Chapter 1

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1.1 Welcome and Thank You

Welcome to this LATEX Thesis Template, a beautiful and easy to use template for writing a thesis using the LATEX typesetting system.

If you are writing a thesis (or will be in the future) and its subject is technical or mathematical (though it doesn't have to be), then creating it in LATEX is highly recommended as a way to make sure you can just get down to the essential writing without having to worry over formatting or wasting time arguing with your word processor.

LATEX is easily able to professionally typeset documents that run to hundreds or thousands of pages long. With simple mark-up commands, it automatically sets out the table of contents, margins, page headers and footers and keeps the formatting consistent and beautiful. One of its main strengths is the way it can easily typeset mathematics, even *heavy* mathematics. Even if those equations are the most horribly twisted and most difficult mathematical problems that can only be solved on a super-computer, you can at least count on LATEX to make them look stunning.

1.2 Learning LATEX

LATEX is not a WYSIWYG (What You See is What You Get) program, unlike word processors such as Microsoft Word or Apple's Pages. Instead, a document written for LATEX is actually a simple, plain text file that contains *no formatting*. You tell LATEX how you want the formatting in the finished document by writing in simple commands amongst the text, for example, if I want to use *italic text for emphasis*, I write the \emph{text} command and put the text I want in italics in between the curly braces. This means that LATEX is a "mark-up" language, very much like HTML.

1.2.1 A (not so short) Introduction to LATEX

If you are new to LATEX, there is a very good eBook – freely available online as a PDF file – called, "The Not So Short Introduction to LATEX". The book's title is typically shortened to just *lshort*. You can download the latest version (as it is occasionally updated) from here: http://www.ctan.org/tex-archive/info/lshort/english/lshort.pdf

It is also available in several other languages. Find yours from the list on this page: http://www.ctan.org/tex-archive/info/lshort/

It is recommended to take a little time out to learn how to use LATEX by creating several, small 'test' documents, or having a close look at several templates on: http://www.LaTeXTemplates.com

Making the effort now means you're not stuck learning the system when what you *really* need to be doing is writing your thesis.

1.2.2 A Short Math Guide for LATEX

If you are writing a technical or mathematical thesis, then you may want to read the document by the AMS (American Mathematical Society) called, "A Short Math Guide for LATEX". It can be found online here: http://www.ams.org/tex/amslatex.html under the "Additional Documentation" section towards the bottom of the page.

1.2.3 Common LaTeX Math Symbols

There are a multitude of mathematical symbols available for LATEX and it would take a great effort to learn the commands for them all. The most common ones you are likely to use are shown on this page: http://www.sunilpatel.co.uk/latex-type/latex-math-symbols/

You can use this page as a reference or crib sheet, the symbols are rendered as large, high quality images so you can quickly find the LATEX command for the symbol you need.

1.2.4 Later TeX on a Mac

The LATEX distribution is available for many systems including Windows, Linux and Mac OS X. The package for OS X is called MacTeX and it contains all the applications you need – bundled together and pre-customized – for a fully working LATEX environment and work flow.

MacTeX includes a custom dedicated LaTeX editor called TeXShop for writing your '.tex' files and BibDesk: a program to manage your references and create your bibliography section just as easily as managing songs and creating playlists in iTunes.

1.3 Getting Started with this Template

If you are familiar with LATEX, then you should explore the directory structure of the template and then proceed to place your own information into the *THESIS INFOR-MATION* block of the main.tex file. You can then modify the rest of this file to your unique specifications based on your degree/university. Section 1.5 on page 4 will help you do this. Make sure you also read section 1.7 about thesis conventions to get the most out of this template.

If you are new to LATEX it is recommended that you carry on reading through the rest of the information in this document.

Before you begin using this template you should ensure that its style complies with the thesis style guidelines imposed by your institution. In most cases this template style and layout will be suitable. If it is not, it may only require a small change to bring the template in line with your institution's recommendations. These modifications will need to be done on the MastersDoctoralThesis.cls file.

1.3.1 About this Template

This LATEX Thesis Template is originally based and created around a LATEX style file created by Steve R. Gunn from the University of Southampton (UK), department of Electronics and Computer Science. You can find his original thesis style file at his site, here: http://www.ecs.soton.ac.uk/~srg/softwaretools/document/templates/

Steve's **ecsthesis.cls** was then taken by Sunil Patel who modified it by creating a skeleton framework and folder structure to place the thesis files in. The resulting template can be found on Sunil's site here: http://www.sunilpatel.co.uk/thesis-template

Sunil's template was made available through http://www.LaTeXTemplates.com where it was modified many times based on user requests and questions. Version 2.0 and onwards of this template represents a major modification to Sunil's template and is, in fact, hardly recognisable. The work to make version 2.0 possible was carried out by Vel and Johannes Böttcher.

1.4 What this Template Includes

1.4.1 Folders

This template comes as a single zip file that expands out to several files and folders. The folder names are mostly self-explanatory:

Appendices – this is the folder where you put the appendices. Each appendix should go into its own separate . **tex** file. An example and template are included in the directory.

Chapters – this is the folder where you put the thesis chapters. A thesis usually has about six chapters, though there is no hard rule on this. Each chapter should go in its own separate . **tex** file and they can be split as:

- Chapter 1: Introduction to the thesis topic
- Chapter 2: Background information and theory
- Chapter 3: (Laboratory) experimental setup
- Chapter 4: Details of experiment 1
- Chapter 5: Details of experiment 2
- Chapter 6: Discussion of the experimental results
- Chapter 7: Conclusion and future directions

This chapter layout is specialised for the experimental sciences, your discipline may be different.

Figures – this folder contains all figures for the thesis. These are the final images that will go into the thesis document.

1.4.2 Files

Included are also several files, most of them are plain text and you can see their contents in a text editor. After initial compilation, you will see that more auxiliary

files are created by LATEX or BibTeX and which you don't need to delete or worry about:

example.bib – this is an important file that contains all the bibliographic information and references that you will be citing in the thesis for use with BibTeX. You can write it manually, but there are reference manager programs available that will create and manage it for you. Bibliographies in LATEX are a large subject and you may need to read about BibTeX before starting with this. Many modern reference managers will allow you to export your references in BibTeX format which greatly eases the amount of work you have to do.

MastersDoctoralThesis.cls – this is an important file. It is the class file that tells LATEX how to format the thesis.

main.pdf – this is your beautifully typeset thesis (in the PDF file format) created by LATEX. It is supplied in the PDF with the template and after you compile the template you should get an identical version.

main.tex – this is an important file. This is the file that you tell LATEX to compile to produce your thesis as a PDF file. It contains the framework and constructs that tell LATEX how to layout the thesis. It is heavily commented so you can read exactly what each line of code does and why it is there. After you put your own information into the THESIS INFORMATION block – you have now started your thesis!

Files that are *not* included, but are created by LATEX as auxiliary files include:

main.aux – this is an auxiliary file generated by LATEX, if it is deleted LATEX simply regenerates it when you run the main .tex file.

main.bbl – this is an auxiliary file generated by BibTeX, if it is deleted, BibTeX simply regenerates it when you run the main.aux file. Whereas the .bib file contains all the references you have, this .bbl file contains the references you have actually cited in the thesis and is used to build the bibliography section of the thesis.

main.blg – this is an auxiliary file generated by BibTeX, if it is deleted BibTeX simply regenerates it when you run the main .aux file.

main.lof – this is an auxiliary file generated by LATEX, if it is deleted LATEX simply regenerates it when you run the main .tex file. It tells LATEX how to build the *List of Figures* section.

main.log – this is an auxiliary file generated by LATEX, if it is deleted LATEX simply regenerates it when you run the main .tex file. It contains messages from LATEX, if you receive errors and warnings from LATEX, they will be in this .log file.

main.lot – this is an auxiliary file generated by LATEX, if it is deleted LATEX simply regenerates it when you run the main .tex file. It tells LATEX how to build the *List of Tables* section.

main.out – this is an auxiliary file generated by LATEX, if it is deleted LATEX simply regenerates it when you run the main .tex file.

So from this long list, only the files with the .bib, .cls and .tex extensions are the most important ones. The other auxiliary files can be ignored or deleted as LATEX and BibTeX will regenerate them.

1.5 Filling in Your Information in the main. tex File

You will need to personalise the thesis template and make it your own by filling in your own information. This is done by editing the main.tex file in a text editor or your favourite LaTeX environment.

Open the file and scroll down to the third large block titled *THESIS INFORMA-TION* where you can see the entries for *University Name*, *Department Name*, etc...

Fill out the information about yourself, your group and institution. You can also insert web links, if you do, make sure you use the full URL, including the http://for this. If you don't want these to be linked, simply remove the \href{url}{name} and only leave the name.

When you have done this, save the file and recompile main.tex. All the information you filled in should now be in the PDF, complete with web links. You can now begin your thesis proper!

1.6 The main.tex File Explained

The main.tex file contains the structure of the thesis. There are plenty of written comments that explain what pages, sections and formatting the LATEX code is creating. Each major document element is divided into commented blocks with titles in all capitals to make it obvious what the following bit of code is doing. Initially there seems to be a lot of LATEX code, but this is all formatting, and it has all been taken care of so you don't have to do it.

Begin by checking that your information on the title page is correct. For the thesis declaration, your institution may insist on something different than the text given. If this is the case, just replace what you see with what is required in the DECLARATION PAGE block.

Then comes a page which contains a funny quote. You can put your own, or quote your favourite scientist, author, person, and so on. Make sure to put the name of the person who you took the quote from.

Following this is the abstract page which summarises your work in a condensed way and can almost be used as a standalone document to describe what you have done. The text you write will cause the heading to move up so don't worry about running out of space.

Next come the acknowledgements. On this page, write about all the people who you wish to thank (not forgetting parents, partners and your advisor/supervisor).

The contents pages, list of figures and tables are all taken care of for you and do not need to be manually created or edited. The next set of pages are more likely to be optional and can be deleted since they are for a more technical thesis: insert a list of abbreviations you have used in the thesis, then a list of the physical constants and numbers you refer to and finally, a list of mathematical symbols used in any formulae. Making the effort to fill these tables means the reader has a one-stop place to refer to instead of searching the internet and references to try and find out what you meant by certain abbreviations or symbols.

The list of symbols is split into the Roman and Greek alphabets. Whereas the abbreviations and symbols ought to be listed in alphabetical order (and this is *not* done automatically for you) the list of physical constants should be grouped into similar themes.

The next page contains a one line dedication. Who will you dedicate your thesis to?

Finally, there is the block where the chapters are included. Uncomment the lines (delete the % character) as you write the chapters. Each chapter should be written in its own file and put into the *Chapters* folder and named **Chapter1**, **Chapter2**, etc...Similarly for the appendices, uncomment the lines as you need them. Each appendix should go into its own file and placed in the *Appendices* folder.

After the preamble, chapters and appendices finally comes the bibliography. The bibliography style (called authoryear) is used for the bibliography and is a fully featured style that will even include links to where the referenced paper can be found online. Do not underestimate how grateful your reader will be to find that a reference to a paper is just a click away. Of course, this relies on you putting the URL information into the BibTeX file in the first place.

1.7 Thesis Features and Conventions

To get the best out of this template, there are a few conventions that you may want to follow.

One of the most important (and most difficult) things to keep track of in such a long document as a thesis is consistency. Using certain conventions and ways of doing things (such as using a Todo list) makes the job easier. Of course, all of these are optional and you can adopt your own method.

1.7.1 Printing Format

This thesis template is designed for double sided printing (i.e. content on the front and back of pages) as most theses are printed and bound this way. Switching to one sided printing is as simple as uncommenting the oneside option of the documentclass command at the top of the main.tex file. You may then wish to adjust the margins to suit specifications from your institution.

The headers for the pages contain the page number on the outer side (so it is easy to flick through to the page you want) and the chapter name on the inner side.

The text is set to 11 point by default with single line spacing, again, you can tune the text size and spacing should you want or need to using the options at the very start of **main.tex**. The spacing can be changed similarly by replacing the singlespacing with onehalfspacing or doublespacing.

1.7.2 Using US Letter Paper

The paper size used in the template is A4, which is the standard size in Europe. If you are using this thesis template elsewhere and particularly in the United States, then you may have to change the A4 paper size to the US Letter size. This can be done in the margins settings section in main.tex.

Due to the differences in the paper size, the resulting margins may be different to what you like or require (as it is common for institutions to dictate certain margin sizes). If this is the case, then the margin sizes can be tweaked by modifying the values in the same block as where you set the paper size. Now your document should be set up for US Letter paper size with suitable margins.

1.7.3 References

The biblatex package is used to format the bibliography and inserts references such as this one (Hawthorn, Weber, and Scholten, 2001). The options used in the main.tex file mean that the in-text citations of references are formatted with the author(s) listed with the date of the publication. Multiple references are separated by semicolons (e.g. (Wieman and Hollberg, 1991; Hawthorn, Weber, and Scholten, 2001)) and references with more than three authors only show the first author with *et al.*

indicating there are more authors (e.g. (Arnold et al., 1998)). This is done automatically for you. To see how you use references, have a look at the **Chapter1.tex** source file. Many reference managers allow you to simply drag the reference into the document as you type.

Scientific references should come *before* the punctuation mark if there is one (such as a comma or period). The same goes for footnotes¹. You can change this but the most important thing is to keep the convention consistent throughout the thesis. Footnotes themselves should be full, descriptive sentences (beginning with a capital letter and ending with a full stop). The APA6 states: "Footnote numbers should be superscripted, [...], following any punctuation mark except a dash." The Chicago manual of style states: "A note number should be placed at the end of a sentence or clause. The number follows any punctuation mark except the dash, which it precedes. It follows a closing parenthesis."

The bibliography is typeset with references listed in alphabetical order by the first author's last name. This is similar to the APA referencing style. To see how LATEX typesets the bibliography, have a look at the very end of this document (or just click on the reference number links in in-text citations).

A Note on bibtex

The bibtex backend used in the template by default does not correctly handle unicode character encoding (i.e. "international" characters). You may see a warning about this in the compilation log and, if your references contain unicode characters, they may not show up correctly or at all. The solution to this is to use the biber backend instead of the outdated bibtex backend. This is done by finding this in main.tex: backend=bibtex and changing it to backend=biber. You will then need to delete all auxiliary BibTeX files and navigate to the template directory in your terminal (command prompt). Once there, simply type biber main and biber will compile your bibliography. You can then compile main.tex as normal and your bibliography will be updated. An alternative is to set up your LaTeX editor to compile with biber instead of bibtex, see here for how to do this for various editors.

1.7.4 Tables

Tables are an important way of displaying your results, below is an example table which was generated with this code:

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\begin{table}
\caption{The effects of treatments X and Y on the four groups studied.}
\label{tab:treatments}
\centering
\begin{tabular}{1    1    1}
\toprule
\tabhead{Groups} & \tabhead{Treatment X} & \tabhead{Treatment Y} \\
\midrule
1 & 0.2 & 0.8\\
2 & 0.17 & 0.7\\
3 & 0.24 & 0.75\\
4 & 0.68 & 0.3\\
\bottomrule\\
\end{tabular}
\end{table}
```

Groups	Treatment X	Treatment Y	
1	0.2	0.8	
2	0.17	0.7	
3	0.24	0.75	
4	0.68	0.3	

TABLE 1.1: The effects of treatments X and Y on the four groups studied.

You can reference tables with \ref{<label>} where the label is defined within the table environment. See **Chapter1.tex** for an example of the label and citation (e.g. Table 1.1).

1.7.5 Figures

There will hopefully be many figures in your thesis (that should be placed in the *Figures* folder). The way to insert figures into your thesis is to use a code template like this:

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\begin{figure}
\centering
\includegraphics{Figures/Electron}
\decoRule
\caption[An Electron]{An electron (artist's impression).}
\label{fig:Electron}
\end{figure}
```

Also look in the source file. Putting this code into the source file produces the picture of the electron that you can see in the figure below.

Sometimes figures don't always appear where you write them in the source. The placement depends on how much space there is on the page for the figure. Sometimes there is not enough room to fit a figure directly where it should go (in relation to the text) and so LATEX puts it at the top of the next page. Positioning figures is the job of LATEX and so you should only worry about making them look good!

Figures usually should have captions just in case you need to refer to them (such as in Figure 1.1). The \caption command contains two parts, the first part, inside the square brackets is the title that will appear in the *List of Figures*, and so should be short. The second part in the curly brackets should contain the longer and more descriptive caption text.

The \decoRule command is optional and simply puts an aesthetic horizontal line below the image. If you do this for one image, do it for all of them.

LATEX is capable of using images in pdf, jpg and png format.

1.7.6 Typesetting mathematics

If your thesis is going to contain heavy mathematical content, be sure that LATEX will make it look beautiful, even though it won't be able to solve the equations for you.

The "Not So Short Introduction to LATEX" (available on CTAN) should tell you everything you need to know for most cases of typesetting mathematics. If you need

¹Such as this footnote, here down at the bottom of the page.



FIGURE 1.1: An electron (artist's impression).

more information, a much more thorough mathematical guide is available from the AMS called, "A Short Math Guide to LATEX" and can be downloaded from: ftp://ftp.ams.org/pub/tex/doc/amsmath/short-math-guide.pdf

There are many different LATEX symbols to remember, luckily you can find the most common symbols in The Comprehensive LATEX Symbol List.

You can write an equation, which is automatically given an equation number by LATEX like this:

\begin{equation}
E = mc^{2}
\label{eqn:Einstein}
\end{equation}

This will produce Einstein's famous energy-matter equivalence equation:

$$E = mc^2 (1.1)$$

All equations you write (which are not in the middle of paragraph text) are automatically given equation numbers by LATEX. If you don't want a particular equation numbered, use the unnumbered form:

 $[a^{2}=4]$

1.8 Sectioning and Subsectioning

You should break your thesis up into nice, bite-sized sections and subsections. LATEX automatically builds a table of Contents by looking at all the \chapter{}, \section{} and \subsection{} commands you write in the source.

The Table of Contents should only list the sections to three (3) levels. A chapter{} is level zero (0). A \section{} is level one (1) and so a \subsection{} is level two (2). In your thesis it is likely that you will even use a subsubsection{}, which is level three (3). The depth to which the Table of Contents is formatted is set within MastersDoctoralThesis.cls. If you need this changed, you can do it in main.tex.

1.9 In Closing

You have reached the end of this mini-guide. You can now rename or overwrite this pdf file and begin writing your own **Chapter1.tex** and the rest of your thesis. The easy work of setting up the structure and framework has been taken care of for you. It's now your job to fill it out!

Good luck and have lots of fun!

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Chapter 2

Application User Interface

In this chapter some of the useful UI features of the application will be discussed.

2.1 Main Layout

The application has three main scenes. The first one is the home screen which shows buttons to take the user to the other two scenes; "Enter Test Mode" button takes the user to the scene which is used for collecting data, and "Analyze Data" button takes the user to a scene that allows him/her to view the collected data. The home screen also contains two radio buttons to allow the user to select which hand (left or right) he/she will be testing with the gestures. Figure 2.1 shows the layout of the home screen.



FIGURE 2.1: The scene that the user sees initially when they load the application.

2.1.1 Creating or Loading User

The user can click on the "Enter Test Mode" to go to the scene where data will be collected. However, before the user can go to the data collection scene, they must first select a previously saved user or create a new user. All of the hand gesture data collected will be stored in an appropriately named folder for the user. Therefore, when the user clicks on the "Enter Test Mode" the first thing that comes up is a small pop-up screen that asks whether the user would like to create a new user or select an older user; see Figure 2.2 and Figure 2.3.



FIGURE 2.2: Pop-up window showing options to create or select user.



FIGURE 2.3: Pop-up window showing the previously created users.

The users shows in the dropdown menu are loaded from a CSV file which is used to record them. Whenever a user is created, a new entry is added to the CSV file for that user. As can be expected these operations are handled by using a convient User class which encapsulates all the data associated with such an object.

2.1.2 Saving User Data

After having created or selected a user, the user is taken to the screen where he/she can start to proceed to practicing the ten gestures shown for whichever left/right hand was selected on the home screen; see Figure 2.4. On this data collection screen there are five buttons: the Next and Previous buttons cycle through the gestures, the Save button saves the currently being displayed user hand, the "End Testing" button goes back to the home screen, and the Rotate button which rotates the user and target hand a full 360 degrees slowly.

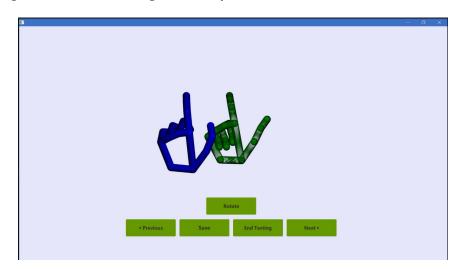


FIGURE 2.4: This scene is where the user can complete the shown gestures on the screen and the clinicians can collect the user's gesture data.

There are also some keyboard shortcuts that were coded that function in place of some of the buttons. For example, left and right arrows are mapped to the Previous and Next buttons, while the Enter key is mapped to causing the Save Gesture dialog window to pop up just as the Save button does. The user's hand will appear in full blue color on the screen, whereas the target hand the user is trying to imitate will appear in a dark green mesh material. The user's hand will be saved correctly regardless of whether it is exactly covering the target hand. The target hand is just there to give the user indication of the gesture he/she is doing. Figure 2.5 shows the Save Gesture dialog which allows the clinicians to type some comments and mark the result of the user's attempt in replicating the shown gesture.

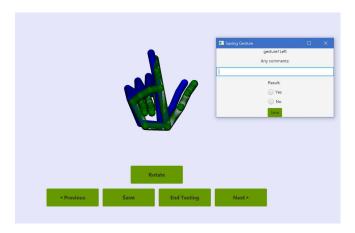


FIGURE 2.5: This dialog lets the clinicians grade and comment on the user's gesture before saving it.

By default the result is saved to be "Yes" which indicates the user successfully completed the gesture. In the code, there is an object called HandInfo which represents the data being saved including the full file path of where the Leap Motion Hand object will be serialized to, and the comments and the result of the gesture attempt.

2.1.3 Visual Rotation of Gesture

The Rotate button causes the 3D camera that is being used in the application to spin around. The user and target hands themselves do not move at all, it is the camera that orbits around them while being focused on them. A picture taken while the rotation was happening is shown in Figure 2.6.

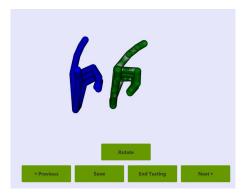


FIGURE 2.6: This figure shows instance of the rotation in action. The hands are shown at 90 degree angle because of the camera rotating around them.

The way this is achieved via code is shown in Figure 2.7. In order for the user to observe the rotation happen in real time on the screen, a Timeline object was used to set up an animation which can update the observable angleProperty() of a rotation transform object attached to the camera in advance. The timeline was set to last for seven seconds and the starting and ending angles were 0 and 360 degrees respectively. The code which actually initializes and adds the Rotate transform to the 3D perspective camera of the application is shown in Figure 2.8.

FIGURE 2.7: This code shows the Timeline object that was used to animate the movement of the 3D camera around the y-axis.

Since the "rotateAround" transform object is added first to the camera's transforms, it will be the last transform to be executed. This is exactly what we want so the camera will remain focused on the hands as it rotates.

```
// The 3D camera
PerspectiveCamera camera = new PerspectiveCamera(true);
// The rotation transform to be updated later
rotateAroundY = new Rotate(0, Rotate.Y_AXIS);
// rotation transform is added first. It will be executed last
camera.getTransforms().addAll(rotateAroundY, new Translate(0, -5, -50), new Rotate(-10, Rotate.X_AXIS));
```

FIGURE 2.8: This code shows the rotate transform that's added to the camera. This transform gets updated by the animation timeline object.

The hands themselves are not affected at all by the rotation and in fact during the seven seconds in which the camera is being rotated around the y-axis, the user can continue trying to imitate the gesture. However, during testing of the application it was found out that most users perfer to have to rotation happen in seperately initially so they can just observe. Only after the rotation finishes is when they would start trying to perform the gesture.

2.2 Tabular Display of Data

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2.3 Writing and Reading from CSV

2.4 Artifacts and Distribution

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2.4.1 Leap App Store

2.4.2 IDE Build Process and Batch Script

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