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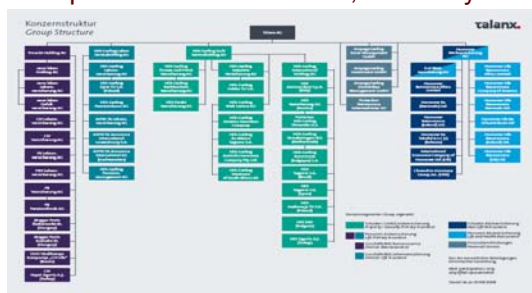
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Risk Aggregation in a Multi-Line, Multi-Entity Group

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Talanx Group: a Multi-Line, Multi-Entity Group Domiciled in Hanover, Germany



Talanx Group: History and Evolution

- 1903: founding of *Hilfsverband der deutschen Eisen- und Stahlindustrie*
- 1936: drop "Eisen- und Stahl" to become simply *HDI*
- 1953: offer insurance to non-members
- 1970: merge with *Feuerschadenverband rheinisch-westfälischer Zechen*, owner of *Hannover Re* (est. 1966)
- 1991: start to offer life insurance
- 1994: partial spin-off of *Hannover Re* through IPO
- 1996: group restructured under *HDI Beteiligung AG*, a non-listed stock company, wholly owned by *HDI V.a.G.*
- 1998: renaming of holding company as *Talanx AG*
- 2006: acquired *Gerling* life and property-casualty companies (est. 1904)
- 2007: €19 billion gross written premiums, number 3 insurance group in Germany

Talanx Group: Risk Modelling Situation

- Talanx Group comprises numerous, diverse companies
 - Bancassurance, Life assurance, primary Property-Casualty insurance (industrial, commercial, private), Life and Health reinsurance, Property-Casualty reinsurance, asset management
- Traditionally these have been operated “federally”
 - Five divisions, several brands in each
- Impact on risk modelling
 - Companies have made different choices for modelling
 - Companies are at different levels of sophistication
 - Recently acquired companies (Gerling) contribute to the complexity

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Talanx Group: Risk Modelling Challenge

- Develop a risk aggregation process meeting the Group's need for
 - economically sound financial and risk management
 - an internal model for Solvency II, certifiable by the regulators
 - cost effectiveness
- ...and that
 - Preserves the federal culture of the group
 - Achieves maximum buy-in from local management
 - Leverages the value of the modelling work already carried out
 - Maintains strong connection between modelling and managing
 - Provides a step by step progression route for smaller companies with more limited resources

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How to Handle Risk Aggregation? Different Ways to Solve the Problem

1. Single risk modelling system
 - One big model for the whole group
 - Links together sub-models for each operating company using the same modelling system
2. Aggregate risk bottom-up using correlation matrix
 - Each operating company's model feeds into correlation matrix
3. Simulation-based bottom-up aggregation
 - Companies' existing models feed scenario results
 - Aggregates scenario-by-scenario

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How to Handle Risk Aggregation?

1. Single Risk Modelling System

- How it works
 - Companies convert existing models to the selected system
 - Companies' sub-models use consistent assumptions
 - Companies provide their sub-models to the centre
 - Sub-models linked together in large Group model run centrally
- Features and requirements
 - Potentially costly and time consuming
 - Training effort and learning curve for everyone
 - Possible disconnection from existing models and applications
 - Possible duplication of effort (if continue existing models in parallel)
 - Confusion and ambiguity about which one is the real model
- Conclusions
 - Highly complex solution but highly consistent for detailed Group management information

How to Handle Risk Aggregation?

2. Bottom-up Correlation Matrix Approach

- How it works
 - Model sources of risk separately
 - Superimpose correlation / dependence structure using correlation assumptions
 - Calibrate to individual companies' own models where possible
- Features and requirements
 - Large disconnect from existing models and applications (connection not transparent enough)
 - Significant calibration issues (correlations pulled out of thin air)
 - Suspect quality of information for group management (inadequate information, single number, lack of intermediate results, lack of explanation of what is driving the results)
- Conclusions
 - Simple and quick but provides only limited (and sometimes wrong) management information

How to Handle Risk Aggregation?

Correlation Matrix Approach: S.II QIS4*

QIS4 builds SCR bottom-up

$$SCR = BSCR + \Delta SCR$$

QIS4 formula for BSCR

$$BSCR = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n Cor(i,j) \cdot SCR_i \cdot SCR_j}$$

where:

- $Cor(i,j)$ = the cells of the correlation matrix $Cor(i,j)$
- SCR_i, SCR_j = Capital charges for the individual SCR only according to the own risk of the correlation matrix $Cor(i,j)$
- ΔSCR = Adjustment for the risk-shifting effect of these profit sharing
- ΔSCR = Adjustment for the risk-shifting effect of different taxes

Cor(i,j)	SCR ₁	SCR ₂	SCR ₃	SCR ₄	SCR ₅
SCR ₁	1				
SCR ₂	0.25	1			
SCR ₃	0.25	0.25	1		
SCR ₄	0.25	0.25	0.25	1	
SCR ₅	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	1

QIS4 formula for Market Risk SCR

$$BSCR_{MR} = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n Cor(i,j) \cdot MR_i \cdot MR_j}$$

where:

- $Cor(i,j)$ = the cells of the correlation matrix $Cor(i,j)$
- MR_i, MR_j = Capital charges for the individual market risk according to the own risk of the correlation matrix $Cor(i,j)$

and the correlation matrix $Cor(i,j)$ is defined as:

Cor(i,j)	MR ₁	MR ₂	MR ₃	MR ₄	MR ₅	MR ₆	MR ₇
MR ₁	1						
MR ₂	0	1					
MR ₃	0.1	0.1	1				
MR ₄	0.25	0.25	0.25	1			
MR ₅	0	0	0	0	1		
MR ₆	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0	1	
MR ₇	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

...and so on through a cascade process

*Source: http://ec.europa.eu/internal_market/financial/technical/technical_specifications_2008_en.pdf

How to Handle Risk Aggregation?

3. Simulation-based Bottom-up Approach

- How it works
 - Companies continue with existing solutions (based on stochastic simulations)
 - Standardize the theoretical risk measure (definition of economic capital)
 - Apply consistent risk parameters
 - Aggregation tool combines individual model results
- Features and requirements
 - Analyze dependencies into environmental, causal (functional) and statistical
 - Standardize the environmental (economic and nat cat) scenarios used
 - Require minimum degree of granularity of individual models
 - Needs new aggregation tool to be built
 - Provide simple (balance sheet based) tool for less sophisticated companies
- Conclusions
 - Leverages existing models
 - Enhances group management information (more granular information)
 - Captures the key dependencies applying the 80/20 rule
 - Continues the existing federal approach

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How to Handle Risk Aggregation?

Summary: Talanx Solution

Solution	Advantage	Disadvantage
Single Consistent Model for all Lines and Entities	High Consistency for maximal Management Information	High Complexity, may demand one Software Solution for everyone
Factor Model with Aggregation by a Correlation Matrix	Quick and simple Solution	Limited (possibly even wrong) Management Information
Federal Approach with consistent Risk Collector Aggregation	Feasible Solution with sufficient consistency for Management Information	Compromise - does not achieve maximal Management Information

Talanx Solution.

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Talanx Group: Risk Aggregation

Key Components of Chosen Solution

- Consistent management metric – net worth to shareholders
 - Economic Capital (P&C)
 - Embedded Value (Life)
- Standardized environmental scenarios
 - Economic scenarios
 - Catastrophe scenarios
- Aggregation tool – “Risk Collector”
 - Stochastic
 - Modular
 - Standard data interface
- Base model + standard parametrization
 - For operating companies lacking (as yet) a full internal model

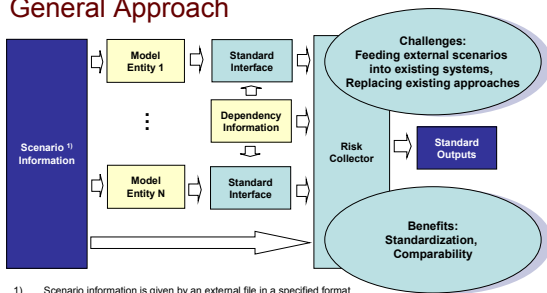
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Risk Collector Concept: Architecture General Approach

- Tool that establishes a stochastic economic group balance sheet
 - Flexible definition of **balance sheet entries**
 - Consistent treatment of **capital market** and **nat cat scenario** information
- The properties of a balance sheet entry are defined by
 - Information in a given interface not by special formulas in the program
 - The program simply has to resample individual entities' results based on the input distributions defined from the individual systems
 - Balance sheet entries may be original or "linked" stochastic variables
 - The stochastic distribution and / or the linkage are defined in the interface
- This enables the aggregation of the balance sheets of individual entities to a group balance sheet in a consistent way
- The interface supports a "RC base model"
 - Entities without an individual model can also be included in the risk aggregation

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Risk Collector Concept: Architecture General Approach



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Risk Collector Concept: Architecture Stochastic Dependencies

Path identity

The implementation of capital market and Nat Cat scenarios enables a consistent treatment of stochastic dependency through the external environment.

Linkage

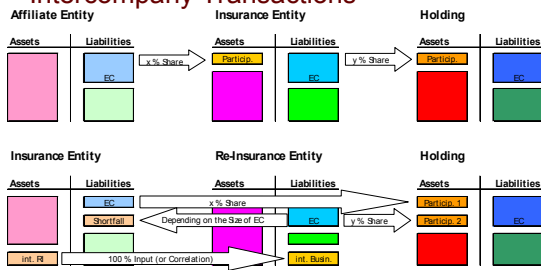
A stochastic variable can be defined as a function of other stochastic variables. Pre-defined (system) and user-defined functions and transformations (e.g. linear splines) are permitted.

Correlation

Two original stochastic variables can be linked by (rank) correlation with copulas in the usual way.

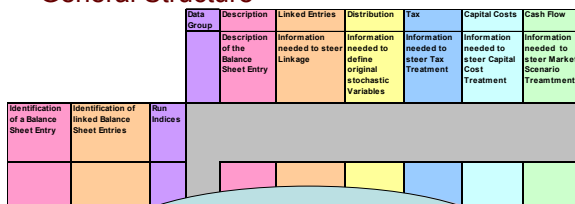
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Risk Collector Concept: Architecture Intercompany Transactions



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Risk Collector Concept: Data Interface General Structure



The complexity of the data interface is determined by the Risk Collector base model, where the RC can treat original as well as derived stochastic variables.

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Risk Collector Concept: Data Interface Calculation Scheme for the RC Base Model

					Data Item	Link Value	Stochastic Multiplier	Base Value	Market Factor	Market Adjusted Value	Capital Costs	Fair Value	Latent Tax	Fair Value inclusive Latent Tax
Entity	Business	Period	Evaluation Period	Balance Sheet Line										
1 Old	2007 Asset	1	1	1	1.0	1,000.0	1,000.0	0.987	987.0	-87.0	900.0	35.0	935.0	
1 Old	2007 Liability	2	2	2	1,000.0	9.0	100.0	1,000.0	100.0	8.0	100.0	35.0	85.0	

The calculation scheme covers original as well as derived stochastic variables. It is trivial for internal models.

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Risk Collector Concept: Data Interface Layout of the Output

Business	Balance Sheet Category	
Old	Asset Analogous to asset positions, usually with positive sign.	Liability Analogous to Liability positions, usually with positive sign.
	Netted Analogous to P/L positions, with positive as well as negative sign.	Surplus $= \sum \text{Assets} + \sum \text{Netted} - \sum \text{Liabilities}$. Internal Variable calculated by the RC.
New	Asset Analogous to asset positions, usually with positive sign.	Liability Analogous to Liability positions, usually with positive sign.
	Netted Analogous to P/L positions, with positive as well as negative sign.	Surplus $= \sum \text{Assets} + \sum \text{Netted} - \sum \text{Liabilities}$. Internal Variable calculated by the RC.
Not Assigned	Asset Analogous to asset positions, usually with positive sign.	Liability Analogous to Liability positions, usually with positive sign.
	Netted Analogous to P/L positions, with positive as well as negative sign.	Surplus $= \sum \text{Assets} + \sum \text{Netted} - \sum \text{Liabilities}$. Internal Variable calculated by the RC.
Total		Surplus Sum of all Surplus.

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Risk Collector Concept: Group Issues Necessary Supplements

- Severe losses in a subsidiary requires a capital transfer
- Operational losses (modelled at group level) affect several companies simultaneously
- Life company's operational losses may be partially absorbed by policyholders

Risk Collector architecture
allows Management Rules like these to be included
Work in progress: multi-period functionality

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Risk Collector Implementation Standard Outputs – 1

Economic Balance Sheet in Mio. €
Entity: SV2_AG, evaluation period: 2007, paths selected (125): All

		Economic Balance Sheet				Economic Balance Sheet			
		Assets		Liabilities		Assets		Liabilities	
Business	Balance Sheet Category	Par value	Net value after Tax	Par value	Net value after Tax	Par value	Net value after Tax	Par value	Net value after Tax
2007	Asset	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000
	Liability	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000
	Surplus	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000
	Asset	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000
	Liability	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000
	Surplus	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000
	Asset	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000
	Liability	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000
	Surplus	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000
	Asset	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000
2008	Asset	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000
	Liability	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000
	Surplus	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000
	Asset	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000
	Liability	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000
	Surplus	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000
	Asset	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000
	Liability	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000
	Surplus	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000
	Asset	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000

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Risk Collector Implementation Standard Outputs – 2

Crucial Paths - Economic Capital in Mio. €

Entity: SV2_AG, evaluation period: 2007, quantile: 0, selected paths: 21, total paths: 125

Number	Path	Entity	
		SV2 AG	SRV1 AG (linked)
1	0	-622.124	-1.254.722
2	12	-140.031	-3.094.483
3	19	-310.012	-1.874.379
4	26	-89.427	-2.965.275
5	29	-645.196	-1.550.323
6	40	-59.858	-1.989.472
7	49	-409.734	-399.512
8	58	-55.772	-3.287.315
9	59	-245.465	-606.614
10	61	-17.600	1.537.478
11	65	-100.097	-812.752
12	69	-468.022	-3.628.769
13	70	-99.239	-2.444.511
14	74	-15.205	-1.672.304
15	75	-28.851	-2.516.214
16	79	-284.693	-93.832
17	86	-124.341	-1.395.632
18	89	-481.374	-548.878
19	99	-4.107	577.721
20	118	-255.362	-2.214.048
21	119	-483.087	-1.136.155

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Risk Collector Implementation Standard Outputs – 3

Economic Capital Distribution in Mio. €

Entity: SV2_AG, evaluation period: 2007, discount factor: 1.0000

Row		Values							
Expected Loss		285.528							
Standard Deviation		327.269							
Probability of Ruin		16.03%							
Average Run		242.078							
Average Shortfall in %		40.03%							
Selected Discount Factor		100.00%							
Discount Value		0							
Discount Probability		16.03%							
Level	Quantile	Level Achieved?	Value @ Risk	EV @ VaR	Discounted EV @ VaR	Total Value @ Risk	EV @ VaR	Discounted EV @ VaR	Avg Shortfall in %
Rating Level	0.01%	no	442.188	1.001.991	1.001.991	442.188	1.001.991	1.001.991	0.01%
	0.02%	no	429.474	888.383	888.383	442.188	1.001.991	1.001.991	0.02%
Solvency Level	0.05%	no	402.881	888.717	888.717	442.188	1.001.991	1.001.991	0.05%
	1.00%	no	402.728	882.381	882.381	442.188	882.381	882.381	1.00%
Minimal Solvency Level	2.00%	no	418.524	874.349	874.349	418.524	874.349	874.349	2.00%
	9.95%	no	389.786	749.818	749.818	389.786	749.818	749.818	9.95%

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Risk Collector Implementation Standard Outputs – 4

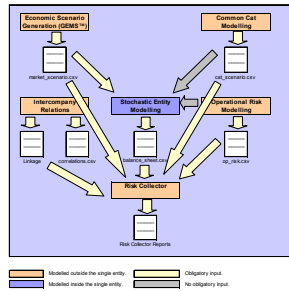
Risk Capital Allocation in Mio. €

Entity: SRV1_AG, evaluation period: 2007, percentile: 1.0%, separate non-linear tax effect: Yes

Business		Business Plan		Business Unit Category		Actual - Expected				Liability - Expected				Economic Capital	
						EV	Max. Cap.	% from Cap.	EV	Max. Cap.	% from Cap.	EV	Max. Cap.		
SRV1		SRV1		SRV1		Fair Value After Tax				Fair Value After Tax				Economic Capital	
						EV	Max. Cap.	% from Cap.	EV	Max. Cap.	% from Cap.	EV	Max. Cap.		
						200	4.445.761	4.5%	200	4.445.761	4.5%	200	4.445.761		
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SRV2		SRV2		SRV2		Fair Value After Tax				Fair Value After Tax				Economic Capital	
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SRV4		SRV4		SRV4		Fair Value After Tax				Fair Value After Tax				Economic Capital	
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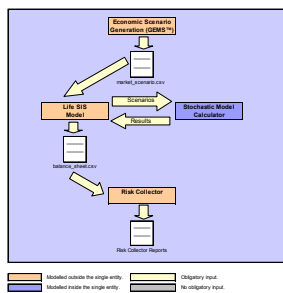
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Risk Collector: Processing General Process for Internal Models



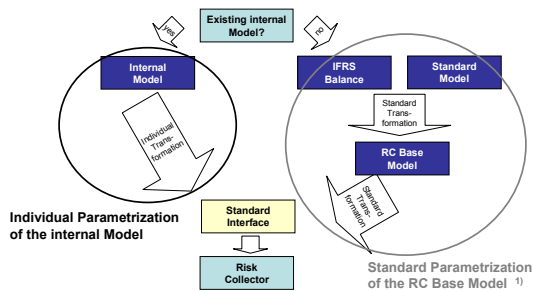
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Risk Collector: Processing Special Process for Life Models



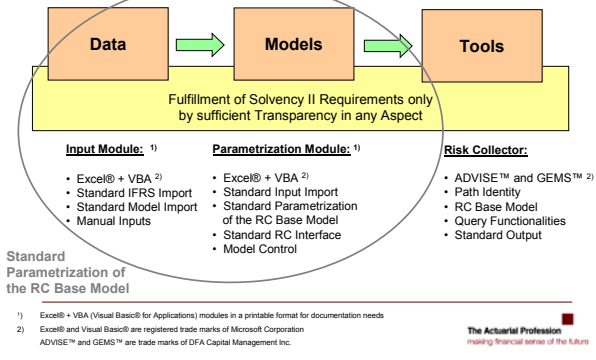
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Risk Collector: Processing Individual vs. Standard Solution (Non-Life)



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Risk Collector: Processing DMT Principle for the Standard Solution



Risk Collector: Processing Output of the Standard Solution

Business	Balance Sheet Category	
Old	Re-Evaluation of IFRS Assets (BY)	Re-Evaluation of IFRS Liabilities (BY)
	Inclusive Latent Tax Effects	Inclusive Latent Tax Effect
New	Net Premiums (BY + 1)	Net Base / Major / Nat Cat Losses (BY + 1)
	Inclusive Latent Tax Effects	Inclusive Latent Tax Effect
Not Assigned	Default on Hybrid Capital	Default Risks, Operational Risks, Liquidity Risk
	Inclusive Latent Tax Effects	Inclusive Latent Tax Effects
Total	Currency Impact on Surplus (BY + 1)	Surplus = $\sum \text{Assets} - \sum \text{Liabilities}$
	Inclusive Latent Tax Effects	Inclusive Latent Tax Effects

Economic Capital = Total Surplus + Non Linear Tax Effects ¹⁾

¹⁾ Additional to the Linear Latent Tax Effects.

Risk Collector: Processing Roles and Responsibilities

- Process is managed by a central quantitative risk management group (KQR) responsible for
 - Setting technical requirements
 - Model assumptions – including approval of economic and nat cat scenarios
 - Risk Collector aggregation tool –ensuring requirements are met
 - RC Base Model –ensuring requirements are met
 - Project management
 - Set timetable and develop back up plans
 - Monitor progress and deal with emerging project risks
 - Providing results to Group management
 - Quality assurance: review and challenge individual company models and documentation
 - Assemble, test, understand and interpret aggregation output
 - Form and deliver conclusions and recommendations
- Individual companies' responsibilities
 - Build models complying with Group requirements
 - Document models (including data, models, tools) with justifications
 - Deliver results on time to KQR
 - Assist with audit and review process
 - Maintain audit trail, answer questions
 - Demonstrate usage of their models in running the business (use test)
 - Feed back experiences to KQR for continual improvement of the process

Question & Answer Session

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