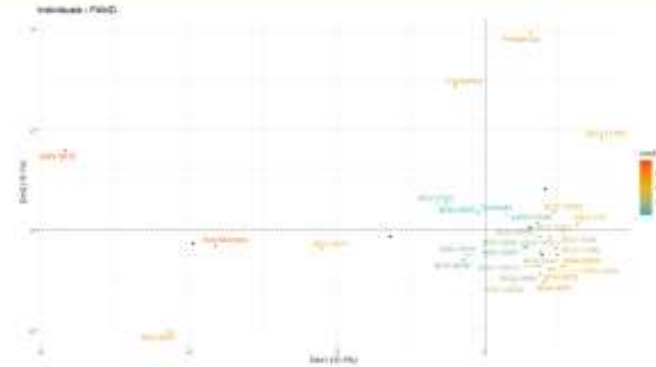
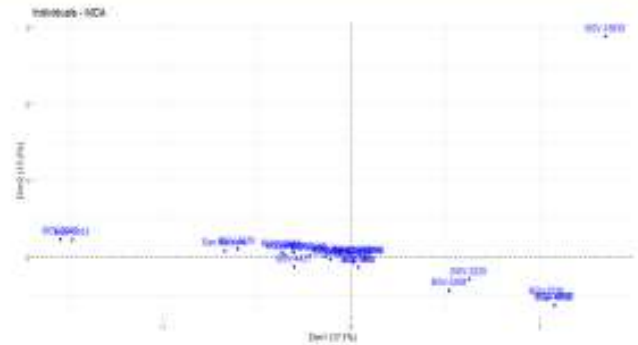


Tomatoes, 40 varieties

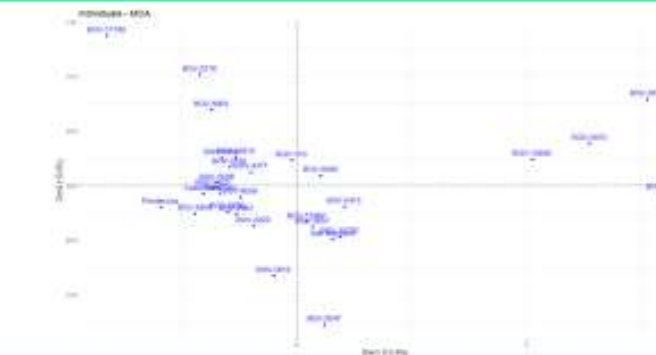
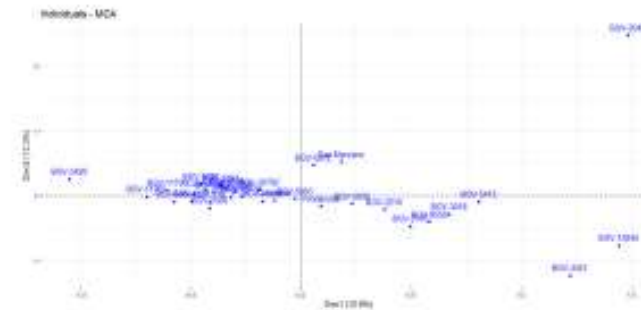
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FAST QUIZ

- Question 1: Why are descriptors useful?*
- Question 2: Name 5 species covered by BIOVERSITY descriptors*
- Question 3: What raw info is essential to work with Tomato Analyzer*
- Question 4: What is SEEDLINKED?*

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In 10 min

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DEBATE

- Revise the quiz in common*
- Have you heard about these tools before?*
- What's the most useful for your work at this moment*
- Other questions and doubts*

WRAP UP



- ❑ *What we have learned today?*
- ❑ *Proposed homework: Case of study. 2-3 accessions of one species of your interest, close to you, and characterise as much as possible, according to the corresponding BIOVERSITY descriptors. Prepare an excel with the data compiled.*

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By next Monday 10th february

Additional available materials

1. Operational Genebank Manual. Centre for Genetic Resources, The Netherlands (CGN-WUR). And others manuals: <https://www.ecpgr.org/aegis/aquas/genebank-manuals>
2. IPGRI/Bioversity international descriptors: <https://cgspace.cgiar.org/collections/835fa638-0167-4669-9532-ffc488facc94>
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