

## **AXIS Q60 Series**

**AXIS Q6074 PTZ Network Camera**

**AXIS Q6075 PTZ Network Camera**

**ExCam XPT Q6075 Explosion-protected Camera**

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## Preview mode

Preview mode is ideal for installers when fine tuning the camera view during the installation. No login is required to access the camera view in preview mode. It is available only in factory defaulted state for a limited time from powering up the device.



To watch this video, go to the web version of this document.

*This video demonstrates how to use preview mode.*

## Get started

### Find the device on the network

To find Axis devices on the network and assign them IP addresses in Windows®, use AXIS IP Utility or AXIS Device Manager. Both applications are free and can be downloaded from [axis.com/support](http://axis.com/support).

For more information about how to find and assign IP addresses, go to *How to assign an IP address and access your device*.

### Browser support

You can use the device with the following browsers:

	Chrome™	Edge™	Firefox®	Safari®
Windows®	✓	✓	*	*
macOS®	✓	✓	*	*
Linux®	✓	✓	*	*
Other operating systems	*	*	*	*

✓: Recommended

\*: Supported with limitations

### Open the device's web interface

1. Open a browser and type the IP address or host name of the Axis device. If you don't know the IP address, use AXIS IP Utility or AXIS Device Manager to find the device on the network.
2. Type the username and password. If you access the device for the first time, you must create an administrator account. See *Create an administrator account, on page 5*.

For descriptions of all features and settings in the web interface of devices with AXIS OS, see *AXIS OS web interface help*.

### Create an administrator account

The first time you log in to your device, you must create an administrator account.

1. Enter a username.
2. Enter a password. See *Secure passwords, on page 6*.
3. Re-enter the password.
4. Accept the license agreement.
5. Click **Add account**.

#### Important

The device has no default account. If you lose the password for your administrator account, you must reset the device. See *Reset to factory default settings, on page 27*.

## Secure passwords

### Important

Use HTTPS (which is enabled by default) to set your password or other sensitive configurations over the network. HTTPS enables secure and encrypted network connections, thereby protecting sensitive data, such as passwords.

The device password is the primary protection for your data and services. Axis devices do not impose a password policy as they may be used in various types of installations.

To protect your data we strongly recommend that you:

- Use a password with at least 8 characters, preferably created by a password generator.
- Don't expose the password.
- Change the password at a recurring interval, at least once a year.

## Make sure that no one has tampered with the device software

To make sure that the device has its original AXIS OS, or to take full control of the device after a security attack:

1. Reset to factory default settings. See *Reset to factory default settings, on page 27*.  
After the reset, secure boot guarantees the state of the device.
2. Configure and install the device.

## Web interface overview

This video gives you an overview of the device's web interface.



*Axis device web interface*

## Configure your device

### Basic settings

#### Set the capture mode

1. Go to **Video > Installation > Capture mode**.
2. Click **Change**.
3. Select a capture mode and click **Save and restart**.  
See also *Capture modes, on page 18*.

#### Set the power line frequency

1. Go to **Video > Installation > Power line frequency**.
2. Select a power line frequency and click **Save and restart**.

### Adjust the image

This section includes instructions about configuring your device. If you want to learn more about how certain features work, go to *Learn more, on page 17*.

#### Adjust the focus faster with focus recall areas

To save the focus settings at a specific pan/tilt range, add a focus recall area. Each time the camera moves into that area it recalls the previously saved focus. It's enough to cover half of the focus recall area in the live view.

We recommend the focus recall feature in the following scenarios:

- When there is a lot of manual operation in live view, for example with a joystick.
- Where PTZ preset positions with manual focus are not efficient, for example movements where the focus setting changes continuously.
- In low-light scenarios, where the autofocus is challenged by the lighting conditions.

#### Important

- The focus recall overrides the camera's autofocus at the specific pan/tilt range.
- A preset position overrides the focus setting saved in the focus recall area.
- The maximum number of focus recall areas is 20.

#### Create a focus recall area

1. Pan, tilt, and zoom into the area where you would like to have focus.

As long as the focus recall button shows a plus , you can add a focus recall area in that position.

2. Adjust the focus.
3. Click the focus recall button.

#### Delete a focus recall area

1. Pan, tilt, and zoom into the focus recall area you want to delete.

The focus recall button toggles to minus when the camera detects a focus recall area: .

2. Click the focus recall button.

### Benefit from IR light in low-light conditions by using night mode

Your camera uses visible light to deliver color images during the day. But as the visible light diminishes, color images become less bright and clear. If you switch to night mode when this happens, the camera uses both

visible and near-infrared light to deliver bright and detailed black-and-white images instead. You can set the camera to switch to night mode automatically.

1. Go to **Video > Image > Day-night mode**, and make sure that the **IR-cut filter** is set to **Auto**.
2. To set at what light level you want the camera to switch to night mode, move the **Threshold** slider toward **Bright** or **Dark**.

**Note**

If you set the switch to night mode to occur when it's brighter, the image remains sharper as there is less low-light noise. If you set the switch to occur when it's darker, the image colors are maintained for longer, but there is more image blur due to low-light noise.

### Reduce noise in low-light conditions

To reduce noise in low-light conditions, you can adjust one or more of the following settings:

- Adjust the trade-off between noise and motion blur. Go to **Video > Image > Exposure** and move the **Blur-noise trade-off** slider toward **Low noise**.

**Note**

A high max shutter value can result in motion blur.

- To slow down the shutter speed, set max shutter to the highest possible value.

**Note**

When you reduce the max gain, the image can become darker.

- Set the max gain to a lower value.
- If there is an **Aperture** slider, move it towards **Open**.

### Handle scenes with strong backlight

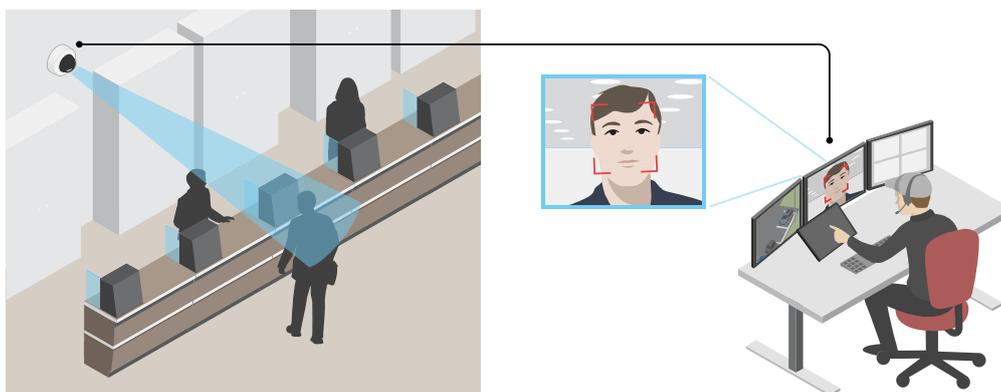
Dynamic range is the difference in light levels in an image. In some cases the difference between the darkest and the brightest areas can be significant. The result is often an image where either the dark or the bright areas are visible. Wide dynamic range (WDR) makes both dark and bright areas of the image visible.

1. Go to **Video > Image > Wide dynamic range**.
2. To set the amount of WDR, select **Low**, **Medium** or **High** from the **WDR level** list.
3. If you still have problems, go to **Exposure** and adjust the **Exposure zone** to cover the area of interest.

Find out more about WDR and how to use it at [axis.com/web-articles/wdr](http://axis.com/web-articles/wdr).

### Verify the pixel resolution

To verify that a defined part of the image contains enough pixels to, for example, recognize the face of a person, you can use the pixel counter.



1. Go to **Video > Image** and click .
2. Click  for **Pixel counter**.
3. In the camera's live view, adjust the size and position of the rectangle around the area of interest, for example where you expect faces to appear.  
You can see the number of pixels for each of the rectangle's sides, and decide if the values are enough for your needs.

### Hide parts of the image with privacy masks

You can create one or several privacy masks to hide parts of the image.

1. Go to **Video > Privacy masks**.
2. Click .
3. Click the new mask and type a name.
4. Adjust the size and placement of the privacy mask according to your needs.
5. To change the color for all privacy masks, click **Privacy masks** and select a color.

See also *Privacy masks, on page 18*

### Show an image overlay

You can add an image as an overlay in the video stream.

1. Go to **Video > Overlays**.
2. Click **Manage images**.
3. Upload or drag and drop an image.
4. Click **Upload**.
5. Select **Image** from the drop-down list and click .
6. Select the image and a position. You can also drag the overlay image in the live view to change the position.

### Show a text overlay

You can add a text field as an overlay in the video stream. This is useful for example when you want to display the date, time or a company name in the video stream.

1. Go to **Video > Overlays**.
2. Select **Text** and click .
3. Type the text you want to display, or select modifiers to show for example the current date.
4. Select a position. You can also click-and-drag the overlay in the live view to change the position.

### Show the pan or tilt position as a text overlay

You can show the pan or tilt position as an overlay in the image.

1. Go to **Video > Overlays** and click .
2. In the text field, type #x to show the pan position.  
Type #y to show the tilt position.

3. Choose appearance, text size, and alignment.
4. The current pan and tilt positions show up in the live view image and in the recording.

### Adjust the camera view (PTZ)

To learn more about different pan, tilt, and zoom settings, see *Pan, tilt, and zoom (PTZ)*, on page 19.

### Limit the pan, tilt, and zoom movements

If there are parts of the scene that you don't want the camera to reach, you can limit the pan, tilt, and zoom movements. For example, you want to protect the privacy of residents in an apartment building, which is located close to a parking lot that you intend to monitor.

To limit the movements:

1. Go to **PTZ > Limits**.
2. Set the limits as needed.

### Create a guard tour with preset positions

A guard tour displays the video stream from different preset positions either in a predetermined or random order, and for configurable periods of time.

1. Go to **PTZ > Guard tours**.
2. Click  **Guard tour**.
3. Select **Preset position** and click **Create**.
4. Under **General settings**:
  - Enter a name for the guard tour and specify the pause length between each tour.
  - If you want the guard tour to go to the preset positions in a random order, turn on **Play guard tour in random order**.
5. Under **Step settings**:
  - Set the duration for the preset.
  - Set the move speed, which controls how fast to move to the next preset.
6. Go to **Preset positions**.
  - 6.1. Select the preset positions that you want in your guard tour.
  - 6.2. Drag them to the **View order** area, and click **Done**.
7. To schedule the guard tour, go to **System > Events**.

### Create a recorded guard tour

1. Go to **PTZ > Guard tours**.
2. Click  **Guard tour**.
3. Select **Recorded** and click **Create**.
4. Enter a name for the guard tour and specify the pause length between each tour.
5. Click **Start recording tour** to start recording the pan/tilt/zoom movements.
6. When you're satisfied, click **Stop recording tour**.
7. Click **Done**.
8. To schedule the guard tour, go to **System > Events**.

## View and record video

This section includes instructions about configuring your device. To learn more about how streaming and storage works, go to *Streaming and storage, on page 19*.

### Reduce bandwidth and storage

#### Important

Reducing the bandwidth can lead to loss of detail in the image.

1. Go to **Video > Stream**.
2. Click   in the live view.
3. Select **Video format AV1** if your device supports it. Otherwise select **H.264**.
4. Go to **Video > Stream > General** and increase **Compression**.
5. Go to **Video > Stream > Zipstream** and do one or more of the following:

#### Note

The **Zipstream** settings are used for all video encodings except MJPEG.

- Select the **Zipstream Strength** that you want to use.
- Turn on **Optimize for storage**. This can only be used if the video management software supports B-frames.
- Turn on **Dynamic FPS**.
- Turn on **Dynamic GOP** and set a high **Upper limit GOP length** value.

#### Note

Most web browsers don't support H.265 decoding and because of this the device doesn't support it in its web interface. Instead you can use a video management system or application that supports H.265 decoding.

### Set up network storage

To store recordings on the network, you need to set up your network storage.

1. Go to **System > Storage**.
2. Click  **Add network storage** under **Network storage**.
3. Type the IP address of the host server.
4. Type the name of the shared location on the host server under **Network share**.
5. Type the username and password.
6. Select the SMB version or leave it on **Auto**.
7. Select **Add share without testing** if you experience temporary connection issues, or if the share is not yet configured.
8. Click **Add**.

### Record and watch video

#### Record video directly from the camera

1. Go to **Video > Stream**.
2. To start a recording, click  .

If you haven't set up any storage, click  and  . For instructions on how to set up network storage, see *Set up network storage, on page 11*

- To stop recording, click  again.

#### Watch video

- Go to **Recordings**.
- Click  for your recording in the list.

### Set up rules for events

You can create rules to make your device perform an action when certain events occur. A rule consists of conditions and actions. The conditions can be used to trigger the actions. For example, the device can start a recording or send an email when it detects motion, or show an overlay text while the device is recording.

To learn more, see *Get started with rules for events*.

#### Trigger an action

- Go to **System > Events** and add a rule. The rule defines when the device will perform certain actions. You can set up rules as scheduled, recurring, or manually triggered.
- Enter a **Name**.
- Select the **Condition** that must be met to trigger the action. If you specify more than one condition for the rule, all of the conditions must be met to trigger the action.
- Select which **Action** to perform when the conditions are met.

#### Note

- If you make changes to an active rule, the rule must be turned on again for the changes to take effect.

### Record video when the camera detects an object

This example explains how to set up the camera to start recording to the SD card when the camera detects an object. The recording will include five seconds before detection and one minute after detection ends.

Before you start:

- Make sure you have an SD card installed.

Make sure that AXIS Object Analytics is running:

- Go to **Apps > AXIS Object Analytics**.
- Start the application if it is not already running.
- Make sure you have set up the application according to your needs.

Create a rule:

- Go to **System > Events** and add a rule.
- Type a name for the rule.
- In the list of conditions, under **Application**, select **Object Analytics**.
- In the list of actions, under **Recordings**, select **Record video while the rule is active**.
- In the list of storage options, select **SD\_DISK**.
- Select a camera and a stream profile.
- Set the prebuffer time to 5 seconds.
- Set the postbuffer time to 1 minute.
- Click **Save**.

### Direct the camera to a preset position when the camera detects motion

This example explains how to set up the camera to go to a preset position when it detects motion in the image.

Make sure that AXIS Object Analytics is running:

1. Go to **Apps > AXIS Object Analytics**.
2. Start the application if it is not already running.
3. Make sure you have set up the application according to your needs.

Add a preset position:

Go to **PTZ** and set where you want the camera to be directed by creating a preset position.

Create a rule:

1. Go to **System > Events** and add a rule.
2. Type a name for the rule.
3. In the list of conditions, under **Application**, select **Object Analytics**.
4. In the list of actions, select **Go to preset position**.
5. Select the preset position you want the camera to go to.
6. Click **Save**.

### **Record video when the camera detects loud noises**

This example explains how to set up the camera to start recording to the SD card five seconds before it detects loud noise and to stop two minutes after.

Turn on audio:

1. Set up the stream profile to include audio, see *Add audio to your recording, on page 15*.

Turn on audio detection:

1. Go to **System > Detectors > Audio detection**.
2. Adjust the sound level according to your needs.

Create a rule:

1. Go to **System > Events** and add a rule.
2. Type a name for the rule.
3. In the list of conditions, under **Audio**, select **Audio Detection**.
4. In the list of actions, under **Recordings**, select **Record video**.
5. In the list of storage options, select **SD\_DISK**.
6. Select the stream profile where audio has been turned on.
7. Set the prebuffer time to 5 seconds.
8. Set the postbuffer time to 2 minutes.
9. Click **Save**.

### **Zoom in on a specific area automatically with gatekeeper**

This example explains how to use the gatekeeper functionality to make the camera zoom in automatically on the license plate of a car that passes through a gate. When the car has passed, the camera zooms out to the home position.

Create the preset positions:

1. Go to **PTZ > Preset positions**.
2. Create the home position that includes the entrance of the gate.
3. Create the zoomed-in preset position so that it covers the area in the image where you assume that the license plate will appear.

Set up motion detection:

1. Go to **Apps** and start and open **AXIS Object Analytics**.

2. Create an object in area scenario for vehicles, with an include area that covers the entrance of the gate.

Create a rule:

1. Go to **System > Events** and add a rule.
2. Name the rule "Gatekeeper".
3. In the list of conditions, under **Application**, select the **Object Analytics** scenario.
4. In the list of actions, under **Preset positions**, select **Go to preset position**.
5. Select a **Video channel**.
6. Select the **Preset position**.
7. To make the camera wait a while before it returns to the home position, set a time for **Home timeout**.
8. Click **Save**.

### Show a text overlay in the video stream when the device detects an object

This example explains how to display the text "Motion detected" when the device detects an object.

Make sure that AXIS Object Analytics is running:

1. Go to **Apps > AXIS Object Analytics**.
2. Start the application if it is not already running.
3. Make sure you have set up the application according to your needs.

Add the overlay text:

1. Go to **Video > Overlays**.
2. Under **Overlays**, select **Text** and click  .
3. Enter #D in the text field.
4. Choose text size and appearance.
5. To position the text overlay, click  and select an option.

Create a rule:

1. Go to **System > Events** and add a rule.
2. Type a name for the rule.
3. In the list of conditions, under **Application**, select **Object Analytics**.
4. In the list of actions, under **Overlay text**, select **Use overlay text**.
5. Select a video channel.
6. In **Text**, type "Motion detected".
7. Set the duration.
8. Click **Save**.

#### Note

If you update the overlay text it will be automatically updated on all video streams dynamically.

### Record video when the camera detects impact

Shock detection allows the camera to detect tampering caused by vibrations or shock. Vibrations due to the environment or to an object can trigger an action depending on the shock sensitivity range, which can be set from 0 to 100. In this scenario, someone is throwing rocks at the camera after hours and you would like to get a video clip of the event.

Turn on shock detection:

1. Go to **System > Detectors > Shock detection**.

2. Turn on shock detection, and adjust the shock sensitivity.

**Create a rule:**

3. Go to **System > Events > Rules** and add a rule.
4. Type a name for the rule.
5. In the list of conditions, under **Device status**, select **Shock detected**.
6. Click **+** to add a second condition.
7. In the list of conditions, under **Scheduled and recurring**, select **Schedule**.
8. In the list of schedules, select **After hours**.
9. In the list of actions, under **Recordings**, select **Record video while the rule is active**.
10. Select where to save the recordings.
11. Select a **Camera**.
12. Set the prebuffer time to 5 seconds.
13. Set the postbuffer time to 50 seconds.
14. Click **Save**.

## **Audio**

### **Add audio to your recording**

Turn on audio:

1. Go to **Video > Stream > Audio** and include audio.
2. If the device has more than one input source, select the correct one in **Source**.
3. Go to **Audio > Device settings** and turn on the correct input source.
4. If you make any changes to the input source, click **Apply changes**.

Edit the stream profile that is used for the recording:

5. Go to **System > Stream profiles** and select the stream profile.
6. Select **Include audio** and turn it on.
7. Click **Save**.

## The web interface

To read about all the features and settings available in the web interface of devices with AXIS OS, go to *AXIS OS web interface help*.

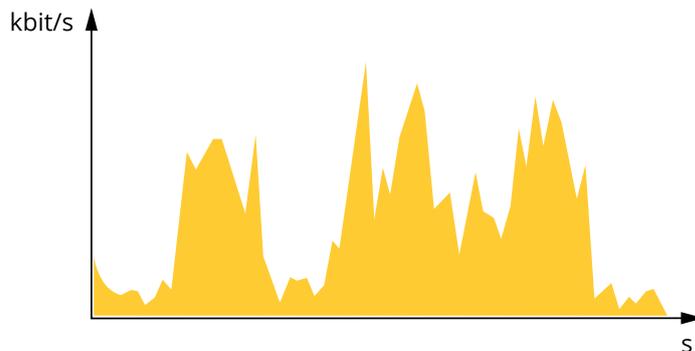
## Learn more

### Bitrate control

Bitrate control helps you to manage the bandwidth consumption of your video stream.

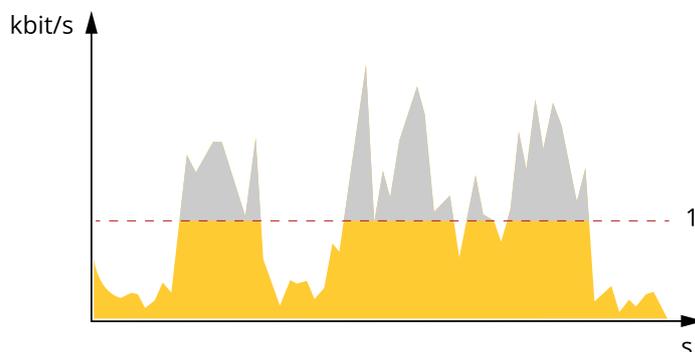
#### Variable bitrate (VBR)

Variable bitrate allows the bandwidth consumption to vary depending on the level of activity in the scene. The more activity, the more bandwidth you need. With variable bitrate you are guaranteed constant image quality, but you need to make sure you have storage margins.



#### Maximum bitrate (MBR)

Maximum bitrate lets you set a target bitrate to handle bitrate limitations in your system. You might see a decline in image quality or frame rate as the instantaneous bitrate is kept below the specified target bitrate. You can choose to prioritize either image quality or frame rate. We recommend that you configure the target bitrate to a higher value than the expected bitrate. This gives you a margin in case there is a high level of activity in the scene.

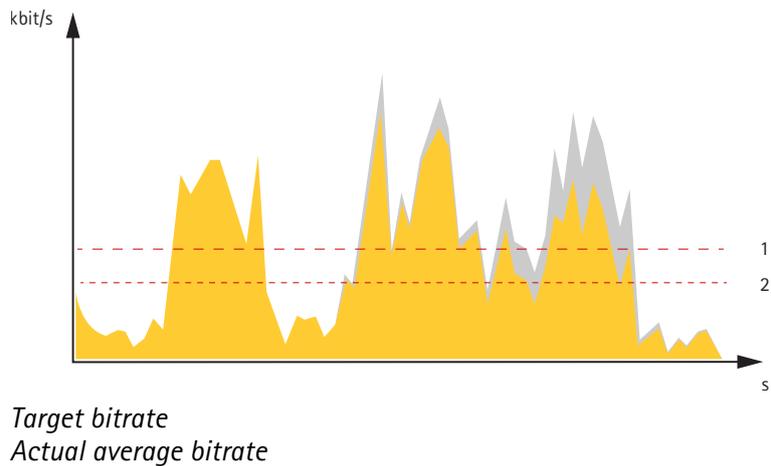


1 Target bitrate

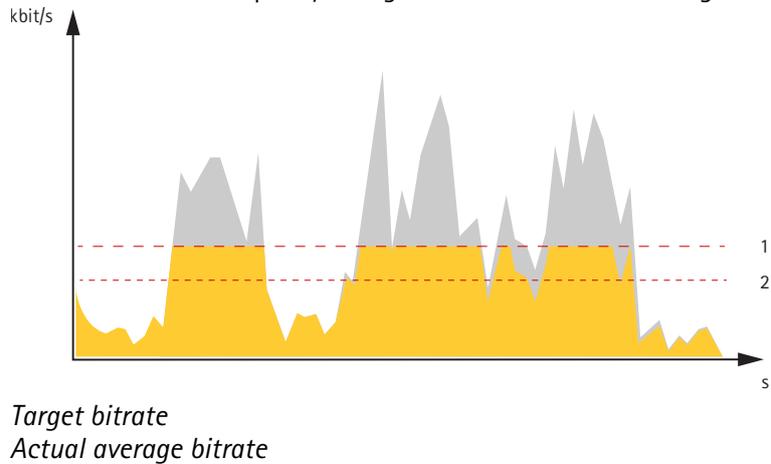
#### Average bitrate (ABR)

With average bitrate, the bitrate is automatically adjusted over a longer period of time. This is so you can meet the specified target and provide the best video quality based on your available storage. Bitrate is higher in scenes with a lot of activity, compared to static scenes. You are more likely to get better image quality when in scenes with a lot of activity if you use the average bitrate option. You can define the total storage required to store the video stream for a specified amount of time (retention time) when image quality is adjusted to meet the specified target bitrate. Specify the average bitrate settings in one of the following ways:

- To calculate the estimated storage need, set the target bitrate and the retention time.
- To calculate the average bitrate, based on available storage and required retention time, use the target bitrate calculator.



You can also turn on maximum bitrate and specify a target bitrate within the average bitrate option.



## Capture modes

What capture mode to choose depends on the requirements for the frame rate and resolution of the specific surveillance setup. For specifications about available capture modes, see the product's datasheet at [axis.com](http://axis.com).

## Privacy masks

A privacy mask is a user-defined area that covers a part of the monitored area. In the video stream, privacy masks appear either as blocks of solid color or with a mosaic pattern.

You'll see the privacy mask on all snapshots, recorded video, and live streams.

You can use the VAPIX® application programming interface (API) to hide the privacy masks.

### Important

If you use multiple privacy masks it may affect the product's performance.

You can create several privacy masks. Each mask can have 3 to 10 anchor points.

## Overlays

Overlays are superimposed over the video stream. They are used to provide extra information during recordings, such as a timestamp, or during product installation and configuration. You can add either text or an image.

The video streaming indicator is another type of overlay. It shows you that the live view video stream is live.

## Pan, tilt, and zoom (PTZ)

### Guard tours

A guard tour displays the video stream from different preset positions either in a predetermined or random order, and for configurable periods of time. Once started, a guard tour continues to run until stopped, even when there are no clients (web browsers) viewing the images.

## Streaming and storage

### Video compression formats

Decide which compression method to use based on your viewing requirements, and on the properties of your network. The available options are:

#### Motion JPEG

Motion JPEG, or MJPEG, is a digital video sequence that is made up of a series of individual JPEG images. These images are then displayed and updated at a rate sufficient to create a stream that shows constantly updated motion. For the viewer to perceive motion video the rate must be at least 16 image frames per second. Full motion video is perceived at 30 (NTSC) or 25 (PAL) frames per second.

The Motion JPEG stream uses considerable amounts of bandwidth, but provides excellent image quality and access to every image contained in the stream.

#### H.264 or MPEG-4 Part 10/AVC

##### Note

H.264 is a licensed technology. The Axis product includes one H.264 viewing client license. To install additional unlicensed copies of the client is prohibited. To purchase additional licenses, contact your Axis reseller.

H.264 can, without compromising image quality, reduce the size of a digital video file by more than 80% compared to the Motion JPEG format and by as much as 50% compared to older MPEG formats. This means that less network bandwidth and storage space are required for a video file. Or seen another way, higher video quality can be achieved for a given bitrate.

#### H.265 or MPEG-H Part 2/HEVC

H.265 can, without compromising image quality, reduce the size of a digital video file by more than 25% compared to H.264.

##### Note

- H.265 is licensed technology. The Axis product includes one H.265 viewing client license. Installing additional unlicensed copies of the client is prohibited. To purchase additional licenses, contact your Axis reseller.
- Most web browsers don't support H.265 decoding and because of this the camera doesn't support it in its web interface. Instead you can use a video management system or application supporting H.265 decoding.

## How do Image, Stream, and Stream profile settings relate to each other?

The **Image** tab contains camera settings that affect all video streams from the product. If you change something in this tab, it immediately affects all video streams and recordings.

The **Stream** tab contains settings for video streams. You get these settings if you request a video stream from the product and don't specify for example resolution, or frame rate. When you change the settings in the **Stream** tab, it doesn't affect ongoing streams, but it will take effect when you start a new stream.

The **Stream profiles** settings override the settings from the **Stream** tab. If you request a stream with a specific stream profile, the stream contains the settings of that profile. If you request a stream without specifying a

stream profile, or request a stream profile that doesn't exist in the product, the stream contains the settings from the **Stream** tab.

## Analytics and apps

With analytics and apps you can get more out of your Axis device. AXIS Camera Application Platform (ACAP) is an open platform that makes it possible for third parties to develop analytics and other apps for Axis devices. Apps can be preinstalled on the device, available for download for free, or for a license fee.

To find the user manuals for Axis analytics and apps, go to *help.axis.com*.

### Note

- Several apps can run at the same time but some apps might not be compatible with each other. Certain combinations of apps might require too much processing power or memory resources when run in parallel. Verify that the apps work together before deployment.

## Autotracking

With autotracking, the camera automatically zooms in on and tracks moving objects, for example a vehicle or a person. You can manually select an object to track, or set up trigger areas and let the camera detect moving objects. The application is best suited for open areas with no obscuring objects and where movement is unusual. When the camera doesn't track an object, it returns to its connected preset position.

### Important

- Autotracking is designed for areas with a limited amount of movement.
- Autotracking does not track objects behind privacy masks.
- If both autotracking and guard tour are enabled, guard tour takes priority over autotracking. This means autotracking stops if a guard tour starts.

## Set up Autotracking 2

This example explains how to set up the camera to track moving objects in an area of interest.

In the device's web interface:

1. Go to **PTZ > Preset positions**.
2. Direct the camera view to the area you want to track, and click **+** **Add preset position** to create a preset position.
3. Go to **PTZ > Autotracking**.
4. Click **Autotracking** to start and open the application.

In the application interface:

1. Go to **Settings > Profiles**.
2. Click **+** and select the preset position you created in the device's web interface.
3. Click **Done**.
4. Select a **Trigger area**.
5. Go to **Settings > Filters**:
  - To exclude small objects, set width and height.
  - To exclude short-lived objects, set a time between 1 and 5 seconds.
6. Click **Autotracking** to start tracking.

## Metadata visualization

Analytics metadata is available for moving objects in the scene. Supported object classes are visualized in the video stream through a bounding box surrounding the object, along with information about the object type and confidence level of the classification. To learn more about how to configure and consume analytics metadata, see *AXIS Scene Metadata integration guide*.

## Cybersecurity

For product-specific information about cybersecurity, see the product's datasheet at [axis.com](https://axis.com).

For in-depth information about cybersecurity in AXIS OS, read the *AXIS OS Hardening guide*.

## Signed OS

Signed OS is implemented by the software vendor signing the AXIS OS image with a private key. When the signature is attached to the operating system, the device will validate the software before installing it. If the device detects that the integrity of the software is compromised, the AXIS OS upgrade will be rejected.

## Secure boot

Secure boot is a boot process that consists of an unbroken chain of cryptographically validated software, starting in immutable memory (boot ROM). Being based on the use of signed OS, secure boot ensures that a device can boot only with authorized software.

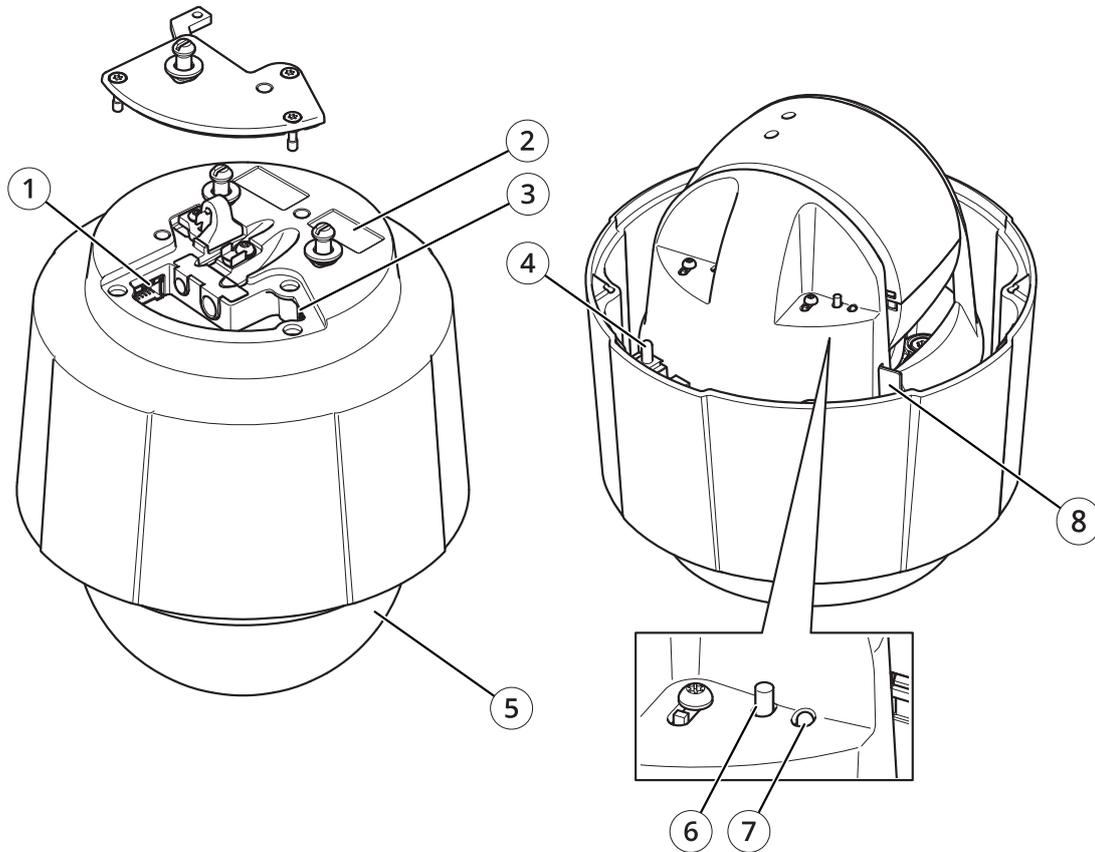
## TPM module

The TPM (Trusted Platform Module) is a component that provides cryptographic features to protect information from unauthorized access. It is always activated and there are no settings you can change.

To learn more about the cybersecurity features in Axis devices, go to [axis.com/learning/white-papers](https://axis.com/learning/white-papers) and search for cybersecurity.

## Specifications

### Product overview



- 1 Multiconnector
- 2 Part number (P/N) and serial number (S/N)
- 3 Network connector (PoE+)
- 4 Power button
- 5 Dome
- 6 Control button
- 7 Status LED indicator
- 8 SD card slot

### LED indicators

Status LED	Indication
Unlit	Connection and normal operation.
Green	Shows steady green for 10 seconds for normal operation after startup completed.
Amber	Steady during startup. Flashes during device software upgrade or reset to factory default.
Amber/Red	Flashes amber/red if network connection is unavailable or lost.

## SD card slot

### NOTICE

- Risk of damage to SD card. Don't use sharp tools, metal objects, or excessive force when inserting or removing the SD card. Use your fingers to insert and remove the card.
- Risk of data loss and corrupted recordings. Unmount the SD card from the device's web interface before removing it. Don't remove the SD card while the product is running.

This device supports SD/SDHC/SDXC cards.

For SD card recommendations, see *axis.com*.



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## Buttons

### Control button

The control button is used for:

- Resetting the product to factory default settings. See *Reset to factory default settings, on page 27*.

### Power button

- Press and hold the power button to temporarily power the product when the dome cover is removed.
- The power button is also used with the control button to reset the camera to factory default settings. See *page 27*.

## Connectors

### Network connector

RJ45 Ethernet connector with Power over Ethernet Plus (PoE+).

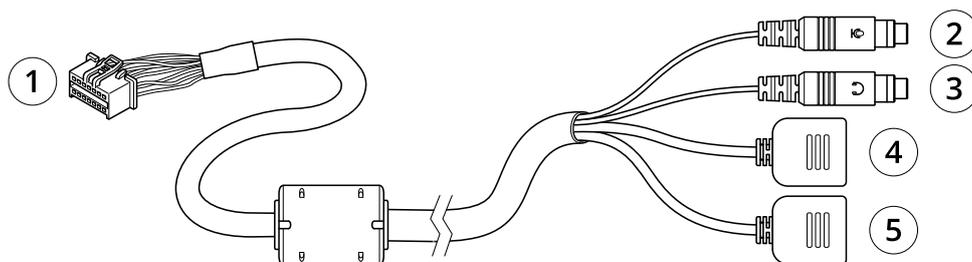
### Multiconnector

Terminal connector for connecting external equipment:

- Audio equipment
- Input/Output (I/O) devices
- AC/DC power supply

When connecting external equipment, a separately sold Axis multicable is required in order to maintain the product's IP rating. For more information, see *Multicable connectors, on page 23*.

### Multicable connectors



Multicable overview

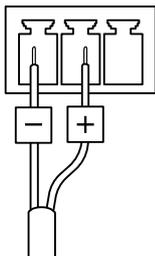
- 1 Camera multiconnector
- 2 Audio in (pink)

- 3 Audio out (green)
- 4 Power connector, 3-pin
- 5 I/O terminal block, 6-pin

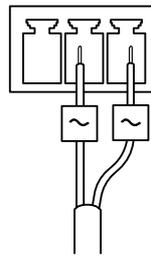
The multicable provides the following connectors:

**Power connector** – 3-pin terminal block used for power input. Use a Safety Extra Low Voltage (SELV) compliant limited power source (LPS) with either a rated output power limited to  $\leq 100$  W or a rated output current limited to  $\leq 5$  A.

DC power input



AC power input

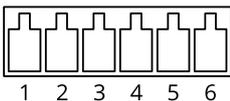


**Audio in (pink)** – 3.5 mm input for a mono microphone, or a line-in mono signal (left channel is used from a stereo signal).

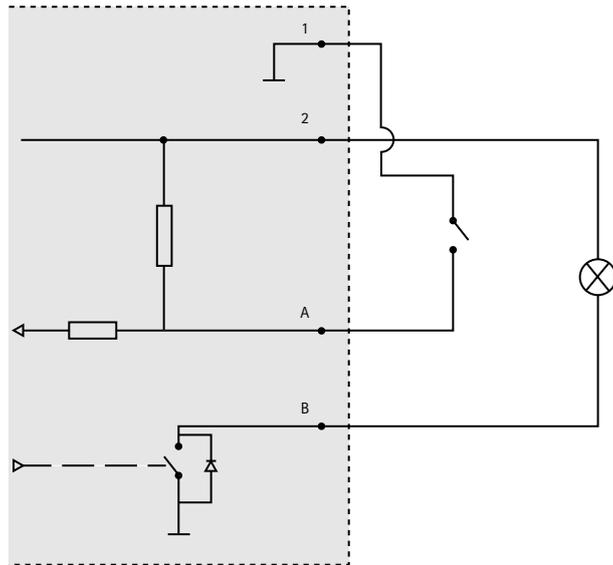
**Audio out (green)** – 3.5 mm output for audio (line level) that can be connected to a public address (PA) system or an active speaker with a built-in amplifier. A stereo connector must be used for the audio out.

**I/O terminal connector** – Use with external devices in combination with, for example, tampering alarms, motion detection, event triggering, and alarm notifications. In addition to the 0 V DC reference point and power (DC output), the I/O connector provides the interface to:

- Digital output – For connecting external devices such as relays and LEDs. Connected devices can be activated by the VAPIX® Application Programming Interface or from the device's web interface.
- Digital input – For connecting external devices that can toggle between an open and closed circuit, for example PIR detectors, door/window contacts, and glass break detectors.



Function	Pin	Notes	Specifications
0 V DC (-)	1		
DC output	2	Can be used to power auxiliary equipment. Note: This pin can only be used as power out.	3.3 V DC Max load = 250 mA
Configurable (Input or Output)	3–6	Digital input – Connect to pin 1 to activate, or leave floating (unconnected) to deactivate.	0 to max 40 V DC
		Digital output – Internally connected to pin 1 (DC ground) when active, and floating (unconnected) when inactive. If used with an inductive load, e.g. a relay, a diode must be connected in parallel with the load, for protection against voltage transients.	0 to max 40 V DC, open drain, 100 mA



- 1 0 V DC (-)
- 2 DC output 3.3 V, max 250 mA
- 3 I/O configured as input
- 4 I/O configured as output

## Clean your device

You can clean your device with lukewarm water and mild, nonabrasive soap.

### **NOTICE**

- Harsh chemicals can damage the device. Don't use chemicals such as window cleaner or acetone to clean your device.
  - Don't spray detergent directly on the device. Instead, spray detergent on a nonabrasive cloth and use that to clean the device.
  - Avoid cleaning in direct sunlight or elevated temperatures, since this can cause stains.
1. Use a can of compressed air to remove dust and loose dirt from the device.
  2. If necessary, clean the device with a soft microfiber cloth dampened with lukewarm water and mild, nonabrasive soap.
  3. To avoid stains, dry the device with a clean, nonabrasive cloth.

## Troubleshooting

### Reset to factory default settings

#### Important

Reset to factory default should be used with caution. A reset to factory default resets all settings, including the IP address, to the factory default values.

To reset the product to the factory default settings:

1. Press and hold the control button and the power button for 15–30 seconds until the status LED indicator flashes amber. See *Product overview, on page 22*.
2. Release the control button but continue to hold down the power button until the status LED indicator turns green.
3. Release the power button and assemble the product.
4. The process is now complete. The product has been reset to the factory default settings. If no DHCP server is available on the network, the device IP address will default to one of the following:
  - **Devices with AXIS OS 12.0 and later:** Obtained from the link-local address subnet (169.254.0.0/16)
  - **Devices with AXIS OS 11.11 and earlier:** 192.168.0.90/24
5. Using the installation and management software tools to assign an IP address, set the password and access the video stream.

You can also reset parameters to factory default through the device's web interface. Go to **Maintenance > Factory default** and click **Default**.

### AXIS OS options

Axis offers device software management according to either the active track or the long-term support (LTS) tracks. Being on the active track means continuously getting access to all the latest product features, while the LTS tracks provide a fixed platform with periodic releases focused mainly on bug fixes and security updates.

Using AXIS OS from the active track is recommended if you want to access the newest features, or if you use Axis end-to-end system offerings. The LTS tracks are recommended if you use third-party integrations, which are not continuously validated against the latest active track. With LTS, the products can maintain cybersecurity without introducing any significant functional changes or affecting any existing integrations. For more detailed information about Axis device software strategy, go to [axis.com/support/device-software](https://axis.com/support/device-software).

### Check the current AXIS OS version

AXIS OS determines the functionality of our devices. When you troubleshoot a problem, we recommend that you to start by checking the current AXIS OS version. The latest version might contain a correction that fixes your particular problem.

To check the current AXIS OS version:

1. Go to the device's web interface > **Status**.
2. Under **Device info**, see the AXIS OS version.

### Upgrade AXIS OS

#### Important

- When you upgrade the device software, your preconfigured and customized settings are saved. Axis Communications AB can't guarantee that the settings are saved, even if the features are available in the new AXIS OS version.
- Starting from AXIS OS 12.6, you must install every LTS version between your device's current version and the target version. For example, if the currently installed device software version is AXIS OS 11.2, you

have to install the LTS version AXIS OS 11.11 before you can upgrade the device to AXIS OS 12.6. For more information, see *AXIS OS Portal: Upgrade path*.

- Make sure the device remains connected to the power source throughout the upgrade process.
- Make sure the cover is attached during upgrade to avoid installation failure.

**Note**

- When you upgrade the device with the latest AXIS OS version in the active track, the product receives the latest functionality available. Always read the upgrade instructions and release notes available with each new release before you upgrade. To find the latest AXIS OS version and the release notes, go to [axis.com/support/device-software](http://axis.com/support/device-software).
1. Download the AXIS OS file to your computer, available free of charge at [axis.com/support/device-software](http://axis.com/support/device-software).
  2. Log in to the device as an administrator.
  3. Go to **Maintenance > AXIS OS upgrade** and click **Upgrade**.

When the upgrade has finished, the product restarts automatically.

You can use AXIS Device Manager to upgrade multiple devices at the same time. Find out more at [axis.com/products/axis-device-manager](http://axis.com/products/axis-device-manager).

## Technical problems and possible solutions

### Problems upgrading AXIS OS

#### AXIS OS upgrade failed

If the upgrade fails, the device reloads the previous version. The most common reason is that the wrong AXIS OS file has been uploaded. Check that the name of the AXIS OS file corresponds to your device and try again.

#### Problems after AXIS OS upgrade

If you experience problems after the upgrade, roll back to the previously installed version from the **Maintenance** page.

### Problems setting the IP address

#### Can't set the IP address

- If the IP address intended for the device and the IP address of the computer used to access the device are located on different subnets, you can't set the IP address. Contact your network administrator to obtain an IP address.
- The IP address could be in use by another device. To check:
  1. Disconnect the Axis device from the network.
  2. In a Command/DOS window, type `ping` and the IP address of the device.
  3. If you receive: `Reply from <IP address>: bytes=32; time=10...` this means that the IP address might already be in use by another device on the network. Obtain a new IP address from the network administrator and reinstall the device.
  4. If you receive: `Request timed out`, this means that the IP address is available for use with the Axis device. Check all cabling and reinstall the device.
- There could be a possible IP address conflict with another device on the same subnet. The static IP address in the Axis device is used before the DHCP server sets a dynamic address. This means that if the same default static IP address is also used by another device, there could be problems accessing the device.

## Problems accessing the device

### Can't log in when accessing the device from a browser

When HTTPS is enabled, make sure that you use the correct protocol (HTTP or HTTPS) when you try to log in. You might need to manually type `http` or `https` in the browser's address field.

If you've lost the password for the root account, you must reset the device to the factory default settings. For instructions, see *Reset to factory default settings, on page 27*.

### The IP address has been changed by DHCP

IP addresses obtained from a DHCP server are dynamic and could change. If the IP address has been changed, use AXIS IP Utility or AXIS Device Manager to locate the device on the network. Identify the device using its model or serial number, or by the DNS name (if the name has been configured).

If required, you can assign a static IP address manually. For instructions, go to [axis.com/support](http://axis.com/support).

### Certificate error when using IEEE 802.1X

For authentication to work properly, the date and time settings in the Axis device must be synchronized with an NTP server. Go to **System > Date and time**.

### The browser isn't supported

For a list of recommended browsers, see *Browser support, on page 5*.

### Can't access the device externally

To access the device externally, we recommend you to use one of the following applications for Windows®:

- AXIS Camera Station Edge: free of charge, ideal for small systems with basic surveillance needs.
- AXIS Camera Station Pro: 90-day trial version free of charge, ideal for small to mid-size systems.

For instructions and download, go to [axis.com/vms](http://axis.com/vms).

## Problems with streaming

### Multicast H.264 only accessible by local clients

Check if your router supports multicasting, or if you need to configure the router settings between the client and the device. You might need to increase the TTL (Time To Live) value.

### No multicast H.264 displayed in the client

Check with your network administrator that the multicast addresses used by the Axis device are valid for your network.

Check with your network administrator to see if there is a firewall that prevents viewing.

### Poor rendering of H.264 images

Ensure that your graphics card uses the latest driver. You can usually download the latest drivers from the manufacturer's website.

**Color saturation is different in H.264 and Motion JPEG**

Modify the settings for your graphics adapter. Check the adapter's documentation for more information.

**Lower frame rate than expected**

- See *Performance considerations*, on page 30.
- Reduce the number of applications running on the client computer.
- Limit the number of simultaneous viewers.
- Check with the network administrator that there is enough bandwidth available.
- Lower the image resolution.
- The maximum frames per second is dependent on the utility frequency (60/50 Hz) of the Axis device.

**Can't select H.265 encoding in live view**

Web browsers don't support H.265 decoding. Use a video management system or application that supports H.265 decoding.

**Problems with MQTT**

**Can't connect over port 8883 with MQTT over SSL**

The firewall blocks traffic that uses port 8883 since it's regarded insecure.

In some cases the server/broker might not provide a specific port for MQTT communication. It might still be possible to use MQTT over a port normally used for HTTP/HTTPS traffic.

- If the server/broker supports WebSocket/WebSocket Secure (WS/WSS), typically on port 443, use this protocol instead. Check with the server/broker provider to see if WS/WSS is supported and which port and basepath to use.
- If the server/broker supports ALPN, the use of MQTT can be negotiated over an open port, such as 443. Check with your server/broker provider to see if ALPN is supported and which ALPN protocol and port to use.

**Problems with operating the device**

**Front heater and wiper aren't working**

If the front heater or wiper are not turning on, confirm that the top cover is properly fastened to the bottom of the housing unit.

If you can't find what you're looking for here, try the troubleshooting section at [axis.com/support](http://axis.com/support).

**Performance considerations**

When you set up your system, it's important to consider how different settings and situations affect performance. Some factors affect bandwidth (bitrate), others affect frame rate, and some affect both.

The most important factors to consider:

- High image resolution or lower compression levels result in images containing more data which in turn affects the bandwidth.
- Rotating the image in the GUI can increase the product's CPU load.
- Removing or attaching the cover will restart the camera.

- Access by large numbers of Motion JPEG clients or unicast H.264/H.265/AV1 clients affects the bandwidth.
- Simultaneous viewing of different streams (resolution, compression) by different clients affects both frame rate and bandwidth.  
Use identical streams wherever possible to maintain a high frame rate. Stream profiles can be used to ensure that streams are identical.
- Accessing video streams with different codecs simultaneously affects both frame rate and bandwidth. For optimal performance, use streams with the same codec.
- Heavy usage of event settings affects the product's CPU load which in turn affects the frame rate.
- Using HTTPS may reduce frame rate, in particular if streaming Motion JPEG.
- Heavy network utilization due to poor infrastructure affects the bandwidth.
- Viewing on poorly performing client computers lowers perceived performance and affects frame rate.
- Running multiple AXIS Camera Application Platform (ACAP) applications simultaneously may affect the frame rate and the general performance.

### **Contact support**

If you need more help, go to [axis.com/support](https://axis.com/support).

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