


# TCSS 422: OPERATING SYSTEMS

## INTRODUCTION

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## TCSS 422 – Spring 2020

- **Online is green...**
  - 100% reduction of carbon footprint from transit
- Saves commuting time
  - Less fuel expenses
- Easier to achieve perfect attendance
  - all lectures streamed LIVE, recorded for 24/7 availability
- 20 class meetings
  - 1 Monday holiday in Spring: May 25
- Final exam Tuesday June 9<sup>th</sup>



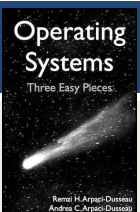
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## OBJECTIVES

- Syllabus, Course Introduction
- C Review
- Background Survey
- Chapter 4: Operating Systems – Three Easy Pieces
  - Introduce operating systems
  - Management of resources
  - Concepts of virtualization/abstraction
  - CPU, Memory, I/O
  - Operating system design goals



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## SILVER LINING

- Practice use of technology for remote collaborative work
- Professor conducted MS research at VA Tech on distributed remote work in early 2000s
- Computer Science is a unique field where you can work in a job entirely remotely from home or from any location
- Colleague from undergrad, Scott Teresi, MS in CS from Univ of Illinois – works for British company remotely for over a decade
  - Well paid!
  - Never physically met boss until recently when company bought
  - Now makes occasional trips to the UK

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## RESOURCES FOR SPRING 2020

- Free internet access from Comcast (?):  
<https://www.thenewtribune.com/news/business/article241188606.html>
- UW Tacoma Information Technology - Laptops for loan:  
<https://www.tacoma.uw.edu/information-technology/equipment-checkout>
- UW Tacoma Library – Laptops for loan:  
<https://www.tacoma.uw.edu/learning-research-commons/laptops-available-checkout>
- Textbook coupon 20% off “LULU20” until Thursday at 11:59pm  
<http://www.lulu.com/shop/remzi-arpaci-dusseau-and-andrea-arpaci-dusseau/operating-systems-three-easy-pieces-softcover-version-100/paperback/product-23779877.html>

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## TCSS422 – SPRING 2020 COMPUTER OPERATING SYSTEMS

- Syllabus
- Grading
- Schedule
- Assignments

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## TCS422 COURSE WORK

- **Assignments (45%)**
  - 4 Assignments: roughly every two weeks
  - Submit ALL programming assignments via Canvas – no email
    - Email submissions are prone to be lost
- **Tutorials/Quizzes/In-class activities (15%)**
  - ~ 5-6 quizzes
  - Drop lowest two
  - Variety of formats: collaborative in class (via *Zoom breakout rooms*), online, reading, tutorial
- **Exams: Midterm and Final (40%)**
  - Online via the Canvas system
  - Final exam is comprehensive, with emphasis on new material

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## TCCS 422: PROGRAM DUE DATES

- **Programs - please start early:**

Less than 50% chance of A/B

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## TCCS 422: PROGRAMS

- *Tentative - subject to change*
- **Assignment 0:**  
Introduction to Linux, Ubuntu Virtual Machine
- **Assignment 1:**  
Programming with multiple processes (in C)
- **Assignment 2:**  
Multithreaded programming and concurrency (C or Java)
- **Assignment 3:**  
Kernel (real) mode programming (in C)

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## TCCS 422: PROGRAM DUE DATES

- **Programs - please start early**
  - Work as if deadline is several days earlier
  - Allows for a “buffer” for running into unexpected problems
    - Underestimation of the task at hand
    - Allows time to seek C help from CSS lab mentors (*checking on availability for Spring 2020*)
    - If less familiar with C/pointers (TCCS 333/380), **BUDGET MORE TIME**

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## UBUNTU 18.04 – VIRTUAL MACHINE

- **Ubuntu 18.04**
  - Open source version of Debian-package based Linux
  - Package management: “apt get” repositories
    - See: <https://packages.ubuntu.com/>
- **Ubuntu Advantages**
  - Enterprise Linux Distribution
  - Free, widely used by developers
  - Long term releases (LTS) every 2 years, good for servers
  - 6 month feature releases, good for sharing new features with the community

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## UBUNTU 18.04 – VIRTUAL MACHINE INSTALLATION

- **Ubuntu 18.04 on Oracle VirtualBox**
- **HOW-TO installation videos:**
  - Windows 10
    - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QbmRXJJKsvs>
  - Mac OS X (not specific to 18.04)
    - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sNixOS6mHIU>
- > AFTER VirtualBox, INSTALL THE **Guest Additions**
  - **IMPORTANT USABILITY ADD-ON:** Provides file system sharing, clipboard integration, mouse tricks
  - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qNecdUsuTPw>

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C PROGRAMING IN TCSS 422

- Many OSES are coded primarily in C and Assembly Language
- C is a particularly useful language for working with hardware / hardware drivers and operating systems
- C allows writing programs that can directly access the computer's physical memory (in kernel/real mode) providing nearly the power and speed of assembly language
  - But in a much easier to write high-level language
- Ideally, all university operating system courses are taught in C/C++. Our textbook is in C/C++
  - This quarter we will offer the option of assignment of completing assignment 2 in Java (multithreaded programming)

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C MENTORING

- <https://www.tacoma.uw.edu/institute-technology/student-support-workshops-mentors>
- School of Engineering and Technology Mentors
- Located in Science 106 / 108 Labs
- Monday – Thursday: ~9:30 am – 7:30 pm
- Friday: ~ 11-3pm
- Spring quarter hours will be posted – if available

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INSTRUCTOR HELP

- Office hours: tentative 3:30-4:30p TR after class
  - May change based on course survey results
  - Also available by appointment
- Take **ownership** of your educational outcome
  - 10 weeks spent in TCSS 422 is very small relative to entire IT career
  - Make the most of this **limited** opportunity
    - Maximize your educational investment
  - \*\*\* Ask questions in class on zoom !! \*\*\*
  - Also questions after class, email, Canvas discussion boards
  - Seek help using UWT resources, the internet, YouTube videos (video.google.com) and online tutorials

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CLASS PARTICIPATION

- Questions and discussion are strongly encouraged**
  - Leverage your educational investment
  - All questions are encouraged!
  - This instructor appreciates questions at all levels
    - there is no judgement for any question
- Daily feedback surveys**
  - How much is new vs. review?
  - Checking the pace...
  - What is unclear? It's helpful to know when topics are not clear
  - Use the survey to write questions and feedback that come to you during the lecture
- Poll-EV**

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WE WILL RETURN AT  
2:40PM




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C REVIEW SURVEY



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DEMOGRAPHICS SURVEY

SEE LINK AT:  
<http://faculty.washington.edu/wlloyd/courses/tcss422/announcements.html>

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INTRODUCTION TO OPERATING SYSTEMS

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VIRTUAL MACHINE SURVEY

■ Please complete the Virtual Machine Survey to request a "School of Engineering and Technology" remote hosted Ubuntu VM

■ <https://forms.gle/R8N4HTjx6qKf1VJ88>

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OBJECTIVES

■ Chapter 2: Operating Systems – Three Easy Pieces

■ Introduction to operating systems

■ Management of resources

■ Concepts of virtualization/abstraction

■ THREE EASY PIECES:

- Virtualizing the CPU
- Virtualizing Memory
- Virtualizing I/O

■ Operating system design goals

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OPERATING SYSTEMS

■ Responsible for:

- Making it easy to **run** programs
- Allowing programs to **share** memory
- Enabling programs to **interact** with devices

OS is in charge of making sure the system operates correctly and efficiently.

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RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

■ The OS is a resource manager

■ Manages CPU, disk, network I/O

■ Enables many programs to

- **Share** the CPU
- **Share** the underlying physical memory (RAM)
- **Share** physical devices
  - Disks
  - Network Devices
  - ...

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VIRTUALIZATION

- Operating systems present **physical resources** as **virtual representations** to the programs sharing them
  - Physical resources: CPU, disk, memory, ...
- The virtual form is “**abstract**”
- The OS presents an illusion that each user program runs in isolation on its own hardware
- This virtual form is general, powerful, and easy-to-use

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ABSTRACTIONS

- What form of abstraction does the OS provide?
  - CPU**
    - Process and/or thread
  - Memory**
    - Address space
      - large array of bytes
    - All programs see the same “size” of RAM
  - Disk**
    - Files

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WHY ABSTRACTION?

- Allow applications to reuse common facilities
- Make different devices look the same
  - Easier to write common code to use devices
    - Linux/Unix Block Devices
- Provide higher level abstractions
- More useful functionality

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ABSTRACTION CHALLENGES

- What level of abstraction?
  - How much of the underlying hardware should be exposed?
    - What if **too much**?
    - What if **too little**?
- What are the correct abstractions?
  - Security concerns

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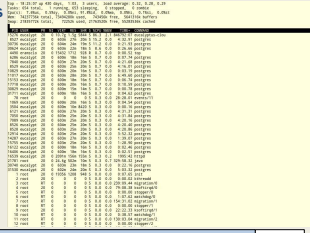
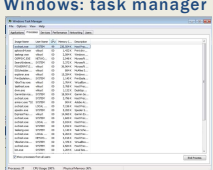
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VIRTUALIZING THE CPU

- Each running program gets its own “virtual” representation of the CPU
- Many programs seem to run at once
- Linux: “top” command shows process list
- Windows: task manager



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VIRTUALIZING THE CPU - 2

- Simple Looping C Program

```
1  #include <stdio.h>
2  #include <stdlib.h>
3  #include <sys/time.h>
4  #include <assert.h>
5  #include "common.h"
6
7  int
8  main(int argc, char *argv[])
9  {
10     if (argc != 2) {
11         fprintf(stderr, "usage: cpu <string>\n");
12         exit(1);
13     }
14     char *str = argv[1];
15     while (1) {
16         Spin(1); // Repeatedly checks the time and
17                 // returns once it has run for a second
18         printf("%s\n", str);
19     }
20     return 0;
}
```

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VIRTUALIZING THE CPU - 3

```
prompt> gcc -o cpu cpu.c -Wall
prompt> ./cpu "A"
A
A
A
^C
prompt>
```

- Runs forever, must Ctrl-C to halt...

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VIRTUALIZATION THE CPU - 4

```
prompt> ./cpu A & ./cpu B & ./cpu C & ./cpu D &
[1] 7353
[2] 7354
[3] 7355
[4] 7356
A
B
D
C
A
B
D
C
A
C
B
D
...
```

Even though we have only one processor, all four instances of our program seem to be running at the same time!

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VIRTUALIZING MEMORY

- Computer memory is treated as a large array of bytes
- Programs store all data in this large array
  - Read memory (load)
    - Specify an address to read data from
  - Write memory (store)
    - Specify data to write to an address

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VIRTUALIZING MEMORY - 2

- Program to read/write memory:

```
1  #include <unistd.h>
2  #include <stdio.h>
3  #include <stdlib.h>
4  #include "common.h"
5
6  int
7  main(int argc, char *argv[])
8  {
9      int *p = malloc(sizeof(int)); // a1: allocate some
10     // memory
11     assert(p != NULL);
12     printf("(kd) address of p: %08x\n",
13            getpid(), (unsigned) p); // a2: print out the
14     // address of the memory
15     *p = 0; // a3: put zero into the first slot of the memory
16     while (1) {
17         Spin(1);
18         *p = *p + 1;
19         printf("(kd) p: %d\n", getpid(), *p); // a4
20     }
21     return 0;
22 }
```

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VIRTUALIZING MEMORY - 3

- Output of mem.c

```
prompt> ./mem
(2134) memory address of p: 00200000
(2134) p: 1
(2134) p: 2
(2134) p: 3
(2134) p: 4
(2134) p: 5
^C
```

- int value stored at 00200000
- program increments int value

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VIRTUALIZING MEMORY - 4

- Multiple instances of mem.c

```
prompt> ./mem & ./mem &
[1] 24113
[2] 24114
(24113) memory address of p: 00200000
(24114) memory address of p: 00200000
(24113) p: 1
(24114) p: 1
(24114) p: 2
(24113) p: 2
(24113) p: 3
(24114) p: 3
...
```

- (int\*)p receives the same memory location 00200000
- Why does modifying (int\*)p in program #1 (PID=24113), not interfere with (int\*)p in program #2 (PID=24114) ?
  - The OS has "virtualized" memory, and provides a "virtual" address

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VIRTUAL MEMORY

- Key take-aways:
- Each process (program) has its own **virtual address space**
- The OS maps virtual **address spaces** onto **physical memory**
- A memory reference from one process can not affect the address space of others.
  - Isolation
- Physical memory, a **shared resource**, is managed by the OS

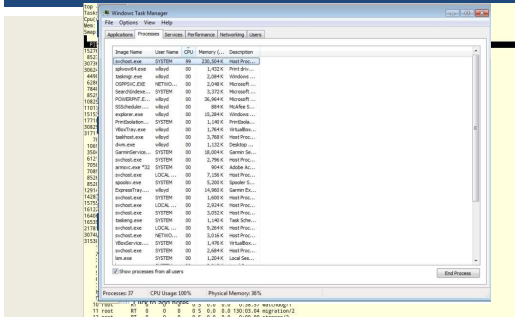
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CONCURRENCY

A screenshot of the Windows Task Manager application, specifically the 'Processes' tab. It displays a list of running processes with columns for Name, User Name, CPU, Memory, and Description. Processes like 'chrome.exe', 'explorer.exe', and 'msedge.exe' are visible. At the bottom, it shows 'Processes: 37', 'CPU Usage: 100%', and 'Physical Memory: 95%'.

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CONCURRENCY

- Linux: 654 tasks
- Windows: 37 processes
- The **OS** appears to run many programs at once, juggling them
- Modern **multi-threaded** programs feature concurrent threads and processes
- What is a key difference between a process and a thread?**

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CONCURRENCY - 2

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2 #include <stdlib.h>
3 #include "common.h"
4
5 volatile int counter = 0;
6 int loops;
7
8 void *thread_func(void *arg) {
9     // ...
10 }
11
12 int main() {
13     // ...
14 }
15 ...
```

**Not the same as Java volatile:**  
Provides a compiler hint that an object may change value unexpectedly (in this case by a separate thread) so aggressive optimization must be avoided.

thread.c

Listing continues ...

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CONCURRENCY - 3

```
16 int
17 main(int argc, char *argv[])
18 {
19     if (argc != 2) {
20         fprintf(stderr, "usage: threads <value>\n");
21         exit(1);
22     }
23     loops = atoi(argv[1]);
24     pthread_t p1, p2;
25     printf("Initial value : %d\n", counter);
26
27     pthread_create(&p1, NULL, worker, NULL);
28     pthread_create(&p2, NULL, worker, NULL);
29     pthread_join(p1, NULL);
30     pthread_join(p2, NULL);
31     printf("Final value : %d\n", counter);
32     return 0;
33 }
```

- Program creates two threads
- Check documentation: "man pthread\_create"
- worker() method counts from 0 to argv[1] (loop)

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Linux "man" page example

PTHREAD\_CREATE(3)      Linux Programmer's Manual      PTHREAD\_CREATE(3)

**NAME**      `pthread_create` - create a new thread

**SYNOPSIS**      `#include <pthread.h>`  
`int pthread_create(pthread_t *thread, const pthread_attr_t *attr, void *(*start_routine) (void *), void *arg);`  
Compile and link with `-pthread`.

**DESCRIPTION**      The `pthread_create()` function starts a new thread in the calling process. The new thread starts execution by invoking `start_routine()`; `arg` is passed as the sole argument of `start_routine()`.  
The new thread terminates in one of the following ways:

- \* It calls `pthread_exit()`, specifying an exit status value that is available to another thread in the same process that calls `pthread_join()`.
- \* It returns from `start_routine()`. This is equivalent to calling `pthread_exit()` with the value supplied in the return statement.
- \* It is canceled (see `pthread_cancel(3)`).

Any of the threads in the process calls `exit(3)`, or the main thread performs a return from `main()`. This causes the termination of all threads in the process.  
The `attr` argument points to a `pthread_attr_t` structure whose contents are used at thread creation time to determine attributes for the new thread; this structure is initialized using `pthread_attr_init(3)` and related functions. If `attr` is `NULL`, then the thread is created with default attributes.

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CONCURRENCY - 4

- Command line parameter `argv[1]` provides loop length
- Defines number of times the shared counter is incremented
- Loops: 1000

```
prompt> gcc -o thread thread.c -Wall -pthread
prompt> ./thread 1000
Initial value : 0
Final value : 2000
```
- Loops 100000

```
prompt> ./thread 100000
Initial value : 0
Final value : 143012 // huh??
prompt> ./thread 100000
Initial value : 0
Final value : 137298 // what the??
```

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CONCURRENCY - 5

- When loop value is large why do we not achieve 200000 ?
- C code is translated to (3) assembly code operations
  - Load counter variable into register
  - Increment it
  - Store the register value back in memory
- These instructions happen concurrently and VERY FAST
- (P1 || P2) write incremented register values back to memory, While (P1 || P2) read same memory
- Memory access here is **unsynchronized (non-atomic)**
- Some of the increments are lost

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To perform parallel work, a single process may:

Launch multiple threads to execute code in parallel while sharing global data in memory

Launch multiple processes to execute code in parallel without sharing global data in memory

Both A and B

None of the above

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Total Questions

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PARALLEL PROGRAMMING

- To perform parallel work, a single process may:
  - Launch multiple threads to execute code in parallel while sharing global data in memory
  - Launch multiple processes to execute code in parallel without sharing global data in memory
  - Both A and B
  - None of the above

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PERSISTENCE

- DRAM: Dynamic Random Access Memory: DIMMs/SIMMs
  - Stores data while power is present
  - When power is lost, data is lost (*volatile*)
- Operating System helps “persist” data more **permanently**
  - I/O device(s): hard disk drive (HDD), solid state drive (SSD)
  - File system(s): “catalog” data for storage and retrieval

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PERSISTENCE - 2

```
1  #include <stdio.h>
2  #include <unistd.h>
3  #include <assert.h>
4  #include <fcntl.h>
5  #include <sys/types.h>
6
7  int
8  main(int argc, char *argv[])
9  {
10     int fd = open("/tmp/file", O_WRONLY | O_CREAT
11                  | O_TRUNC, S_IRWXU);
12     assert(fd > -1);
13     int rc = write(fd, "hello world\n", 13);
14     assert(rc == 13);
15     close(fd);
16     return 0;
17 }
```

- `open()`, `write()`, `close()`: OS system calls for device I/O
- Note: man page for `open()`, `write()` require page number: “man 2 open”, “man 2 write”, “man close”

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PERSISTENCE - 3

- To write to disk, OS must:
  - Determine where on disk data should reside
  - Perform sys calls to perform I/O:
    - Read/write to file system (*inode record*)
    - Read/write data to file
- Provide fault tolerance for system crashes
  - Journaling: Record disk operations in a journal for replay
  - Copy-on-write - replicating shared data - see ZFS
  - Carefully order writes on disk

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SUMMARY:  
OPERATING SYSTEM DESIGN GOALS

- **ABSTRACTING THE HARDWARE**
  - Makes programming code easier to write
  - Automate sharing resources – save programmer burden
- **PROVIDE HIGH PERFORMANCE**
  - Minimize overhead from OS abstraction (Virtualization of CPU, RAM, I/O)
  - Share resources fairly
  - Attempt to tradeoff performance vs. fairness → consider priority
- **PROVIDE ISOLATION**
  - User programs can't interfere with each other's virtual machines, the underlying OS, or the sharing of resources

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SUMMARY:  
OPERATING SYSTEM DESIGN GOALS - 2

- **RELIABILITY**
  - OS must not crash, 24/7 Up-time
  - Poor user programs must not bring down the system:

Blue Screen



- Other Issues:
  - Energy-efficiency
  - Security (of data)
  - Cloud: Virtual Machines


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