

Bearcat football set to take on USF in Homecoming 'red out'

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he University of Cincinnati (UC) football team will face off against the University of South Florida (USF) Bulls on Saturday, Oct. 8, at Nippert Stadium for its annual homecoming game. The Bearcats have won their last four Homecoming games, including a victory against USF 28-7 in 2020.

Cincinnati has also won their last four games against USF, coming out on top 45-28 in their most recent matchup in Florida on Nov. 12, 2021. The Bulls last defeated UC on Oct. 14, 2017, in Luke Fickell's first year as UC's football head coach. Cincinnati leads the all-time series against USF 12-7.

Last season, USF finished last in the American Athletic Conference (AAC) in both overall record (2-10) and record in conference play (1-7). USF's head coach Jeff Scott will look to defeat the red and black for the first time in his three-year tenure leading the Bulls

Heading into the 2022 season, the Bearcats have won 16 straight games against AAC opponents. UC will join the more competitive Big 12 conference next season.

The Bearcats will look to harness the energy of their homecoming crowd at Nippert Stadium. Entering the 2022 season, UC has won 27 straight home games, good for the second-longest streak in college football. Clemson, with 34, has the longest streak.

The focus for UC will be limiting the rushing upside brought by USF's junior quarterback, Gerry Bohanan. Bohanan transferred to USF this past year after leading Baylor to a Big 12 championship and posting nine rushing scores. UC fans have yet to forget their team's trouble containing Arkansas' quarterback KJ Jefferson in the season opener.

While on paper this matchup appears to be a relatively easy week for the Bearcats, Fickell and company know better than to underestimate any team on their schedule. After losing their first season opener in 11 years, every game is a must-win if they want any chance to appear in their third straight New Year's Six Bowl.

Expect Nippert Stadium to be a sea of red as this year's homecoming game theme is a "red out."-



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Letter from the Editor

Happy Homecoming, Bearcats!

Whether you're a student, faculty, family or alumni, we are proud to present you with the fall 2022 Homecoming Guide. We've hit the halfway point of the fall semester, and now it's time for everyone to come together and show their spirit for the **University of Cincinnati.**

In this guide, we've provided you with all the information you need to know about this year's Homecoming. From previews of the game and tips on how to tailgate like a pro, to the history of alumni awards and more, this guide is your one-stop-shop for all things Homecoming.

As you flip through the pages, consider getting to know a bit more about the history of UC, where you're going to stock up on gear for the game, how you're going to show your school spirit, and make sure you keep up with us at TNR for Homecoming coverage.

Go Bearcats!

Emma Balcom, Editor-in-Chief

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UC alumni share why they love Homecoming

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with the weeklong festivities that come with Homecoming at the University of Cincinnati (UC) each year, students, staff, faculty and alumni have plenty of opportunity to make memories. To reflect on these memories, The News Record spoke with two UC alumni, Reghan Buie and Bert Burgett, about their personal experiences with homecoming, what they are looking forward to and more.

The News Record (TNR): What year did you graduate, and what did you study?
Reghan Buie (RB): I graduated April 2022 with my B.A. in English and Political Science.
Bert Burgett (BB): I graduated in 1977 with a B.B.A. in Finance.

TNR: Why is Homecoming at UC important to you?

RB: Homecoming is important to me because it is an opportunity to return to my alma mater and see campus at its best, when the spirits are high and the semester is midway through. It gives me a chance to see what has evolved on campus from the buildings to the culture. I'll also get to meet with old professors, coworkers and classmates. Most importantly, I get to feel the nostalgia of UC and all that it taught me. BB: In 1991, when my second son, Scott, was nine years old, I asked him if he'd like to go to Homecoming with me. Actually, I asked both sons, but the oldest declined. Scott really enjoyed the experience of the SAE [Sigma Alpha Epsilon] fraternity house, the parade, DuBois and UC Bookstores and the football game. On the drive home, Scott told me that it was a really fun day and asked, "Can we do this again next year?" We have attended every Homecoming since.

TNR: What traditions do you still carry with you from your college Homecoming?

RB: Down the drive!

BB: The SAE [members] would build a float and some brothers attended the game. UC football wasn't a successful program when I was in college, so attendance was very sparse. I actually got a taste of Homecoming games when I was a young boy because my grandmother and later my parents had season tickets to UC football and would periodically invite me to go.

TNR: What is your favorite part about UC Homecoming?

RB: My favorite part is the parade and seeing the community all come together to celebrate. **BB:** Attending the football game and cheering for the Bearcats is my favorite part of Home-



University of Cincinnati alumni will return for Homecoming Weekend to reflect on their memories as a Bearcat.

Provided | Reghan Buie

coming. The best long-term tradition inside Nippert Stadium is the band running down the steps before the game. More recent traditions that I enjoy are the skydivers bringing the Stars and Stripes to midfield and the team running out of the big claw and onto the field.

TNR: What are you most looking forward to with this year's Homecoming?

RB: I'm excited to actually participate in all of the alumni events.

BB: I am looking forward to seeing the group of new starters play after the 31 seniors who were on the team last year. With nine NFL draft picks including 6 defensive starters and the three key offensive starters, it will be interesting to see how the underclassmen step up to fill the roles of the really good players from the 2021 season.

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Downtown Cincinnati mural highlights UC alum

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or the past six months, University of
Cincinnati (UC) alumni have towered over
Vine Street in downtown Cincinnati, celebrating their achievements. The alumni who
are featured on a mural commissioned for the
annual Alumni Celebration are former Bearcats
with some of the most notable achievements
in recent memory. It includes Bearcats from
various fields and professions, such as Olympic
gold medalist Jordan Thompson and conductor
Earl G. Rivers, among others.

The mural was commissioned by the university and the Alumni Association, which is responsible for planning each year's homecoming celebrations. Unveiled in April 2022, the mural features the 2022 special honorees from the association's annual Alumni Celebration, which took place that same month.

Completed by Chroma Projects, a company based in Dayton, Ky., the mural will be on display until March 2023. The company, which works in everything from murals to multimedia efforts, is well established within the Cincinnati area, having been commissioned by various companies and events, such as Blink, the annual art installation downtown and beauty company Olay. Their business has also expanded internationally, as they have completed work as

far away as the Netherlands and Australia.

Chroma Projects owner and founder Mathew Dayler has worked with the university for the past two years on the annual Alumni Celebration mural. For the 2022 edition, the artist worked with the university for around eight weeks, working out the design and receiving feedback from the university.

Originally given the prompt of a "Lichtenstein kind of comic book style," as Dayler described it, Chroma Projects was tasked with designing the mural. In addition to laying out the mural to honor the alumni and their achievements, Chroma Projects brainstormed various representations of the former Bearcats' "superpowers." Consequently, the mural features the alumni with various objects to showcase their respective fields, such as a volleyball for Thompson and a whisk and spatula for Chef Kristan Tomlan.

Due to an early April deadline to coincide with the Alumni Celebration, Chroma Projects was forced to cover up the 2021 mural and paint the new one in the cold of the early spring, with some days being made particularly difficult due to the rain. "We were hard pressed because of the weather," Dayler said. "We had called it finished [for the event] but there were

still a couple things that [the university] wanted from the design that we didn't put up there yet because it was pouring rain."

Despite the difficult conditions while painting, the mural has nevertheless proved successful. Having a prime spot in one of the busier locations in downtown Cincinnati, the mural is visible for the entire city to see. "We're stoked with the end results," Dayler said.

Dayler says he is also excited for the next steps. Although the mural is to be taken down early next year, he said removing one's work is normal in the mural business. "I've had pieces come and go so many times," he said. "I'm cool. Once I've put it out there into the world. It's there for the world to decide what to do with it."

Since he is unaffiliated with the university, Dayler admits he was surprised that he and Chroma Projects were chosen to complete the mural. However, he says that Chroma Projects is grateful that the university thought of them for the project. "I feel lucky that they have allowed me to do such a project," he said. "I love making those bridges between different groups and communities."





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Everything you need to know about UC Alumni Awards

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s University of Cincinnati (UC) alumni return for Homecoming Weekend, The News Record is breaking down the UC Alumni Association Awards.

Every spring, the UC Alumni Association (UCAA) organizes a week-long celebration – Alumni Week – to commemorate former students and serve as a medium to connect with current Bearcats. Among the plethora of events are alumni reunions, the UC Day of Giving and the UCAA Awards.

The UCAA honors individuals with four major awards: the William Howard Taft Medal for Notable Achieve, the Robert E. Dobbs Distinguished Service Award, the Marian A. Spencer Mosaic Award and the Jeffrey Hurwitz Young Alumni Outstanding Achievement Award.

The William Howard Taft Medal for Notable Achievement is given to a UC alumnus as a result of "notable achievement in his or her field," according to the UCAA webpage.

Named after former UC alumnus and 27th U.S. President William Howard Taft (LAW 1880, Hon. '25), this award was first handed out in 1963 to Barry Bishop (A&S '54, Hon. '94). Bishop was a member of the very first American team to summit Mount Everest, a trek they completed in May of that year.

Other notable recipients of the medal include UC Men's Basketball great Oscar Robertson

(BUS '60, Hon. '07), the first UC graduate to serve as university president Henry Winkler (A&S '38, '40, Hon. '87), and UC's first female varsity sports editor, Jane DeSerisy Early (A&S '29, Hon. '66).

The Robert E. Dobbs Distinguished Service Award recognizes dedicated alumni who "make an outstanding contribution to their university, are usually over-modest, always unpaid, and unthinking of reward," according to the webpage. This award was first given out in 1956 to Judge Chase Davies (A&S '21, LAW '24, Hon '59) and Dr. H. Jerome Berns (A&S '29, Hon '62).

Recent recipients of the Dobbs award include W. Troy Neat (BUS '91) for his numerous volunteer contributions and involvement in integrating the UCAA with the UC Foundation, Sandra Wiesmann (CECH '66) and William Wiesmann (MD, A&S '68, Hon. '08) for their creation of the Next Generation Leadership Scholars program to help financially disadvantaged undergraduates engage in multi-year scientific research opportunities, and Kimberlee Dobbs (CECH '78) for her countless contributions to UCAA, UCATS, and the creation of the Robert Dobbs Scholarship.

The Marian A. Spencer Mosaic Award is awarded annually to an alumnus who has "demonstrated leadership" while "championing

the cause of the underrepresented and promoting great equity and opportunity for all," according to the webpage. The award is the newest of the four, having been first awarded in 2009 to Dr. Kenneth Davis, Jr., MD (A&S '72) and Beverly Malone (NUR '70, A&S '82).

Davis has been a long-time member of the UC faculty and UC Health physician, as well as a champion for the patients he serves. Beverly Malone, the current CEO of the National League for Nursing, is no stranger to advocating for the underrepresented. Her resume of countless significant roles, including serving on multiple health committees under former President Bill Clinton and General Secretary of the Royal College of Nursing, earned her this award.

The Jeffrey Hurwitz Young Alumni Outstanding Achievement Award is a mixture of the previous three, awarded to a UC graduate who has made significant professional achievements and continued to serve the university and community following graduation. Named after former UCAA Board of Governors president Jeffrey Hurwitz (BBA '72, MBA '73), this award was first handed out in 1995 to Myron Hughes (BUS '86) for his plentiful involvement with the city of Cincinnati.

Get to know some of UC's most notable alumni

ALLISON KIEHL | NEWS DIRECTOR

round campus, statues stand of the proud University of Cincinnati (UC) alumni who have represented the university to the world through their careers and accomplishments.

William Howard Taft, the 27th president of the United States, stands beside the College of Law, while Oscar Robinson, often described as one of the best basketball players in NBA history, watches over the doors of Fifth Third arena.

Other alumni decorate plaques around campus, or their names represent the buildings themselves.

In honor of this homecoming season, here is a list of just a few former Bearcats who currently represent their alma mater through their various walks of life.

Travis Kelce, Kansas City Chief's tight end

Travis Kelce is a name that most UC football fans know as they cheer on the tight end heading into his 10th season for the Kansas City Chiefs. During his time at UC, from 2008 to 2012, Kelce was an exploratory studies student and star on the UC football team.

In his professional career, Kelce became the fastest tight end in NFL history to reach the 500-reception plateau, record consecutive seasons (2018-19) with 1,200-plus receiving yards and log over 1,000 receiving yards in four consecutive seasons.

Kevin McCollum, Broadway producer

Since he graduated from UC's College Conservatory of Music (CCM) in 1984, Kevin McCollum has become an iconic name on Broadway. He is a Tony Award-winning producer for shows such as "Rent," "Avenue Q," "The Drowsy Chaperone" and "In The Heights." McCollum was awarded an honorary doctorate from UC in 2005.

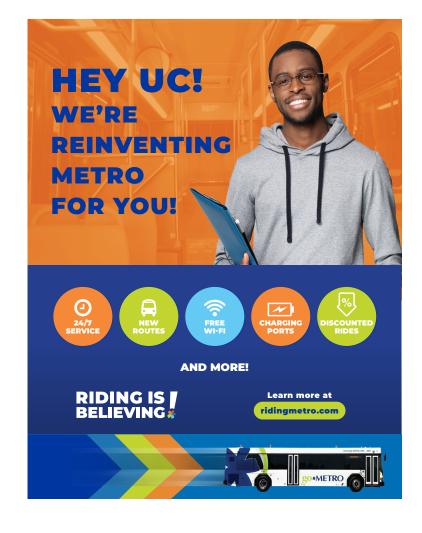
Jean Robert-Cadet, human rights advocate

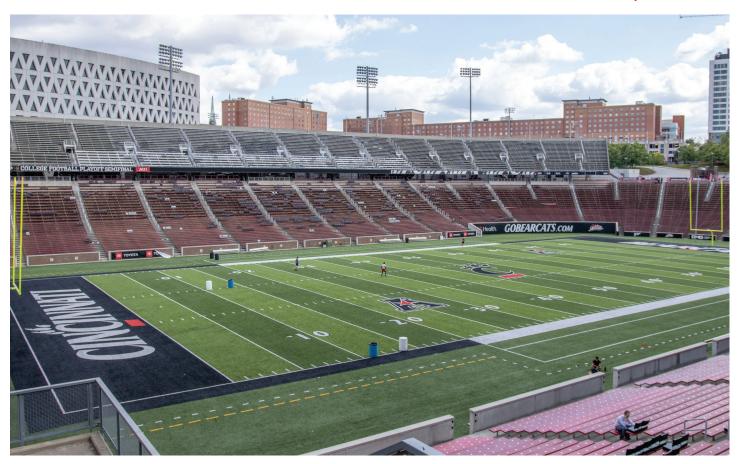
Jean Robert-Cadet's life has been dedicated to being a human rights advocate for children enslaved in the Haitian Restavek system. Cadet graduated from UC in the 1990s with a master's degree program in French literature.

In addition to writing a novel about his own experience as a Restavek, Cadet founded the Jean R. Cadet Restavek No More Inc., a nonprofit dedicated to ending child slavery in Haiti. This nonprofit organization strives to educate the public about the Restacek system and to develop elementary and secondary school curricula for children in Haiti.

Thomas Fogarty, surgeon and medical technology inventor

Through his invention of the Fogarty balloon embolectomy catheter, Thomas Fogarty helped to revolutionize the healthcare industry. After graduating from medical school at UC in 1960, Fogarty pursued a career as a cardiovascular surgeon, entrepreneur and inventor. The catheter was not Forgarty's only claim to fame. In fact, he founded Fogarty Engineering to promote more medical devices. Fogarty has won numerous honors and awards for his work in the medical field, including the Lemelson-MIT Prize and the AdvaMed Lifetime Achievement Award.





Nippert Stadium is one of the NCAA's top ten oldest stadiums in Division I football.

Frank Bowen | Designer

Clifton stadium deep-dives: The history of Nippert Stadium

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Ith (slight) renovations once again taking place at Nippert Stadium on the University of Cincinnati's (UC) uptown campus, The News Record was inspired to take a nosedive into the histories of Cliffton's iconic stadiums and arenas.

Though the initial construction of the field kicked off in 1915, Nippert Stadium began as the Cincinnati Bearcats' football home in 1901. The site of the now 40,000-capacity stadium was used as a football playing surface years before the construction of the stands, making it the second-oldest playing site in college football. The stadium itself is one of the NCAA's top ten oldest stadiums in Division I football.

A college football stadium is rarely named after a former member of the offensive line – center, to be exact – but that's precisely where the name "Nippert" comes from. James Gamble "Jimmy" Nippert was the center for

the Bearcats during the 1923 season, where he suffered a cut on his leg that proved fatal due to infection.

His grandfather, James N. Gamble, co-founder of consumer goods giant Procter & Gamble Co., later went on to help fund the construction's completion in 1923. The naming rights were subsequently used to honor the late Jimmy Nippert.

Since then, Nippert Stadium has been groundbreaking in its trailblazing innovation. For example, the Bearcats hosted one of the country's first college football games under lights in 1923.

The stadium, which initially held 12,000 fans, has undergone major renovations multiple times to suit the ever-growing Cincinnati community. The capacity was raised to 24,000 in 1939 by lowering the playing surface by 12 feet. In 1992, Nippert Stadium went through another major renovation, bringing capacity to

just over 35,000 fans with the extension of the upper deck.

Cincinnati's football program revolves around the venue. But it's not just Bearcats football that has gotten to enjoy Nippert Sta-

Hosting both the Cincinnati Bengals and FC Cincinnati for stretches, Nippert Stadium has, without a doubt, claimed a spot amongst the most historic stadiums in the United States. Speaking of the United States, Nippert has hosted both U.S. men's and women's national team (soccer) matches over the years.

Now, Nippert Stadium sits at the heart of the university, used daily by students and athletes alike. Nippert is often utilized as a practice surface for football but also serves as a common walkway to travel east to west – or vice versa – on campus, giving students the intimate feel of a stadium that not many other colleges can offer.



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Frank Bowen | Designer

Get out and do something this Homecoming Weekend

IAN SIEGERT | OPINION EDITOR



The University of Cincinnati will play the University of South Florida at the Homecoming Game Oct. 8. Aidan Mahoney | Staff Photographer



Starting four hours before kickoff, the Homecoming Parade will begin at 2600 Clifton Ave.

Madison Schmidt | TNR File Art

Homecoming Weekend is jam-packed with ways to spend your time. If you're not quite sure where to spend it yet, here are just some of your options leading up to the University of Cincinnati (UC) vs. University of South Florida football game.

Homecoming Weekend is jam-packed with ways to spend your time rallying and showing support for the Bearcat community. From the annual parade to ___, here's some ways you can spend your time leading up the University of Cincinnati (UC) vs. University of South Florida football game.

Thursday, Oct. 6

The Lindner College of Business will host an invite-only event for its honors students beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Following that, the three-day College of Medicine class reunion will begin at 6 p.m., with a welcome reception. Two hotels, the Hilton Netherland Plaza and The Graduate Hotel, will offer rooms for incoming alumni. For students not belonging to either of those groups, the UC African American Alumni Affiliate (4A) will host a Greek Alumni Basketball Tournament in Fifth Third Arena at 6 p.m., featuring National Pan-Hellenic Council fraternities as competitors.

Friday, Oct. 7

The UC Homecoming festivities kick off on Friday, Oct. 7, beginning with a continuation of the College of Medicine class reunion starting at 8 a.m. The class reunion will extend into Sat-

urday, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Following that, the College of Education, Criminal Justice, Human Services, and Information Technology (CECH) Distinguished Alumni Awards and the State of Black UC Forum will begin at 11:30 a.m. and noon, respectively. The CECH awards will celebrate this year's winners. The State of Black UC Forum will discuss the perspective of students and alumni belonging to the African American community and the problems they face. In the evening, starting at 4 p.m., 4A will host a Homecoming happy hour heading into the Homecoming kickoff party and alumni band reunion, both starting at 6 p.m.

The Homecoming kickoff party on Sheakley Lawn will offer food, drinks, music and UC merchandise, alongside special guests: UC Cheer and Dance, the Bearcat, Director of Athletics John Cunningham, head football coach Luke Fickell, Chief Alumni Officer Jennifer Heisey and radio host Emcee Dan Hoard. Meanwhile, the alumni band reunion will allow the current Bearcat Band to meet former band members.

Saturday, Oct. 8

Saturday, Oct. 8, will feature plenty of events leading up to the kickoff of the Homecoming game. Events are scheduled throughout the day based on hours until kickoff.

Starting four hours before kickoff, the Homecoming Parade will begin at 2600 Clifton Avenue, featuring the UC Marching Band alongside many other campus and community organizations. During the parade, UC alumni of 50 years or older are invited to the Golden Bearcats Society Homecoming Parade Grandstand, where they will be offered special seating and refreshments.

At the same time, the College of Engineering and Applied Science (CEAS) will offer its own celebration, watching the parade with alumni, faculty and friends. Three hours before kickoff, they will move to Schneider Quadrangle for a tailgate tent party where attendees can purchase game tickets.

Simultaneously, Bearcats on The Grid will offer UC merchandise and information at Sigma Sigma Commons.

Two hours before the kickoff, the Academic Health Center Homecoming Tailgate will begin inside the Fifth Third Arena with hors d'oeuvres and beverages included in the registration fee

Finally, the Homecoming game will end the day at Nippert Stadium with the Homecoming Court presentation shown and winners decided at halftime.

For more information, the UC alumni website provides details regarding many of the listed events



The University of Cincinnati has multiple tailgating options available for students to get involved with the community cheer on the Bearcats.

Aidan Mahoney | Staff Photographer

The ultimate Homecoming tailgate guide

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Tailgates are a staple of football culture. It can be argued that getting together with friends and family to eat, drink and celebrate your favorite team may be more fun than the game itself. This holds true at the University of Cincinnati (UC), with multiple tailgating options to cheer on the Bearcats. Make sure you're prepared for this year's Homecoming tailgates with this information and student advice.

UC-affiliated tailgates

UC hosts official tailgates in two different places around campus. The Grid, located on Campus Green and Sigma Commons, features the Bearcats Family Fun Zone and the Catwalk, which takes place as the football team makes their way through The Grid before kickoff. The Rooftop Tailgate is at the top of the University Avenue Garage, where groups can bring gas grills and hang out before the game. Although spot tickets are sold out for the 2022 season, students can still check it out and meet up with friends there.

"Tailgating is a fun way to socialize before

games and a convenient way to meet up with your friends before heading to the stadium," said fourth-year neuroscience student Ruby Hyland-Brown.

Bearcat Bash

New to Clifton this year is the Bearcat Bash, a tailgate and game-watching experience on Short Vine. The street will be closed and turned into a tailgate space, with a Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA) and screens to watch the game. This unofficial tailgate for UC home football games will be hosted by Tony Pike and Mo Egger.

"Everyone enjoys different social gatherings, but I think it can be fun for all students to stop by a tailgate to see how it is. It's a great way to meet people," said fourth-year media production student Sami Weis.

Tailgates are a great way to be involved in the UC community and meet new people – even if you aren't an avid football fan, students said. "Tailgating is part of the classic college experience," said Hyland-Brown. "All students,

especially freshmen, should try to experience at least one. Tailgates are even fun for people who don't understand football."

Do it yourself

If you want to be involved with the tailgating tradition at home, invite some friends and host a tailgate at your apartment or house. When tailgating at home, you only need a few things. First, set the tone with some Bearcats or red and black decorations - a few flags, signs or streamers can easily turn your gathering into a tailgate. The best tailgate food is stadium food, so grill up some hot dogs or make some nachos or popcorn. Veggie trays, chips and dip are easy and convenient snacks for game day. Most importantly, make sure you know how to access the Bearcats game on your TV at home. Hulu, YouTube TV and ESPN+ are all streaming platforms where you can find Bearcats games, but be sure to do your research before kickoff.



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