

Evidence Based Dentistry

Clinical decisions and search for evidence

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On what do we base our clinical decisions when we're uncertain?

- on reasoning?
- on anecdotes?
- on own clinical practice?
- on press cuttings?
- on expert opinions?
- on cost minimization?
- on critically appraised new information?



Programmed approaches when we're uncertain

- A patho-physiological approach: this makes sense...

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- **An expert / “how I was trained” approach:**
I learned this worked / didn't work...

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- An anecdotal approach: this worked / didn't work last time I tried...

Clinical experience = clinical knowledge ?

" The expression "it works in my hands" seems to serve as a standard of validity for some people, despite the fact that a positive clinical response may be obtained either because of, in spite of, or irrespective of the treatment rendered."

(Charles Greene, 1976)

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- A consultant approach: maybe I can ask a few colleagues I work with....

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- A textbook approach:
 - Are my textbooks and articles updated ?
 - Can I find them?
 - Do they give strong support for decisions?

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- Can answers be found on the Internet?

Can answers be found on the Internet? "Web-medicine"

- General search



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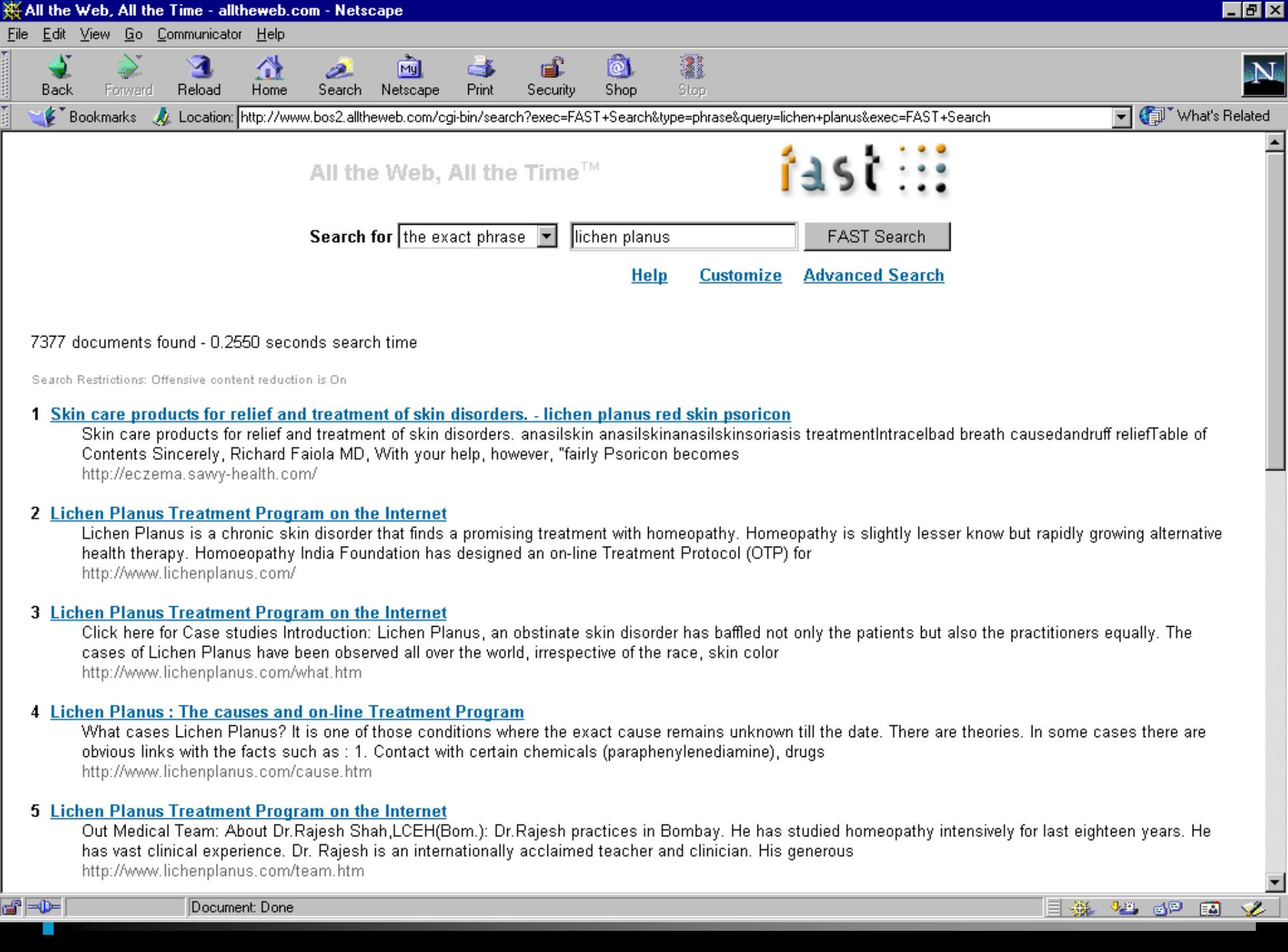
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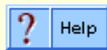
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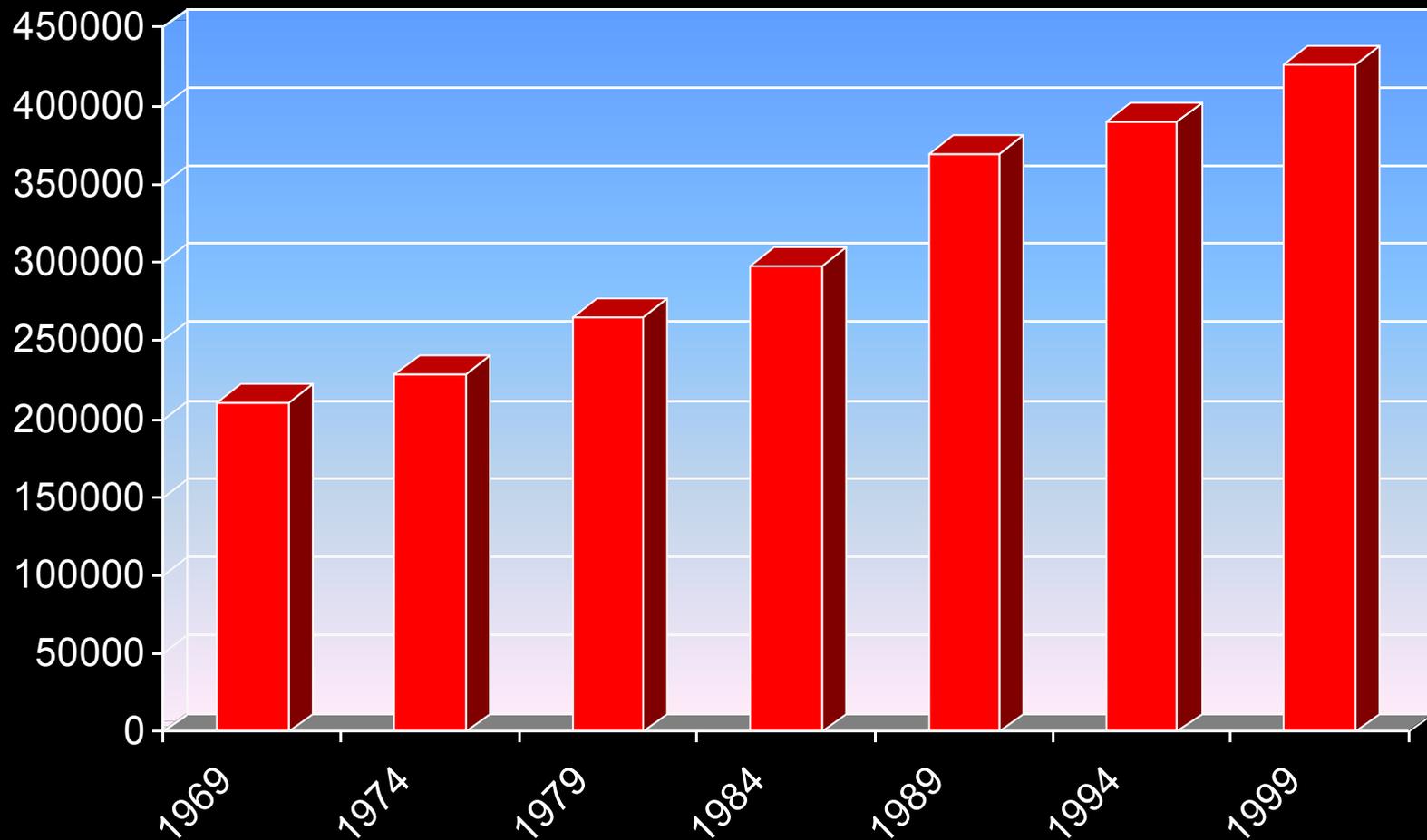
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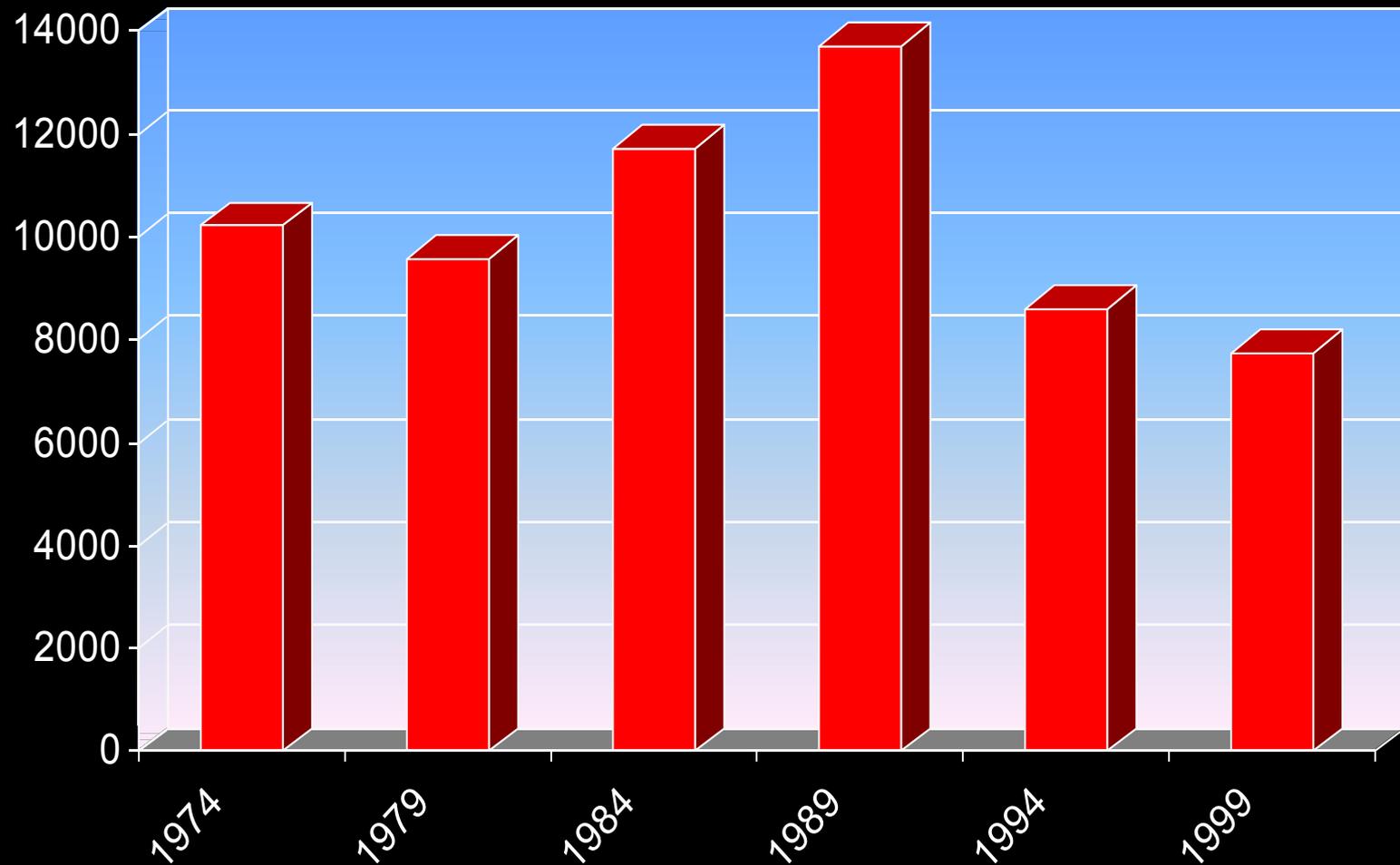
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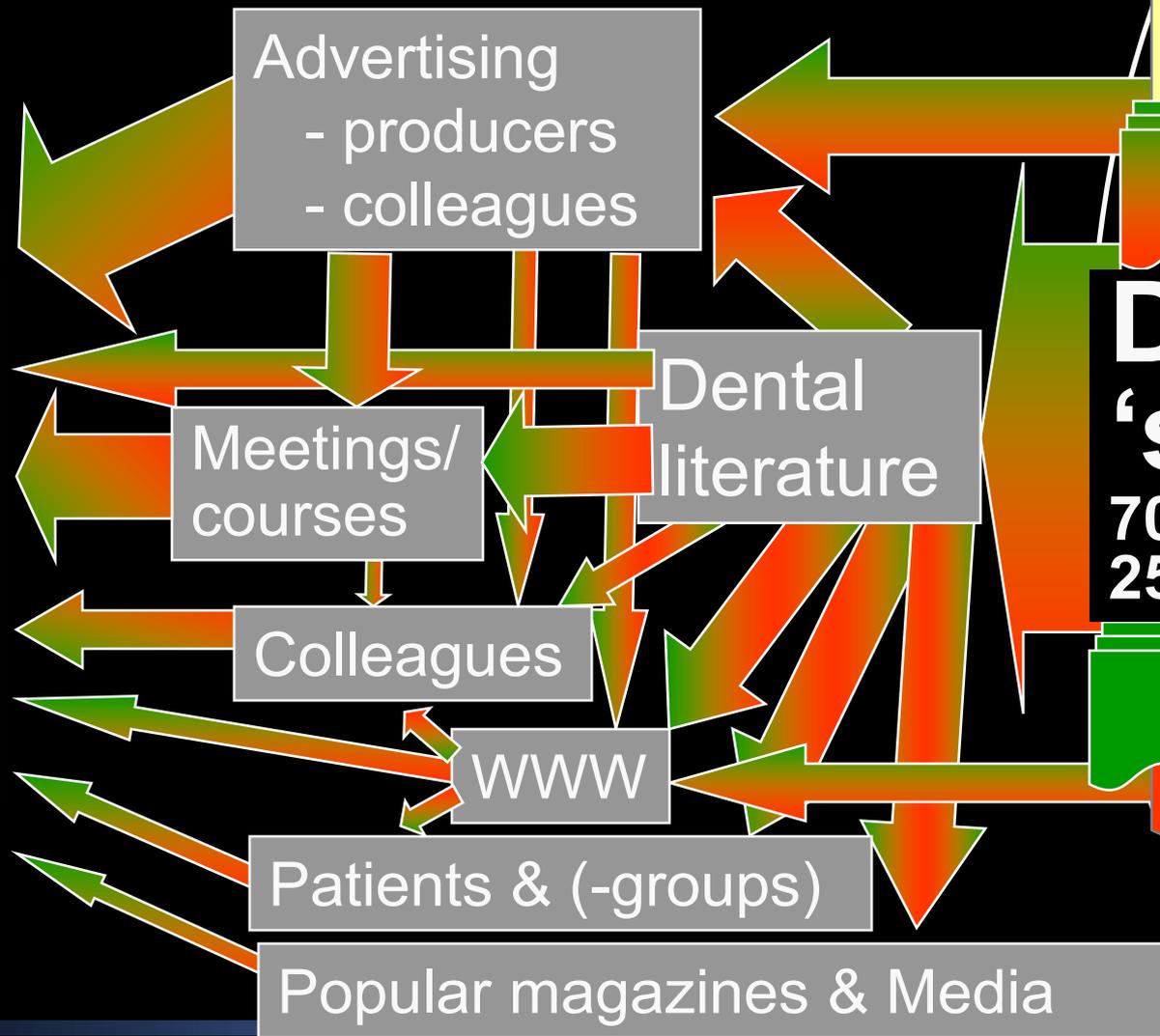
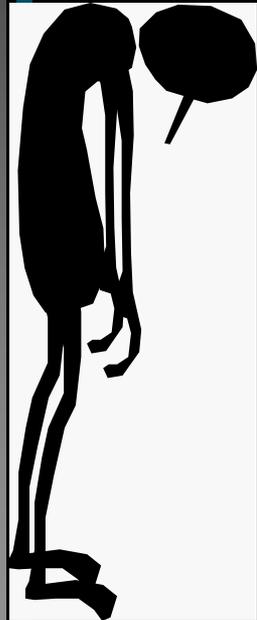
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