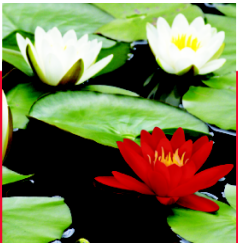
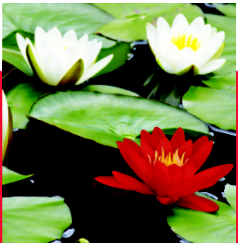


**BSW Direct Entry  
Applying for Placement  
Orientation  
2017-2018  
(Starting Placement Sept. 2017)**



# Placement Orientations and Upcoming Events

- **Planning for Placement Orientation** (webinar sent in Oct)
- **Applying for Placement Orientation** (this one)
- **Resume Writing Workshop** – Wednesday Nov 9, 2016 12:30-2:30pm (S802) register on the practicum website
- **Applications for Placement DUE:**  
**Friday, JANUARY 13th, 2017**
- **Interviewing Workshop** – Wednesday Feb 15, 2017 12:30-2:30pm (S 802) check practicum website
- **Social Work Practice Days** – Guest speakers covering relevant Social Work topics and issues from the field (dates TBD)
- **Beginning Placement Orientation** (Early September 2017 – Date will be sent to you when your placement is confirmed)



# Requirements

- Direct Entry students begin in **September 2017 - 3 days per week** (generally Mon/Wed/Fri) in the Fall and Winter terms (**MUST DO FULL DAYS**)
- All BSW students must complete a minimum **700 hour placement at the placement site**
- All students must attend **4 integrative seminars @ 2 hours each** – session facilitated by faculty advisor (not included in practicum hours)
- Placement will be from September to April (2 terms/8 months) – the time to complete all hours are very tight – **PLAN HOURS ACCORDINGLY**
- You will have to put in extra hours/days (*generally 1-1.5 days per month*) to complete 700 hours by April if you plan on graduating in June. You have more time if you plan on graduating in October.
- **Read the BSW Practicum Manual – on our website at:**  
<http://www.yorku.ca/laps/sowk/practicum/index.html>

# Practicum Prerequisites

- You must complete the following **BEFORE** you begin placement in **September**:
  - **The Core Courses (listed below) and**
  - **57 Credits of electives OUTSIDE of social work**
- The core courses are:
  - SOWK 1011 – Introduction to Critical Social Work
  - SOWK 2030 – Critical Perspectives on Society
  - SOWK 2050 – Identity, Diversity, and Anti-Discriminatory Practice
  - SOWK 3041 - Communication
  - SOWK 3060 – Integrated SOWK Practice
  - SOWK 3070 – Foundations of SOWK Research
  - SOWK 3110 – Policy Frameworks

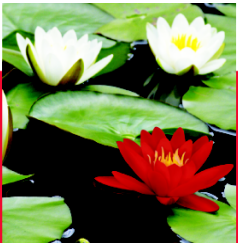
**The following course is to be completed CONCURRENTLY WITH PLACEMENT:**

**SOWK 4020 – Issues in the Study of the Welfare State**



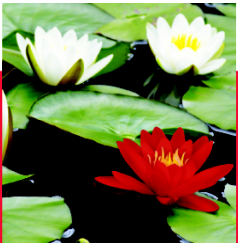
## Other considerations about eligibility for placement

- Maintain active status in the Social Work program. The field office WILL NOT work with students who are not in our program or those whose GPA has fallen below the minimum requirement for SOWK (5.0 GPA required)
- Students are expected to demonstrate readiness for practice in the process of securing a placement in addition to the fulfillment of the practicum hours
- Complete the online application by the deadline (and no later)
- NOT reaching out to agencies on your own!
- Check your phone and e-mail messages regularly (for example, 2-3 times a week)
- Know that if you don't respond to the Field Education Coordinator about an opportunity by the specified deadline, you won't be considered for the potential placement



## Important Information Regarding OSAP

- For students who are planning to do their practicum, please note that you will need to take **9 credits per term** during the Fall and Winter term to be eligible for OSAP.
- Students who take less than 9 credits per term, however, can apply for another Federal Government loan program for part-time students which is also administered by the OSAP Office. For more information about this program, please go to:  
[http://sfs.yorku.ca/aid/part\\_time/index.htm](http://sfs.yorku.ca/aid/part_time/index.htm)
- To be considered full-time for OSAP, you need a total of 18 credits (12 of which are from placement). Example:
  - FALL Take Field 6 (credits) + 4020 3 (credits) + an elective 3 (credits)
  - WINTER take Field 6 (credits) + an elective 3 (credits)



# About the Application/ Securing a Placement

- Applications are completed online via the field education database.
- You will be able to access the application **by the end of November 2016**. Our office will send out an email as a reminder!
- You are **NOT** required to give us agency choices, you will be asked to share your areas of interest.
- You will be sent a “placement match” based on what you have written in your application. You will be asked to respond to this match within 3 business days.



# Registering on the Database via Website – Placement Request

## STUDENT INTEREST:

1. Please select 4 areas of critical social work you would be interested in. Please note, this is NOT a ranked list:

- Formal Long-Term Counselling
- Formal Short-Term Counselling
- Group Facilitation
- Case Management
- Crisis Intervention
- Outreach
- Advocacy
- Program Development
- Program Evaluation
- Community Engagement/Development
- Policy
- Research
- Other

please specify: testing

2. Please select 4 areas of interest. Please note, this is NOT a ranked list:

- Seniors
- Families
- Women
- Men
- Children
- Youth
- Child welfare
- Differing Developmental Abilities
- Mental Health
- Differing Physical Abilities
- Addictions
- Newcomers to Canada
- Food Security Issues
- Homelessness
- LGBTTQQ2SIA
- Aboriginal
- Justice/Legal/Political Issues
- Health Care/Community Health
- HIV/AIDs
- Employment/Income Support
- Palliative Care/Bereavement
- Other

please specify: Area of Interest

Please provide your rationale for working with these particular areas:

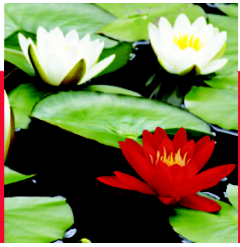
3. Please let us know if there is an area of practice that you are not interested in working with OR cannot work in for whatever reason:

4. If you have a specific contact at an agency that the School doesn't have a connection with and you have previously discussed this with the Field Education Office, please provide the details below. Students must recognize that placements will not be approved until the Field Education Office has reviewed the placement particulars to ensure they meet accreditation requirements. If you don't have a specific contact, please leave this section blank:

Agency Name:	Agency Name
Contact Person's Name:	Contact Person name
Contact Person's E-mail Address:	abc@yorku.ca
Contact Person's Telephone and Extension:	416-736-2100

Type 1-2 lines max. or it will cut you off





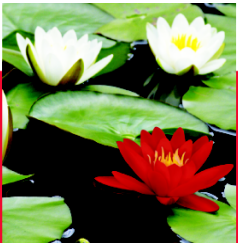
# The Placement Process- other considerations

- CAS placements are of high interest (must have **G license, access to vehicle, and previous experience with children**).
- Hospitals, most health centers, and school boards are reserved for students in the MSW program
- You can meet with coordinator to discuss areas of interest **BEFORE** you apply online
- We begin sending resumes to agencies mid- February 2017
- The process of contacting agencies and sending out resumes takes the entire summer (from March to the beginning of September).
- This can be stressful for students – constant communication with the coordinator is necessary



## “Work” Placement proposal

- Criteria to be met
- Contact the Field Education Coordinator to discuss
- Separate proposal to be e-mailed to Field Education Coordinator by **January 13, 2017**(also submit separate on-line placement application on Database by the same deadline)
- •All proposals must be approved by Field Education Office



# UWI International Placement

UWI – Barbados

UWI– SVG

**Info session on Wednesday  
November 30, 2016 10am-11am!**



## Students Responsibilities in the Placement Process

- Informing the Field Education Office of any absences that might affect your availability during the placement process
- Preparing for a successful interview
- Keeping the Field Education Coordinator informed about the outcome of the interview
- If required, obtaining a vulnerable sector screen police check and any other agency requirements prior to the start of placement.
- **If you are offered a placement within your identified interests, you must accept the placement offer and your placement search is complete!**



# BSW Practicum Road Map (overview)

Applying for Placement Orientation  
(THIS ONE)



Application Due: Jan 13, 2017



BSW Coordinator reviews placement applications/ pre-req checks/resumes and cover letters mid-Jan to February 2017



Match sent to Student

- Students have 3 business days to respond to match.
- If interested, Coordinator arranges interview details.
- Placement is still not guaranteed --> Tell the Field Office the outcome of the interview.

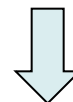


Field Office follows up with the Field Instructor/Agency after placement offer

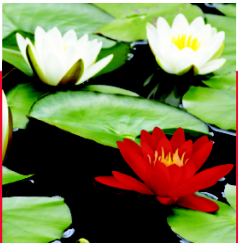
Confirmation of Placement Package August 2017



Mandatory Beginning Placement Orientation –Sept 2017

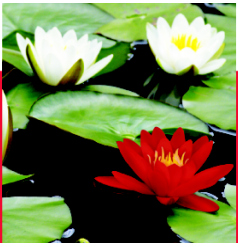


Placement Starts in September (field office will send date in confirmation email)



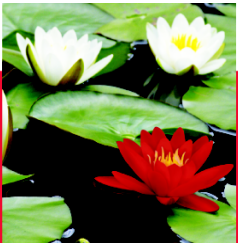
## Resumes/Cover Letter

- Work and Volunteer History
- Education
- Introduce yourself
- Resume Resources posted on website:  
<http://www.yorku.ca/laps/sowk/practicum/>
- **Resume Writing Workshop**
  - **Friday, November 9, 2016 1230-230pm**
  - **Please Register on our website (link is up)**



# Interviews

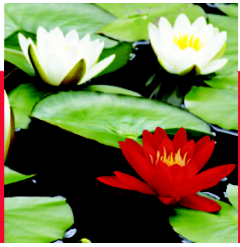
- Professional
- Ask questions
- Be prepared to discuss what you can offer
- Be clear about your goals
- Know the agency and programs – complete thorough RESEARCH on the agency!
- **INTERVIEW WORKSHOP:**
  - Wednesday Feb 15, 2017 12:30-2:30pm
  - Please Register at:  
<http://www.yorku.ca/laps/sowk/practicum/events.html>



## Vulnerable Sector Screen /Immunizations

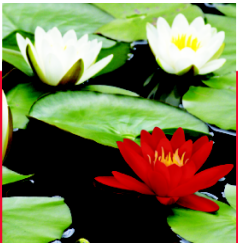
- **Police check should be initiated in the spring (can take up to 3- 4 months) - Toronto**
- Must obtain forms for Toronto from any Field Office Staff week of **April 3-April 7, 2017**
- Must bring two pieces of government issued ID (1 must have your photo – health card not valid)
- The Field Office can write you a letter, if required, for regions outside of Toronto
- Inquire about other requirements for placement (e.g. mask fitting, driving, TB test)





# Confirmation of Placement

- Confirmation package
- **Enrolment SOWK 4000 & 4001- you will be granted permission once placement is confirmed.** You are responsible for contacting the Field Office if you were not granted permission or missed your enrolment window for these course
- Failure to enroll in the practicum courses (SOWK 4000 & 4001) may result in you having to re-do your placement again
- Beginning Placement Orientation - date TBA (first week of school in September 2017)
- Faculty Advisor is assigned to each student
- Integrative Seminar Dates (4 sessions @ 2 hours each)



# Accessing the Database

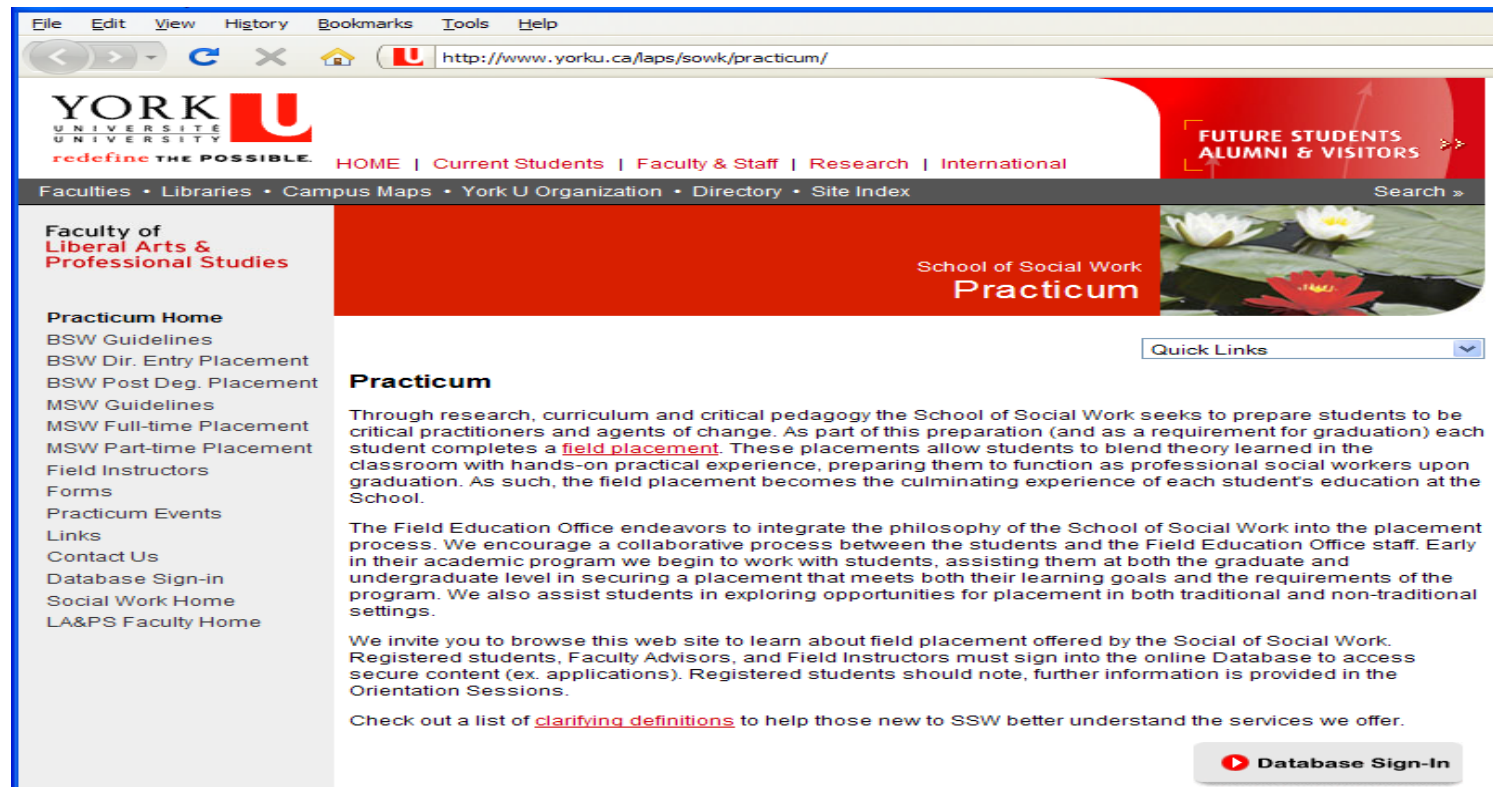
## Things to be aware of:

1. USE **FIREFOX** (our system does not work well with other browsers)
2. Database will log you out after approximately 20 minutes of inactivity.
3. The “SUBMIT” button will disappear from the online database once you have submitted and when the deadline has passed.

# Registering on the Database via Website

Open Internet Browser  
On Address Line Type:

<http://www.yorku.ca/laps/sowk/practicum/>



The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the York University website. The address bar shows the URL <http://www.yorku.ca/laps/sowk/practicum/>. The page features the York University logo and navigation menu. The main content area is titled "Practicum" and includes a "Quick Links" dropdown menu. The text describes the School of Social Work's commitment to preparing students for professional social work through field placement. A "Database Sign-In" button is visible at the bottom right.

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**Practicum**

Through research, curriculum and critical pedagogy the School of Social Work seeks to prepare students to be critical practitioners and agents of change. As part of this preparation (and as a requirement for graduation) each student completes a [field placement](#). These placements allow students to blend theory learned in the classroom with hands-on practical experience, preparing them to function as professional social workers upon graduation. As such, the field placement becomes the culminating experience of each student's education at the School.

The Field Education Office endeavors to integrate the philosophy of the School of Social Work into the placement process. We encourage a collaborative process between the students and the Field Education Office staff. Early in their academic program we begin to work with students, assisting them at both the graduate and undergraduate level in securing a placement that meets both their learning goals and the requirements of the program. We also assist students in exploring opportunities for placement in both traditional and non-traditional settings.

We invite you to browse this web site to learn about field placement offered by the Social of Social Work. Registered students, Faculty Advisors, and Field Instructors must sign into the online Database to access secure content (ex. applications). Registered students should note, further information is provided in the Orientation Sessions.

Check out a list of [clarifying definitions](#) to help those new to SSW better understand the services we offer.

**Database Sign-In**

# Registering on the Database via Website

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Click on “Database Sign In”

# Registering on the Database via Website

You will be directed to the SOWK Online Application Page.  
Select “Students”

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**Field Office Staffs Contact Info**

Name	Title	WorkPhone	Email
Maureen Boettcher	Manager, Field Education	(416) 736-2100 ext 39488	mobe@yorku.ca
Zalina Mohamad	Assistant Field Education Coordinator (BSW)	(416) 736-2100 ext 66326	zalinam@yorku.ca
Esther Ng	Practicum Office Assistant	(416) 736-2100 ext 20662	estherng@yorku.ca
Sheryl Abraham	Assistant Field Education Coordinator (MSW)	(416) 736-2100 ext 33354	sabraham@yorku.ca
Dharshi Sivanathan	Client Service/Program Support Representative	(416) 736-2100 ext 55226	dar80@yorku.ca

# Registering on the Database via Website

This will bring you to the SOWK Online Application – Students Page.

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Student Web Services Sign In

Student Number:

Password:

BSW  MSW

**!** Don't Forget To Logout when you're done.  
Session will be expired in 20 minutes. After that time you will be prompted to login again.

[Register New Account](#)  
[Forgot Your Password?](#)

- Click on “Register new account” for 1<sup>st</sup> time users (must have York U email account to register)

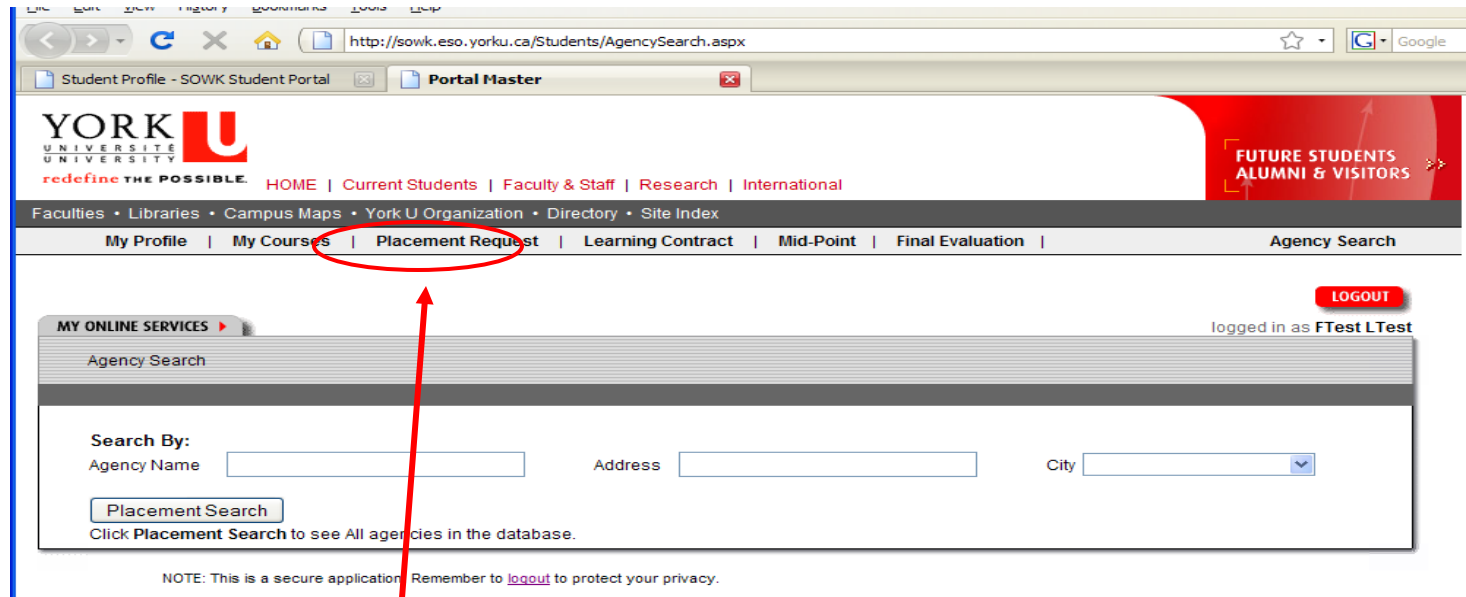
OR enter your student ID & password as well

- Select MSW or BSW Student (if you have already registered)

- *In order to do this you will need to enter your student number and create a password for future use.*

# Registering on the Database via Website

Here you will be able to go through and make selections and view information on possible Agency's.



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <http://sowk.eso.yorku.ca/Students/AgencySearch.aspx>. The page features the York University logo and navigation links. The 'Placement Request' link in the top navigation bar is circled in red. Below the navigation bar, the 'MY ONLINE SERVICES' section is active, showing the 'Agency Search' page. The search form includes fields for 'Agency Name', 'Address', and 'City', along with a 'Placement Search' button. A red arrow points from the 'Placement Request' link to the 'Placement Search' button. A 'LOGOUT' button is visible in the top right corner, and the user is logged in as 'FTTest LTest'. A note at the bottom states: 'NOTE: This is a secure application. Remember to [logout](#) to protect your privacy.'

When your Agency Search is complete, continue by Clicking on **Placement Request** to begin the application process.

# Registering on the Database via Website – Placement Request

**Complete Application. Please ensure that you have inputted your emergency contact and employer contact information. If any of your contact information is wrong it must be updated on the Registrar’s website: <http://www.registrar.yorku.ca/>**



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LOGOUT

MY ONLINE SERVICES

logged in as FTest LTest

Placement Request

I am applying to participate in:  AK/SOWK 4000 6.0 & AK/SOWK 4001 6.0 (BSW)

I am:  Direct Entry  Post Degree

Direct Entry (from High School)  Direct Entry (from Others)

I am applying to participate in: W10

My proposed practicum work week: How many hours per week: 21 How many days per week: 3

**General Information** (This section info automatically come from SIS. If you find any incorrect, please contact Registration Office.)

Note: Please use YorkU Email Address to be your email account

Student Number	123456789	Gender		Birthday	
Last Name	LTest	First Name	FTest	Neer	
Address				APT#	
City		Province		Postal Code	
Home Phone		Other Contact No			

**Email Address**

Email from SIS: eqjuli@yorku.ca Preferred Email: studsowk@hotmail.com

**Emergency Contact**

First Name	ECFname2	Last Name	ECLname3
Telephone	ECPhone	Relationship	ECRelationship

**Current Employment**

Place Of Employment	Place Of Employment 323	Position	Position
Address	Address	City	Toronto
		Province	on





## Registering on the Database via Website – Other Information

- Please ensure that you have **all** documentation completed, for example **resume and cover letter (in one document)**, before submitting your application. No editing privileges are available through the database. Any changes to your application should be emailed to Vina Sandher [vsandher@yorku.ca](mailto:vsandher@yorku.ca) after February 2017.
- **You cannot make changes on the application once submitted!**
- Please save your cover letter and resume (in one document) as: **LAST NAME First Name 2017.doc (ensure your cover letter is the first page followed by your resume).**
- Please note that the “SUBMIT” button will disappear from the on-line database application once the deadline date has passed:  
**FRIDAY, JANUARY 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017 11:59pm**

# Field Office Contacts

- Vina Sandher – Manager of Field Education  
– [vsandher@yorku.ca](mailto:vsandher@yorku.ca) – 416-736-2100, ext. 39488
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