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(54) **AUDIO CONVERTER DEVICE AND METHOD FOR USING THE SAME**

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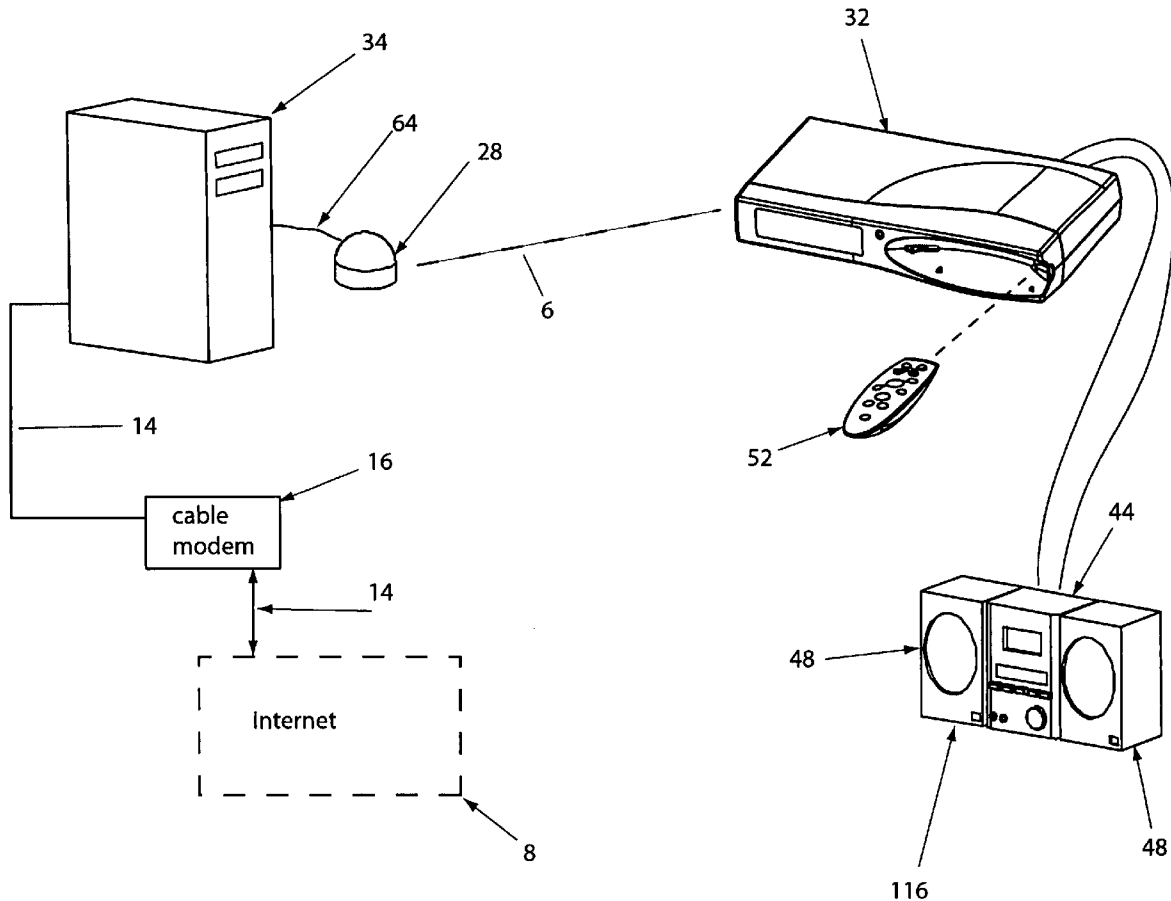
(57) **ABSTRACT**

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An audio converter device and a method for using the same are provided. In one embodiment, the audio converter device receives the digital audio data from a first device via a local area network. The audio converter device decompresses the digital audio data and converts the digital audio data into analog electrical data. The audio converter device transfers the analog electrical data to an audio playback device.

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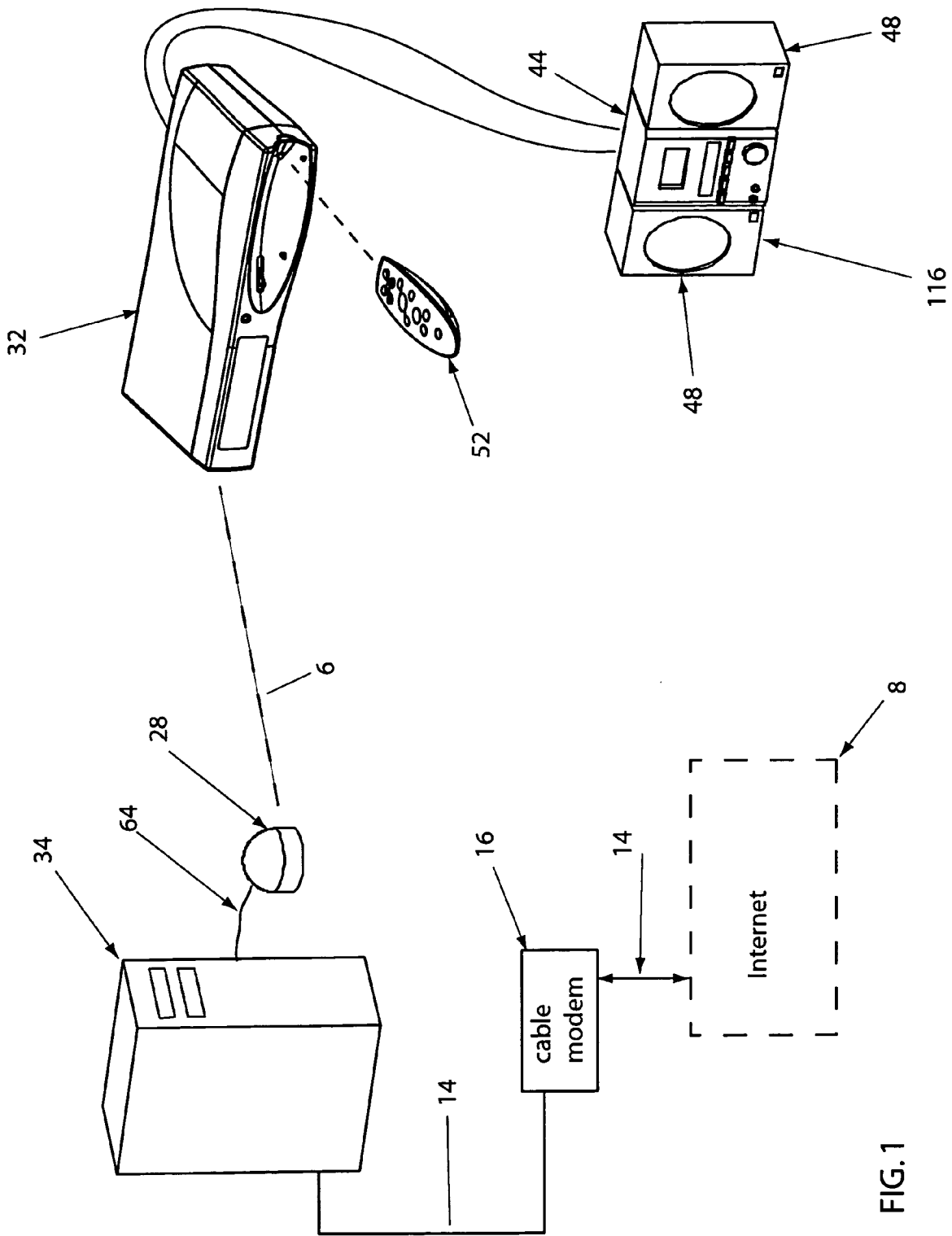


FIG. 1

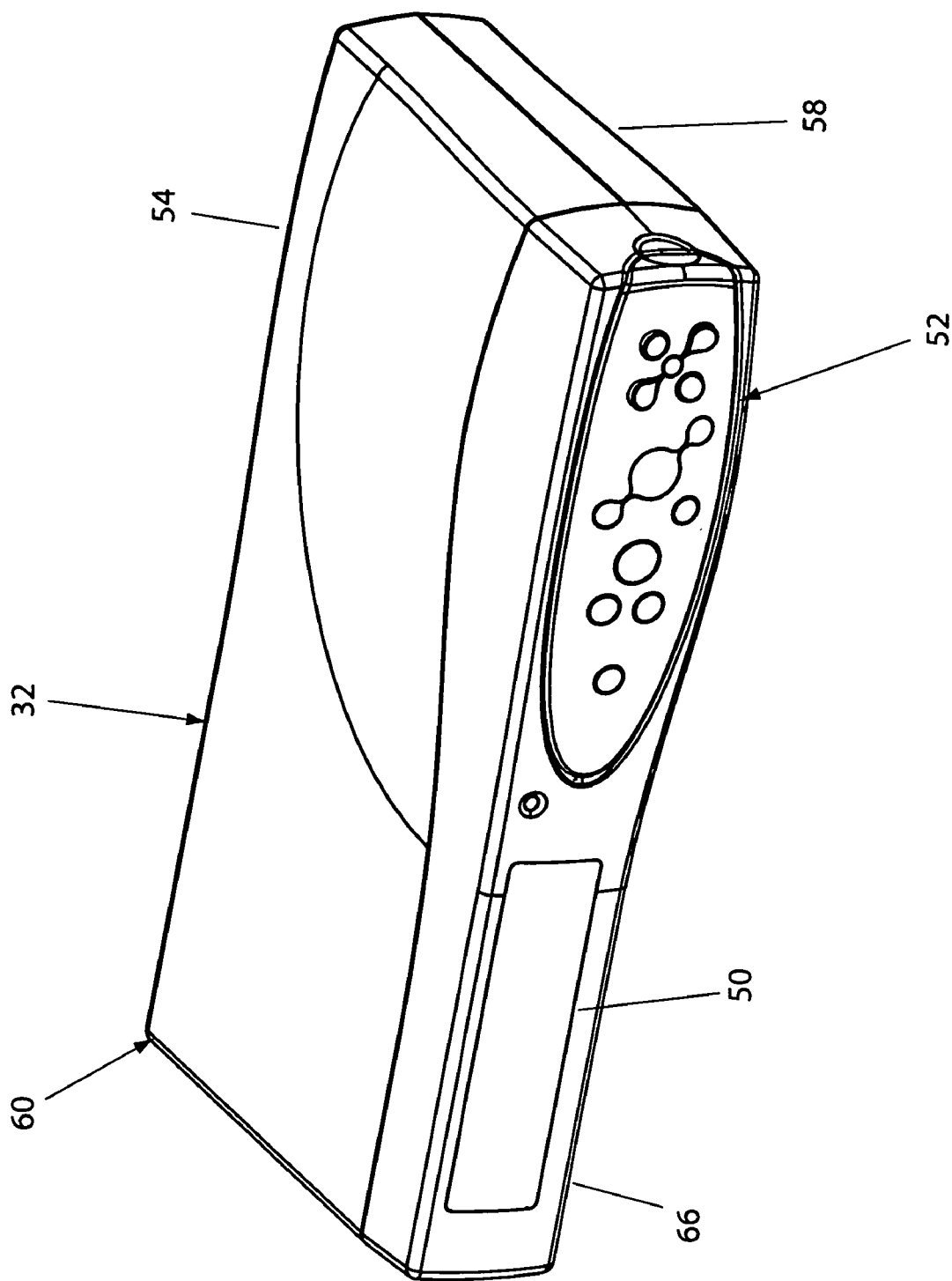


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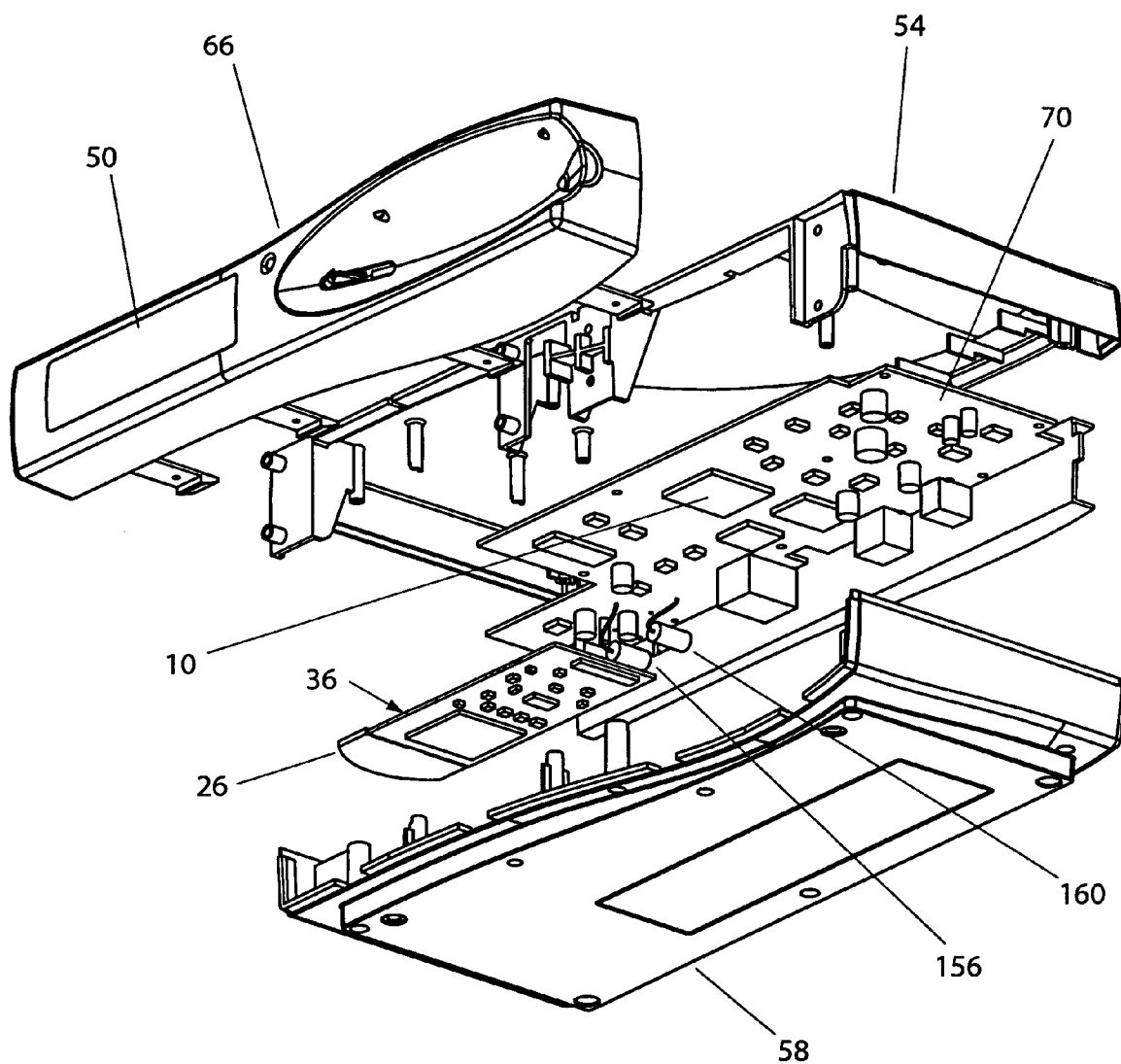


FIG. 3

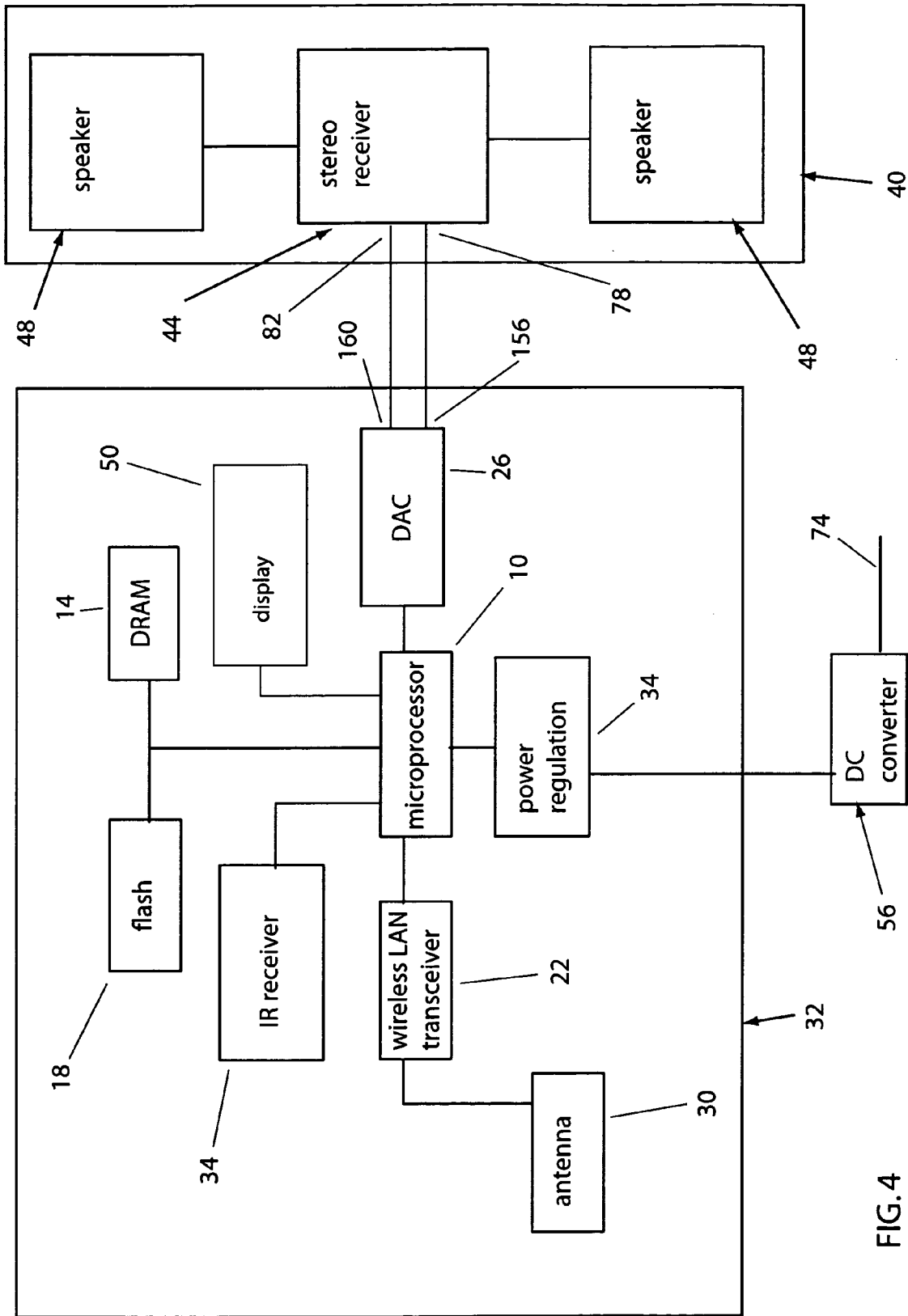


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