Polynomial Rings that are UFDs

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If R is a UFD, then a polynomial ring in an arbitrary number of variables with coefficients in R is also a UFD.