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**Subject:** Bio - David Robertson

**Author:** David Robertson

**Topic:** Discussion 1: Your Bio Here

**Date:** January 6, 2011 8:36 PM

Hey Everybody - My name is David Robertson and I live in the exact geographic center of Tennessee in a town called Murfreesboro. I've been a native of Murfreesbor since 1978.

For the last 24 years I have shared my life with my beautiful wife (Monica) and together we have a 18 old daughter (Abbey) who we have home schooled K-12.

I graduated from with my Masters degree in Educational Leadership from Middle Tennessee State University in December, 2010.

My career objective is to work as an Instructional Technology Specialist, ideally at MTSU, working particularly with visually impaired students and faculty. I am visually impaired myself, contending with a particularly nasty little eye disease called Retinitis Pigmentosa (tunnel vision). I currently have a 10 degree field of vision.

I'm a Certified Life Coach and Founder of MyLife Coaching, a Christian life coaching web site where I've built 9 online courses that anyone who wants to live a balanced, blessed life can take for free ([www.mylifecoaching.web.officelive.com](http://www.mylifecoaching.web.officelive.com).)

My hobbies include training for triathlons and half marathons. I just passed the 50-years-old mark and I'm trying to make healthy lifestyle choices to, as Mr. Spock would say, live long and prosper.

I am presently on the pastoral staff at Christian Life Church where I oversee our adult discipleship program.

Best tech experiences include building my life coaching web site offering free online courses. Data loss before cloud based backups are always a bummer. I'm an aspiring geek but still too cheap to purchase a Droid and pay Verizon's monthly \$30 data fee for Internet on my phone. -- DSR

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**Subject:** Re:Bio - David Robertson

**Author:** David Robertson

**Topic:** Discussion 1: Your Bio Here

**Date:** January 11, 2011 10:45 AM

Hey Floyd - Thanks for the warm reception. I hope this class is really a terrific expereince for you. See you online! David Robertson

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**Subject:** Re:Bio - David Robertson  
**Author:** David Robertson

**Topic:** Discussion 1: Your Bio Here  
**Date:** January 14, 2011 10:14 AM

Your reply is very encouraging. Best to you!!! David

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**Subject:** Re:Bio - Eddie Barnes  
**Author:** David Robertson

**Topic:** Discussion 1: Your Bio Here  
**Date:** January 11, 2011 10:51 AM

Hey Eddie - Thanks for sharing your bio info. I hope this class is a terrific experience for you. -- David Robertson

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**Subject:** Re:Bio - Eddie Barnes  
**Author:** David Robertson

**Topic:** Discussion 1: Your Bio Here  
**Date:** January 14, 2011 10:13 AM

Amen to that. David

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**Subject:** Re:free online text book  
**Author:** David Robertson

**Topic:** Discussion 1: Your Bio Here  
**Date:** January 7, 2011 3:43 PM

Here is the direct link to our textbook that I was able to pull up in Galileo Reader:  
<http://site.ebrary.com.ts.isil.westga.edu/lib/westga/search.action?p00=Disrupting+Class&search=Search+ebrary>

The new password for Galileo is "roaring" at <http://www.galileo.usg.edu/scholar/westga/subjects/?Welcome>

Click Education and then Education again which brings up the "Articles and databases" tab and under that tab 3 down is "ebrary." You can search for the title or author of the book, and it should come up. -- David Robertson

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**Subject:** Re:Patsy Kraj - Tech Tips  
**Author:** David Robertson

**Topic:** Post your tech tip here  
**Date:** January 10, 2011 10:18 AM

Thank you, Patsy, for leading us off with some excellent tech tips. I saved your doc for future reference. I liked how you provided an example by sharing a project you did with your family. I think this tech tips part of our assignment is going to expose me to a set of new tools for my toolbox that I've never been exposed to. Thanks!! David

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**Subject:** Re:Patsy Kraj - Tech Tips  
**Author:** David Robertson

**Topic:** Post your tech tip here  
**Date:** January 10, 2011 11:55 AM

Hi Patsy - I am going to start doing that based on what you just said. Do you suppose it would be OK if you shared that document where you have been compiling some of your favorite tech tips? I think this

would be a HUGE blessing to me - and others if you feel OK about sharing it. Don't feel obligated since you have worked very hard to collect these - I would completely understand. -- David

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**Subject:** Re:Patsy Kraj - Tech Tips  
**Author:** David Robertson

**Topic:** Post your tech tip here  
**Date:** January 11, 2011 10:43 AM

Hi Patsy - Thanks for your generosity! I collect stuff like this too. I will come back to your list over time and systematically check out resources that you felt good enough to keep around. Thanks for sharing!!! -- David Robertson

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**Subject:** Re:Bio - Floyd Fishel  
**Author:** David Robertson

**Topic:** Discussion 1: Your Bio Here  
**Date:** January 11, 2011 10:55 AM

Hey Floyd - It's great to meet someone who is honest about their handwriting - my handwriting is crazy! :) I had a class last year the president of my university and I could hardly read his chicken scratch. His response was "that it didn't seem to hurt his career any!" I thought that was classic. See you online! -- David Robertson

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**Subject:** Re:Bio - Floyd Fishel  
**Author:** David Robertson

**Topic:** Discussion 1: Your Bio Here  
**Date:** January 11, 2011 4:20 PM

I've often quoted the proverb - "Poor penmanship is linked to high intelligence." That is a totally undocumented study!! :)  
David

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**Subject:** David Robertson - Tech Tips  
**Author:** David Robertson

**Topic:** Post your tech tip here  
**Date:** January 10, 2011 11:52 AM

I hope the attached Word document will provide some of you a few tools to add to your toolbox. -- David

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**Subject:** Re:Heather Hall Bio  
**Author:** David Robertson

**Topic:** Discussion 1: Your Bio Here  
**Date:** January 11, 2011 10:56 AM

Hello Heather! It's great to meet you and thanks for sharing some bio info. I hope you have an excellent experience this semester in this class! -- David Robertson

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**Subject:** Re:Eddie Barnes - Tech Tip  
**Author:** David Robertson

**Topic:** Post your tech tip here  
**Date:** January 11, 2011 10:49 AM

Hey Eddie - Thanks for sharing the Homeworkknow.com resource. I never heard of it. I am launching several online focus groups at my church and I'm wondering if this could work in that application as well. Thanks for the tool! -- David

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**Subject:** Re:Eddie Barnes - Tech Tip  
**Author:** David Robertson

**Topic:** Post your tech tip here  
**Date:** January 11, 2011 4:18 PM

Hey Eddie - I think I need to allocate some time to check it out based on what you've said here. I am looking for some creative ways to empower my leaders and foster an online experience for our web-based discipleship model other than Facebook. Thanks for the encouraging word. -- David

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**Subject:** Galileo tutorial  
**Author:** David Robertson

**Topic:** Galileo Tutorial  
**Date:** January 11, 2011 10:58 AM

I tried to take the time to explore all the links in the tutorial. There is so much data out there and the interface seems pretty straight forward. I'm looking forward to using this tool to get some work done this semester. -- David Robertson

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**Subject:** Re:Patsy Kraj Concept Map  
**Author:** David Robertson

**Topic:** Chapter Assignments and Posting Forum for Concept Maps - Optional  
**Date:** January 11, 2011 4:28 PM

I didn't realize Microsoft Word had the ability to do graphics like that! I saved your concept map to not only use it when I get to chapter 6 in the book but to learn how you put it together. Very cool. David Robertson

Reply  
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**Subject:** Re:Patsy Kraj Concept Map  
**Author:** David Robertson

**Topic:** Chapter Assignments and Posting Forum for Concept Maps - Optional  
**Date:** January 12, 2011 11:07 AM

Good info. I used XMIND but unless you purchase the PRO version you can't export it to a \*.DOC or PDF. I had to export to an image file. Inspiration may be a better tool. Thanks! David

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**Subject:** Re:Marshall\_Introduction\_Bio  
**Author:** David Robertson

**Topic:** Discussion 1: Your Bio Here  
**Date:** January 11, 2011 4:23 PM

Hi Cisely - It's nice to meet you online. Sounds like you may be a new mommy. My daughter Abbey is 18 now and let me assure you every age is the best time to be with your daughter! Hope you enjoy the class!  
 David Robertson

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**Subject:** Re:Marshall\_Tech Tips

**Author:** David Robertson

**Topic:** Post your tech tip here

**Date:** January 12, 2011 10:48 AM

Tech Tips is fast becoming one of my favorite parts of logging into class every day. Thanks for sharing another good idea, Cisely! - David

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**Subject:** Re:Hosford Bio

**Author:** David Robertson

**Topic:** Discussion 1: Your Bio Here

**Date:** January 14, 2011 10:12 AM

Yes to that tidbit. I just turned on my webcam with my dog in my lap and started talking. Only later when I saw the you begin posting did I realize I'm not in Kansas anymore. I need to take a class in Instructional Technology or something. David

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**Subject:** Re:Hosford Bio

**Author:** David Robertson

**Topic:** Discussion 1: Your Bio Here

**Date:** January 17, 2011 3:39 PM

My daughter Abbey is a first-generation iMacPro user in our household. She is flourishing in that alternate universe. David

Reply  
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**Subject:** Re:Patsy Kraj - Another Tech Tip

**Author:** David Robertson

**Topic:** Post your tech tip here

**Date:** January 12, 2011 10:55 AM

I had never heard of Prezi. I liked what you did with it, especially the high color photos and clip art. -- David

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**Subject:** Re:Bio - April Purdy

**Author:** David Robertson

**Topic:** Discussion 1: Your Bio Here

**Date:** January 12, 2011 11:03 AM

Hello April - Great to "meet" you online. I love the idea that you can use your TV to display tech. Even PowerPoint. Wow! I would love to learn how to do that and pick up the hardware. Thanks for sharing your Indian heritage with us. -- David Robertson

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**Subject:** Re:Patsy Kraj - Discussion 2

**Author:** David Robertson

**Topic:** Discussion Topic 2

**Date:** January 12, 2011 11:05 AM

Thank you for sharing your thoughtful note here. I think you hit the nail on the head when you said "No matter how much money is spent on technology it is worthless." The fact that kids are averaging 35 minutes per week on tech in some places is an indictment against the system. -- David Robertson

Reply  
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**Subject:** Re:Patsy Kraj - Discussion 2  
**Author:** David Robertson

**Topic:** Discussion Topic 2  
**Date:** January 15, 2011 12:52 PM

I like what you are saying Patsy. Technology for technology's sake is not the answer. The bottom line must be student learning and growth. David

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**Subject:** Re:Patsy Kraj - Discussion 2  
**Author:** David Robertson

**Topic:** Discussion Topic 2  
**Date:** January 27, 2011 11:05 AM

According to this Bloomberg Businessweek article, the headline reads: U.S. Kids using Media Almost 8 hours a Day." The subtitle is of equal concern: "Survey finds few parents set rules as use of 'smart' phones, computers soars."

<http://www.businessweek.com/lifestyle/content/healthday/635134.html>

David

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**Subject:** Re:Patsy Kraj - Discussion 2  
**Author:** David Robertson

**Topic:** Discussion Topic 2  
**Date:** January 31, 2011 11:23 AM

Good insight. I learned much from your post. Remember, I am not in a classroom day-to-day as a teacher like most of my peers in this class. Again, your short post really expanded my thinking. David

Reply  
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**Subject:** Re:Patsy Kraj - Discussion 2  
**Author:** David Robertson

**Topic:** Discussion Topic 2  
**Date:** February 1, 2011 10:31 AM

I find some comfort in what you have said. I sort of felt like the odd man out during my masters degree like a square peg in a round hole. But this degree is more focused and the teachers I am taking classes with now are embracing the instructional technology aspect of the teaching equation and that is very refreshing to me. Thanks, Patsy! David

Reply  
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**Subject:** Re:Patsy Kraj - Discussion 2  
**Author:** David Robertson

**Topic:** Discussion Topic 2  
**Date:** January 13, 2011 10:01 AM

Well spoken. I like what you said that technology is the not magic. That is so true. As I'm reading the articles I'm seeing that the teacher remains the voice of influence that can use tech as a tool to reach the hearts and minds of those they influence. David

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**Subject:** Re:Bio-Christi Lenz  
**Author:** David Robertson

**Topic:** Discussion 1: Your Bio Here  
**Date:** January 14, 2011 10:11 AM

My sincere hope is that Verizon will get their act together and offer the iPhone to their 2-year contact people like me in 2010! David

Reply  
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**Subject:** Re:Bio-Christi Lenz  
**Author:** David Robertson

**Topic:** Discussion 1: Your Bio Here  
**Date:** January 15, 2011 12:50 PM

Hey this is good news! I had no idea! Thank you so much!!!! David

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**Subject:** Re:Bio-Christi Lenz  
**Author:** David Robertson

**Topic:** Discussion 1: Your Bio Here  
**Date:** January 12, 2011 10:59 AM

Hi Christi - Thanks for sharing your bio info. Hope this class is an outstanding experience for you! David Robertson

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**Subject:** David Robertson Concept Map - Chapter 1  
**Author:** David Robertson

**Topic:** Chapter Assignments and Posting Forum for Concept Maps - Optional  
**Date:** January 13, 2011 3:06 PM

My concept map using XMIND for chapter 1 is attached. -- David

Attachments: [8463\\_project1\\_dsr.jpg](#)

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**Subject:** Re:clenz1 - discussion topic #2  
**Author:** David Robertson

**Topic:** Discussion Topic 2  
**Date:** January 18, 2011 10:17 AM

Christi - With the big push for technology in your school, are you using many tools in your own classroom? Are they helping you as a teacher and do you feel they are increasing achievement in your students?

Cuban pointed out that there are few empirical studies involving access and use in print today. David

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**Subject:** Re:Hensley Bio/Introduction  
**Author:** David Robertson

**Topic:** Discussion 1: Your Bio Here  
**Date:** January 14, 2011 10:10 AM

Hello Shannon - So good to "meet" you. I enjoyed reading your bio and your video intro was great too. It sounds like you've got some great priorities in your life and living life in the right order! My wife loves to sing in church and our faith in God is a very important part of our lives. I hope this class experience is just terrific for you. David Robertson

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**Subject:** Re:Patsy Kraj - Article Review  
**Author:** David Robertson

**Topic:** Professional development discussion Optional  
**Date:** March 23, 2011 11:26 AM

I also attempted to open it today with out success. I was able to download it but Word said it was corrupt in some fashion and I couldn't read it. David

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**Subject:** Re:Patsy Kraj - Article Review  
**Author:** David Robertson

**Topic:** Professional development discussion Optional  
**Date:** March 24, 2011 11:16 AM

Patsy, how about trying to save it to a good 'ol PDF? If your doc opens fine on your PC then the PDF might correct the problem. You can email it to me and I'll let you know if it works: drobertson777@aol.com. David

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**Subject:** Re:PDF  
**Author:** David Robertson

**Topic:** Professional development discussion Optional  
**Date:** March 25, 2011 12:17 PM

Shannon - I think this is an excellent question. There are so many acronyms in our culture that few of us even know what they stand for like UPS (United Parcel Service or Uninterruptible Power Supply?). When it was announced that Elizabeth Taylor died, my 19-year old daughter said, "who's that?"

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Source: <http://www.google.com/search?hl=en&defl=en&q=define:PDF+&sa=X&ei=g76MTaS0DcyatweEo82xDQ&ved=0CBQQkAE>

David

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**Subject:** Re:PDF  
**Author:** David Robertson

**Topic:** Professional development discussion Optional  
**Date:** March 28, 2011 3:08 PM

I remember the first time one of my professors at MTSU saved a PPT into PDF I thought - "whoa...I didn't know that would work!"

I've attached an example of a PPT > PDF for you to check. Also, PDF's are great when you have live hyperlinks in them, they work perfectly.

Did you know that you can save any PPT slide into a JPG format? You can save a single slide or the entire presentation into a JPG. All you do is:

1. Office Button

2. Save As
3. File type: JPEG
4. When you hit Save it asks you if you want to create a JPG of the curemnt slide or the whole presentation.
5. Select one and hit save and you've got a handy little JPG of any slide in your PPT.

Cool.

David

Attachments: [PBL Group Presentation - final revision.pdf](#)

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**Subject:** Re:PDF

**Topic:** Professional development discussion Optional

**Author:** David Robertson

**Date:** March 29, 2011 9:48 AM

It is a pleasure being in class with you as well. You have blazed a trail through many of these modules and I have learned a great deal by observing your work and reading your posts as I learn how to navigate my way through my first semester at UWG. David

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**Subject:** Re:Hensley Tip/Tutorial

**Topic:** Post your tech tip here

**Author:** David Robertson

**Date:** January 15, 2011 12:45 PM

Thank you for this! Even after taking the Galileo tutorial in its entirety researching articles in ERIC is not a slam dunk easy thing to do. I appreciate what you have shared! David

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**Subject:** Re:A 14-year-old Talks Educational Technology Discussion - Eddie Barnes

**Topic:** A 14-year-old Talks Educational Technology Discussion

**Author:** David Robertson

**Date:** January 15, 2011 12:49 PM

The concerns of educators (and parents) over unfiltered access to the web is valid. The #1 addiction in the USA, so I have been told, is internet porn. His age group is ripe for this kind of temptation. It is easy - just a few mouse clicks - to veer off course and get distracted and open a can of worms that he may not be mature enough to emotionally deal with. These kinds of issues can derail even the best students. I was the spiritual development pastor at a drug rehab for 4 years and 4.0 college students landed in our rehab because of issues similar to this. David

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**Subject:** Re:A 14-year-old Talks Educational Technology Discussion - Eddie Barnes

**Topic:** A 14-year-old Talks Educational Technology Discussion

**Author:** David Robertson

**Date:** January 15, 2011 4:57 PM

Hey Eddie - I concur with your comments as well. The Larry Cuban podcast is locataed in Module 2A - lesson 2.1. Thanks to Patsy for directing me there. David

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**Subject:** Re:Patsy Kraj - A 14 year old talks  
**Author:** David Robertson

**Topic:** A 14-year-old Talks Educational Technology Discussion  
**Date:** January 17, 2011 9:55 AM

Thoughtful post. Enjoyed reading it. Thanks, David

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**Subject:** Re:Martin Tech Tip  
**Author:** David Robertson

**Topic:** Post your tech tip here  
**Date:** January 15, 2011 5:00 PM

Hey Lisa - This is a great link!! Thank you so much. I love this kind of stuff. I collect it. Incidentally, I have a spam email address with Comcast that I NEVER check where I put email addresses in for sites requiring them. I can go there to click on the verification email link and be done with it and never be bothered by the site unless I want to. -- David

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**Subject:** Re:clenz1 - "Arthus"  
**Author:** David Robertson

**Topic:** A 14-year-old Talks Educational Technology Discussion  
**Date:** January 17, 2011 9:56 AM

So many are aware of "Google" but unaware of "Google Scholar" that is available. David

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**Subject:** Re:Where is the link to the Larry Cuban interview podcast?  
**Author:** David Robertson

**Topic:** Discussion Topic 2  
**Date:** January 17, 2011 10:11 AM

Hey Eddie - Check out the link in Module 2A under 2.1.

If anybody can help me download this to my iPod I would love to listen to these podcasts this semester on the go while I exercise. It's not intuitive within CourseDen to download them. David

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**Subject:** Re:Tech Tips-Fishel  
**Author:** David Robertson

**Topic:** Post your tech tip here  
**Date:** January 17, 2011 10:07 AM

Hey Floyd - Thanks for the saving YouTube videos in Safari. This could come in handy and gives Windows 7 users like me a reason to keep Safari on my PC. David

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**Subject:** Re:Fishel Response Arthus  
**Author:** David Robertson

**Topic:** A 14-year-old Talks Educational Technology Discussion  
**Date:** January 17, 2011 10:03 AM

Patsy - I can't help but concur about Twitter. The commercial says it well, "life comes at you fast." I simply can't justify the time to follow a tweet nor post one at this point. Since I'm not a CEO or a celebrity, it's not in my best interest to create a following nor follow one. David

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