Some Design Patterns

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Design Patterns: Elements of Reusable
Object-Oriented Software
Erich Gamma, Richard Helm, Ralph Johnson, John
M. Vlissides, 1994

Roadmap

- 1.Adapter Pattern
- 2. Proxy Pattern
- 3. Template Method Pattern
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- 6.Observer Pattern
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Adapter Pattern

How do you use a class that provide the right features but the wrong interface?

Introduce an adapter.

An adapter converts the interface of a class into another interface clients expect.

The client and the adapted object remain independent.

An adapter adds an extra level of indirection.

Also known as Wrapper

Adapter Pattern

Examples

A WrappedStack adapts java.util.Stack, throwing an AssertionException when top() or pop() are called on an empty stack.

An ActionListener converts a call to actionPerformed() to the desired handler method.

Consequences

The client and the adapted object remain independent

An adapter adds an extra level of indirection

Adapter Pattern Example

```
class LegacyRectangle implements Shape
   public void draw(int x, int y, int w, int h)
        System.out.println("rectangle at (" + x + ',' + y + ") with width " + w
          + " and height " + h);
class Rectangle implements Shape
   private LegacyRectangle adaptee = new LegacyRectangle();
   public void draw(int x1, int y1, int x2, int y2)
        adaptee.draw(Math.min(x1, x2), Math.min(y1, y2), Math.abs(x2 - x1),
          Math.abs(y2 - y1));
```

Proxy Pattern

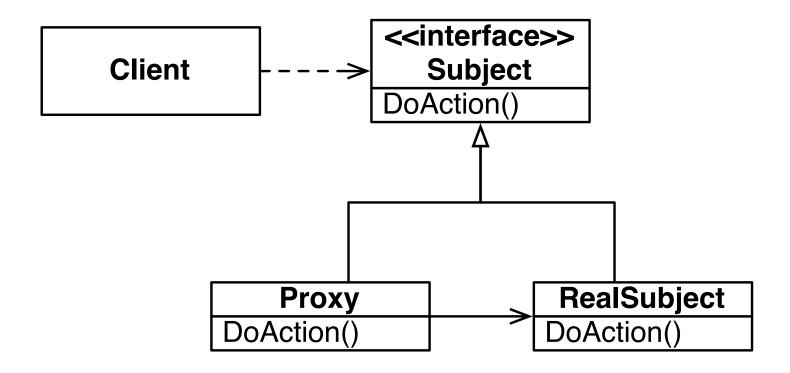
How do you hide the complexity of accessing objects that require pre- or post-processing?

Introduce a proxy to control access to the object

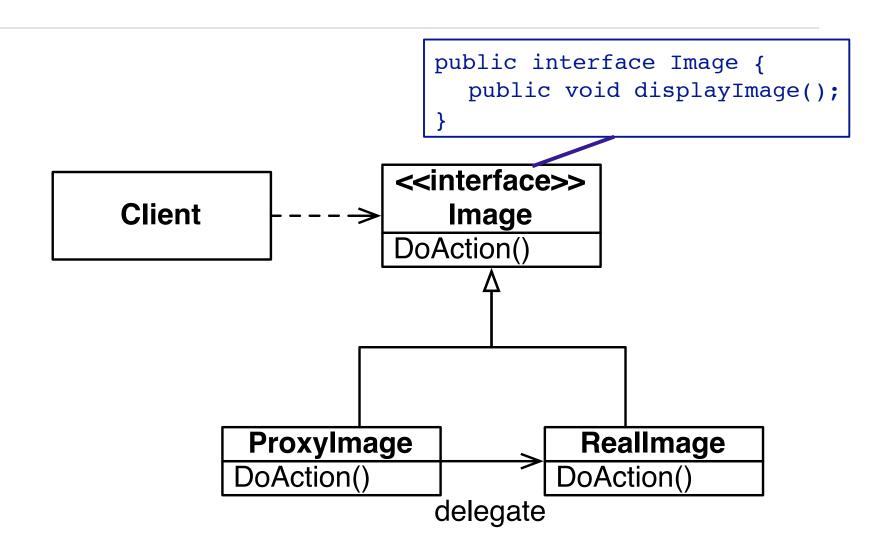
Some services require special pre or post-processing. Examples include objects that reside on a remote machine, and those with security restrictions

A proxy provides the same interface as the object that it controls access to

Proxy Pattern - UML



Proxy Pattern - Example



Proxy Pattern - Example

delegate request to real subject

```
public class ProxyImage implements Image {
  private String filename;
  private Image image;

  public ProxyImage(String filename) {
     this.filename = filename;
  }
  public void displayImage() {
     if (image == null) {
        image = new RealImage(filename); //load only on demand
     }
     image.displayImage();
  }
}
```

Proxy Pattern - Example

```
public class RealImage implements Image {
   private String filename;

   public RealImage(String filename) {
      this.filename = filename;
      System.out.println("Loading "+filename);
   }

   public void displayImage() {
      ...
   }
}
```

Proxy Pattern - Example, the client

```
public class ProxyExample {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
     ArrayList<Image> images = new ArrayList<Image>();
     images.add(new ProxyImage("HiRes 10MB Photo1"));
     images.add(new ProxyImage("HiRes 10MB Photo2"));
     images.add(new ProxyImage("HiRes 10MB Photo3"));
     images.get(0).displayImage();
     images.get(1).displayImage();
     images.get(0).displayImage(); // already loaded
```

Proxies are used for remote object access

Example

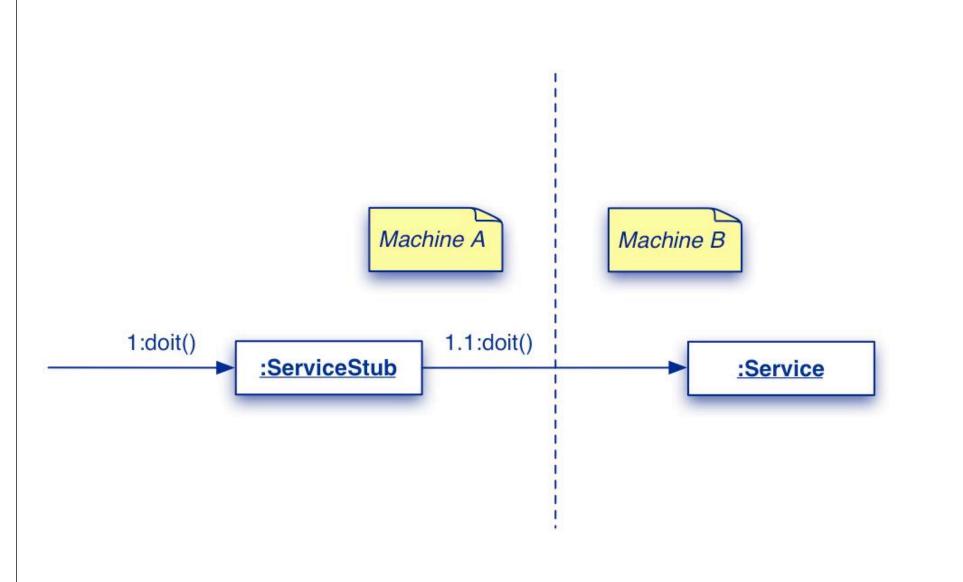
A Java "stub" for a remote object accessed by Remote Method Invocation (RMI).

Consequences

A Proxy decouples clients from servers. A Proxy introduces a level of indirection.

Proxy differs from Adapter in that it does not change the object's interface

Proxy remove access example



Template Method Pattern

How do you implement a generic algorithm, deferring some parts to subclasses?

Define it as a Template Method

A Template Method factors out the common part of similar algorithms, and delegates the rest to:

hook methods that subclasses may extend, and

abstract methods that subclasses must implement

Template Method Pattern

Example

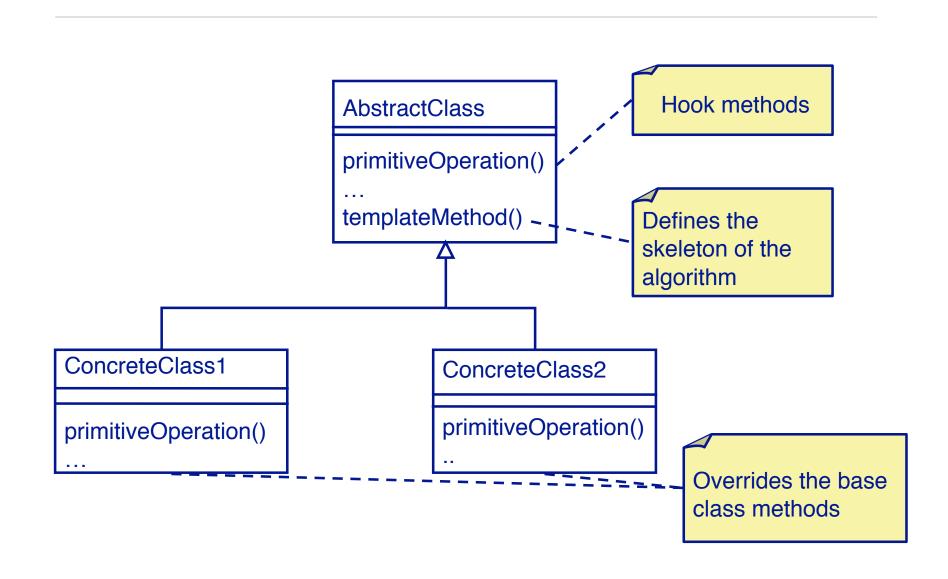
TestCase.runBare() is a template method that calls the hook method setUp()

Consequences

Template methods lead to an *inverted control structure* since a parent classes calls the operations of a subclass and not the other way around.

Template Method is used in most frameworks to allow application programmers to easily extend the functionality of framework classes.

Template Method Pattern - UML



Template Method Pattern - Example

Subclasses of TestCase are expected to *override* hook method setUp() and possibly tearDown() and runTest()

```
public abstract class TestCase implements Test {
    ...
    public void runBare() throws Throwable {
        setUp();
        try { runTest(); }
        finally { tearDown(); }
    }
    protected void setUp() { } // empty by default
    protected void tearDown() { }
    protected void runTest() throws Throwable { ... }
}
```

Composite Pattern

How do you manage a part-whole hierarchy of objects in a consistent way?

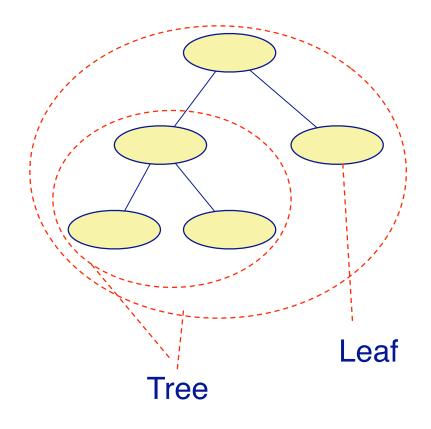
Define a common interface that both parts and composites implement

Typically composite objects will implement their behavior by *delegating to their parts*

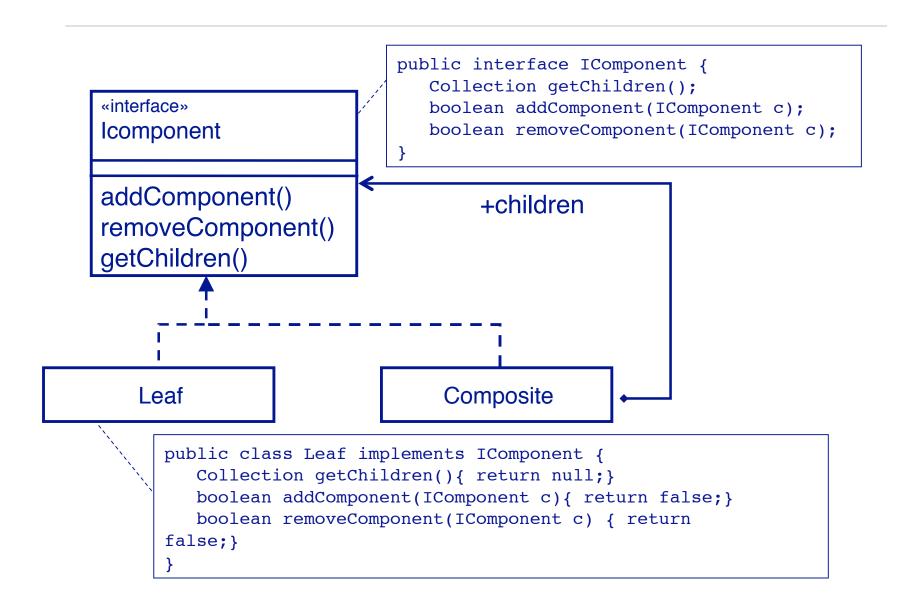
Composite Pattern Example

Composite allows you to treat a single instance of an object the same way as a group of objects.

Consider a *Tree*. It consists of Trees (subtrees) and *Leaf* objects.



Composite Pattern Example



Composite Pattern Example

```
public class Composite implements IComponent {
   private String id;
   private ArrayList<IComponent> list = new ArrayList<IComponent> ();
   public boolean addComponent(IComponent c) {
      return list.add(c);
   }
   public Collection getChildren() {
      return list;
   }
   public boolean removeComponent(IComponent c) {
      return list.remove(c);
   }
   ...
}
```

Composite Pattern Example - client usage

```
public class CompositeClient {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
     Composite chile = new Composite("Chile");
     Leaf santiago = new Leaf("Santiago");
     Leaf serena = new Leaf("serena");
     chile.addComponent(santiago);
     chile.addComponent(serena);
     Composite southAmerica = new Composite("South America");
     southAmerica.addComponent(chile);
     System.out.println(southAmerica.toString());
```

Singleton Pattern

How do you can forbid the creation of more than one instance?

Define a static and unique instance, and set the constructor to private

The singleton class must forbid its instantiation by setting its constructors to private

A static method initializes a static field

Singleton Pattern - UML

Singleton

- -singleton : Singleton
- Singleton()
- + getInstance(): Singleton

Single Pattern - code

```
public class Singleton {
    private static final Singleton INSTANCE = new Singleton();

    // Private constructor prevents instantiation from other
classes
    private Singleton() {}

    public static Singleton getInstance() {
        return INSTANCE;
    }
}
```

Observer Pattern

How can an object inform arbitrary clients when it changes state?

Clients implement a common Observer interface and register with the "observable" object; the object notifies its observers when it changes state

An observable object *publishes* state change events to its *subscribers*, who must implement a common interface for receiving notification

Observer Pattern

Example

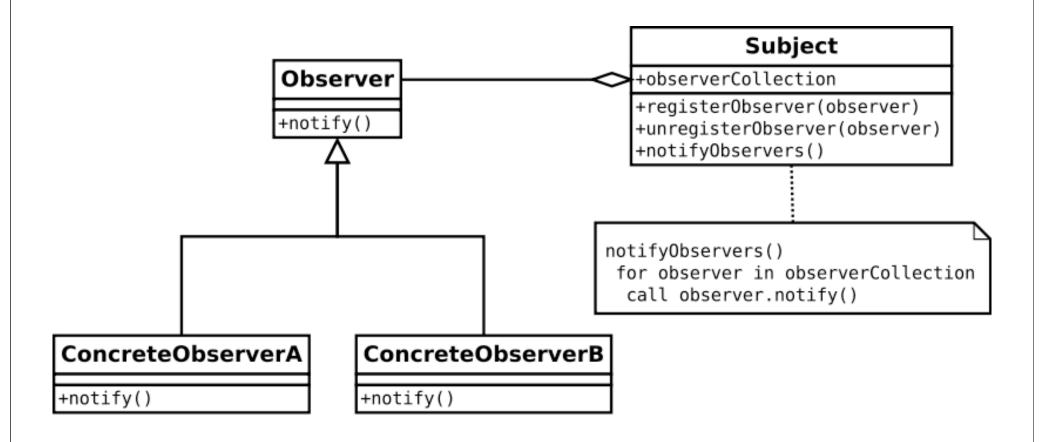
A Button expects its observers to implement the ActionListener interface.

(see the Interface and Adapter examples)

Consequences

Notification can be *slow* if there are many observers for an observable, or if observers are themselves observable!

Observer Pattern - UML



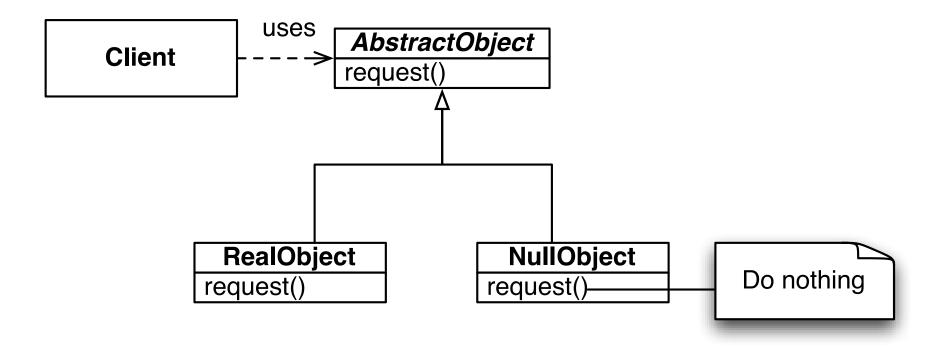
Null Object Pattern

How do you avoid cluttering your code with tests for null object pointers?

Introduce a Null Object that implements the interface you expect, but does nothing

Null Objects may also be Singleton objects, since you never need more than one instance

Null Object Pattern - UML



Null Object

Examples

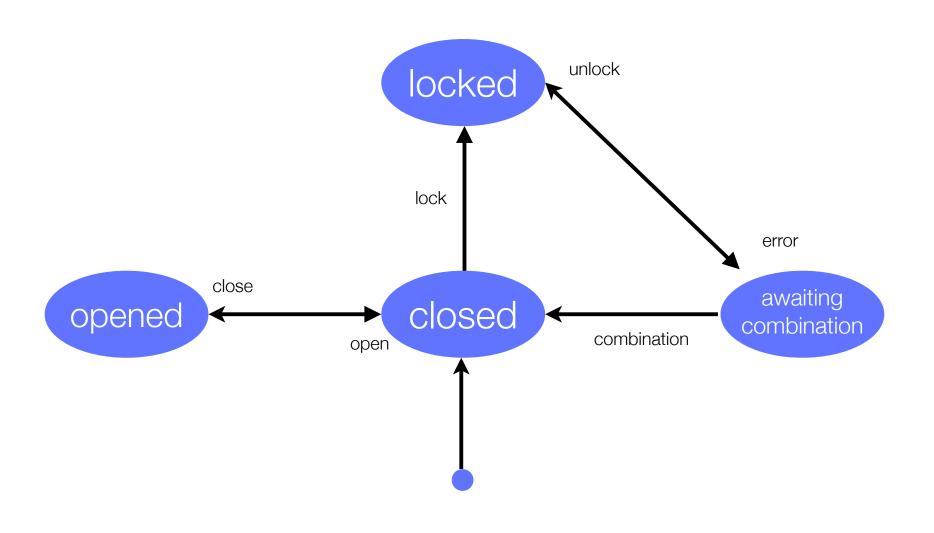
NullOutputStream extends OutputStream with an empty write() method

Consequences

Simplifies client code

Not worthwhile if there are only few and localized tests for null pointers

State Pattern

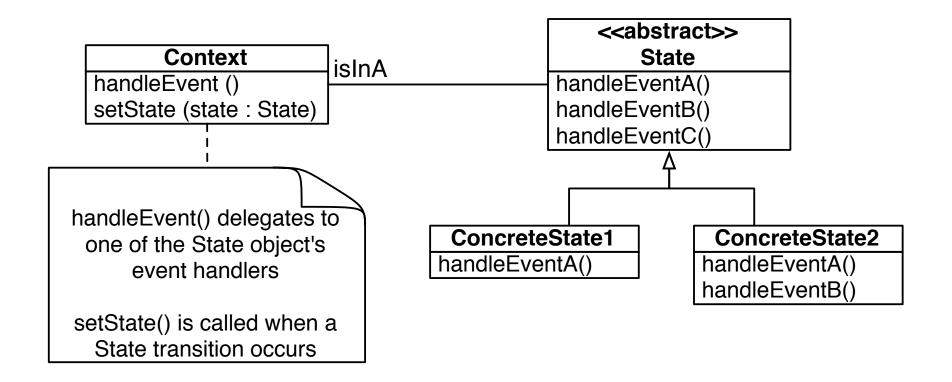


Handling States

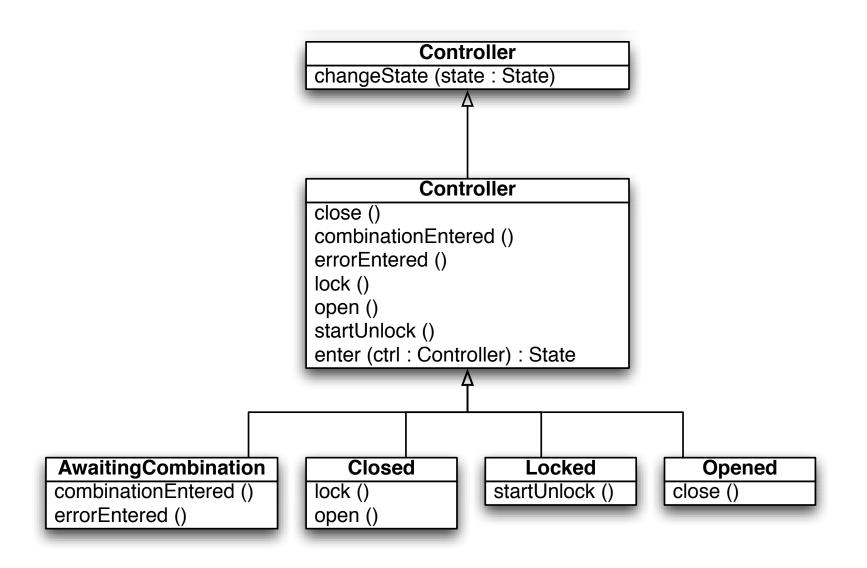
```
while ((line = in.readLine()) != null) {
   if (line.equals("open")){
      changeState(CLOSED, OPENED);
   if (line.equals("close")){
      changeState(OPENED, CLOSED);
   if (line.equals("lock")){
      changeState(CLOSED, LOCKED);
   if (line.equals("unlock")){
      changeState(LOCKED, AWAITING COMBINATION);
   if (line.equals("combination")){
      changeState(AWAITING COMBINATION, CLOSED);
   if (line.equals("error")){
      changeState(AWAITING COMBINATION, LOCKED);
   this.prompt();
```



State Pattern - UML



State Pattern Example



Each state is a separate object

```
public class Opened extends State {
  private static Opened instance;
  private Opened(Controller controller){
      this.controller = controller;
  public static State enter(Controller controller){
      if(instance == null) // lazy evaluation
         instance = new Opened(controller);
      return instance;
  public void close(){
      controller.changeState(Closed.enter(controller));
```

Some other Design Patterns...

State

The state pattern is a behavioral design pattern, also known as the objects for states pattern. This pattern is used in to represent the state of an object. This is a clean way for an object to partially change its type at runtime

Decorator

that allows new/additional behaviour to be added to an existing method of an object dynamically.

Some other Design Patterns...

Visitor

a way of separating an algorithm from an object structure. A practical result of this separation is the ability to add new operations to existing object structures without modifying those structures.

What Problems do Design Patterns solve?

Patterns:

document design experience

enable widespread reuse of software architecture

improve communication within and across software development teams

explicitly capture knowledge that experienced developers already understand implicitly

arise from practical experience

help ease the transition to object-oriented technology

facilitate training of new developers

help to transcend "programming language-centric" viewpoints

Doug Schmidt, CACM Oct 1995

What you should know!

What's wrong with *long methods*? How long should a method be?

What's the difference between a *pattern* and an *idiom*?

When should you use *delegation* instead of *inheritance*?

How does a *Proxy* differ from an *Adapter*?

How can a Template Method help to eliminate duplicated code?

When do I use a Composite Pattern? Do you know any examples from the Frameworks you know?

Can you answer these questions?

What *idioms* do you regularly use when you program? What patterns do you use?

What is the difference between an *interface* and an *abstract class*?

When should you use an *Adapter* instead of modifying the interface that doesn't fit?

Is it good or bad that java.awt.Component is an abstract class and not an interface?

Why do the Java libraries use different interfaces for the Observer pattern (java.util.Observer, java.awt.event.ActionListener etc.)?

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