



**Universität
Zürich** ^{UZH}



The University of Zurich

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University of Zurich (UZH)

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faculties provide outstanding opportunities for research and teaching in more than 100 subject areas. As Switzerland's largest and most diverse university, UZH offers state-of-the-art infrastructure as well as access to top-tier university networks around the globe.

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Nobel Prize winners, including Albert Einstein and Wilhelm Conrad Röntgen, reflect UZH's international standing as a top research university. We are proud of the many renowned academic distinctions that are conferred upon our members year after year.

28,476

students at Bachelor's, Master's and PhD level benefit from the inspiring environment at UZH. Covering a wide range of subjects, we offer more than 200 study programs, including a number of unique transdisciplinary programs in fields such as digitalization and health.

1833

marks the founding year of UZH. At the time, it was the first university in Europe to be founded by a democratic state. In 1866, UZH became the second university in Europe after the Sorbonne in Paris to admit women.

161

spin-offs were founded at UZH between 1999 and 2024. UZH is committed to academic freedom and independent research – and to making our findings available and accessible to all. We provide researchers with access to the latest technologies and support the transfer of knowledge from our innovative research and education to industry and the wider society.

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popular university museums and collections showcase the latest findings, bringing science and research closer to the wider population through interactive, hands-on experiences. UZH also shares knowledge through its libraries, the Botanical Garden, numerous public lectures and events, including Switzerland's largest science festival. In addition, we offer a wide range of continuing education programs for people from all walks of life.

Data from 2024

Setting the Bar High

As one of Europe's leading research universities, UZH sets international standards and attracts top talent by offering comprehensive support for excellence in research. Conducting high-quality research is only possible with cooperation, interaction and communication at all levels. UZH therefore maintains numerous interdisciplinary research programs and networks.

Research Priorities and Networks

UZH is currently funding five University Research Priority Programs (URPPs) to create and promote outstanding interdisciplinary networks and support promising early-career researchers in areas that benefit society:

- **Development and Learning**
Adaptive brain circuits in development and learning
- **Digital Religion(s)**
Communication, interaction and transformation in the digital society
- **Equality of Opportunity**
Economic and social causes of inequality
- **Human Reproduction**
Legal, medical and social requirements of parenthood
- **Rare Diseases**
Development of new therapies for treating rare diseases

UZH is also the home institution of the National Center of Competence in Research (NCCR) Evolving Language and participates in ten other NCCRs. Our research is further boosted by a range of Centers of Competence, the TRANSFORM funding line, and numerous funding opportunities for PhD candidates, postdocs, and experienced researchers.

A Hub for Medical Excellence

UZH carries out first-rate medical research and teaching in close cooperation with the four university hospitals and ETH Zurich. These six institutions combine to form a unique knowledge and health hub where research, teaching and healthcare provision converge. One example of this cooperation is precision medicine in oncology. Four centers – the Tumor Profiler Center, the Comprehensive Cancer Center Zurich, the Operating Room X and The LOOP Zurich – are advancing research together in this field.



Discover

Shaping the Future Effectively

Assessing the consequences of climate change and biodiversity loss, working on precision medicine for all, developing solutions to social problems: find out how researchers from different disciplines at UZH are collaborating to tackle current challenges and propose innovative ideas for the future.



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On the Pulse

UZH offers students an excellent environment full of opportunities and a level of diversity that is unprecedented in Switzerland. We are also constantly advancing our teaching methods in line with the evolving needs of a society in flux – creatively, innovatively and on a wide variety of levels. The Future of Teaching at UZH initiative was launched to further bolster this approach.

Quality Standards in Teaching Development

UZH promotes innovative teaching ideas and fosters a lively teaching community. By introducing the UZH Curriculum, we established university-wide quality standards for developing attractive academic programs. According to these criteria, the future of teaching at UZH is research-based, goal-oriented, engaging, individualized, transdisciplinary and international.

An International Environment

The UZH community is diverse and international. Almost half of our professors, 45 percent of employees and one-fifth of students are from abroad. Most of our international students come from Germany, China and Italy.

Student Exchanges

UZH has agreements on student exchanges with over 250 partner universities around the world. We also offer various joint-degree and double-degree programs with selected partner universities and promote international short programs such as summer schools, winter schools and internships abroad. In 2024, 579 exchange students studied at UZH, while 326 UZH students went on a stay abroad.

Studying across Disciplines

Established in 2021, the School for Transdisciplinary Studies offers interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary courses in forward-looking topics such as sustainability, digitalization and innovation to students across all faculties.

Shaping Business and Society

Zurich is at the heart of one of Europe's most innovative regions thanks to its close-knit network of leading educational and research institutions as well as robust knowledge and technology transfer processes. The city ranks first in the Smart City Index issued by the World Competitiveness Center.

Innovative findings and developments from UZH serve to advance politics and society. With a strategic focus on life sciences, space and aviation, digitalization, artificial intelligence and healthy longevity, UZH innovations stimulate future-oriented industries such as biotech, medtech and ICT. University research, in turn, benefits from the many opportunities for cooperation in a dynamic environment.

UZH Innovation Hub

The UZH Innovation Hub plays a pivotal role in fostering innovation at the university. It actively supports junior researchers and UZH students from the initial idea phase to prototype development right through to testing and practical implementation. We provide hands-on assistance to researchers, helping them transform their scientific discoveries into marketable products and services. Our support encompasses customized coaching and entrepreneurial skill training at various levels, along with early-stage financial assistance programs. Additionally, we offer guidance to researchers eager to launch their own startups.

161 Spin-Offs

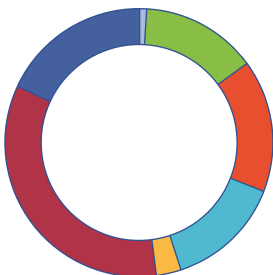
Spin-off companies are a key instrument when it comes to translating university research into business practice. A total of 161 UZH spin-offs have been founded since 1999. As a sign of our strong affiliation and support, we have been awarding our UZH Startup label to spin-offs and startups since 2017.

Students

28,476

Total Students

By Faculty

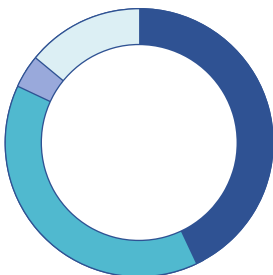


- 277 Faculty of Theology and the Study of Religion
- 3,943 Faculty of Law
- 4,445 Faculty of Business, Economics and Informatics
- 4,153 Faculty of Medicine
- 778 Vetsuisse Faculty
- 9,730 Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
- 5,150 Faculty of Science

5,643

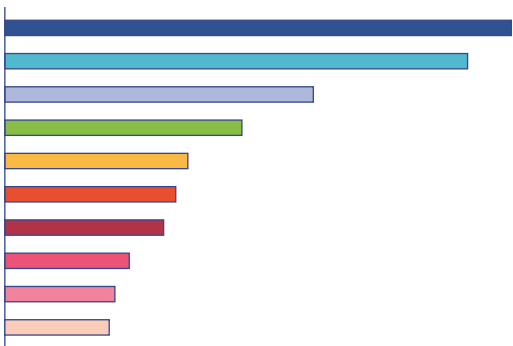
Total Degrees

By Study Level



- 2,397 Bachelor
- 2,205 Master
- 232 Teaching Diploma
- 809 PhD

Most Popular Subjects

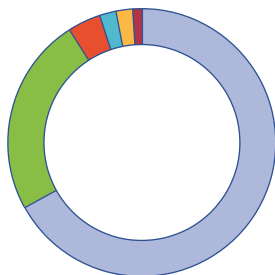


- 3,943 Law
- 3,604 Human Medicine
- 2,413 Psychology
- 1,854 Biology
- 1,428 Informatics
- 1,337 Business and Economics (interdisciplinary)
- 1,240 Business Administration
- 978 Natural Sciences (interdisciplinary)
- 863 History
- 821 Communication & Media Studies

Data from 2024

5,570

Total International Students
(degree-seeking)



- 3,859 Europe
- 1,421 Asia
- 162 North America
- 64 South America
- 53 Africa
- 11 Australia/Oceania

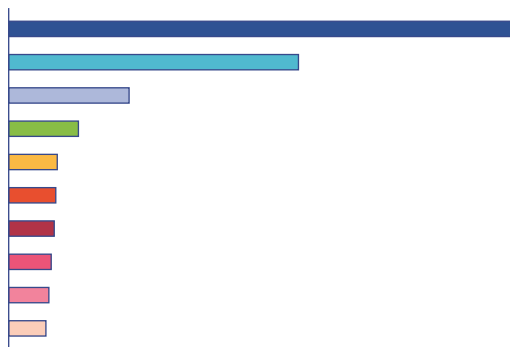
19.6%

Percentage of International Students

1,001

Students in Master of Advanced
Studies Programs

Most Common Countries of Origin



- 1,533 Germany
- 882 China
- 368 Italy
- 215 Austria
- 151 Liechtenstein
- 144 USA
- 141 Turkey
- 131 Spain
- 125 India
- 116 Russian Federation

Data from 2024



Discover

Embracing Diversity, Sharing Knowledge

UZH uses its wide range of degree programs to allow students to construct individual, interdisciplinary and international educational paths. Discover how our innovative teaching formats encourage students to take initiative and work independently.



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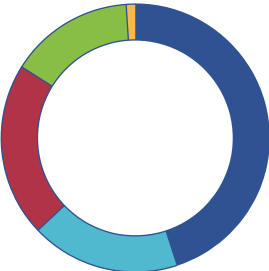


Finances

Revenue

1,699 m

(in CHF)

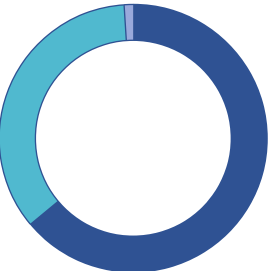


- 763 m Canton of Zurich
- 310 m Other Basic Financing and Operational Funds
- 362 m Third-Party Project Funding
- 246 m Services and Other Operational Income
- 18 m Financial Yield

Expenses

1,698 m

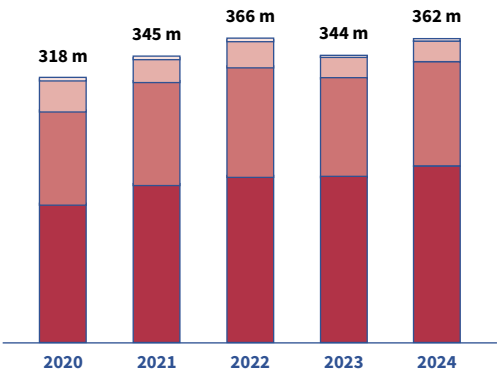
(in CHF)



- 1080 m Staff Costs
- 617 m Other Operating Expenses
- 1 m Finance Expense

Third-Party Project Contributions

(in CHF)



- Federal Organizations in Switzerland
- Private Sector and Individuals
- EU and International Research Programs
- Other

Data from 2024

Connected Across the Globe

UZH works hand in hand with universities and partners around the world to conduct impactful research and innovation, offer top-quality education and tackle complex challenges.

International University Networks

UZH is an active member of various international organizations and networks in research, teaching, innovation and other important areas of higher education.

- The League of European Research Universities (LERU) is a strong advocate for upholding sound conditions for research – especially basic research – and teaching.
- Una Europa aims to transform and innovate higher education and to draw on collective strengths to create a university of the future.
- Universitas 21 is the leading global network of research-intensive universities with the aim to advance the internationalization of education and the exchange of experiences.

Strategic Partnerships with Universities

In addition to engaging in major international networks, UZH maintains strategic partnerships with select universities to address global challenges, create joint academic programs, foster dialogue with key stakeholders and learn from each other at an institutional level.

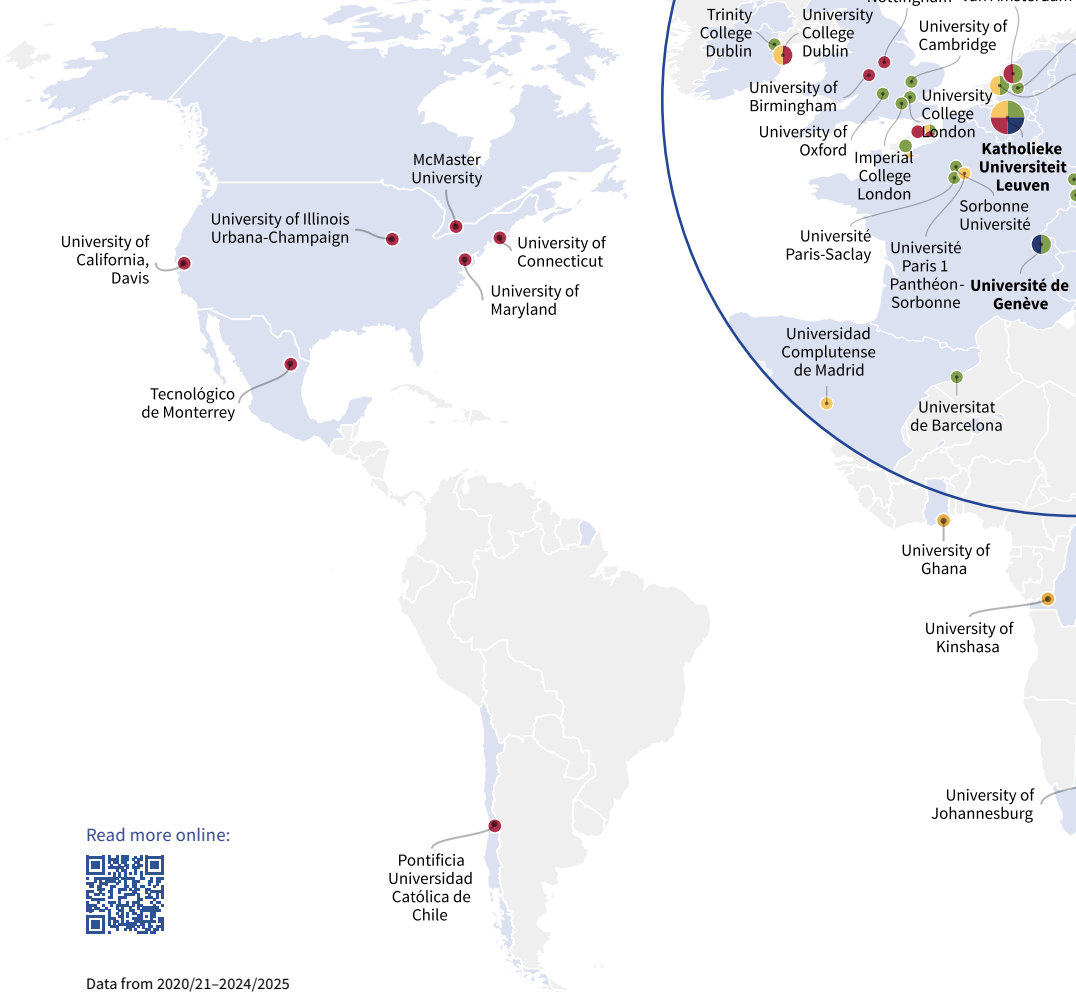
In 2022, UZH introduced the UZH Global Funding Scheme, which helps researchers establish international connections within existing networks. Its aim is to maximize the benefits of collaborative synergies and bolster UZH's international network.

Leading House Asia Pacific

Building on its long-standing engagement in the Asia-Pacific region, UZH has been appointed as Leading House Asia Pacific by the State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation (SERI) for the 2025 to 2028 period. As Leading House, UZH will promote and facilitate scientific, educational and innovation collaborations between Switzerland and 15 countries across the Asia-Pacific region.

Cooperation Across the Globe

- Universitas 21
- LERU
- Una Europa incl. African Partners
- Strategic Partner
- Berlin-Wien-Zürich



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Data from 2020/21–2024/2025



Student Mobility

Countries of Origin and Destination

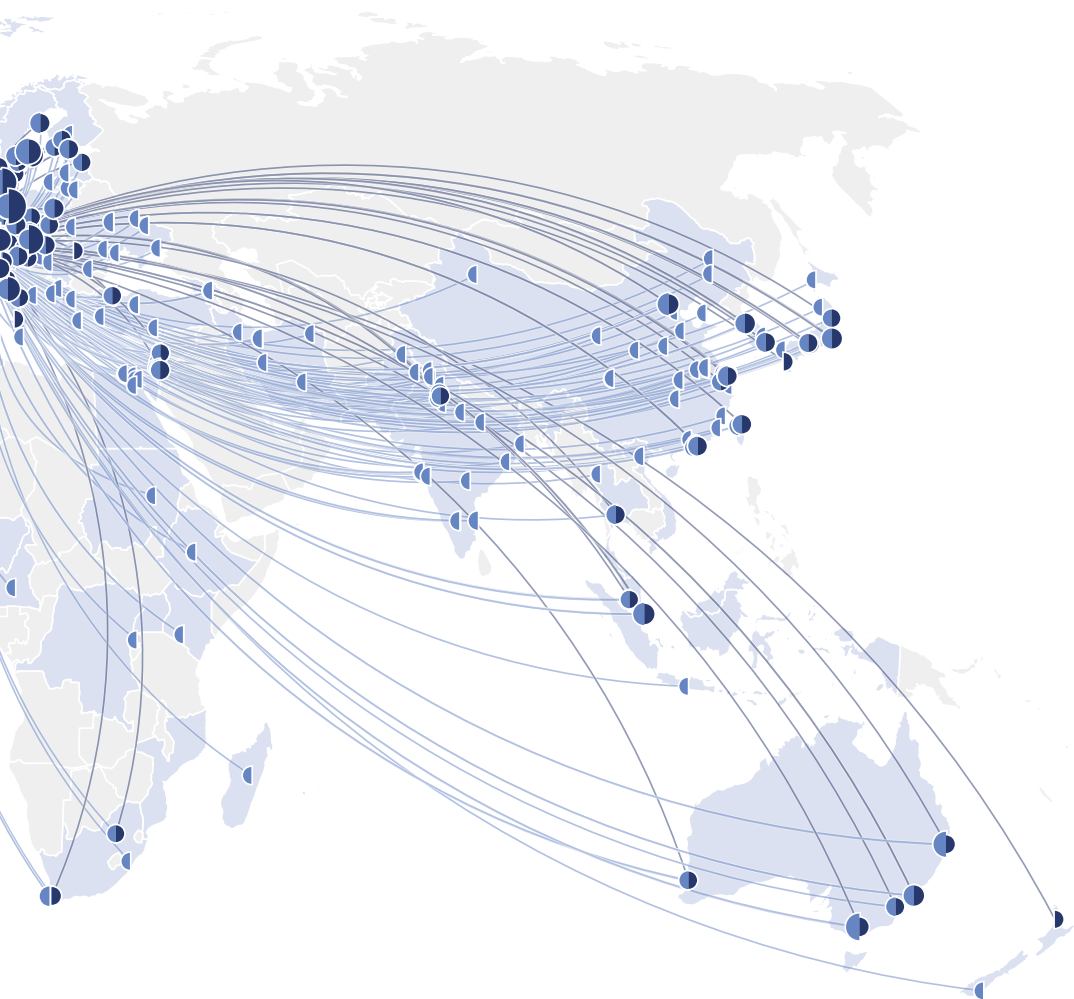
Incoming Students

725 Germany
319 China
287 Italy
227 Ukraine
212 Netherlands
205 United Kingdom
202 Australia
190 Sweden
158 Spain
100 France

Outgoing Students

335 Germany
183 France
172 United Kingdom
164 Sweden
162 Italy
140 Netherlands
119 Spain
115 Austria
103 Denmark
89 Japan

Data from 2020/21–2024/2025



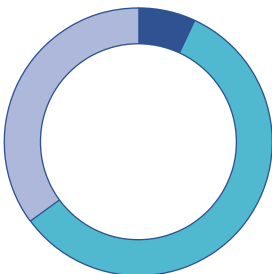
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Staff

By Employee Group

(FTE)



- 716.3 Professorships
- 4,231.0 Non-Professorial Academic Staff
- 2,879.3 Administrative and Technical Staff

By Organization

(FTE)



- 65.6 Faculty of Theology and the Study of Religion
- 288.9 Faculty of Law
- 483.2 Faculty of Business, Economics and Informatics
- 2,206.3 Faculty of Medicine
- 695.6 Vetsuisse Faculty
- 1,266.8 Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
- 1,333.8 Faculty of Science
- 1,239.2 Central Services (incl. Internal Audit)
- 247.3 Strategic Programs

7,827

Total Employees (FTE)

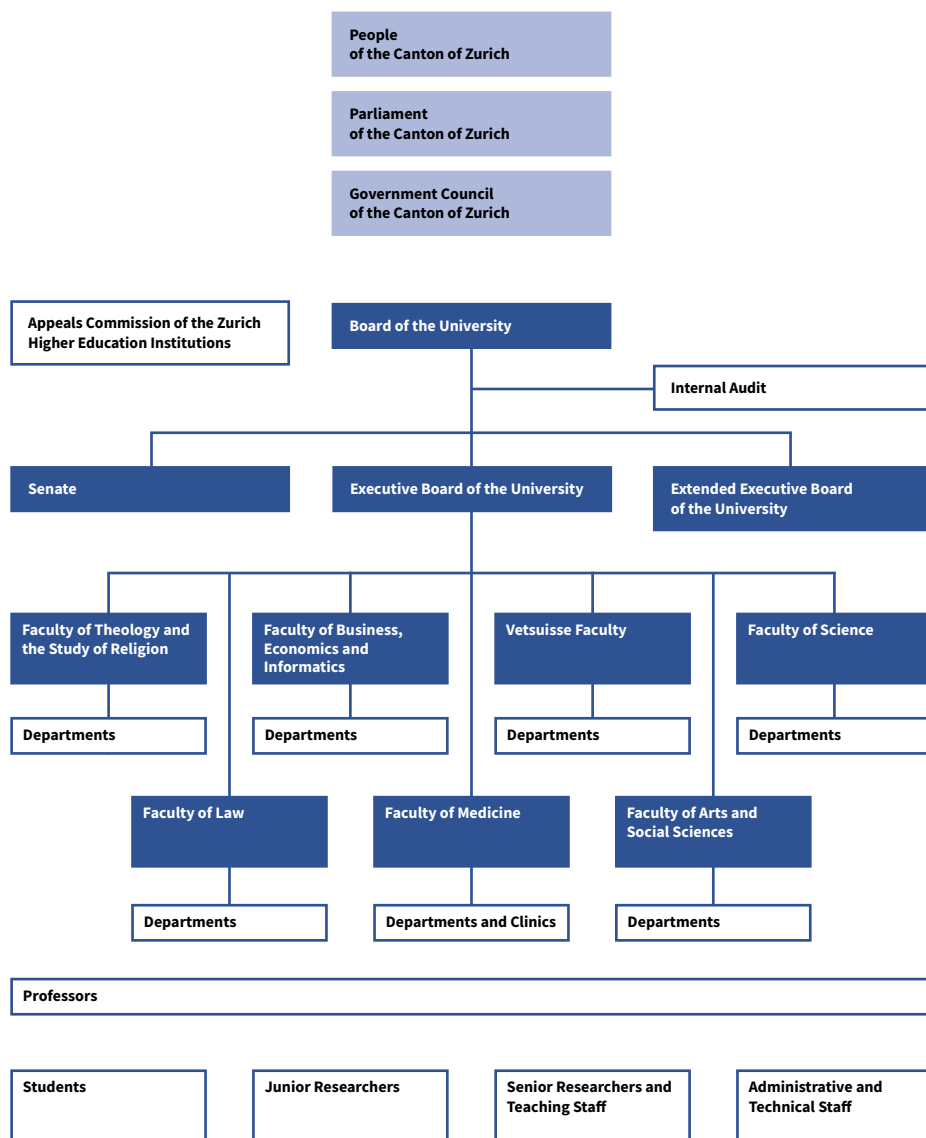
6,262

Total Teaching Staff

40.3%

Percentage of Teaching Staff
from Abroad

Organization Chart



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