



ID Management in NJSLEDS

Training Guide for Changing, Merging or Deleting SMID Records

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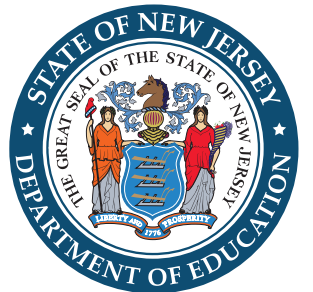


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ID Management Change/Merge Request Overview

Change or Merge Requests:

- When managing student staff records in NJSLEDS, Local Education Agencies (LEAs) may discover that staff information in the longitudinal data is inaccurate.
- In such cases, they may need to update staff demographic details or merge duplicate records to ensure that each staff member is represented by a single, unique record.
- The Change Request or Merge Request in the NJSLEDS Case Management web form will allow users to make the changes.
- Detailed instructions on how to request an update will be covered in this presentation



Step by Step Instructions Change or Merge Request



SMID Change Request

Definition: The same person, same SMID, but one or more demographic or identifying fields in the statewide record are incorrect and must be updated to match official documentation.

Common Reasons for a Change Request:

Field	When You Would Change It
First / Middle / Last Name	Name is misspelled, in the wrong order, or has changed (marriage, divorce, court order).
Date of Birth	DOB in the Staff Management record is incorrect due to a data entry error; must match official ID or HR records.
Gender	Incorrect gender marker OR official gender marker change.
Social Security Number	SSN was entered incorrectly OR staff member has been issued a new SSN (rare, but possible in cases like identity theft).

Key Note for Change Requests: Requests without complete information will be delayed.



SMID Merge Request

Definition: Two or more different SMIDs exist for the same staff member—these duplicate records must be combined into a single SMID.

Common Reasons for a Merge Request:

- The same staff member was assigned different SMIDs in different years.
- A staff member moved between districts and a new SMID was mistakenly created.
- An existing SMID was not located before a new one was issued.

Key Notes for Merge Requests:

- Merges are permanent – once processed, they cannot be undone.
- All SMIDs provided must be for the same staff member.
- Documentation may be required to verify identity.



Submitting a SMID Change or Merge in the Case Management Web Form

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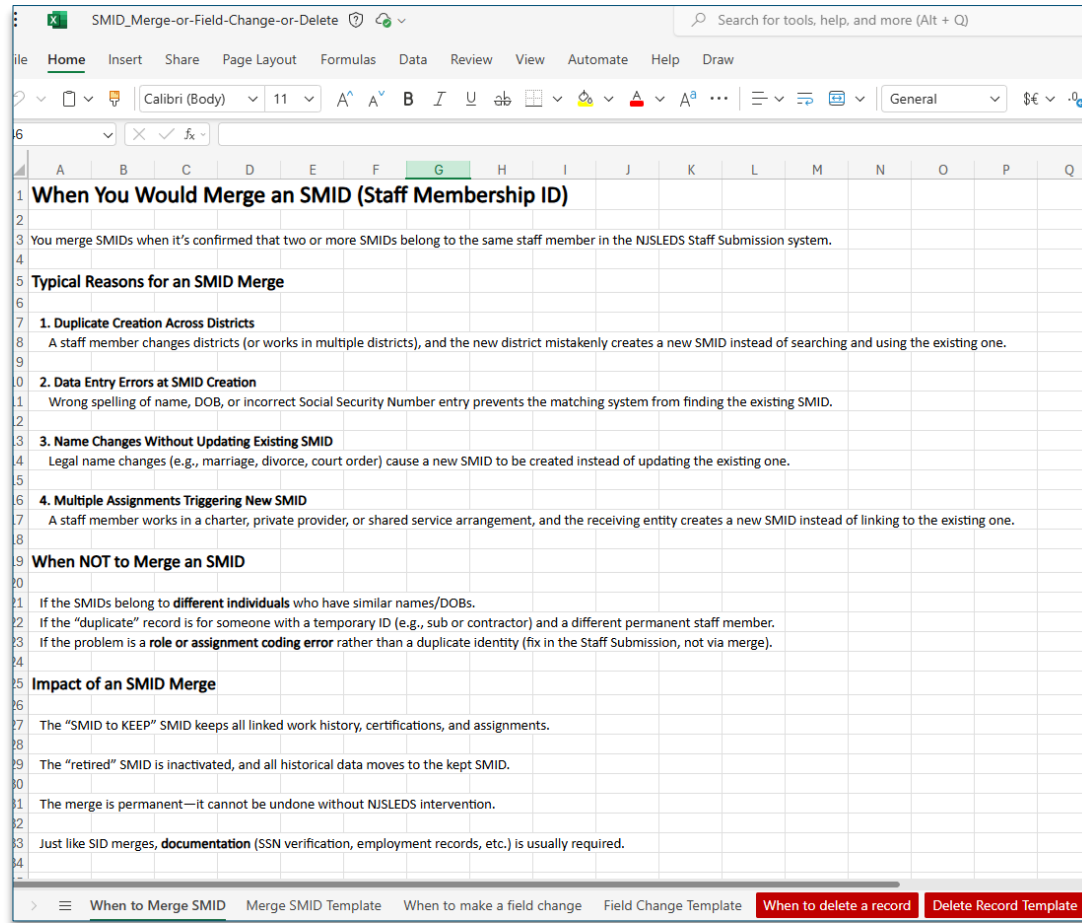


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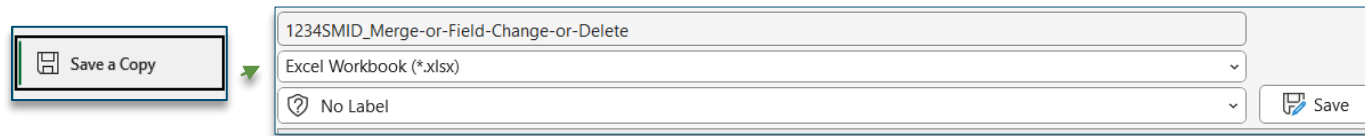
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b. Follow the instructions provided for either a Merge or Change Field in their respective tabs in the Excel, depending on your need



c. Complete the template tabs as necessary for your Merge or Change

d. Save the file with your updates



Step by Step Instructions

3. Go to the NJSLEDS Home Page to Access Case Management

- Go to the NJSLEDS Home Page and click the “Contact Help Desk” button shown on slide 7
- This will open the Case Management web form (shown here)

Contact the Help Desk

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* Name

UATDemo NJ Sleds

* Email

njsleds@doe.nj.gov

* District ID

9999

* Phone ⓘ

Phone Extension ⓘ

* Type

* Details

Cancel

Submit

The seal of the State of New Jersey Department of Education, featuring a circular design with the state's coat of arms and the text "STATE OF NEW JERSEY" and "DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION".

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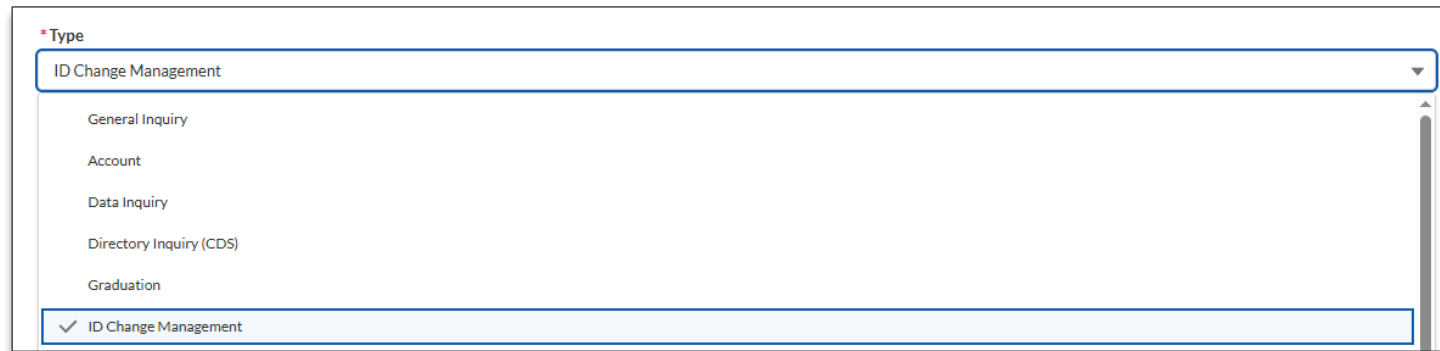
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* Type

ID Change Management

General Inquiry

Account

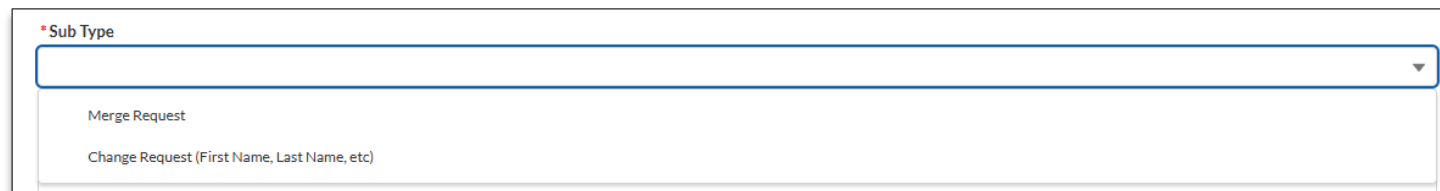
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b. In the “Sub Type” dropdown, select either “Merge Request” or “Change Request”



* Sub Type

Merge Request

Change Request (First Name, Last Name, etc)



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c. In the “Sub Category” dropdown, select “Staff Management”

d. In the “Details” text box, explain the request clearly (e.g., “Staff member has duplicate SMIDs that need to be merged” or “Staff member’s date of birth is incorrect and needs correction”)

e. In the “Upload File” section of the case form, attach the completed Excel file

f. Submit the request via the web form



Step by Step Instructions Delete Record Request



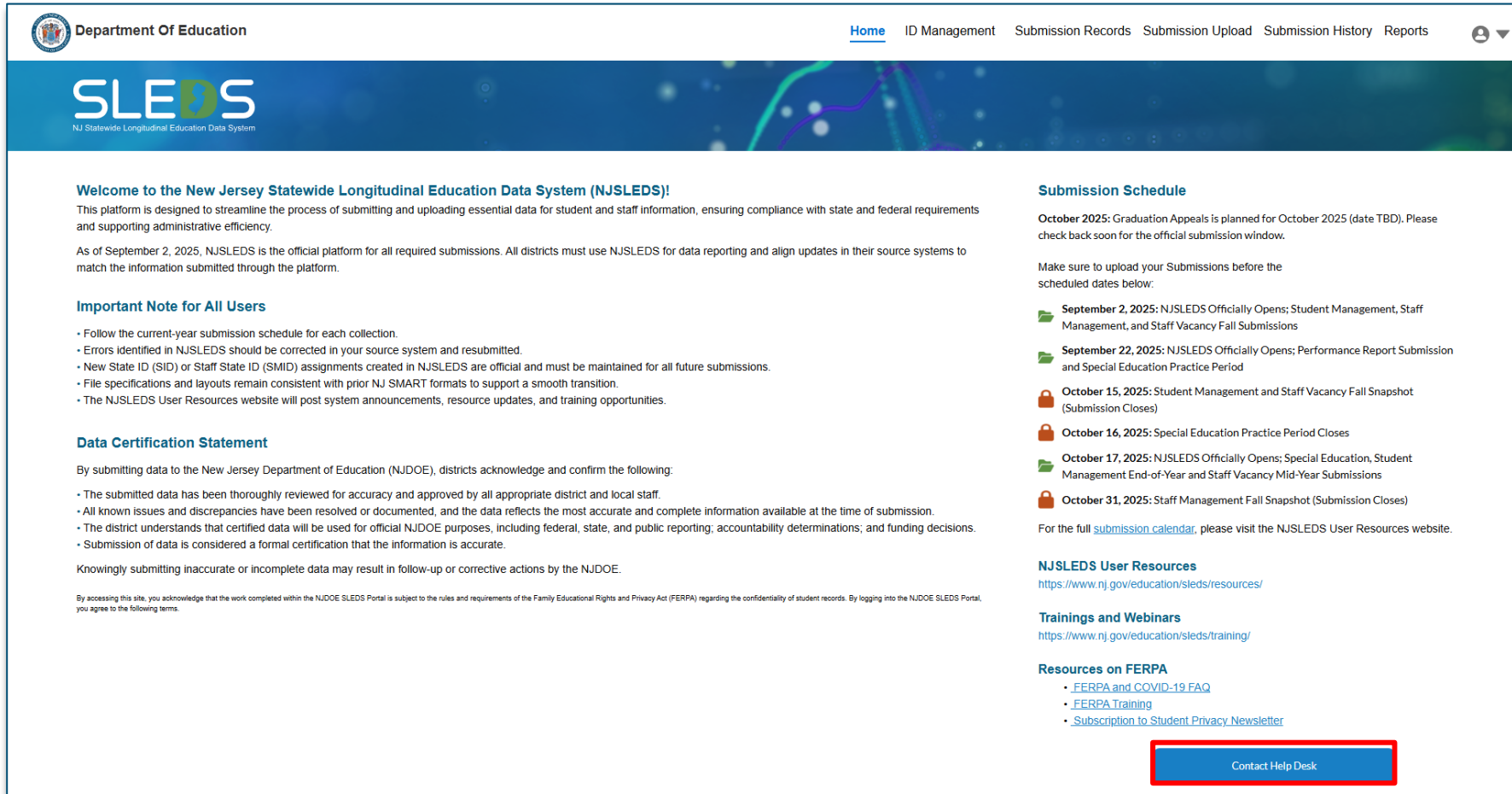
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Delete Requests:

- Only users who submitted the data may request a deletion.
- If a staff member was ever your reporting responsibility, deleting the record is NOT the correct option; the record should be inactivated instead. There are only 2 reasons for a record being deleted:
 - **The record does not represent an actual staff member**
 - **The record was uploaded in error and the staff member has never been your reporting responsibility.**
- The delete operations performed in NJSLEDS are permanent. Use this function with caution and always operate with a backup mechanism in place.



Submitting a Delete Record Request in the Case Management Web Form

The screenshot shows the NJSLEDS (New Jersey Statewide Longitudinal Education Data System) home page. At the top is the Department of Education logo and navigation links: Home, ID Management, Submission Records, Submission Upload, Submission History, and Reports. Below the navigation bar is a blue header with the SLEDS logo and the text "NJ Statewide Longitudinal Education Data System". The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column contains a welcome message, an important note for all users, and a data certification statement. The right column contains a submission schedule, user resources, trainings and webinars, and resources on FERPA. A red rectangular box highlights the "Contact Help Desk" button at the bottom right of the page.

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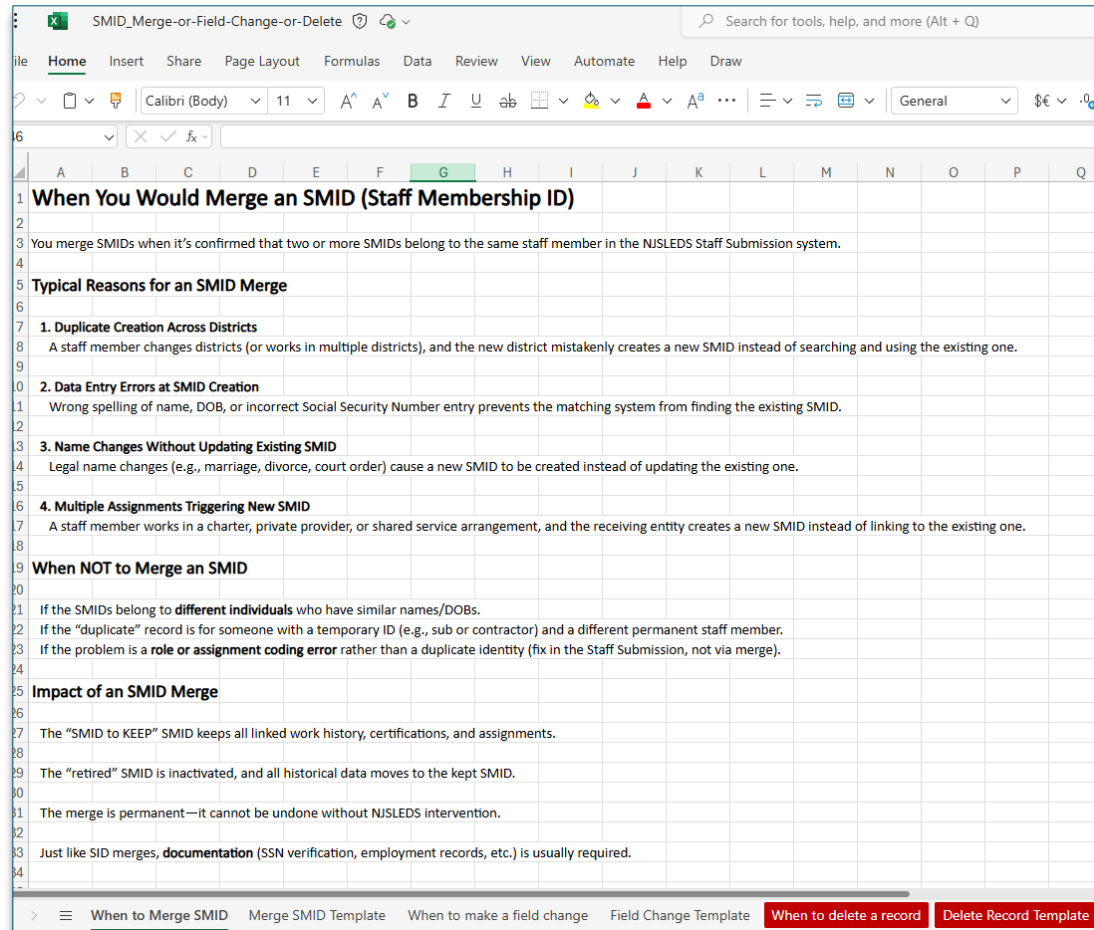


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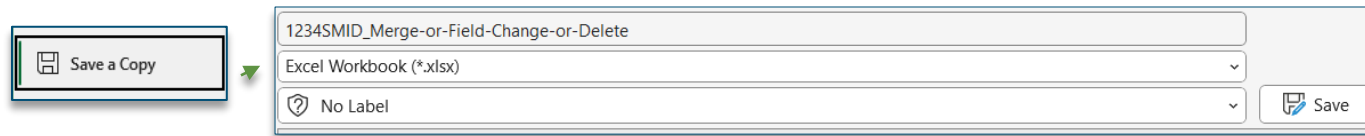
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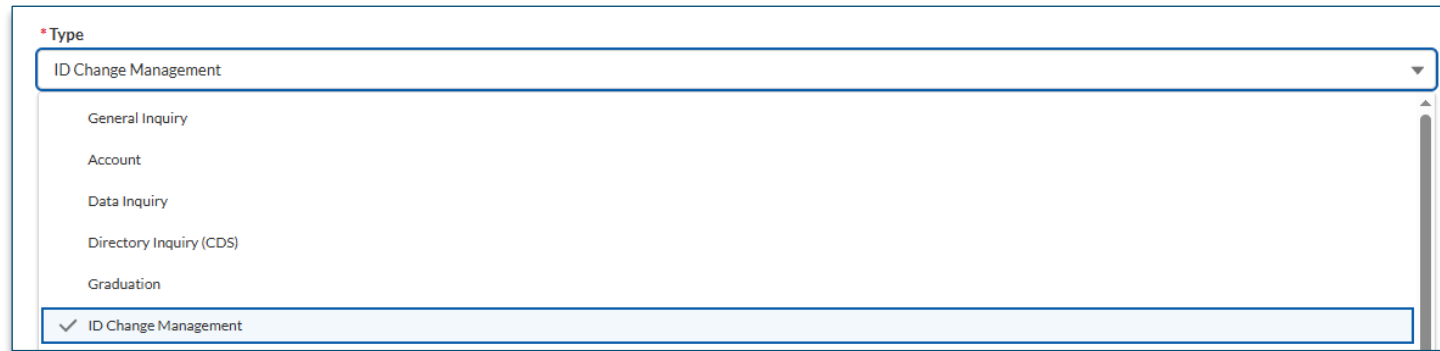
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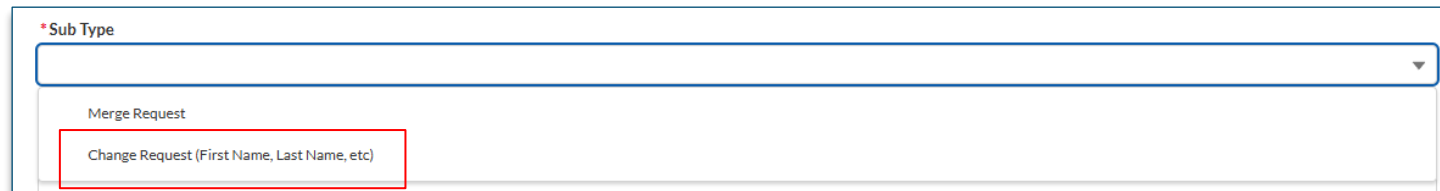
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Student Management

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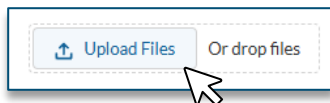
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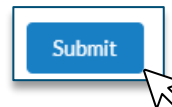
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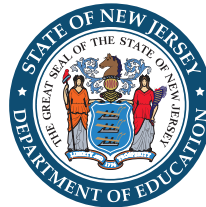


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