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bringing together classic readings from a wide variety of sources this key book investigates how our cities and towns can become more sustainable thirty eight selections span issues such as land use planning urban design transportation ecological restoration economic development resource use and equity planning section introductions outline the major themes whilst the editors introductions to the individual writings explain their interest and significance to wider debates additional sections present twenty four case studies of real world sustainable urban planning examples sustainability planning exercises and further reading providing background in theory practical application and vision in a clear accessible format the sustainable urban development reader is an essential resource for students professionals and indeed anyone interested in the future of urban environments

building on the success of its second edition the third edition of the sustainable urban development reader provides a generous selection of classic and contemporary readings giving a broad introduction to this topic it

begins by tracing the roots of the sustainable development concept in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries before presenting readings on a number of dimensions of the sustainability concept topics covered include land use and urban design transportation ecological planning and restoration energy and materials use economic development social and environmental justice and green architecture and building all sections have a concise editorial introduction that places the selection in context and suggests further reading additional sections cover tools for sustainable development international sustainable development visions of sustainable community and case studies from around the world the book also includes educational exercises for individuals university classes or community groups and an extensive list of recommended readings the anthology remains unique in presenting a broad array of classic and contemporary readings in this field each with a concise introduction placing it within the context of this evolving discourse the sustainable urban development reader presents an authoritative overview of the field using original sources in a highly readable format for university classes in urban studies environmental studies the social sciences and related fields it also makes a wide range of sustainable urban planning related material available to the public in a clear and accessible way forming an indispensable resource for anyone interested in the future of urban environments

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seit längerem polarisiert sich die sozialstruktur in den entwickelten westlichen ländern so auch in deutschland vor diesem hintergrund behandelt der band die wachsende soziale ungleichheit in den städten und deren folgen für die sozialräumliche struktur der stadt dem stehen kulturelle politische und ökonomische potenziale gegenüber auf die die gegenwärtige und zukünftige stadtpolitik zurückgreifen kann etwa die rekommunalisierung privatisierter dienste oder die entwicklung in benachteiligten quartieren hier besonders die schulpolitik die beiträge bezogen auf deutsche europäische sowie amerikanische städte und politikansätze bündeln die fragen der aktuellen stadtforschung und stadtpolitik

a compendium of diverse women and nonbinary femmes the second expanded edition of this book highlights the contributors journeys with straddling social and ecological issues through both their professional and personal paths and reveals how straddling these edges has surfaced new learning models and practices for collective healing the contributors span multiple generations and positionalities and are prominent academics writers teachers artists leaders and healers ecological and social healing is rooted in the power of integrating multiple and often conflicting views and the transformations that result this book is rooted in academic theory as well as personal and professional experience and highlights emerging models and insights it will appeal to those working teaching and learning in the fields of social justice environmental issues women and gender studies animal rights ecopsychology spirituality transformative studies transdisciplinarity leadership and interdisciplinary intersectionality studies as well as anyone straddling the boundaries of gender race ecology and the crises of our times and are looking for new ways of being

this volume is the first of a two volume set of the proceedings of the xxvi international conference on living and

walking in cities held september 6 8 2023 at the university of brescia italy the lwc international conference was first organized in 1994 at the department of civil and environmental engineering of the university of brescia it this year the lwc conference has arrived at its xxvi edition the conference traditionally deals with the topics of urban mobility and quality of life in urban areas with a specific focus on vulnerable road users the lwc conference allows researchers experts administrators and practitioners to gather and discuss policy issues best practices and research findings from different perspectives the main theme of the 2023 conference was new challenges for sustainable urban mobility and the papers herein address the issue from a multidisciplinary perspective and cover a wide variety of related topics these books are divided into four topical sections o transport systems and pedestrian mobility o urban regeneration through active mobility o public transport new technologies and economic sustainability o safe mobility in cities

well known for his column in the new yorker lewis mumford is widely regarded as the foremost urban critic of this century through historical and theoretical perspectives author mark luccarelli traces the development of mumford s thought on regional planning focusing on his pioneering concept of an ecologically based region and shows how he attempted to turn his ideas into reality through the regional planning association of america rpaa this informative book also demonstrates how mumford s ideas remain extraordinarily relevant and valuable to today s urban problems

does the city region constitute a new departure in urbanisation if so what are the key elements of that departure the realities of the urban in the 21st century are increasingly complex and polychromatic the rise of global networks enabled by supranational administrations both governmental and corporate strongly influences and structures the management of urban life how we conceive the city region has intellectual and practical consequences first in helping us grasp rapidly changing realities and second in facilitating the flow of resources ideas and learning to enhance the quality of life of citizens two themes interweave through this collection within this broad palette first are the socio spatial constructs and their relationship to the empirical evidence of change in the physical and functional aspects of urban form second is what they mean for the spatial scales of governance this latter theme explores territorially based understandings of intervention and the changing set of political concerns in selected case studies in efforts to address these issues and improve upon knowledge this collection brings together international scholars building new data driven cross disciplinary theories to create new images of the city region that may prove to supplement if not supplant old

ones the book illustrates the dialectical interplay of theory and fact time and space and spatial and institutional which expands on our intellectual grasp of the theoretical debates on city regions through practical knowing citing examples from europe the united states australasia and beyond this book was originally published as a special issue of regional studies

one of the great debates of our time concerns the predominant form of land use in america today the all too familiar pattern of commercial and residential development known as sprawl but what do we really know about sprawl do we know what it is where did it come from is it really so bad if so what are the alternatives can anything be done to make it better the limitless city offers an accessible examination of those and related questions oliver gillham an architect and planner with more than twenty five years of experience in the field considers the history and development of sprawl and examines current debates about the issue the book offers a comprehensive definition of sprawl in america traces the roots of sprawl and considers the factors that led to its preeminence as an urban and suburban form reviews both its negative impacts loss of open space increased pollution gridlock as well as its positive aspects economic development personal freedom privacy considers responses to sprawl including smart growth urban growth boundaries regional planning and the new urbanism looks at what can be done to improve and counterbalance sprawl the author argues that whether we like it or not sprawl is here to stay and only by understanding where it came from and why it developed will we be able to successfully address the problems it has created and is likely to create in the future the limitless city is the first book to provide a realistic look at sprawl with a frank recognition of its status as the predominant urban form in america now and into the near future rather than railing against it gillham charts its probable future course while describing critical efforts that can be undertaken to improve the future of sprawl and our existing urban core areas

the revised and updated third edition of the making of urban america includes seven new articles and a richly detailed historiographical essay that discusses the vast urban history literature added to the canon since the publication of the second edition the authors extensively revised introductions and the fifteen reprinted articles trace urban development from the preindustrial city to the twentieth century city with emphasis on the social economic political commercial and cultural aspects of urban history these essays illustrate the growth and change that created modern day urban life dynamic topics such as technology immigration and ethnicity suburbanization sunbelt cities urban political history and planning and housing are examined the making of

urban america is the only reader available that covers all of u s urban history and that also includes the most recent interpretive scholarship on the subject

academics community activists and politicians have rediscovered regionalism insisting that regions are critical functional units in a world wide economy and just as important critical functional units in individual american lives more and more of us travel across city county even state borders every morning on our way to work our television radio and print media rely on a regional marketplace our businesses large and small depend on suppliers workers and customers who rarely reside in a single jurisdiction the parks riverfronts stadiums and museums we visit draw from and provide an identity to an area much larger than a single city the fumes gases chemicals and run off that pollute our air and water have no regard for municipal boundaries this book lays out a variety of opinions on regionalism its history and its future while the essays do not comprise a debate pro and con about regionalism they do provide a wide array of perspectives based on the authors diverse backgrounds and experience some contributors have made close academic studies of how regional action occurs in various states like minnesota california and oregon others give an historical account of a particular region like that surrounding new york city and yet others point out aspects of regionalism race especially that should not be ignored why did past efforts at regional collaboration fall apart what did regionalist efforts of decades ago leave undone and what new goals should regionalists set without an understanding of these questions policymakers and advocates may find themselves reinventing the region this book provides an important understanding of how regionalism has played out in the past how policies shape places and the possibilities and limits of regional action bruce j katz director of the brookings institution center on urban and metropolitan policy was formerly chief of staff at the u s department of hous

the author explores the decentralized spread of california s silicon valley the crowded streets of new york city s jackson heights neighborhood the controlled growth of portland oregon and the stage set facades of disney s planned community celebration florida and argues that the real forces of shaping cities transportation systems industry and business and political decision making have been ignored cover

this book by carl c anthony offers a new story about race and place intended to bridge long standing racial divides the long ignored history of african american contributions to american infrastructure and the modern economic system is placed in the larger context of the birth of the universe and the evolution of humanity in

africa the author interweaves personal experiences as an architect planner environmentalist and black american with urban history racial justice cosmology and the challenge of healing the environmental and social damage that threatens the future of humankind thoughtful writing about race urban planning and environmental and social equity is sparked by stories of life as an african american child in post world war ii philadelphia a student and civil rights activist in 1960s harlem a traveling student of west african architecture and culture and a pioneering environmental justice advocate in berkeley and new york this book will appeal to everyone troubled by racism and searching for solutions including individuals exploring their identity and activists eager to democratize power and advance equitable policies in historically marginalized communities this is a rich insightful encounter with an american urbanist with a uniquely expansive perspective on human origins who sets forth what he calls an inclusive vision for a shared planetary future

this comprehensive introduction to the policies theory and practice of planning outlines land use urban planning and environmental protection policies and explains the nature of the planning process

this collection evaluates the various strategies that different cities have used when attempting to economically revitalize downtown areas

this book argues that philosophy is as practical as plumbing and what we need right now is what philosophers can offer as philosophers to help us all our species and beyond through this ecological emergency this climate change this anthropocene this book is about the meaning and purpose of philosophy as a way of a practice of responding to the ecological emergency which includes climate change biodiversity loss pollution habitat destruction and all the associated impacts that fragment and threaten to create collapse among the systems that created and sustain us there are the related economic and social impacts the fragmentation of communities and political ideologies through attitude polarisation and the increasing threats to systems by those who seek to promote further exploitation at the expense of attempts to regain some system of cooperation and an attitude of compassion which is at the heart of our survival strategies as a species philosophy has always sought to address questions related both to our place in the universe and to how to live given our understanding of our place those of us committed to a philosophical life have used a range of metaphors and narratives to enlighten and to exhort to action those who would seek to understand what to do how and why philosophy has played a key role in helping us as a species to respond to the ecological



emergency what then is the practice of philosophy given that we are in an ecological emergency this question is the thread and it forms the framework for the dialogue that runs through the book

this third edition juxtaposes the very best publications on the city it reflects the latest thinking on globalization information technology and urban theory it is a comprehensive mapping of the terrain of urban studies old and new

the author draws upon case examples of some of today's most acclaimed developments in this book and recommends best practice guidelines to help developers create vibrant livable communities and still make money for years florida's planners and developers have had to deal with some of the most difficult growth management problems now planners and developers across the nation can benefit from the valuable lessons florida offers on combating urban sprawl ewing first searched the state for the best contemporary developments then distilled their lessons into guidelines for directing new development and assessing the quality of existing development the 43 practices outlined in this exciting book cover four areas of development land use transportation the environment and housing they apply to a broad range of development projects including small planned communities residential subdivisions and commercial centers the book's recommendations are based upon the experiences of successful developers and supported by empirical research the proof lies in the compelling real world examples ewing highlights throughout the text illustrated with dozens of photographs and written in a lively style this book is must reading for all those seeking better ways to plan and design communities developers will find proven feasible land development regulations and benchmarks against which to evaluate development proposals

updated with a majority of new readings the third edition of readings in urban theory expands its focus to present the most recent developments in urban and regional theories and policies in a globalized world around 75 of the readings included are new for the third edition unifies readings by an orientation toward political economy and normative themes of social justice expands the focus on international planning including globalization and theories of development addresses the full range of core urban theory so as to remain the primary text in courses

in recent years there has been a growing focus on urban and environmental studies and the skills and

techniques needed to address the wider challenges of how to create sustainable communities central to that demand is the increasing urgency of addressing the issue of urban decline and the response has almost always been to pursue growth policies to attempt to reverse that decline the track record of growth policies has been mixed at best until the first decade of the twenty first century decline was assumed to be an issue only for former industrial cities the so called rust belt but the sudden reversal in growth in the major cities of the american sunbelt has shown that urban decline can be a much wider issue justin hollander s research into urban decline in both the sun and rust belts draws lessons planners and policy makers that can be applied universally hollander addresses the reasons and statistics behind these shrinking cities with a positive outlook arguing that growth for growth s sake is not beneficial for communities suggesting instead that urban development could be achieved through shrinkage case studies on phoenix flint orlando and fresno support the argument and hollander delves into the numbers literature and individual lives affected and how they have changed in response to the declining regions written for urban scholars and to suit a wide range of courses focused on contemporary urban studies this text forms a base for all study on shrinking cities for professionals academics and students in urban design planning public administration and sociology

democracy citizenship and the global city focuses on the controversial neglected theme of citizenship it examines the changing role of citizens their rights obligations and responsibilities as members of nation states and the issue of accountability in a global society using this interdisciplinary approach the book offers an innovative collection of work from robert a beauregard anna bounds janine brodie richard dagger gerard delanty judith a garber robert j holton warren magnusson raymond rocco nikolas rose evelyn s ruppert saskia sassen bryan s turner john urry gerda r wekerle and nira yuval davis

provides forum for progressing the urban debate demonstrates good design and practice through a variety of case studies offers cross disciplinary view points

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this volume of transport and sustainability focuses on how spatial and social mobilities are intertwined in the reproduction of spatial and social inequities in latin american cities

gated communities are a new hot button in many north american cities from boston to los angeles and from

miami to toronto citizens are taking sides in the debate over whether any neighborhood should be walled and gated preventing intrusion or inspection by outsiders this debate has intensified since the hard cover edition of this book was published in 1997 since then the number of gated communities has risen dramatically in fact new homes in over 40 percent of planned developments are gated in the west the south and southeastern parts of the united states opposition to this phenomenon is growing too in the small and relatively homogenous town of worcester massachusetts a band of college students from brown university and the university of chicago picketed the wexford village in november of 1998 waving placards that read gates divide these students are symbolic of a much larger wave of citizens asking questions about the need for and the social values of gates that divide one portion of a community from another

just because milwaukee isn't manhattan doesn't mean that those urban centers face completely unique challenges through effective comparative analysis of key issues in urban studies how city managers share power with mayors how spending policies affect economic development and how school politics impact education policy students can clearly see how scholars discern patterns and formulate conclusions to offer theoretical and practical insights from which all cities can benefit pelissero brings together an impressive team of contributors to explore variation among cities through case studies and cross sectional analyses each author synthesizes the field's seminal literature while explaining how urban leaders and their constituents grapple with everything from city council politics to conflict and cooperation among minority groups authors identify both key trends and gaps in the scholarship and help set the research agenda for the years to come lively case material will hook your students while the accessible presentation of empirical evidence makes this reader the comprehensive and sophisticated text you demand

environmental change presents a new context and new opportunities for transformational change this timely book will inspire new ways of understanding the relationship between environmental change and human security a changing environment for human security transformative approaches to research policy and action both supports and informs a call for new transformative approaches to research policy and action the chapters in this book include critical analyses case studies and reflections on contemporary environmental and social challenges with a strong emphasis on those related to climate change human thoughts and actions have contributed to an environment of insecurity manifested as multiple interacting threats that now represent a serious challenge to humanity yet humans also have the capacity to collectively transform the economic

political social and cultural systems and structures that perpetuate human insecurities these fresh perspectives on global environmental change from an interdisciplinary group of international experts will inspire readers whether students researchers policy makers or practitioners to think differently about environmental issues and sustainability the contributions show that in a changing environment human security is not only a possibility but a choice

city planning delves into the intricate world of urban design exploring how the layout of our cities shapes our daily lives this comprehensive book examines the historical evolution of urban planning modern methodologies and future challenges offering readers a new perspective on their surroundings from the industrial revolution's impact on city growth to the current trend of sustainable smart cities the book provides essential context for understanding the complex interplay of factors influencing urban development at its core the book argues that effective city planning is both an art and a science requiring a delicate balance of creativity technical expertise and social awareness it guides readers through key concepts and practical aspects of urban planning such as zoning laws transportation systems and public space design the narrative progresses from foundational principles to cutting edge approaches including smart city technologies and sustainable design practices what sets this book apart is its emphasis on the human element in urban planning exploring how design shapes behavior community dynamics and quality of life by drawing on interdisciplinary insights and real world case studies city planning offers a fresh accessible perspective on a field that profoundly impacts our urban environments empowering readers to become more engaged participants in shaping the cities of the future

one of the policies that has been most widely used to try to limit urban sprawl has been that of urban containment these policies are planning controls limiting the growth of cities in an attempt to preserve open rural uses such as habitat agriculture and forestry in urban regions while there has been a substantial amount of research into these urban containment policies most have focused on issues of land use consumption transportation impacts or economic development issues this book examines the effects of urban containment policies on key social issues such as housing wealth building and creation racial segregation and gentrification it argues that while the policies make important contributions to environmental sustainability they also affect affordability for all the economic groups of citizens aside from the most wealthy however it also puts forward suggestions for revising such policies to counter these possible negative social impacts as such it will be valuable reading for scholars of environmental planning social policy and regional development as well as for

policy makers

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transportation and public health an integrated approach to policy planning and implementation helps current and future transportation professionals integrate public health considerations into their transportation planning thus supporting sustainability and promoting societal health and well being the book defines key issues describes potential solutions and provides detailed examples of how solutions have been implemented worldwide in addition it demonstrates how to identify gaps in existing policy frameworks addressing a critical and emerging urgent need in transportation and public health research the book creates a coherent inclusive and interdisciplinary framework for understanding by integrating principles from transportation planning and engineering health management economics social and organizational psychology the book deepens understanding of these multiple perspectives and tensions inherent in integrating public health and transportation planning and policy implementation

the on time delivery of goods is regarded as a primary factor of the urban economy and is being monitored by businesses and government alike however much analysis of freight transportation and the flow of goods into out of and within urban areas focuses on functional business related approaches this book examines the interrelationship between logistics development on one hand and urban development and geographical issues such as land use and location on the other avoiding certain one dimensional views on logistics impacts on the city it discloses the complex interaction of the logistics system with the entire urban environment it also bridges the gap between recent geographical research into new production systems and post modern

consumption patterns illustrated with case studies from the united states germany france the netherlands and the united kingdom it examines issues such as the historical nexus between urban areas and logistics current urban developments with regards to goods distribution city region related characteristics of freight flows locational dynamics and specific freight related urban problems and conflicts

this book is recommended reading for planners preparing to take the aicp exam too often no one is happy with new development public officials must choose among unappealing alternatives developers are frustrated and the public is angry but growing political support for urban design developers interest in community building and successful examples of redesigned cities all over the u s are hopeful signs of change the author explains how design can reshape suburban growth patterns revitalize older cities and retrofit metropolitan areas where earlier development decisions went wrong the author describes in detail specific techniques materials and technologies that should be known but often aren't to planners public officials concerned citizens and others involved in development

this book provides a comprehensive multi disciplinary analysis of suburban sprawl development and smart growth alternatives within the contexts of culture ecology and politics it offers a mix of theoretical inquiry historical analysis policy critique and case studies in addition each chapter is coupled with featured interviews with leading activists and policymakers working on sprawl issues visit our website for sample chapters

synthesizing current understandings on the relationship between transport and land use this timely handbook proposes an agenda for research and practice that leads toward more human centered communities within an increasingly urbanized world facing rapid technological change chapters explore the role of institutional policies and informal cultural contexts in influencing transport and land use systems before examining the impacts of transportation and land use decisions across multiple areas including equity public health climate environment and lifestyle preferences

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## The Great Kilogram-Pound Debate: Unveiling the Mystery of 94kg in Pounds

Ever found yourself staring at a weight listed in kilograms, wishing it spoke the language of pounds? Perhaps you're planning a trip abroad, comparing fitness stats with an international friend, or simply curious about the equivalent weight of that hefty package you're shipping. The seemingly simple task of converting 94 kilograms to pounds can quickly become a journey into the fascinating world of units and their intricate relationships. Let's embark on that journey together, tackling this conversion head-on and exploring the nuances along the way.

## Understanding the Metric and Imperial Systems

Before we dive into the conversion itself, it's crucial to grasp the fundamental difference between the metric (kilograms) and imperial (pounds) systems. The metric system, based on powers of 10, is favored globally for its simplicity and consistency. Kilograms (kg) measure mass, representing the amount of matter in an object. The imperial system, on the other hand, is a more complex collection of units, with pounds (lbs) also representing mass (although often colloquially used interchangeably with weight). The historical development of these systems, with their varying origins and inconsistencies, makes understanding their conversion factors essential.

## The Conversion Factor: Bridging the Gap

The key to converting 94 kg to pounds lies in the conversion factor: 1 kilogram equals approximately 2.20462 pounds. This isn't a random number; it's derived from carefully defined standards that link the two systems.

This seemingly small decimal number represents the historical divergence of these measurement systems and highlights the importance of precise conversion when dealing with things like medication dosages, engineering specifications, or even just accurate weight comparisons. Let's apply this to our 94 kg:  $94 \text{ kg} \times 2.20462 \text{ lbs/kg} \approx 207.23 \text{ lbs}$ . Therefore, 94 kilograms is approximately equal to 207.23 pounds. We often round this to 207 pounds for practical purposes, but understanding the decimal precision is crucial in certain contexts.

## **Real-World Applications: From Luggage to Lifting**

Understanding this conversion is relevant in various scenarios. Imagine you're traveling internationally and your airline restricts checked baggage to 20 kg. Converting this to pounds (approximately 44 lbs) helps you pack efficiently and avoid excess baggage fees. Similarly, comparing your weightlifting progress with someone who uses pounds requires this conversion for accurate benchmarking. A personal trainer might use this conversion to translate a client's weight goals or to adjust training programs based on metric or imperial measurements. The application of this knowledge extends to various professional fields like logistics, manufacturing, and even culinary arts (especially in international recipes).

## **Beyond the Basic Conversion: Addressing Potential Errors**

While the simple multiplication above offers a reasonable approximation, it's worth noting potential sources of error. Using a rounded conversion factor (like 2.2 lbs/kg) will introduce minor inaccuracies. For extremely precise applications, such as scientific research or engineering, using the full conversion factor (2.20462 lbs/kg) or a dedicated conversion calculator is essential to minimize discrepancies.

## **The Importance of Context and Precision**

The level of precision needed for a conversion depends entirely on the context. Rounding 207.23 lbs to 207 lbs is acceptable for most everyday situations. However, in fields demanding high accuracy, like pharmaceuticals or aerospace engineering, even small discrepancies can have significant consequences. Remember that the precision of your conversion should always match the precision required by the application.

## **Conclusion: Mastering the Kilogram-Pound Conversion**

Converting 94 kg to pounds, while seemingly straightforward, offers a glimpse into the intricate world of units and conversions. Understanding the underlying principles, the conversion factor, and the implications of rounding are all crucial for accurate and effective application in diverse scenarios. From international travel to scientific research, mastering this conversion is a valuable skill that can simplify many aspects of our daily lives and professional work.

## **Expert-Level FAQs:**

1. What is the exact conversion factor for kilograms to pounds, and why is it not a whole number? The exact conversion factor is 2.2046226218. It's not a whole number due to the independent historical development and definition of the kilogram and pound, leading to an irrational ratio between them. 2. How does temperature affect the conversion of mass between kilograms and pounds? Temperature slightly affects volume, but the conversion factor for mass between kilograms and pounds remains constant because mass is independent of temperature. 3. Are there any online tools or software that can perform accurate kilogram-to-pound conversions beyond basic calculators? Yes, many engineering and scientific software packages, as well as specialized online converters, offer high-precision conversions accounting for significant figures. 4. How do variations in gravitational force affect the kilogram-to-pound conversion? The conversion factor relates mass, not weight. While weight changes with gravity, mass remains constant; hence, the conversion remains

unaffected by gravitational variations. 5. Can the conversion factor be used to convert other units of mass within the metric and imperial systems (e.g., grams to ounces)? Yes, with appropriate adjustments. Knowing the relationship between kilograms and grams (1 kg = 1000 g) and between pounds and ounces (1 lb = 16 oz), you can derive conversion factors for those units based on the kg-to-lb factor.

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