In-Room Guide UTM Residence 2023-2024















Land Acknowledgment

Leaving home for education is a major, transformative experience for any student. We recognize that in Canada, this experience carries in part the history and legacy of the residential schools system, that Indigenous peoples, settler Canadians, and newcomers must face together as we all live in this place. In committing to diversity and inclusion, we hope to commit to the idea that UTM residence will be a community where students recognize and support the many origins of their peers, and the many destinations to which their living and learning will take them.

We wish to acknowledge this land on which the University of Toronto operates. For thousands of years it has been the traditional land of the Huron-Wendat, the Seneca, and the Mississaugas of the Credit. Today, this meeting place is still the home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island and we are grateful to have the opportunity to work on this land.

To learn more, please visit the Indigenous Centre, or visit their website at <u>https://www.</u> <u>utm.utoronto.ca/indigenous/</u>



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Important Contacts

Residence Contacts

Residence Services Des	К
Don-on-Duty	

Health and Safety Supports

University and Campus Life Contacts

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Our Team

Residence Dons

Residence Dons are upper year students who live in residence communities. They work hard to build a community and make you feel at home. From safety to social activities. Dons focus on the social side of transitioning to university, and support your adjustment to university life.

REFs and LLC PFs

Residence Education Facilitators (REFs) & Living Learning Community Program Facilitators (LLC PFs) are upper year students who live in residence and support students in their transition to university academics. REFs facilitate academic skills workshops and additional programs geared towards academic success. LLC PFs provide academic support to LLC students.

RSAs

Residence Services Assistants (RSAs) are student representatives who work at the Residence Services Desk located in the Oscar Peterson Hall lobby. RSAs handle dayto-day administrative tasks and can answer any questions you have about residence. The Residence Services Desk is open from 9am-12am (midnight) on weekdays and 9am-9pm on weekends.



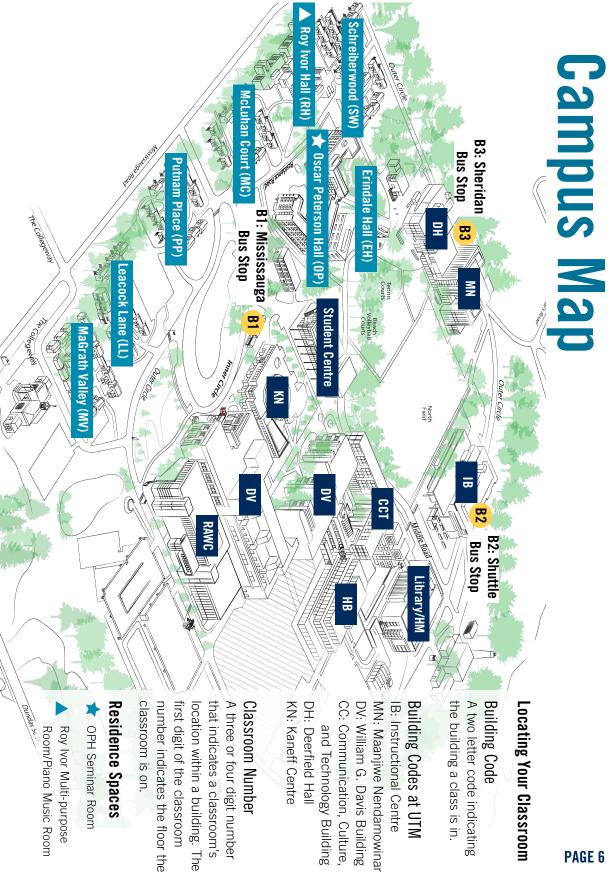
CAS

Community Assistants (CAs) are upper year student leaders who assist our professional staff in regards to operations of the Don, REF, LLC PF, and RSA teams. They also support the residence process and may meet with students when needed.

Scan the QR code to learn more about our student staff jobs and see our hiring process.







Important Dates

Move-In Day	September 2, 2023
Residence Orientation	September 2-10, 2023
First Day of Classes	September 6, 2023
Housing - First Installment Payment Deadline	September 30, 2023
Thanksgiving: University Closed	October 9, 2023
Fall Reading Week	October 9-13, 2023
Winter Break Extension Application Period	October 23 - November 10, 2023
Housing - Second Installment Payment Deadline	November 30, 2023
December Final Exam Period	December 9-20, 2023
Winter Break Closure: University Closed	December 21- January 2, 2023
Residence Winter Return Date	January 3, 2024
Winter Classes Begin	January 8, 2024
Family Day: University Closed	February 19, 2024
Winter Reading Week	February 20-23, 2024
Check Out Extension Application Period	March 18 - April 3, 2024
Good Friday: University Closed	March 29, 2024
April Final Exam Period	April 10-25, 2024
Residence Check Out Deadline	(@ 12:00PM NOON) April 26, 2024
	Dates are subject to change

Locating Your Classroom

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Building Code the building a class is in. A two letter code indicating

Building Codes at UTM

CC: Communication, Culture DV: William G. Davis Building MN: Maanjiwe Nendamowinan **IB:** Instructional Centre and Technology Building

Room/Piano Music Room Roy Ivor Multi-purpose **OPH Seminar Room** first digit of the classroom location within a building. The

is on.

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WHERE? Oscar Peterson Hall lobby WHEN? 9am-12am on weekdays

9am-9pm on weekends

Living in Mississauga

I AM LOOKING FOR...

HOW CAN WE HELP YOU?

KEYS

TORONTO TORONTO

MAIL AND PACKAGES

use this address:

Resident Name (your full TCard name) P.O. Box ### (your mailbox number) University of Toronto Mississauga 3353 Mississauga Road, Mississauga, Ontario L5L 6A2



MAIL: pick up in the **OPH** lobby

PACKAGES: pick up at the **ResDesk after receiving** an email from us

whenever you come to the ResDesk for help with any of these issues, please remember to

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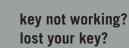
LAUNDRY CARDS

card damaged? need a new card?

visit the ResDesk for next steps!







the ResDesk has got you covered!

lost keys are a \$10 charge on your ACORN account.

RESOURCE RENTALS



visit the ResDesk to rent... for...

vacuums	30 min
swiffer mops	1 hour
iron and ironing board	1 hour
board games	3 hours
trollies	2 hours
roy ivor music room key*	2 hours

*music room is available Mon-Fri 5pm-12am and Sat-Sun 9am-9pm

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BANKS

banks with locations near campus:

• BMO

- RBC
- TD Canada Trust
- Scotiabank

when opening an account, remember to:

- research products and services
- bring two valid pieces of ID

BUS ROUTES AND TERMINALS

- buses that stop at the UTM terminal:
- 110, 101, 1C, 44
- UTM to Square One -

take the 110 N to City Centre Terminal

• UTM to South Common Centre take the 110 N, 101 W, or 1C W to South Common Centre

PHONE PLANS AND SIM CARDS

popular service providers:

- Rogers Koodo
- Virgin Mobile • Bell
 - Telus
- Fido

find them at:

- Square One
- South Common Centre
- Erin Mills Town Centre

GROCERIES

grocery locations near campus:

- Walmart (Locations at Square One. South Common Centre)
- Whole Foods (Square One)
- South Common Centre (2150 Burnhamthorpe Rd) includes NoFrills & Shoppers Drug Mart
- Metro (2225 Erin Mills Pkwv)



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HOW DO I...

PAY BUS FARES?

UPass: MiWay UPass is a digital Mississauga Transit bus pass. Contact the Student Union to learn how to get yours!

Presto: Transit fare collection card used for public transit. Works in Mississauga & Toronto. Buy, activate, and refill your card online at www.prestocard.ca/en

GO DOWNTOWN/TO SHERIDAN?

UTM Shuttle Bus: Located near IB, the Shuttle Bus takes you to the UofT St.George campus. Download the app to find the schedule

Sheridan Bus: Taking Sheridan classes? Find the bus stop in front of the MN building.



getting around:

- closest GO Stations

 - Erindale Station, Clarkson Station



FACILITIES DO'S & DO'S & DON'TS

in the bins nearest to

your residence area

Use the 6th floor

in your OPH unit.

Make your room feel

like home!

kitchenette, do not cook

Student Meal Plan



"Flex" funds can be used to purchase all items that do not qualify as a Basic-eligible meal. You can use your Flex funds for snack items, beverages, convenience items, confectionery, grocery items, vending machines with card readers, The Blind Duck, Chatime, The Duck Stop, & participating food trucks on campus.

Carry Over Funds

At the end of the school year, any remaining Basic Dollars above the minimum level of spending and any remaining Flex dollars will be moved into a

If you are running low on funds you can add money throughout the year. Simply login to your eaccounts (eaccounts.utm.utoronto.ca/login) Plan Management System. Friends and family can also

add funds to your Basic and Flex Accounts by making a Guest Deposit on the eaccounts Plan Management System.

For more information on meal plans and food options on campus, please visit the Hospitality & Ancillary Services website at utm.utoronto.ca/ hospitality/

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your OPH unit.

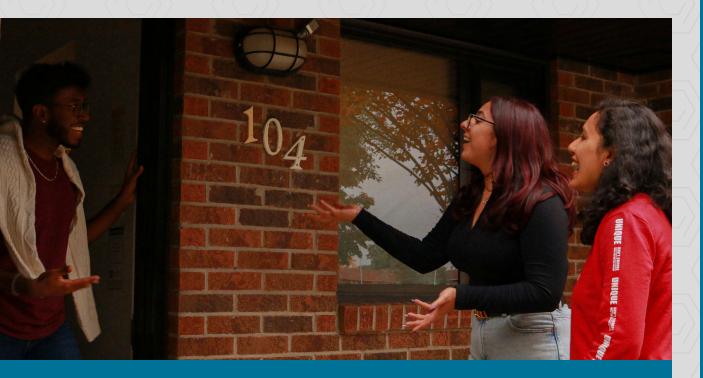
Place items inside the

unit of your townhouse

caution tape in the storage

Learn about food hours & locations here: https://www.utm.utoronto.ca/hospitality/FoodHours

Room Maintenance



House Checks

- You will participate in 6 mandatory house checks a year facilitated by your Don.
- House checks will be different depending on where you live
- Dons will provide you and your roommate(s) with cleaning contracts to list house check dates & cleaning expectations
- You and your roommate(s) are responsible for the regular upkeep of your residence space, and for cleaning your unit for house checks.
- Not meeting our cleanliness expectations may result in financial charges or disciplinary measures.

Financial Charges:

- Kitchen: \$150 Bathroom: \$150
- Common Area: \$100
- Bedroom: \$75
- Stairwell: \$50
- Storage Room: \$50
- Exterior: \$25

Snow Clearing and Salting

If you live in a townhouse, you are responsible for regularly clearing snow from the pathway leading to the entrance of your unit during the winter. Each unit is provided with a shovel. Salt/deicer is available at Don units and salt bins in each townhouse area.

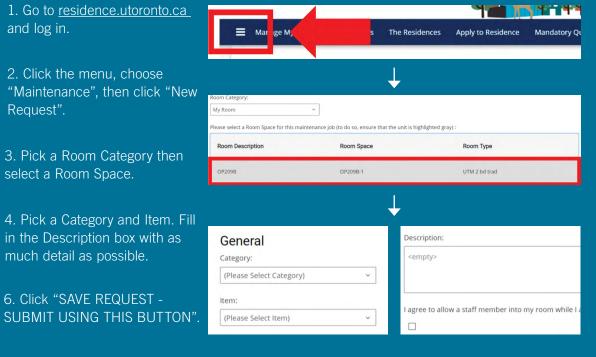
Work Orders

If you find something that needs repairing in your room or a common area, please submit a work order for the item on StarRez. Please describe the issue in detail so that our maintenance staff can easily find and fix the issue to the best of their ability.

How do I submit a work order?

and log in.

Request".



Work Order Surveys

After a work order is complete, please complete the survey to let us know how we did. The survey will be emailed to you.



Winter Break Housing



Community Standards

UTM Residence strives to create an environment where all students can feel safe, comfortable, and valued. Our Community Standards promote and protect students' rights. For more details, please refer to the Residence Student Handbook at www.utm.utoronto.ca/housing/current-students/policies-handbooks.



Students who wish to stay in residence during the Winter Break can apply to stay. More details on how to apply will be sent via email.

No overnight guests or social gatherings are permitted, and 24-hour quiet hours are in effect for the duration of the Winter Break. During Winter Break, these services will not be available:

- Food/Cafeteria
- Caretaking
- Maintenance/Work Orders
- On-campus services (ie: I&ITS, the Office of the Registrar, etc...)

Emergency services such as Don-on-Duty and Campus Safety will be available. The Residence Services Desk will operate on limited hours.

Winter Break Programming

Students who are staying can participate in our Winter Break Programming. Find out all our events and see a calendar on our website. <u>https://www.utm.utoronto.ca/</u> <u>housing/current-residents/winter-break-</u> <u>housing/winter-break-programming</u>

If you are not approved to stay on residence over the break, you are expected to secure alternate accommodation and required to vacate residence by:

- No later than 24 hours after your last December exam, OR
- By no later than 5:00 p.m. on the Residence Winter Break closure date specified in the important dates calendar, whichever comes first.

Theme	Right	Responsibility
Alcohol	You have the right to safely consume alcohol in a private living space if you are of the legal drinking age (19 years of age in Ontario)	You are responsible for consuming alcohol safely in private spaces and in a way that is not disruptive to the community. This includes keeping common rooms alcohol free, keeping alcohol closed in public spaces and participating in safe drinking practices
Autonomy in Managing Personal Health	You have the right to collaborate with the University of Toronto Mississauga staff to support your physical and/or mental wellness	You have the responsibility to manage your own health and wellness in a manner that does not have an impact on the residence community
Cannabis	You have the right to possess (up to 30 grams) and consume cannabis in private living spaces such as individual rooms, apartments, and townhouse units	You are responsible for ensuring your use and/or storage of cannabis does not impact other members of the residence community. This includes ensuring that cannabis is stored in an odour-free container and using smoking forms at designated smoking areas on campus PAGE 15

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Community Living	You have the right to enjoy all the benefits of living in residence including those related to academics, social activities, and resources	You have the responsibility to be an active member of the community and contribute to it in a positive way
Noise	You have the right to live in a community that is conducive to living and studying. You also have the right to expect reasonable quiet during Quiet Hours and exams	You are responsible for ensuring that your actions contribute to an appropriate level of noise. You also have the responsibility to adhere to Quiet Hours.
Religious, Spiritual and Ceremonial Practices	Practice and take part in spiritual, religious, and ceremonial practices, such as lighting candles or burning traditional herbs and/or medicines	Contact the Community Development Coordinator of your area for more resources & support; and adhering to the guidelines for fire safety when engaging in practices that involve lighting herbs, candles, or medicines.
Safety	You have the right to a space that is free of discrimination, harassment, and dangerous behaviours	You have the responsibility to ensure community safety by participating in safe behaviours and reporting unsafe environments
Guests & Social Gatherings	You have the right to have guests & host social gatherings in your personal living space	You are responsible for the actions of your guests and accompanying them throughout residence. You are also responsible for the education of the UTM Community Standards and the removal of your guests at the request of any Student Housing and Residence Life Staff
Smoking	You have the right to smoke in designated smoking areas on campus if you are of legal age (18 years of age in Canada). This includes the use of e-cigarettes	You have the responsibility to ensure that your smoking does not impact other people (including e-cigarettes). This includes the residual smell after having smoked
Respect	You have the right to a space that is free from physical, emotional, and verbal harassment and discrimination	You have the responsibility to participate in an inclusive and positive community. This also includes speaking up for the benefit of the community when you are aware of acts of harassment, intimidation, or other acts of disrespect

What should I do if I notice someone is violating the quiet hour rules?

If you notice other students are not abiding by quiet hour rules, we encourage students who are comfortable to speak to those students and ask they lower their noise levels. If you notice noise continues, you can call Don-on-Duty (289-805-0580) for support.

Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion in Residence



Accessibility

We recognize that, unfortunately, the social and physical world was not built with every person's interests, rights, and abilities in mind. In recognizing this inequity, and the difficulties that it creates for many people, we have ventured to create a barrier-free community. Examples of this effort include:

- Braille Signage;
- Elevators in the First Year communities;
- Wheelchair accessible units;
- Automated door openers;
- Large print communication materials, if requested;
- Accommodation for dietary restrictions;
- Height adjustable desks and beds.

Mixed Gender Roommate Option

Diversity is an important part of the cultural landscape at UTM, and we consider gender diversity to be an important aspect of this. We believe that students deserve to live in a housing arrangement that is inclusive of their gender identity and expression. In the interest of creating an equitable and inclusive community, we offer sameand mixed-gender housing options for students. Mixed-gender roommates is an option available for all students, including those who feel that their gender identity or gender expression is not represented in the traditional male and female housing arrangements that are typical of most campuses.

If you are feeling uncomfortable with your living situation, please reach out to your Don for more assistance.

Get Involved with Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion

Residence has a number of anti-oppression and education initiatives in place, as well as a number of committees dedicated to fostering equity, diversity, and inclusion in residence. Consider joining one of our committees dedicated to Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion! See page 20 for more information.

Safety On Campus

Mental Health Supports



At Student Housing & Residence Life, we strive to support students during their time in University and maintaining your mental wellness is an important part of that. As a UofT student, you have access to mental health resources on-campus or virtually. Many of these resources come at no additional cost! Feel free to use any of the resources below or visit the UofT page regarding mental health at <u>mentalhealth.utoronto.ca</u>.

Don-on-Duty (289-805-0580)

In each residence area, the Don-On-Duty is your first point of contact for emergencies after hours. The Don-on-Duty also completes rounds of their residence area during quiet hours to conduct safety and facilities checks and ensure the guidelines set out in the Residence Community Standards are being maintained.

Don't hesitate to call the Don-on-Duty they're here for you and want to make sure you're safe and comfortable in residence. Please notify the Don-On-Duty if you've called 911 for any reason.

On weekdays, Don-on-Duty operates from 5:00pm to 9:00am the next day. On weekends and holidays, Don-on-Duty operates 24 hours a day.

Safety Tips

- Lock valuables and don't leave them unattended
- Lock exterior windows and doors
- Draw curtains or shades at night and when not at home
- Do not allow tailgaters into spaces
- Discuss safety issues with your housemates and residence staff
- Fraud prevention & scam calls
- Report suspicious people, vehicles, and situations to UTM Campus Safety and/or your Don-on-Duty

WalkSafe (905-828-5200)

WalkSafe is a safety program that ensures you feel safe while walking to various locations on campus. If you prefer not to walk alone on campus, you can call a WalkSafer escort at any time to come to your location and walk you to your destination. **Navi** is your mental health wayfinder. Navi is a 24/7 Virtual Assistant that helps you anonymously and quickly find available resources. Access Navi through ALL UTM websites or through this link: <u>uoft.me/navi</u>.

Good2Talk Student Helpline is available 24/7 for post-secondary students to talk to a professional counsellor for support. Call them at 1 866 925 5454. Find out more at good2talk.ca.

The Health and Counselling Centre is available for appointments through their website: <u>www.utm.utoronto.ca/health/healthcounselling-centre</u>. **THSS** provides U of T students with immediate and/or ongoing, confidential, 24-hour support at no additional cost. Call or chat with a counsellor directly from your phone whenever, wherever you are. This service is available in 35 languages. More information at <u>uoft.me/THSS</u>.

Dons, REFs & LLC PFs Need someone to talk to? Reach out to your Don or the Don-On-Duty and someone will be there to listen. They can also refer you to other resources and give you the support you need!

During the year, we also host many mental health related events and programs to continue the promotion of mental health and support. These can be found in your Community Gatherings, Academic Workshops, pop-ups at our Residence Services Desk, and more!

Get Involved

Education in Residence

Committees

We encourage you to participate in one of our interest-based committees, led by our passionate student staff! All students are welcome — no prior experience necessary!

- Artistic Resource Team (ART)
- Choir (Homenotes)
- Colman Cup
- Equity Outreach Network (EON):
 - Umbrella for self-identifying LGBT2Q+ residence students
 - The Kickback for self-identifying Black residence students
 - Prism for self-identifying QTBIPOC* residence students. QTBIPOC denotes Queer, Trans, Black, Indigenous People of Colour.

Events to look out for

Welcome Home Week

This orientation event is your chance to get to know your new home and residence community!

- Spooktacular Spooktacular is our annual Halloween marquee event on October 31!
- Celebrat-EON It is the Equity Outreach Network's event at the end of March!
- ARTsFest

Come out for a night of art showcases, performances, and prizes, and get your creative juices flowing!

Colman Cup Bash Join us at the Colman Cup Bash to learn who wins the Colman Cup and celebrate the



year! The Colman Cup will be given to the Mascot with the most points at the end of the year. Make sure to attend Colman Cup, EON and ART events to win points for your Mascot

- Welcome Back Home Event Start Winter semester off with a warm welcome by getting to know your community!
- **Residence Service Desk Pop-Ups** Our OPH lobby will be filled with programming provided by our very own Residence Services Assistants (RSAs)!
- Door Knocking initiative • Members of the UTM community will knock on residence student room doors to have a friendly conversation, spread awareness of campus resources, and distribute treat bags!
- Global LLC Speaker Event Offered by the Global LLC program, keynote speakers are invited to talk to the residence community on topics such as social justice, activism and culture

appropriation in order to raise awareness about different issues and encourage intercultural dialogs and global citizenship.





Community Gatherings

Mandatory opportunity for students to ٠ consistently meet with other students in their community in order to build positive friendships and to participate in activities that will allow them to grow as an individual.

Academic Development Workshops

Receive helpful skills and tips about transitioning to University and learn more about how to be academically successful at UTM

Faculty Field Trips

An opportunity to participate in fun • activities with professors and connect with faculty outside the classroom

Living Learning Community (LLC) Programming

- Communities with students who share similar interests and/or take a common course together.
- Has its own LLC Program Facilitator (PF)
- LLC students benefit from exclusive cocurricular opportunities
- The LLC experience allows you to build an academic network of peers and achieve academic success.

Some of the LLCs we offer include:

- Global LLC • Bio LLC
- LifeSci LLC • CCIT LLC
- LEAF LLC CompSci LLC
- Foundations LLC • Education LLC

Upper Year Housing

Interested in living on campus in your upper years? Here's what you need to know!

- Upper year students are undergrads in their 2nd+ year of study
- Upper year students need to have completed a minimum of 3.0 credits
- Upper year housing spaces are in the townhouses, specific areas are listed on our website

To apply, visit StarRez (<u>residence.utoronto.ca</u>) to complete the UTM Upper Year Returner Application and submit your application fee. The application deadline is on our website



Check-Out Process

Your check-out deadline will be emailed to you in March.

Before or by the specified time, please:

- Pack and move your belongings out of your unit
- Clean your unit
- Drop off your signed checkout envelope with your mailbox key and room key card at the Residence Services Desk

We will inspect your unit within 24 hours after your departure. By signing the checkout envelope, you acknowledge that charges may arise from the inspection. We strongly encourage you to take photos of your unit before departing.



Looking for more opportunities to get involved? Apply to be a Residence Community Ambassador!

RCAs will...

- Assist our team with various events & initiatives, most important Move-In and Orientation!
- Get a guaranteed space in residence
- Gain Co-Curricular Record (CCR) Credits

To apply, you will need to apply to Upper Year Housing & submit our supplementary application.

Learn more here: https://uoft.me/utmrca

Off Campus Housing

Looking to live off campus? We can help! We have resources to help with your housing search, breakdowns of your rights and responsibilities as a tenant, and useful moving tips.

For more information, email us at <u>oc.utm@utoronto.ca</u>, or visit our website: <u>www.utm.utoronto.ca/housing/residence-</u> <u>services/campus-housing.</u>



Contact Us

Email: <u>resdesk.utm@utoronto.ca</u> Phone: 905 828 5286 Mailing Address: UTM Student Housing & Residence Life

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