



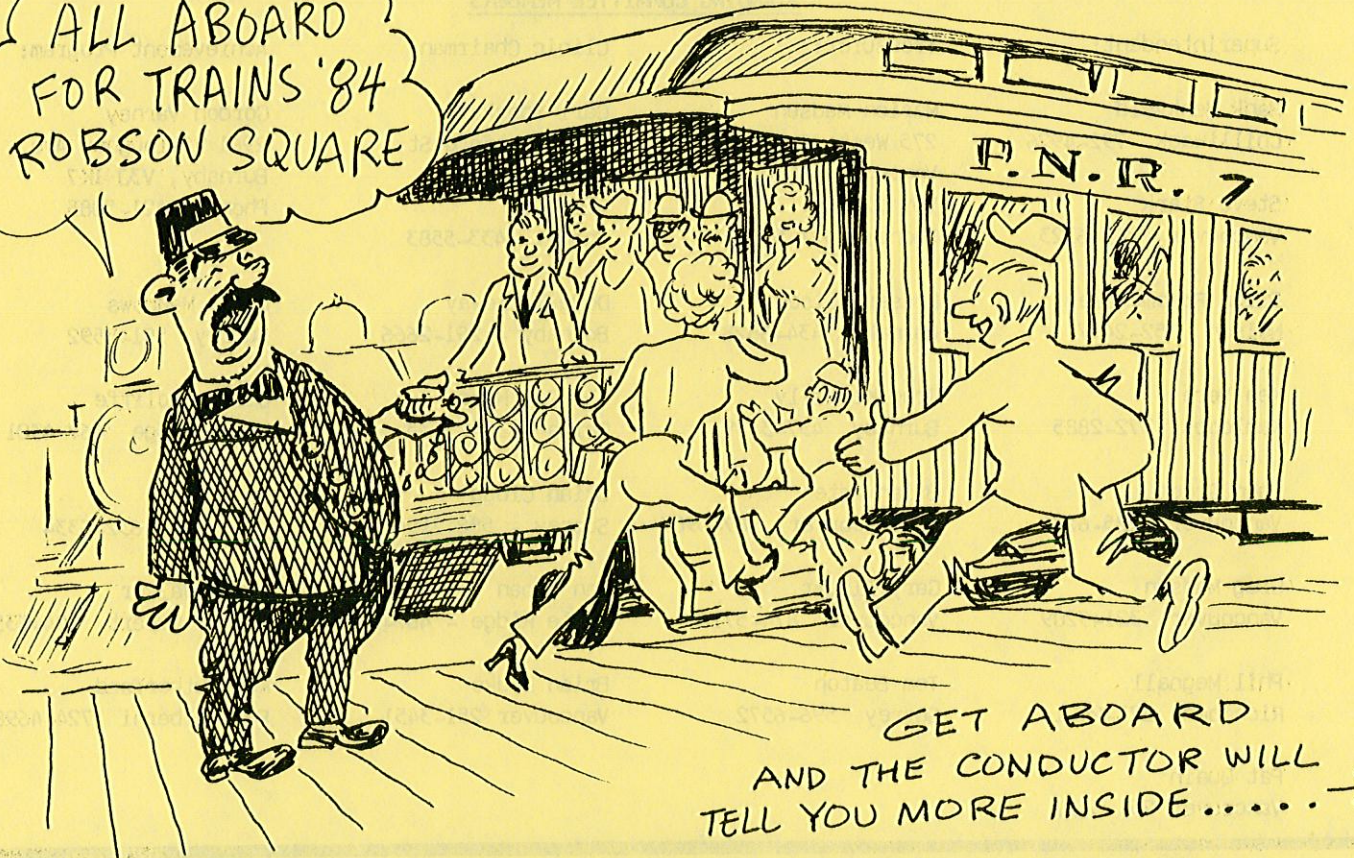
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Trains '84, originally scheduled as Trains '83 but cancelled due to an employees' strike at Robson Square last November, is on for November 10th in the Media Centre. This is the year's premier event for the Vancouver model railroad crowd, especially in terms of public participation. Admission is open to the public from noon until 5 PM at \$2 per person or \$5 per family. Attractions will include: operating layouts of both North American and European prototype; slides, videos, and films; live steamers on display; a photo exhibit; demonstrations; hobby shop sales and manufacturers' reps; Most Popular Model and Display Contests; and a chance to try your hand at an O scale switching layout.

While the show will be of definite interest to the long-time fan, it is also our best opportunity to show the uninitiated what model railroading is all about, and for the benefit of the hobby's continued good health, it deserves all the promotion we can give it. Robson Square is the most prominent and well-known location in which the Division has ever held the fall show, and we look forward to a wide variety of exciting displays. If you have something you would like to contribute, contact the display coordinator, Cyril Meadows, at 591-9592. Note that large displays can be brought in through the shipping/receiving bay which is entered from Howe Street just north of Georgia. Exhibitors qualify for a reduced admission of \$1 and will be admitted from 7 AM on. PNR members in general will be admitted after 9 AM.

EDITORIAL

BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE

While I was working my usual Saturday shift at the train store a few weeks back, a trio of rather grimy 10 year olds came in. One was obviously interested in model railroading, but the other two were apparently just keeping their friend company, and were left to look around at the kits, cars, and locos while he asked about the cost of various items. Finally, one of them could contain himself no longer. His face a mask of utter bewilderment, he looked up at me and asked "What do you do with these things? Race 'em?"

That little incident is, I fear, symptomatic of a discouraging trend. That kid probably hadn't the slightest idea what a real railroad was for, let alone a miniature version of one. Let's face it: railroads just don't have what it takes to measure up against battlestars, Tie fighters, and the Millennium Falcon in the eyes of today's youngsters. Trains are generally slow and safe, and thus don't even rate in comparison to a "Dukes of Hazard vs. Boss Hogg" roadrace set. The only time they seem to make the news these days is when one derails and sends a propane gas cloud down onto some suburb. Hardly the stuff little boys' fantasies are made of. Significantly, the most popular model train we have ever stocked is the newly-released 200 mph.-plus French TGV. This train everyone recognizes, from four year olds to disinterested grandmas. They may not have a clue what the hobby is about, but they've all heard of the world's fastest, most space-age train. At \$100 a pop, our shipments are presold by the time they arrive.

So what? Who needs a bunch of grabby kids and knowitall adolescents running around the train meets anyway, right? Well, that's not quite the point. Granted, I wish to be spared from "railway fathers" trying to explain to a squirming toddler the difference between a "Geep" and an "SD", but if there is no interest in this hobby from the next generation things will start to look bad for its continued existence. It's not just a matter of whether or not model railroading will survive beyond our lifetimes - that's a little more philosophical than I care to get - but whether the manufacturers, wholesalers, and retailers will have to cease operating long before most of us make our last run. If new customers don't replace the old, you don't need to

be an economist to know what will happen.

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What can we do to help ensure the continued growth of model railroading, even if only for our own enjoyment and not posterity? The following suggestions are intended as a partial answer:

- Be you hobbyist or a retailer, try to have patience with inquisitive youngsters. Adult beginners ask questions and get ideas that are just as dumb, but some people seem to be out to actively discourage and ridicule kids while having all the time in the world to talk to their parents.
- Promote and run community centre courses on the hobby. (Hats off to Gene Daily for his efforts in this area.)
- Fathers, don't try to (pardon the expression) railroad your kids into the hobby. There has got to be a connection between all the gung-ho daddies pushing locomotives into baby's hands as soon as he (or she) can crawl and the number of families I see where the now-teenagers haven't the slightest interest in trains. I suspect too much too soon just makes it boring to a child.
- Encourage your neighbours', your cousin's, your non-rail buddy's kids to come and see your railroad on special occasions. Not only will you be considered a neat guy, some of them will probably ask Dad for a train set next birthday or Christmas.
- If you're organizing a public show, consider inexpensive door prizes like copies of Model Railroader or Railroads You Can Model. Mom or Dad might win it instead of junior, but he's bound to be dying to see what they won, anyway, and such publications are terrific for stimulating interest.

I believe it is worth the effort. If you agree, or if you don't, why not write the Bulletin Board with your comments.

Phil Magnall

PNR NEWS

OCTOBER 14 CLINIC

The traditional October clinic will be conducted by Gordon Varney this year. He will be demonstrating how to build a small wood trestle. This is a participatory clinic, and kits in N and HO scales will be available for \$2.00, (proceeds to the Seventh Division). Those wishing to partake of the event are advised to bring the following:

White glue	Sandpaper
Masking tape	Pencil
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Scale rule	Work light
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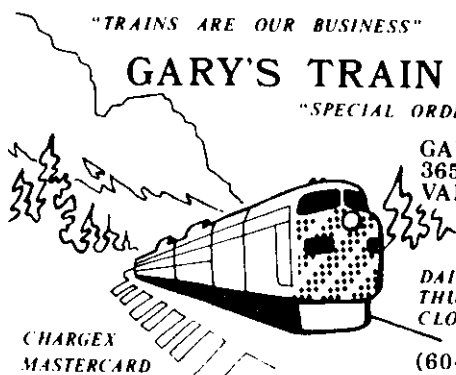
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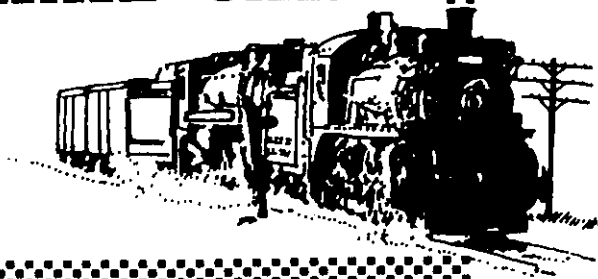
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(The following was addressed to Hank Menkveld, Chairman of the Gold Spike Award Committee)

I am writing to record my grateful thanks to the Seventh Division for the 1984 Ross Heriot Gold Spike Award. I am flattered to be included with past recipients of the award who I fear have contributed much more to the hobby than I have been able to do.

I am also very pleased to receive an award named for Ross Heriot, someone whom I liked and admired for his achievements in the modelling and organizational aspects of model railroading.

I am proud to have this award.

Yours sincerely

Brian D. Pate

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK

First of all, a note of thanks to all who came to help make the 6th Annual Cornfield Meet another great weekend filled with fun for the whole family. For those who like to keep records, there were a total of 191½ guests for dinner.

But now it's back to model railroading again. We all know that the public show in Robson Square Media Centre is getting closer, so let's all give some thought to what we can do to make it a real success. This is our chance to show off our great hobby to the general public, and if we are successful, we should see the membership list in N.M.R.A. and P.N.R. grow.

The next item to keep in mind is, of course, the '85 P.N.R. convention, which the 7th Div. is hosting. How many have made a start on the structure for the special contest? Everybody should have a plan sheet by now. If not, and you are interested, let me know and we will get one out to you. Let's make it tough for the judges in '85 and give them lots of work.

Our new Bulletin Board editors are really trying hard to give our house organ a new look with more class. Let them know how it is received and make sure to read what's in it.

Enough for now. Happy railroading and see you all at the next clinic.

Hank

CLINIC HELP WANTED

In a survey conducted last fall, most members indicated they preferred participation or demonstration clinics rather than slides or movies for our monthly get togethers. However, we need your help and ideas in order to maintain a high standard of workshops.

If you have any ideas for a clinic or would be willing to present one, with or without help, please contact:

Carl Sparks, 3956 Hertford Street, Burnaby, B.C. V5G 2R4. Phone: 433-5583

TECHNIQUE

EASY WEATHERING: PART II

George Carroll

Chalks are compressed blocks of powdered pigment with no vehicle or binder. For many model railroad uses, this makes them suitable for a number of weathering effects. They are readily available, inexpensive, and very easy to apply. I recommend the Weber Costello brand, 12 sticks per box, less than \$5, and available in a general assortment or in earth tones. (I suggest having both on hand.) The general term "pastel" may cover oil pastels also; the chalk pastels are generally easier to use. Eye shadow material is closest to an oil base pastel. The other materials necessary are a knife blade to powder the stick, hard and soft brushes for application, and a can of your favourite clear spray. My favourite is Krylon as it has a fine spray and does not blush.

Application is very straightforward. A sufficient quantity of pigment is scraped off with the blade. This powder is then dusted onto the surface, and a protective coat is sprayed on. Repeat as desired. The flat spray will tend to reduce the effect, so you may want to apply additional coats of pigment. The buildup is very gradual, allowing fine control over the amount of shading. Pigments may be blended in a separate container for individual touches. If the pigment does not adhere to the surface, e.g., fresh gloss paint, spray a preliminary flat coat. You may also wish to leave the last coat unsprayed to leave a stronger impression. The pastel stick itself can be rubbed on, and the resulting denser layer scrubbed around with a brush. Stiff bristles will help to scrub in the pigment, while soft bristles will leave the pigment lying relatively loose.

As with most weathering techniques, practise is paramount. It also helps to have a clear idea of the final effect that you are trying to generate; slides, prints or other photographic source materials are invaluable aids. Chalks are excellent for covering large areas such as building sides or roofs, or car roofs. The exceptional flatness of the finish will establish a three dimensional feeling to the object that will surprise you.

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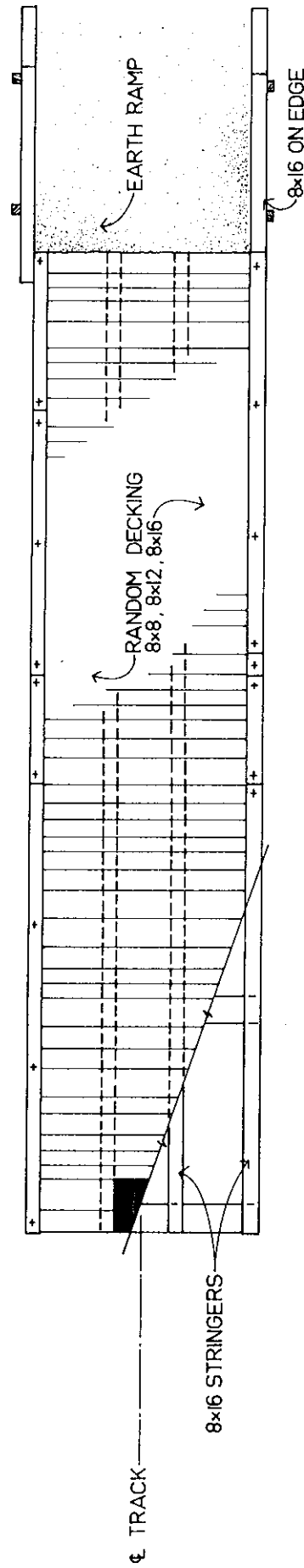
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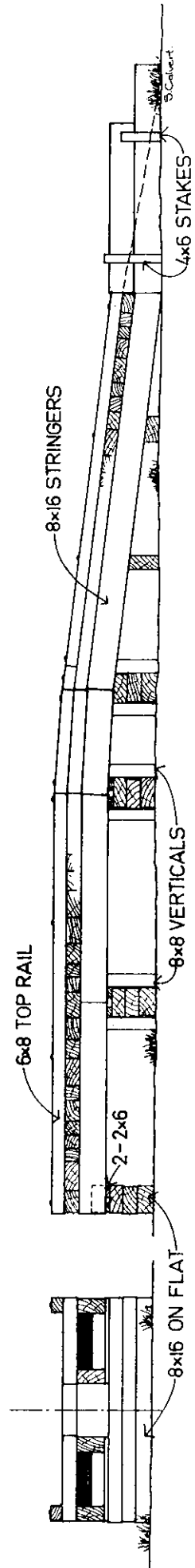
A LOCAL LOADING DOCK

Numerous articles on building loading docks have been presented in the model press, but few of them have been appropriate for those of us modelling the Canadian scene. These drawings, prepared by Scott Calvert from measurements taken by Brian Rudko, are for a loading platform that once sat at the end of the Cambie Street bridge. It was removed this past summer to make way for the new bridge.

The photo shows an H0 model of the dock built by Brian.

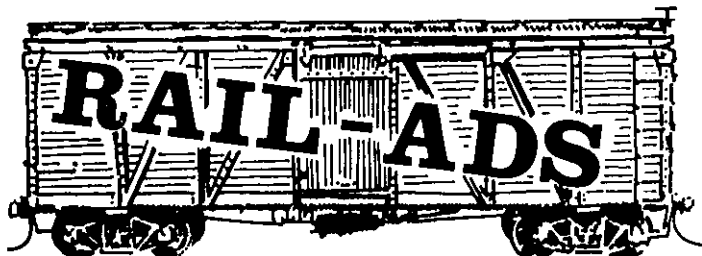


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HO United 3-truck Shay, 70T, in box: \$400. Rayonier 2-6-6-2 #8: \$400. Hillcrest 25T Shay: offers? Will consider trade for small Heisler, Baldwin or RS diesels, or ?. Blair Middleton @ 987-2496.

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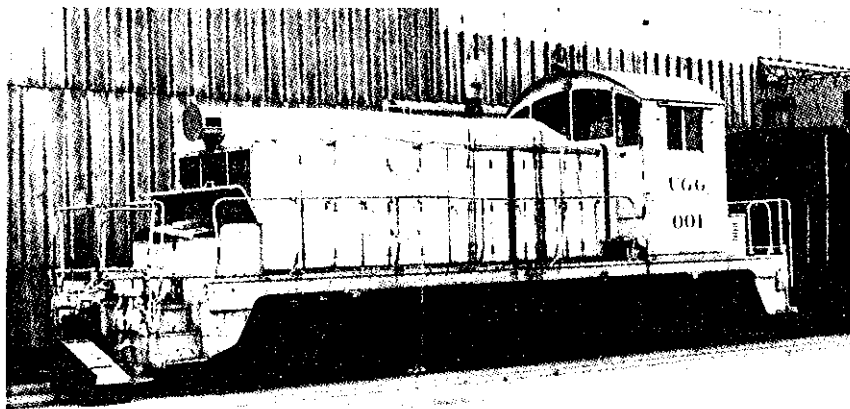
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CNR Station to be restored

The Village Arts & Crafts of Hope has set itself the task of rescuing and restoring the local CN station, the last of its design in existence. When finished, the building will be used as a community arts and crafts centre, and will be a benefit to the Town of Hope as well as a direct link with the past.



United Grain Growers' SW-1 no. 001 has now been retired to the relics on the New Westminster docks. For years a familiar sight at the elevators north of Powell Street, the battered switcher awaits restoration and a permanent home.

TECHNIQUE

AN INEXPENSIVE POSING BASE

Brian Rudko

I have often admired the photos I've seen in the model press in which a diorama is posed against a real background scene.

If one is careful with the visual perspective, and gets the model in a correct size relationship to the rest of the scene, amazingly realistic results can be achieved.

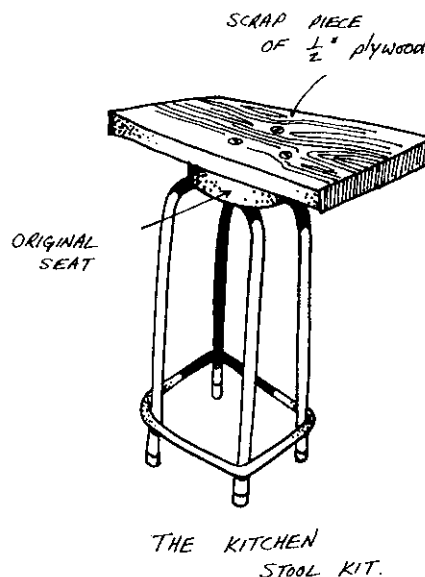
I wanted to give the method a try myself. I have a camera and a tripod, but I didn't have anything suitable to support the models. A tall table seemed to be what was required, but I didn't have one and couldn't find one in the second hand stores that wasn't either too heavy or too expensive.

One sunny Sunday I improvised by using the hood of my car, but the results were less than satisfactory! To get everything in just the right position would have required constantly moving the car. I was too lazy to do so, and ended up with camera shadows in a lot of my photos.

What finally turned out to be a perfect solution was a common kitchen stool! I bought mine for \$1.49 in a local second-hand store. Ripping off the plastic seat and foam exposed a round wooden base which, luckily enough, also swivelled.

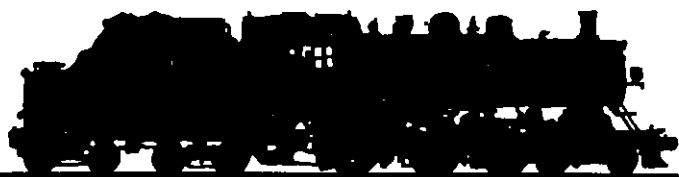
I screwed a one by two foot piece of half inch plywood onto the seat and I had my posing base.

The base is tall enough (about 30") to keep me from crawling around on the ground, and it's cheap enough and rugged enough that I can throw it in the trunk of my car to transport it. It's also small enough to store easily in a closet, though I find I've been using it as an extra small table in my work room (an even larger surface could be clamped to it). This idea may be of use to you if you have a similar need.



7TH DIVISION TIMETABLE

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Oct. 14, 1984

7th Div. Clinic: Building a Small Wood Trestle. Multi-Purpose Room, Kensington Community Centre, 5175 Dumfries St, Vancouver. 1-5 pm.

Oct. 27, 1984

Pacific Northwest Narrow Gaugers Sixth Annual Meet; Como Lake United Church, 535 Marmont, Coquitlam, B.C. 10 am - 5 pm. Admission \$2.00. Info: Gordon Varney (604) 421-5085.

Oct. 28, 1984

N-CON '84; N Scale Convention, Cloverly School, 440 Hendry, N. Vancouver, B.C. 11 am - 4 pm. Registration: \$2.00 single, \$5.00 family. Info: George Carroll (604) 980-5294.

Nov. 2-4, 1984

Tacoma Mall Show; Model Railroad Displays and Layouts. Tacoma, Wash.

Nov. 10, 1984

"Trains '84"; Displays and Layouts at Robson Square Media Centre, Vancouver, B.C. Info: Hank Menkveld (604) 792-4926. Display space: Cyril Meadows (604) 591-9592.

Nov. 17, 18, 1984

Columbia Gorge Model RR. Club Open House. 2505 N. Vancouver Avenue, Portland, Oregon. Noon - 6 pm. Info: Phil Maggs (503) 761-9527.

April 27, 1985

Port Townsend/Hadlock Area Model Railroad Show. Info: John Ludwig (206) 385-0341.

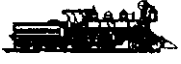
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