

# **Lakes, Landscape, and R:**

## **A framework for open research on freshwater cyanobacteria**

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# Twitter?



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# Open Science?

# What is open science?

- Access to materials
- Reproducible/ Repeatable
- The Web!
- A process, not a state



# Why open science?

- Often required
  - Government/Funders/Journals
- Benefits researchers
  - [Mciernan et al. \(2016\) How open science helps researchers succeed](#)
- Improves quality
  - [The classic example: Reinhart and Rogoff](#)
- Benefits to society
  - ["Sharing of Data Leads to Progress on Alzheimerâ€™s"](#)

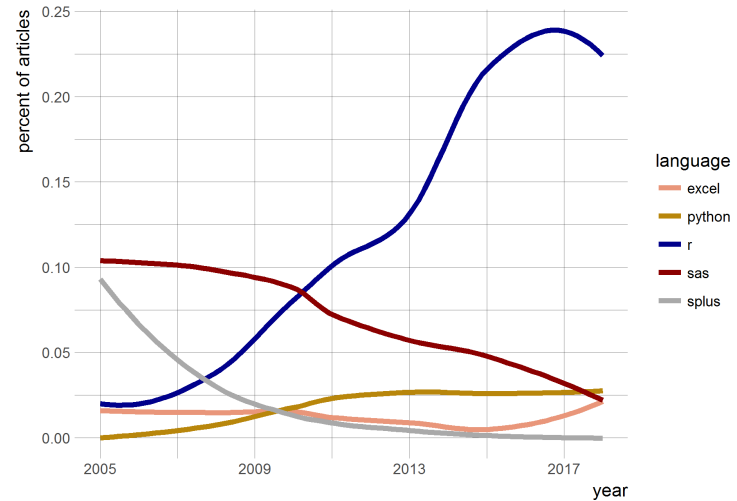


# Open Science Solutions

- Publishing
- Data
- Code

# R in Landscape Ecology

- Use of R on increase
- Packages
  - Old-timers: sp, rgdal, raster, rgeos,
  - Whippersnappers: sf, stars
  - landsat
  - SDMtools
  - nlmr
  - landscapetools
  - landscapemetrics



# R, lakes, and cyanobacteria at USEPA



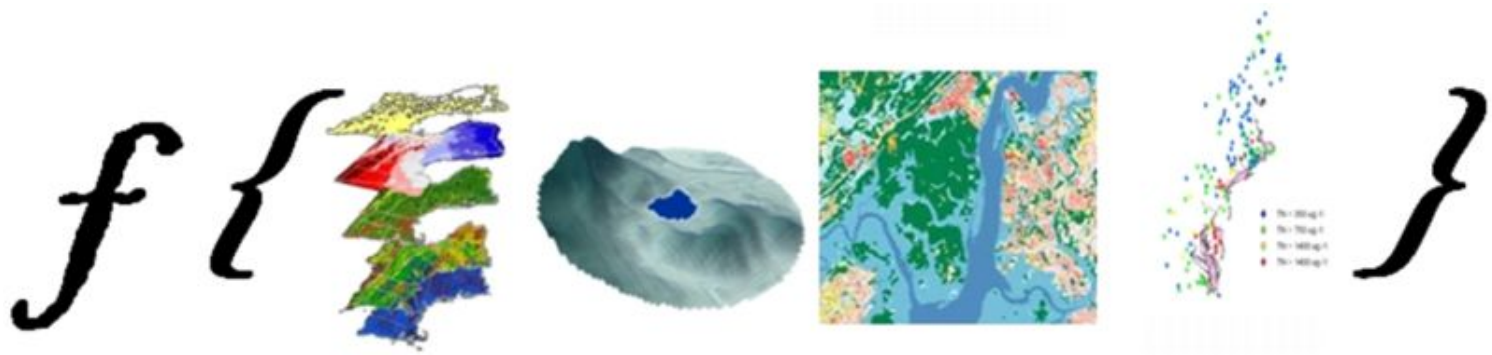
# Who are we?

- Ecologists
- Computational focus
  - Enough to be dangerous
- 3 FTE
  - Myself
  - Betty Kreakie
  - Bryan Milstead
- 1 Post-doc
  - Stephen Shivers
- Alum
  - Farnaz Nojavan



# What do we do?

- Apply computational approaches to understand water quality impacts in lakes
- Open Science
- Use R
  - Analysis
  - Sharing code
  - Solve common problems



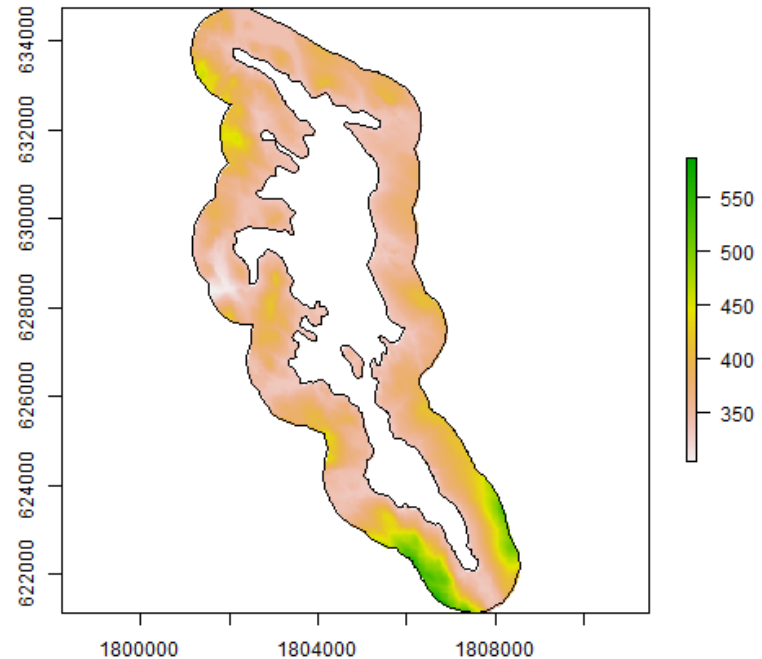
# Packages to solve common problems

- lakemorpho
- elevatr
- goatscape (in development)

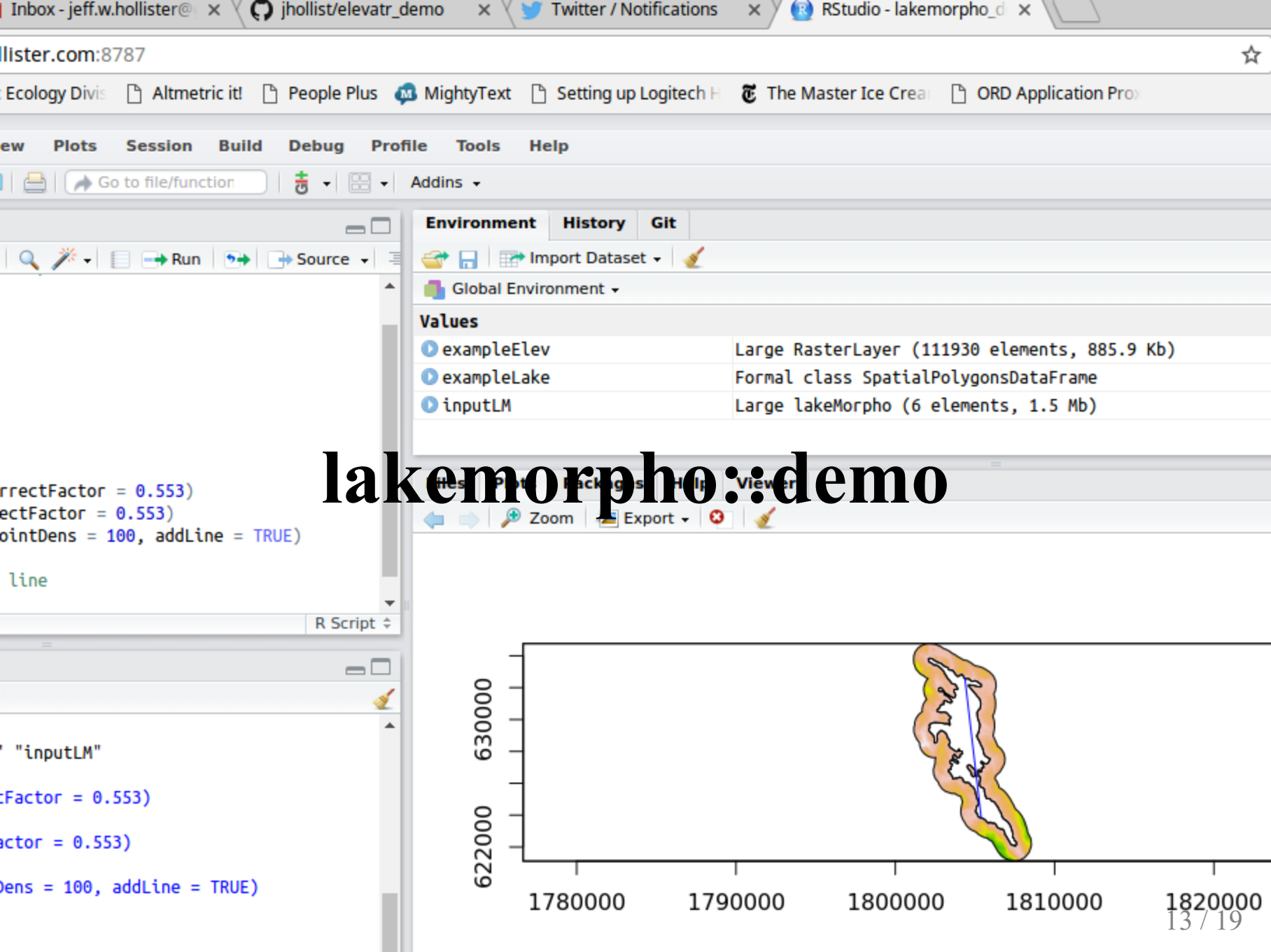


# lakemorpho

- Lake morphometry metrics in R
- Built off of `sp`, `rgdal`, `rgeos`, and `raster` suite
- Version 1.0
  - August 2014
- Version 1.1.0
  - December 2016
- `sf` support to be added
- [National Lake Morphometry](#)
- [Some metrics included in NHD+](#)
- [Hollister and Milstead \(2010\)](#)
- [Hollister \*et. al.\* \(2011\)](#)
- [Hollister and Stachelek \(2017\)](#)

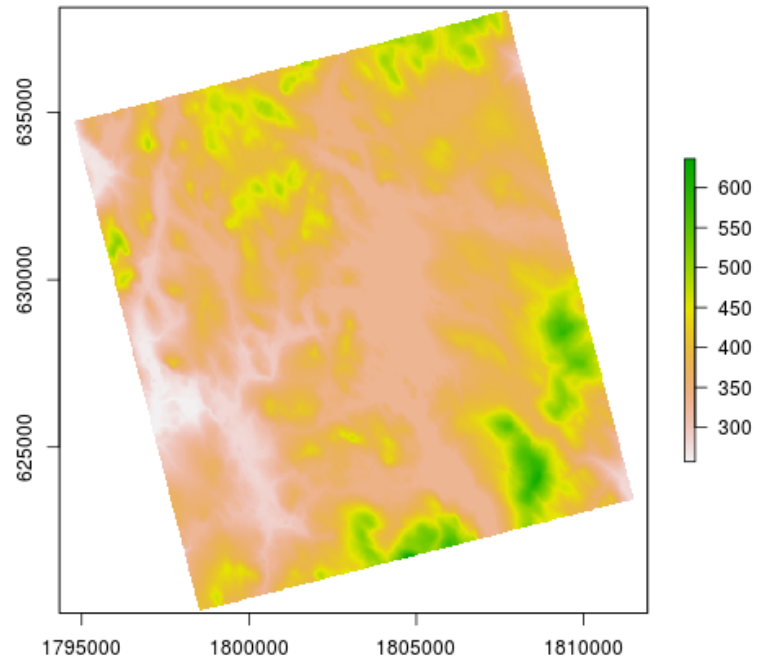


Package URL: <https://cran.r-project.org/package=lakemorpho>

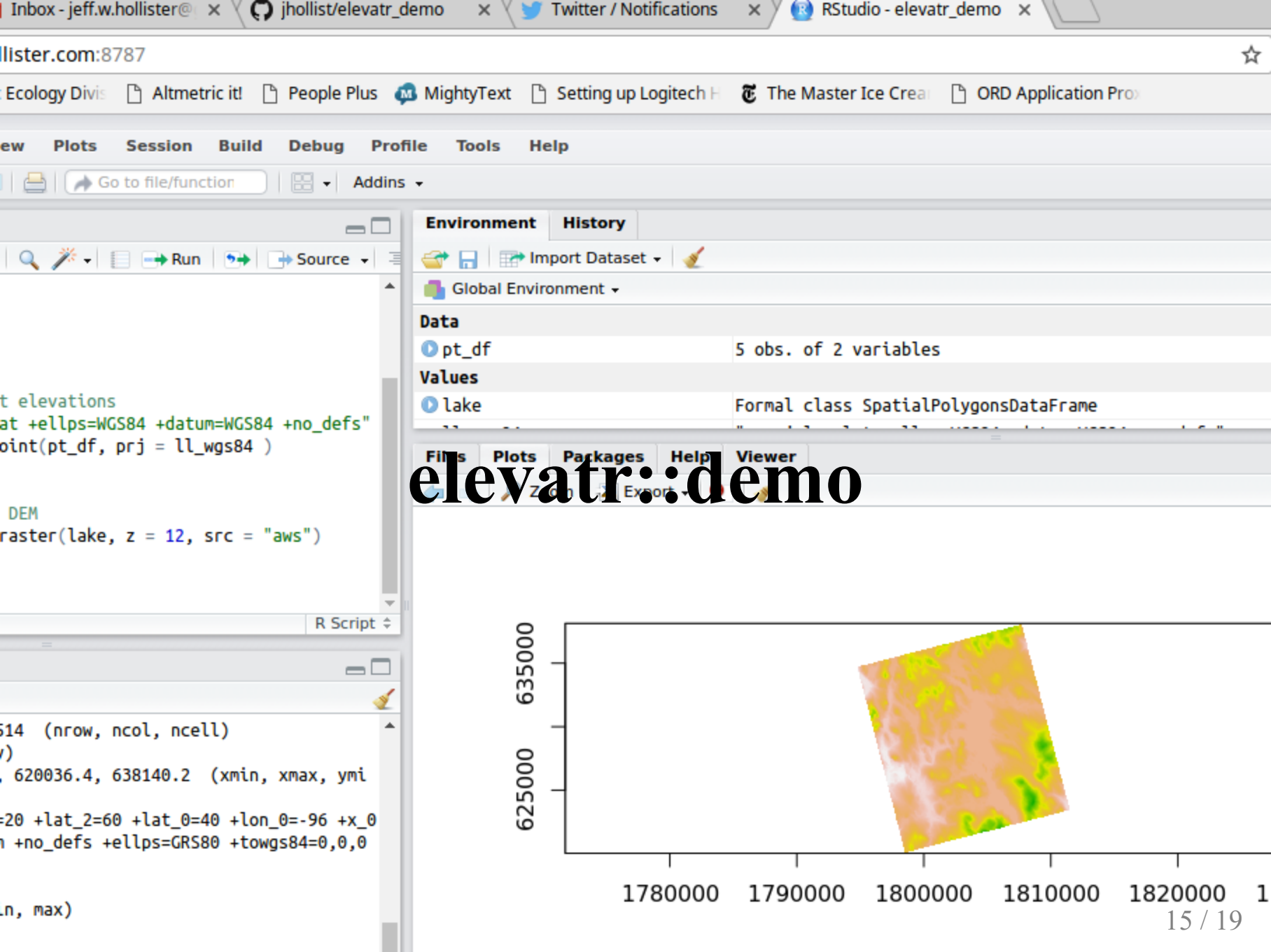


# elevatr

- Access elevation data in R
  - Mapzen
  - AWS
  - USGS
- Built off of `sp`, `rgdal`, `rgeos`, and `raster` suite
- Version 0.1.1
  - January 2017
- Version 0.1.3
  - March 2017
- Will be paired with `lakemorpho`
- `sf` support to be added



Package URL: <https://cran.r-project.org/package=elevatr>



# goatscape

- New effort with Bryan Milstead
- What's in a name?
- Summarizes ancillary data for a user-defined landscape polygon
  - Census (via `censusapi`)
  - Landcover
  - Impervious
- Accepts arbitrary spatial data for the landscape
- Based on `sf` and `tidy` by design
- <https://github.com/usepa/goatscape>





# Take Home Message

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- R is awesome
- Can be used for a wide array of uses (including this talk)
- Increasing use in LE
- Our packages and Others

# Thanks!

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