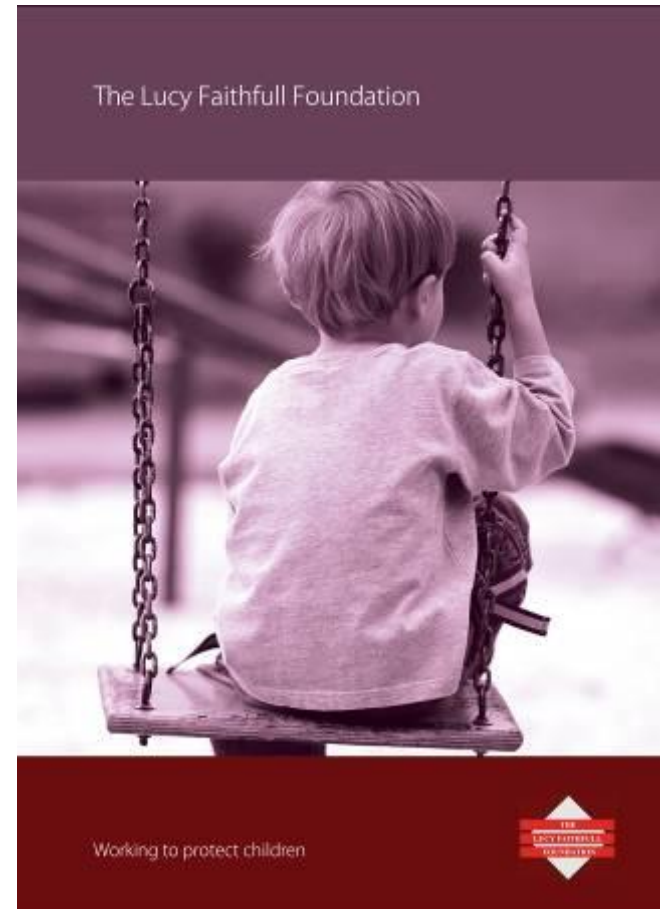




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Steps to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse

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tackling child sexual abuse



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The only UK-wide Helpline and Campaign
dedicated solely to tackling
child sexual abuse

Preventing Child Sexual Abuse by

- known offenders
- unknown offenders
- those at risk of offending



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What do you want them to do?

What do they need to know?



Think again....(UK, maybe Latvia?)

- Risk to children is small?
- Sex offenders are:-
 - male
 - adult
 - strangers

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- Fathers/Stepfathers?
- Don't want to/can't stop?
- We catch the majority?
- Treatment can achieve little?
- Internet child pornography offenders – are they the same risk as contact sex offenders?

Conclusion

- Some 1 in 6 children have been sexually abused by age 18 (more girls than boys)
- 8 out of 10 children know their abusers
- The vast majority of abuse is not reported to the Police

Ref: Radford 2011; Cawson 2000; Grubin 1998

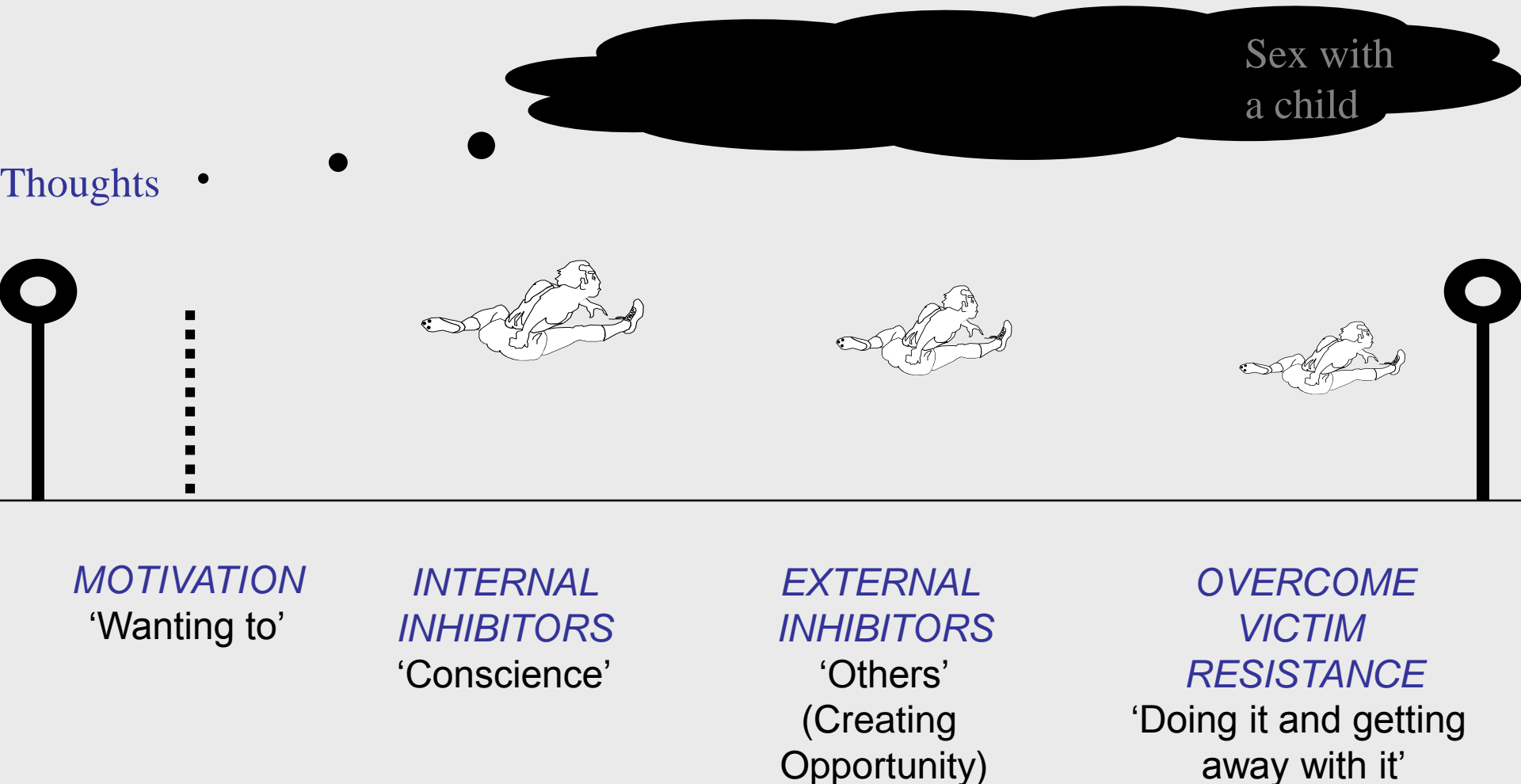
Who are the Abusers?

Adult Males	60 % ?
Adult Females	5-10 % ?
Young people and Children	30 % +

How does it happen?

Four pre-conditions to child sexual abuse

Adapted from: D Finkelhor Child Sexual Abuse: New Theory & Research 1984



A Comprehensive Framework for the Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse

Comprehensive Prevention model

- Four essential targets
 - **Offenders** / potential offenders
 - **Victims** / potential victims
 - **Communities/Families**
 - Specific **situations** in which abuse has occurred / is more likely to occur
- Public Health model of prevention
 - **Primary** prevention
 - **Secondary** prevention
 - **Tertiary** prevention
- Thus, 12 points of focus for prevention efforts (4 essential targets x 3 prevention levels)

How can we prevent abuse?

Prevention Targets

	Primary prevention	Secondary prevention	Tertiary prevention
(Potential) Offenders			
Children (Victims)			
Families/ Communities			
Situations			
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Where on the framework?

Treatment programmes for convicted sex offenders

Prevention Targets

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Where on the framework?

Awareness-raising prevention education programmes for all parents and carers

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Everyone has a part to play in preventing child sexual abuse



Welcome

...to Parents Protect, your online information and resources website. Here, we aim to raise your awareness about child sexual abuse, answer any questions you may have and give you the information you need to help to protect children.

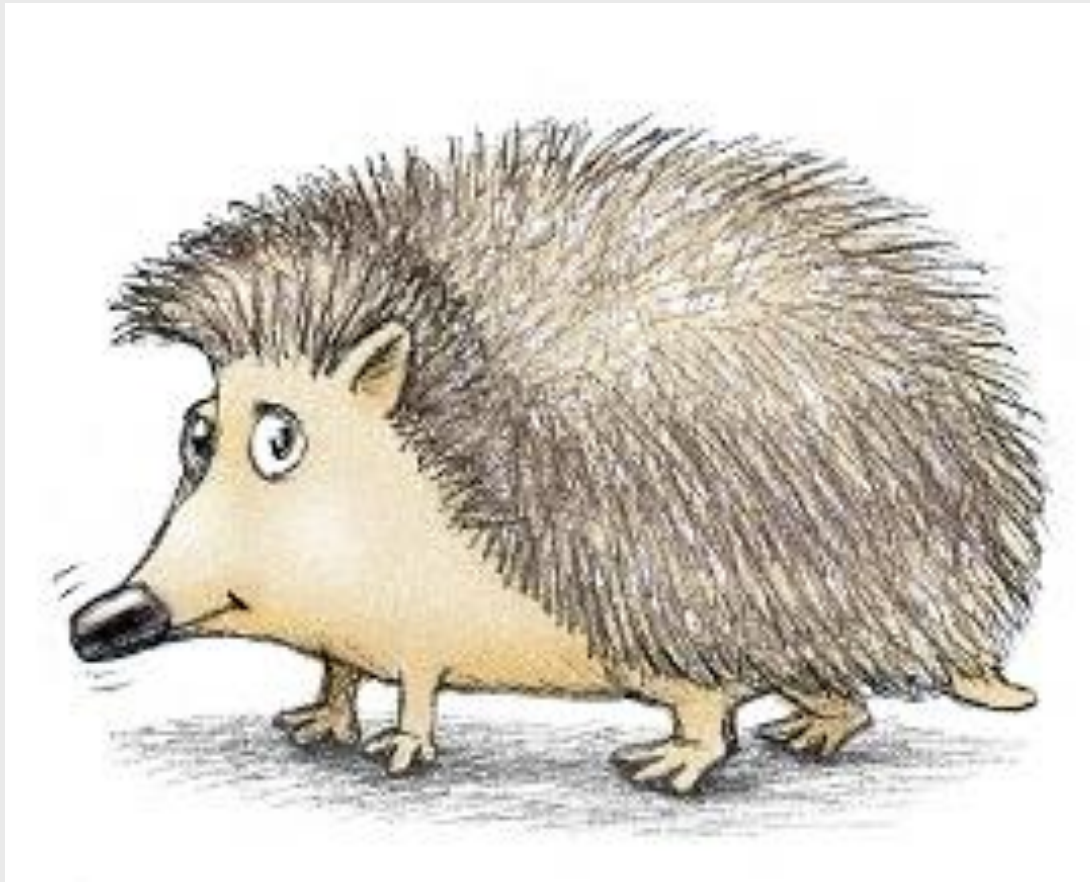
Our Aim...

Prevention Targets

	Primary prevention	Secondary prevention	Tertiary prevention
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Where on the framework?

Primary school programme of personal safety and sex education for all 10 year olds



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Prevention Targets

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Victims (Children)			
Families/ Communities			
Situations			

Where on the framework?

Safer Recruitment training for Headteachers
and Governors of schools

Prevention Targets

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Victims (Children)			
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Situations			



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Eradicating Child Sexual Abuse (ECSA)

The Lucy Faithfull Foundation is currently running a major project to identify effective and promising responses to child sexual abuse from around the world with the aim of helping nations implement effective strategies to protect children from sexual harm.

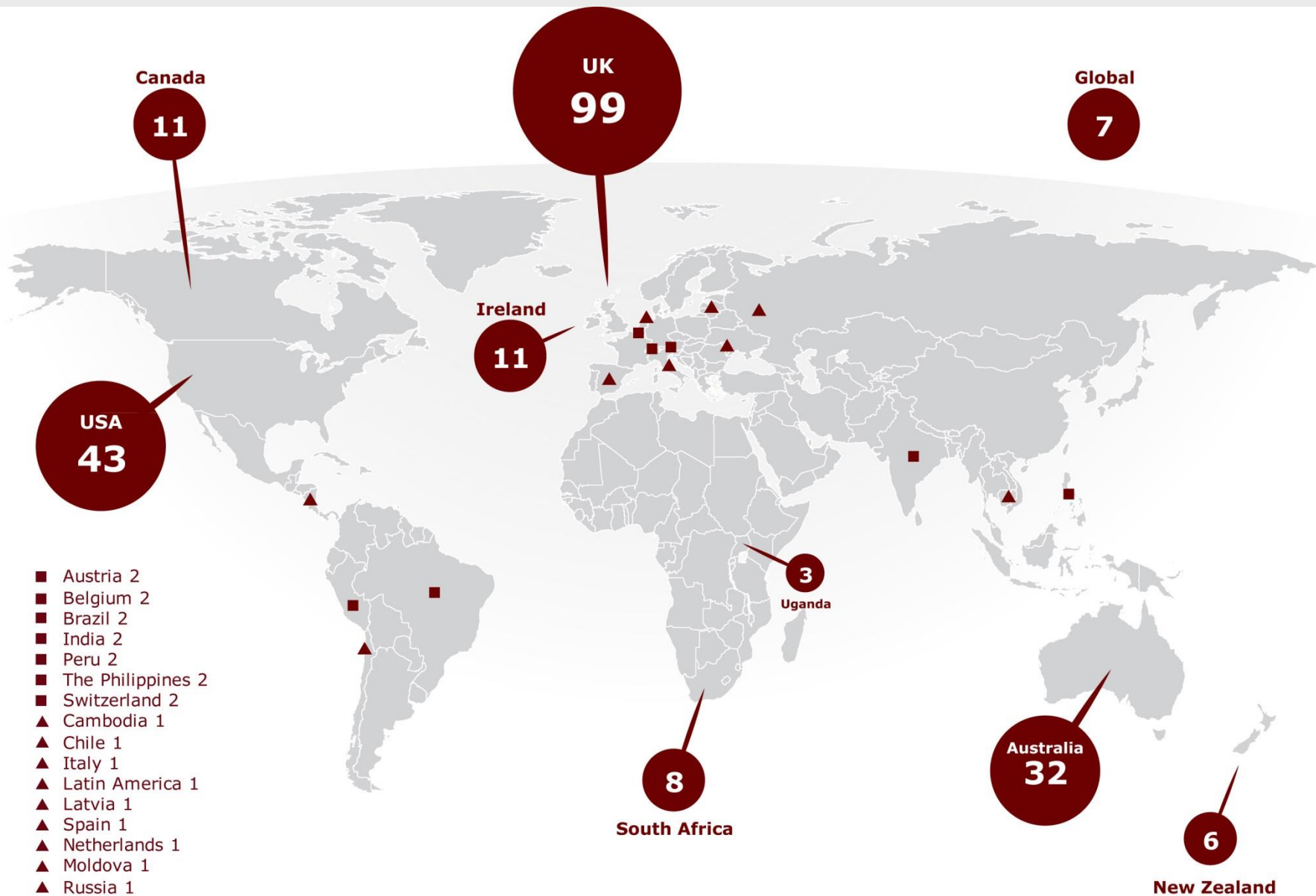
Child sexual abuse is estimated to impact between one in four and one in ten children worldwide. Across the globe, countries are at different stages in recognising and responding to such abuse. The 'Eradicating Child Sexual Abuse' (ECSA) project involves developing a toolkit to assist nations looking to tackle child sexual abuse to develop a considered and credible strategy for its prevention.

What this project involves

The ECSA project will draw on the expertise of practitioners, academics and frontline workers responding to child sexual abuse to help develop the toolkit for people of all nations to use when looking to address child sexual abuse. We will run an online forum, convene meetings and host conferences with a view to:

- Creating a comprehensive list of different 'types' of child sexual abuse, with definitions
- Creating a representative list of brief, accessible summaries of effective or promising primary, secondary and tertiary prevention responses to child sexual abuse
- Creating and trialling a step-by-step process for the design of a comprehensive strategy for the prevention of child sexual abuse by a nation/area/region
- Disseminating the prevention toolkit to organisations across the globe.

Across all our activities we will be using the 'Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Framework' developed by Prof Stephen Smallbone et al (1). This work is supported by [Oak Foundation](#).



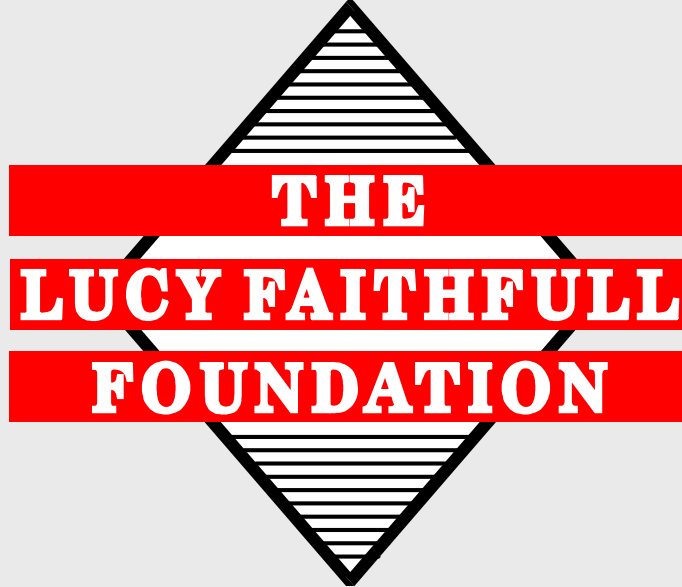
Prevention Targets

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Situations			

What is the problem of child sexual abuse in your country?

- What % of children are sexually abused before 18?
 - **Females**
 - **Males**
- Who does it?
 - **Males within immediate/extended family?**
 - **Females within immediate/extended family?**
 - **Males outside the family?**
 - **Other young people?**
- Where does it happen?
 - **Homes?**
 - **Schools?**
 - **Public places?**
 - **Where else (please specify?)**

**Child sexual abuse –
preventable, not inevitable!**



Thank you!

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