



- High Performance 6-Channel RF Multiplexers
- 6GHz, 18GHz, 26.5GHz and 40GHz Bandwidths
- Up to 16 Multiplexer Banks
- Excellent RF & Repeatability Characteristics
- Extended Life For 6GHz/18GHz/26.5GHz Models
  - 10M Operations Guaranteed & Typically >25M!
- LED Indication
- Compact 1U or 2U Form Factor
- LXI Standard 1.5 Compliant
- IVI & Direct I/O Drivers
- 3 Year Warranty

The 60-801 Microwave Multiplexer is suitable for switching 50Ω signals up to 40GHz. With up to 16 banks of 6 channels it is ideal for constructing complex microwave switching systems for many applications. Connection is by front panel mounted SMA or SMA-2.9 connectors.

The multiplexer has an extremely high level of performance with low VSWR, very high isolation, low loss and high power handling. It is ideal for switching 50Ω systems for HF up to microwave frequencies. It occupies 1U (1-8 bank versions) or 2U (9-16 bank versions) of rack space, providing a compact switching solution. Multiplexers can be user connected to create customized switching systems which include both multiplexer and matrix arrangements.

#### Controlling the Multiplexer

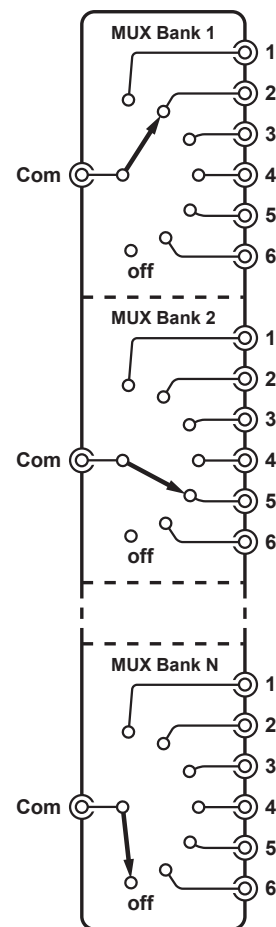
The 60-801 is controlled through an LXI interface based on Ethernet 1000Base-T. This provides a quick and easy method of installing the 60-801 and a simple way of controlling the unit from a remote location through its API or built in soft front panel. The ability to control the unit at a distance allows the testing of systems without the need for a physical presence.

#### Easy Repair

To allow fast in field repair, unterminated relays may be individually replaced without removing the covers from the chassis or the chassis from the host rack.

#### Other Microwave Switching Configurations

We are able to offer other microwave switching solutions, if you have a custom requirement for switching please contact your local Pickering Interfaces sales representative.



**Schematic Diagram for the 60-801  
Microwave MUX - up to 16 Multiplexer  
Modules can be supported**

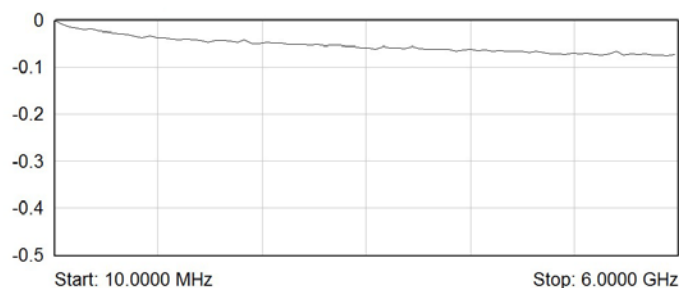
## General Multiplexer Information

Relay Manufacturer:	Radiall
Configuration:	SP6T Microwave Multiplexer with up to 16 independent banks.
LED Indicators:	Multiplexers have blue LEDs to indicate a closed RF path.
Operate Time:	Typically <13ms
Maximum Cold Switch Voltage:	100V*
Maximum Carry Current:	1A

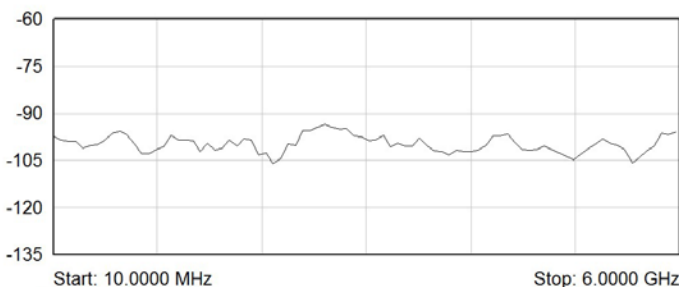
\* For full voltage rating, signal sources to be switched must be fully isolated from mains supply and safety earth.

## Multiplexer Specification - 6GHz Versions

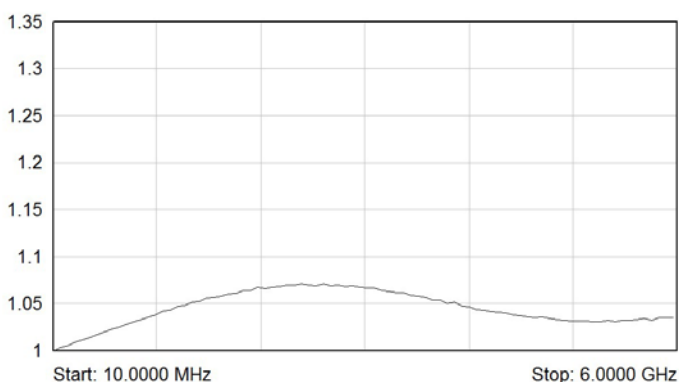
Characteristic Impedance:	50Ω
Connectors:	SMA
Bandwidth:	DC to 6GHz
Maximum RF Carry Power:	250W (0-3GHz) 150W (3-6GHz)
Isolation:	>80dB (0-3GHz) >70dB (3-6GHz)
Insertion Loss:	<0.2dB (0-3GHz) <0.3dB (3-6GHz)
VSWR:	<1:1.2 (0-3GHz) <1:1.3 (3-6GHz)
Expected Life (low power):	>10 million operations per position guaranteed (typically >25 million)
Insertion Loss Repeatability:	Within 0.01dB



**Typical Insertion Loss (dB) Plot for 6GHz Versions**



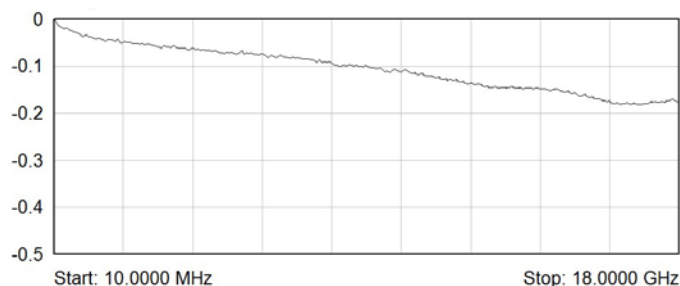
**Typical Isolation (dB) Plot for 6GHz Versions**



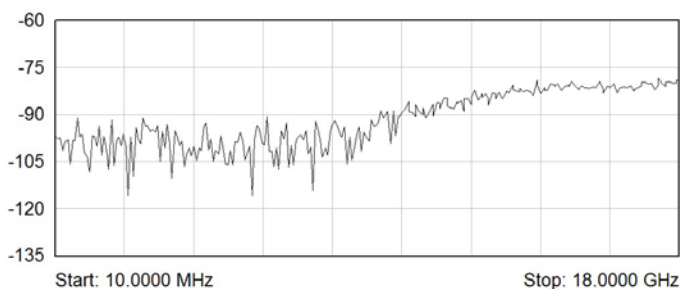
**Typical VSWR Plot for 6GHz Versions**

## Multiplexer Specification - 18GHz Versions

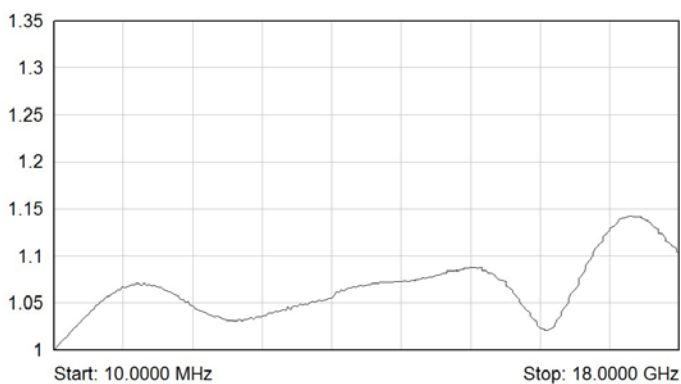
Characteristic Impedance:	50Ω
Connectors:	SMA
Bandwidth:	DC to 18GHz
Maximum RF Carry Power:	250W (0-3GHz) 150W (3-8GHz) 120W (8-12.4GHz) 100W (12.4-18GHz)
Isolation:	>80dB (0-3GHz) >70dB (3-8GHz) >60dB (8-12.4GHz) >60dB (12.4-18GHz)
Insertion Loss:	<0.2dB (0-3GHz) <0.3dB (3-8GHz) <0.4dB (8-12.4GHz) <0.5dB (12.4-18GHz)
VSWR:	<1:1.2 (0-3GHz) <1:1.3 (3-8GHz) <1:1.4 (8-12.4GHz) <1:1.5 (12.4-18GHz)
Expected Life (low power):	>10 million operations per position guaranteed (typically >25 million)
Insertion Loss Repeatability:	Within 0.025dB
Propagation Delay Variation (between channels):	<1ps



**Typical Insertion Loss (dB) Plot for 18GHz Versions**



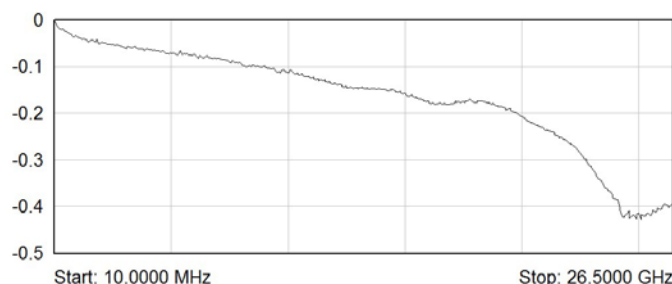
**Typical Isolation (dB) Plot for 18GHz Versions**



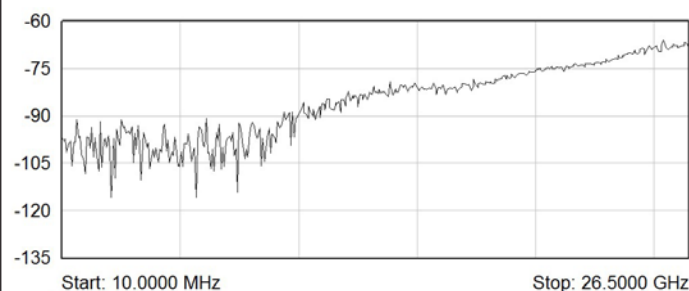
**Typical VSWR Plot for 18GHz Versions**

## Multiplexer Specification - 26.5GHz Versions

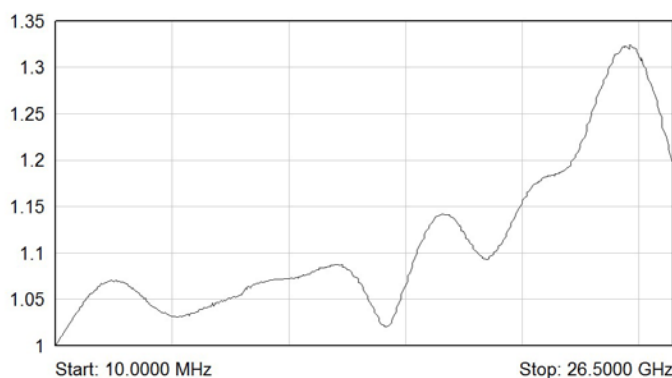
Characteristic Impedance:	50Ω
Connectors:	SMA
Bandwidth:	DC to 26.5GHz
Maximum RF Carry Power:	250W (0-3GHz) 150W (3-8GHz) 120W (8-12.4GHz) 100W (12.4-18GHz) 40W (18-26.5GHz)
Isolation:	>80dB (0-3GHz) >70dB (3-8GHz) >60dB (8-12.4GHz) >60dB (12.4-18GHz) >55dB (18-26.5GHz)
Insertion Loss:	<0.2dB (0-3GHz) <0.3dB (3-8GHz) <0.4dB (8-12.4GHz) <0.5dB (12.4-18GHz) <0.6dB (18-26.5GHz)
VSWR:	<1:1.2 (0-3GHz) <1:1.3 (3-8GHz) <1:1.4 (8-12.4GHz) <1:1.5 (12.4-18GHz) <1:1.6 (18-26.5GHz)
Expected Life (low power):	>10 million operations per position guaranteed (typically >25 million)
Insertion Loss Repeatability:	Within 0.035dB



Typical Insertion Loss (dB) Plot for 26.5GHz Versions



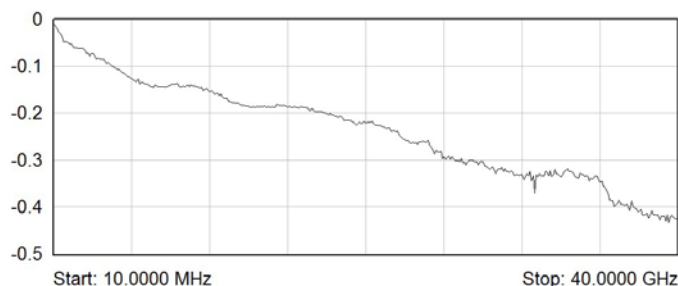
Typical Isolation (dB) Plot for 26.5GHz Versions



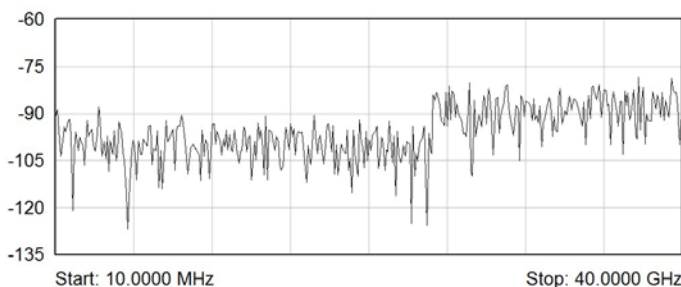
Typical VSWR Plot for 26.5GHz Versions

## Multiplexer Specification - 40GHz Versions

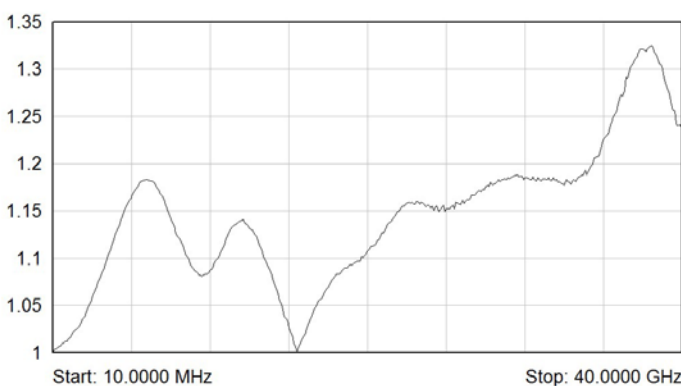
Characteristic Impedance:	50Ω
Connectors:	SMA-2.9
Bandwidth:	DC to 40GHz
Maximum RF Carry Power:	60W (0-3GHz) 35W (3-8GHz) 30W (8-12.4GHz) 25W (12.4-18GHz) 15W (18-26.5GHz) 5W (26.5-40GHz)
Isolation:	>80dB (0-3GHz) >70dB (3-8GHz) >60dB (8-12.4GHz) >60dB (12.4-18GHz) >55dB (18-26.5GHz) >45dB (26.5-40GHz)
Insertion Loss:	<0.2dB (0-3GHz) <0.3dB (3-8GHz) <0.4dB (8-12.4GHz) <0.5dB (12.4-18GHz) <0.7dB (18-26.5GHz) <1.1dB (26.5-40GHz)
VSWR:	<1:1.2 (0-3GHz) <1:1.3 (3-8GHz) <1:1.4 (8-12.4GHz) <1:1.5 (12.4-18GHz) <1:1.7 (18-26.5GHz) <1:2.2 (26.5-40GHz)
Expected Life (low power):	>2 million operations per position guaranteed (typically >5 million)
Insertion Loss Repeatability:	Within 0.05dB



Typical Insertion Loss (dB) Plot for 40GHz Versions



Typical Isolation (dB) Plot for 40GHz Versions



Typical VSWR Plot for 40GHz Versions

## Power Source

Universal AC mains supply, 90-120/200-240V 50-60Hz	
Power Inlet:	Male IEC connector
Power Rating:	100VA maximum
Fuse Rating:	5A, 250V

## LAN Interface

Compliant to LXI Standard 1.5, the 60-801 has a 1000Base-T Ethernet Interface via a standard RJ-45 connector mounted on the rear panel with an LCD display showing the unit's IP address.

## LXI Status Indicators

Front panel mounted LEDs:

- Power
- Ready
- Error
- LAN
- Active

## Mechanical Characteristics

Supplied with front panel ears to enable rack mounting on a shelf or other rear support mechanism.

Dimensions: Full 19" rack width, 500mm depth

- 1-8 Bank Versions: 1U high.
- 9-16 Bank Versions: 2U high.

3D models for all versions in a variety of popular file formats are available on request.

## Connectors

Signals via front panel SMA or SMA-2.9 connectors as version.

## Cooling

Fan assisted cooling, side air intakes and rear exhaust.

## Operating/Storage Conditions

### Operating Conditions

Operating Temperature:	0°C to +55°C
Humidity:	Up to 90% non-condensing
Altitude:	5000m

### Storage and Transport Conditions

Storage Temperature:	-20°C to +75°C
Humidity:	Up to 90% non-condensing
Altitude:	15000m

## Safety & CE Compliance

All products are fully CE compliant and meet applicable EU directives: Low-voltage safety EN61010-1:2010, EMC Immunity EN61326-1:2013, Emissions EN55011:2009+A1:2010.

## Product Order Codes

LXI Microwave MUX, 50Ω		
6 to 1 MUX, 6GHz, SMA, 1U		60-801-00x
6 to 1 MUX, 6GHz, SMA, 2U		60-801-0yy
6 to 1 MUX, 18GHz, SMA, 1U		60-801-20x
6 to 1 MUX, 18GHz, SMA, 2U		60-801-2yy
6 to 1 MUX, 26.5GHz, SMA, 1U		60-801-30x
6 to 1 MUX, 26.5GHz, SMA, 2U		60-801-3yy
6 to 1 MUX, 40GHz, SMA-2.9, 1U		60-801-40x
6 to 1 MUX, 40GHz, SMA-2.9, 2U		60-801-4yy

Where:

x = the number of 6 to 1 multiplexers between 1 & 8 banks.

yy = the number of 6 to 1 multiplexers between 9 & 16 banks.

Versions with other bank counts and different frequency ranges can be made to order, please contact sales office.

## Product Customization

Pickering LXI units are designed and manufactured on our own flexible manufacturing lines, giving complete product control and enabling simple customization to meet very specific requirements.

Customization can include:

- Alternative relay types
- Mixture of relay types
- Alternative number of relays
- Different performance specifications

All customized products are given a unique part number, fully documented and may be ordered at any time in the future. Please contact your local sales office to discuss.

## Mating Connectors & Cabling

For connection accessories for the 60-801 please refer to the [90-011D](#) RF Cable Assemblies data sheet where a complete list and documentation can be found for accessories, or refer to the Connection Solutions catalog.

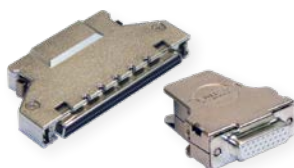


**The 60-801 Microwave MUX with 16 Multiplexer banks in 2U format**



## Connectivity Solutions

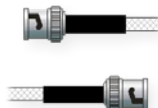
We provide a full range of supporting cable and connector solutions for all our switching products—20 connector families with 1200+ products. We offer everything from simple mating connectors to complex cables assemblies and terminal blocks. All assemblies are manufactured by Pickering and are guaranteed to mechanically and electrically mate to our modules.



Connectors & Backshells



Multiwire Cable Assemblies



RF Cable Assemblies



Connector Blocks

We also offer customized cabling and have a free online **Cable Design Tool** that can be used to create custom cable solutions for many applications.

Visit: [pickeringtest.com/cdt](http://pickeringtest.com/cdt) to start your design.

## Mass Interconnect

We recommend the use of a mass interconnect solution when an Interchangeable Test Adapter (ITA) is required for a PXI or LXI based test system. Our modules are fully supported by both Virginia Panel and MacPanel.

## Pickering Reed Relays

We are the only switch provider with in-house reed relay manufacturing capability via our Relay Division. These instrument grade reed relays feature **SoftCenter™** technology, ensuring long service life and repeatable contact performance.

To learn more, please go to: [pickeringrelay.com](http://pickeringrelay.com)



## Programming

All LXI devices are supplied with built-in software drivers, web pages for configuration and soft front panels as required by the LXI specification. A variety of drivers are provided (C, .NET, IVI, SOAP) which are compatible with all Microsoft supported versions of Windows and popular older versions. For a list of all supporting operating systems, please see: [pickeringtest.com/os](http://pickeringtest.com/os)

The drivers may be used in many commonly used programming environments and applications including:

- **Pickering Interfaces Switch Path Manager**
- **National Instruments** products (LabVIEW, LabWindows/CVI, Switch Executive, MAX, TestStand, VeriStand, etc.)
- **Microsoft Visual Studio** products (Visual Basic, Visual C++, Visual C#)
- **Keysight** VEE and OpenTAP
- **Mathworks** Matlab
- **Marvin** ATEasy
- **MTQ Testsolutions** Tecap Test & Measurement Suite

As well as various open source environments such as:

- **Sharp Develop**
- **Dev-C++**

To learn more about software drivers and development environments, please go to: [pickeringtest.com/software](http://pickeringtest.com/software)



## Signal Routing Software

Our signal routing software, Switch Path Manager, automatically selects and energizes switch paths through Pickering switching systems. Signal routing is performed by simply defining test system endpoints to be connected together, greatly accelerating Test System software development.

To learn more, please go to: [pickeringtest.com/spm](http://pickeringtest.com/spm)



## Diagnostic Relay Test Tools

eBIRST Switching System Test Tools are designed specifically for our PXI, PCI or LXI products, these tools simplify switching system fault-finding by quickly testing the system and graphically identifying the faulty relay.

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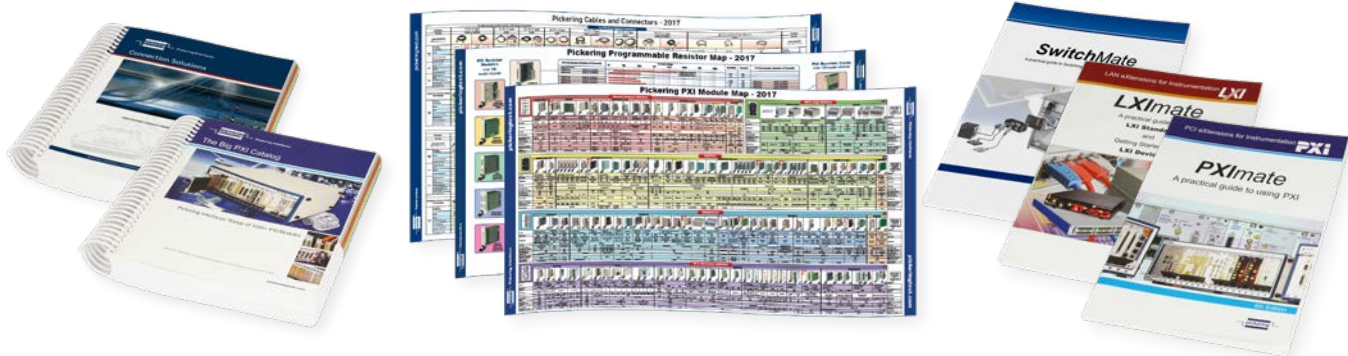


## Three Year Warranty

All standard products manufactured by Pickering Interfaces are warranted against defective materials and workmanship for a period of three years from the date of delivery to the original purchaser. Extended warranty and service agreements are available for all our modules and systems with various levels to suit your requirements. Although we offer a 3-year warranty as standard, we also include guaranteed long-term support—with a history of supporting our products for typically 15-20 years. To learn more, please go to: [pickeringtest.com/support](http://pickeringtest.com/support)

## Available Product Resources

We have a large library of product resources including success stories, product and support videos, articles, as well as complete product catalogs and product reference maps to assist when looking for the switching, simulation and cable and connector solutions you need. We have also published handy reference books on Switching Technology and for the PXI and LXI standards.



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