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Multiplying Decimals

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Mastering the Art: Your

Comprehensive Guide to 5th Grade Math Multiplying Decimals

Welcome, amazing 5th graders and their supportive grown-ups! Today, we're diving headfirst into a topic that might sound a little daunting at first glance: multiplying decimals. But don't worry, by the end of this guide, you'll be a decimal-multiplying pro! Think of it as unlocking a secret code to numbers that aren't whole numbers. We'll break it down step-by-step, making it super clear and fun. Multiplying decimals is a crucial skill in 5th-grade math and beyond. It's not just about solving textbook problems; it's about understanding how these numbers work in the real world. From calculating the cost of multiple items at the grocery store to figuring out measurements for projects, decimals are everywhere! So, let's get ready to boost your math confidence and become a decimal-multiplying whiz!

Why is Multiplying Decimals Important? Real-World Connections!

Before we get our hands dirty with the nitty-gritty, let's talk about **why** this matters. Imagine you're at the farmer's market and want to buy 3 pounds of apples, and each pound costs \$2.75. How do you figure out the total cost? That's right – you multiply 3 by 2.75! Or perhaps you're helping a parent bake a cake and the recipe calls for 1.5 cups of flour, but you need to make 2 batches. You'd multiply 1.5 by 2. See? Decimals are in our everyday lives. Understanding how to multiply them empowers you to make smarter decisions and tackle real-world scenarios with confidence. It's a fundamental building block for more advanced math concepts later on, like working with percentages and fractions.

The Foundation: Reviewing Basic Multiplication

Before we introduce those pesky decimal points, let's make sure our foundational multiplication skills are solid. Remember how to multiply whole numbers? It's all about repeated addition, but we have shortcuts like the standard algorithm. Let's do a quick warm-up. If you needed to multiply 4×5 , you know the answer is 20. If you had to multiply 12×3 , you'd likely think $10 \times 3 = 30$ and $2 \times 3 = 6$, so $30 + 6 = 36$. The standard algorithm is a more organized way to do this for larger numbers. We'll be using a similar structured approach when we tackle decimals. The key is to be accurate with your basic multiplication facts. If you're still a bit wobbly on those, now's a great time to practice! Online games and flashcards can be fantastic tools for this.

The Magic of the Decimal Point: Where Does It Go?

This is where things get interesting! When you multiply decimals, the decimal point's placement is the most crucial part. It's not as tricky as it might seem, and there's a simple rule to follow.

Step 1: Ignore the Decimal Point (For Now!)

When you first set up your multiplication problem, pretend those decimal points aren't there. Just multiply the numbers as if they were whole numbers. This is like setting them aside for a moment so you can focus on the core multiplication. Let's take an example: Multiply 2.3 by 4. First, ignore the decimal point in 2.3 and treat it as 23. Now, multiply 23 by 4. $23 \times 4 = 92$. Easy enough, right? We'll come back to that decimal point in a moment.

Step 2: Count the Decimal Places

Now, let's bring the decimal points back into play, but in a different way. Look at your original numbers and count how many digits are *after* the decimal point in each number. In our example, 2.3 has *one* digit after the decimal point (the 3). The number 4 has *zero* digits after the decimal point.

Step 3: Sum the Decimal Places

Add up the number of decimal places you counted in Step 2. In our example: 1 (from 2.3) + 0 (from 4) = 1 total decimal place.

Step 4: Place the Decimal Point in Your Answer *This is the grand finale!* Take your answer from Step 1 (which was 92) and place the decimal point so that it has the same number of digits *after* it as the total you calculated in Step 3. Since we had a total of 1 decimal place, we need to put the decimal point in our answer (92) so there's one digit after it. This means the decimal point goes between the 9 and the 2. So, $2.3 \times 4 = 9.2$. Ta-da! You've just multiplied a decimal!

Multiplying Decimals by Decimals: A Little More Practice!

Now, let's try a problem where both numbers have decimal points. This is where the "count the decimal places" rule really shines. Example: Multiply 1.5 by 0.7.

Step 1: Multiply as Whole Numbers

Ignore the decimal points and multiply 15 by 7. $15 \times 7 = 105$.

Step 2: Count Decimal Places

* 1.5 has **one** digit after the decimal point. * 0.7 has **one** digit after the decimal point.

Step 3: Sum the Decimal Places

$1 + 1 = 2$ total decimal places.

Step 4: Place the Decimal Point Take your answer (105) and place the decimal point so there are two digits after it. Starting from the right of 105, count two places to the left: 1.05. So, $1.5 \times 0.7 = 1.05$. Notice how the answer is smaller than both of the original numbers? This is common when multiplying decimals less than 1. It's a good way to check if your answer is in the right ballpark.

The Standard Algorithm for Multiplying Decimals: Organized and Efficient

For more complex problems, the standard algorithm is your best friend. It's the same method you use for multiplying whole numbers, just with the added step of placing the decimal point correctly at the end. Let's try multiplying 3.14 by 2.5.

1. **Set up the problem:** Write it vertically, aligning the numbers on the right side (like you would with whole numbers). It doesn't matter if the decimal points are not directly above each other for the multiplication step.

3.14 x 2.5

2. **Multiply as whole numbers:** Ignore the decimal points and multiply 314 by 25.

* Multiply 314 by 5 (the ones

digit of 25): $* 5 \times 4 = 20$ (write down 0, carry over 2) $* 5 \times 1 = 5 + 2$ (carried over) $= 7$ (write down 7) $* 5 \times 3 = 15$ (write down 15) So, $314 \times 5 = 1570$ * Multiply 314 by 2 (the tens digit of 25), remembering to add a zero in the ones place because we're multiplying by 20: $* 2 \times 4 = 8$ (write down 8) $* 2 \times 1 = 2$ (write down 2) $* 2 \times 3 = 6$ (write down 6) So, $314 \times 20 = 6280$ 3. ****Add the partial products:**** $1570 + 6280 = 7850$ 4. ****Count decimal places and place the decimal point:**** 3.14 has ****two**** digits after the decimal point. $* 2.5$ has ****one**** digit after the decimal point. * Total decimal places $= 2 + 1 = 3$. Take your answer (7850) and place the decimal point so there are three digits after it. 7.850 We can also write this as 7.85, since the trailing zero after the decimal point doesn't change the value. So, $3.14 \times 2.5 = 7.85$.

Tips and Tricks for Success**

* ****Estimate First:**** Before you start multiplying, it's a great idea to estimate your answer. Round your decimal numbers to the nearest whole number and multiply those. This gives you a ballpark figure to compare your final answer to. For 3.14×2.5 , you could estimate by doing $3 \times 3 = 9$. Your actual answer of 7.85 is reasonably close to 9, which is a good sign!

* ****Double-Check Your Multiplication:**** Since you're treating the numbers as whole numbers initially, make sure your basic multiplication is accurate. A small error here can lead to a very different final answer. * ****Count Carefully:**** It's easy to miscount the decimal places. Go back and count them again if you're unsure. * ****Practice, Practice, Practice!**** The more you practice multiplying decimals, the more natural it will become. Work through problems in your

textbook, find online exercises, or even create your own word problems.

Common Mistakes and How to Avoid Them**

*** **Forgetting to Place the Decimal Point:**** This is the most common mistake! Always remember to count the total number of decimal places and place your decimal point accordingly. *** **Incorrectly Placing the Decimal Point:**** Sometimes students place the decimal point based on the number of digits in just **one** of the factors, or they add it to the wrong end. Remember, it's the **sum** of the decimal places from **both** factors. *** **Errors in Basic Multiplication:**** If your multiplication facts are shaky, this will inevitably lead to errors in decimal multiplication. Reinforce your basic multiplication skills.

Let's Try Some More Examples!**

Ready for a few more challenges? 1. ****Multiply 0.4 by 0.6:**** * Multiply $4 \times 6 = 24$ * Decimal places: $1 + 1 = 2$ * Answer: 0.24 2. ****Multiply 12.3 by 0.05:**** * Multiply $123 \times 5 = 615$ * Decimal places: 1 (from 12.3) + 2 (from 0.05) = 3 * Answer: 0.615 3. ****Multiply 25 by 1.1:**** * Multiply $25 \times 11 = 275$ * Decimal places: 0 (from 25) + 1 (from 1.1) = 1 * Answer: 27.5

When Decimals Meet Money: Practical

Applications**

As we mentioned earlier, multiplying decimals is super useful when dealing with money. Let's look at a couple of scenarios: * **Buying multiple items:** * If a comic book costs \$3.50 and you want to buy 4 of them, you'll calculate 3.50×4 . * $350 \times 4 = 1400$ * **Decimal places:** 2 (from 3.50) + 0 (from 4) = 2 * **Answer:** \$14.00. You'll spend \$14. * **Calculating unit prices:** * If a 2-liter bottle of juice costs \$2.98, and you want to know the cost per liter, you'd divide. But if you wanted to know the cost of buying 3 of those bottles, you'd multiply 2.98 by 3. * $298 \times 3 = 894$ * **Decimal places:** 2 (from 2.98) + 0 (from 3) = 2 * **Answer:** \$8.94. Three bottles will cost you \$8.94.

Bringing It All Together: Your Decimal Multiplication Toolkit**

You've now got the tools to confidently multiply decimals! Remember these key takeaways: 1. **Ignore the decimal point to start:** * Multiply the numbers as if they were whole numbers. 2. **Count the total decimal places:** * Add up the number of digits after the decimal point in *each* of the original numbers. 3. **Place the decimal point in your answer:** * Your final answer should have the same number of decimal places as the total you counted. Multiplying decimals is a fundamental skill that opens doors to understanding more complex mathematical concepts and solving real-world problems. Keep practicing, stay curious, and you'll find that these decimal adventures become easier and more enjoyable with every problem you solve! You're

doing a fantastic job, and with a little dedication, you'll master this skill in no time. Happy multiplying!

Mastering Multiplying Decimals in 5th Grade Math: Foundations and Fluency

Learning to multiply decimals is a pivotal milestone in a 5th grader's mathematical journey, serving as a bridge between basic arithmetic and more advanced numerical reasoning. This skill not only reinforces understanding of place value but also prepares students for real-world applications involving money, measurements, and data. Mastery of multiplying decimals helps young learners develop precision, confidence, and a deeper appreciation of how math functions in everyday life.

Understanding Decimals Through Multiplication

At its core, multiplying decimals means combining fractional values with whole numbers or other decimals, requiring students to navigate the intricacies of place value and scaling. Unlike whole numbers, decimals introduce a decimal point that signifies tenths, hundredths, or beyond, demanding careful attention to alignment and units. For 5th graders, this means recognizing that multiplying decimals is not just about following a procedure—it's about

grasping the concept of scaling down or up based on value. When multiplying a decimal by a whole number, students learn that the decimal's place shifts accordingly, preserving the total magnitude. Multiplying two decimals introduces a new layer: determining how many parts of a smaller unit fit into a larger whole, cultivating a nuanced sense of proportion and relative size.

This foundational understanding is crucial because it lays the groundwork for more complex concepts like percentages, ratios, and scientific calculations. By engaging with multiplying decimals early, students build mental flexibility and precision—skills that extend far beyond the classroom. The ability to accurately compute scaled amounts is not just a math exercise; it's a practical tool that shapes how young learners interpret and interact with the world around them.

Real-World Applications of Multiplying Decimals

The relevance of multiplying decimals becomes clear when students see it in action across everyday scenarios. Whether managing an allowance, calculating ingredients for a recipe, or comparing unit prices at the grocery store, decimals are omnipresent. For example, determining how much a 1.5-pound bag of rice costs per ounce requires multiplying the decimal value of weight by price per ounce—transforming abstract numbers into tangible financial understanding.

In science, multiplying decimals helps students interpret data from measurements, such as calculating the area of a rectangular plot measured in decimal centimeters or scaling models in geography and engineering. These applications reinforce the importance of accuracy and attention to detail, reinforcing that math is not just a

school subject but a vital skill for informed decision-making. When students see how multiplying decimals helps solve real problems, their motivation to master the concept grows, transforming abstract learning into meaningful competence.

Building Confidence Through Practice and Strategy

Successfully multiplying decimals requires more than rote memorization—it demands strategic thinking and consistent practice. One effective approach involves breaking down decimals into tens, hundreds, or tenths to simplify calculations, gradually building fluency without overwhelming students. Visual models, such as area models or grid paper, help illustrate how multiplying decimals corresponds to partitioning space or distributing quantities, making the process more intuitive.

Encouraging mental math alongside written computation strengthens number sense and reduces reliance on calculators, fostering confidence in handling numbers independently. As students grow comfortable with place value and decimal placement, they begin to approach problems with curiosity rather than hesitation. This shift from uncertainty to competence is transformative, empowering students to tackle increasingly complex mathematical challenges with assurance.

Preparing for a Future of Numerical Literacy

The ability to multiply decimals is more than a classroom skill—it's a cornerstone of numerical literacy essential for academic success and real-world proficiency. In middle school and beyond, students

encounter more sophisticated math topics, including algebra, statistics, and financial literacy, all of which rely on strong decimal operations. Mastering multiplication of decimals ensures a solid foundation for these advanced concepts, enabling smoother transitions and deeper comprehension.

Moreover, in a world increasingly driven by data and precision, the skill to multiply decimals supports critical thinking and informed decision-making. From budgeting and investing to scientific research and technological innovation, the ability to scale values accurately is indispensable. By nurturing this skill early, educators equip students with tools they will use throughout their education and careers, fostering not just mathematical competence but lifelong confidence in navigating a numerate world.

Looking Ahead: The Evolving Role of Decimal Math

As technology advances, the practical use of decimal math continues to evolve, but the core principles remain vital. While calculators handle the computation, understanding how and why decimal multiplication works ensures students interpret results correctly and apply them thoughtfully. In fields like engineering, economics, and healthcare, accurate decimal operations underpin innovation and safety.

Looking forward, integrating digital tools and interactive learning platforms will enhance how students engage with multiplying decimals, offering dynamic visualizations and instant feedback to reinforce learning. Yet, the human element—curiosity, critical thinking, and real-world connection—will remain central. By grounding students in the fundamental logic of decimal multiplication, educators empower them to embrace complexity

with clarity, turning mathematical challenges into opportunities for growth and discovery.

Mastering 5th Grade Math: A Deep Dive into Multiplying Decimals

The transition to 5th-grade math often marks a significant step in a student's mathematical journey, introducing more complex concepts and requiring a deeper understanding of numerical operations. Among these essential skills, multiplying decimals stands out as a cornerstone, laying the groundwork for future algebraic and geometric concepts. This comprehensive guide aims to demystify the process of multiplying decimals for 5th graders, their parents, and educators, offering clear explanations, practical tips, and valuable insights to foster confidence and proficiency.

Why is multiplying decimals so important? Decimals are ubiquitous in our daily lives. From calculating the cost of groceries and determining distances to understanding scientific measurements and financial transactions, decimals are an integral part of the modern world. Proficiency in multiplying decimals equips students with the ability to solve real-world problems accurately and efficiently, making them more capable and independent learners.

In 5th grade, students typically move beyond basic whole number multiplication to tackle the nuances of decimal operations. This involves understanding how to place the decimal point correctly in the product, a concept that can initially be challenging but becomes intuitive with practice. This article will break down the process into manageable steps, ensuring a solid grasp of this

fundamental mathematical skill.

Understanding the Basics: What are Decimals?

Before diving into multiplication, it's crucial to revisit the concept of decimals. A decimal number is a number that uses a decimal point to separate the whole number part from the fractional part. Each digit to the right of the decimal point represents a fraction with a denominator that is a power of 10 (tenths, hundredths, thousandths, and so on). For example, in the number 3.45, the '3' is the whole number, '4' represents four tenths ($\frac{4}{10}$), and '5' represents five hundredths ($\frac{5}{100}$).

Understanding place value is paramount when working with decimals. Knowing that the value of a digit depends on its position relative to the decimal point is key. This foundational knowledge makes the process of multiplying decimals much more transparent.

The Algorithm for Multiplying Decimals

The beauty of multiplying decimals lies in its underlying algorithm, which is remarkably similar to multiplying whole numbers. The primary difference and the most common point of confusion is determining the correct placement of the decimal point in the final answer. Here's a step-by-step breakdown of the standard method:

Step 1: Ignore the Decimal Points

(Temporarily)

The first step in multiplying decimals is to treat the numbers as if they were whole numbers. This means temporarily removing the decimal points and performing the multiplication as you would with any two whole numbers. For instance, if you need to multiply 2.5 by 1.2, you would first multiply 25 by 12.

Step 2: Perform the Multiplication

Now, execute the multiplication using the standard algorithm. This involves multiplying each digit of the bottom number by each digit of the top number, carrying over when necessary, and then adding the partial products. Using our example of 25×12 :

$$\begin{array}{r} 25 \\ \times 12 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 50 \text{ (} 25 \times 2 \text{)} \\ 250 \text{ (} 25 \times 10 \text{)} \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$300$$

Step 3: Count the Decimal Places

This is the crucial step where we reintroduce the decimal. Count the total number of digits that appear *after* the decimal point in *each* of the original numbers being multiplied. In our example, 2.5 has one digit after the decimal, and 1.2 has one digit after the decimal. Therefore, the total number of decimal places is $1 + 1 = 2$.

Step 4: Place the Decimal Point in the Product

Take the product you obtained in Step 2 (which was 300) and count from the rightmost digit, moving left, the number of places you determined in Step 3. Place the decimal point in that position. In our example, we need to move two places to the left from the '0' in 300. This gives us 3.00.

It's important to note that trailing zeros after the decimal point can often be removed if they don't affect the value. So, 3.00 is equivalent to 3. This simplification is a key aspect of working with decimal answers.

Illustrative Examples and Practice

Let's work through a few more examples to solidify understanding. These practical applications are vital for mastering fifth grade math.

Example 1: Multiplying a Decimal by a Whole Number

Calculate 3.7×4 .

1. Ignore decimals: 37×4
2. Multiply: $37 \times 4 = 148$
3. Count decimal places: 3.7 has 1 decimal place. 4 has 0 decimal places. Total = 1.
4. Place decimal: Starting from the right of 148, move 1 place left. The answer is 14.8.

Example 2: Multiplying Two Decimals

Calculate 0.8×0.25 .

1. Ignore decimals: 8×25
2. Multiply: $8 \times 25 = 200$
3. Count decimal places: 0.8 has 1 decimal place. 0.25 has 2 decimal places. Total = $1 + 2 = 3$.
4. Place decimal: Starting from the right of 200, move 3 places left. This gives us .200. Since there is no whole number part, we add a leading zero: 0.200. We can simplify this to 0.2.

Consistent practice is the key to success. Encourage students to work through a variety of problems, starting with simpler ones and gradually increasing the complexity. Online math resources, worksheets, and textbooks offer ample opportunities for this essential practice. Learning to multiply decimals effectively involves understanding these steps thoroughly.

Strategies for Success and Common Pitfalls

While the algorithm is straightforward, several strategies can help students succeed and avoid common mistakes when multiplying decimals.

Estimation as a Verification Tool

Before performing the exact calculation, encourage students to estimate the answer. This provides a rough idea of what the product should be and helps catch significant errors. For example, when multiplying 2.3 by 4.8, students can round 2.3 to 2 and 4.8 to 5. The estimated product is $2 \times 5 = 10$. If their calculated answer

is, say, 11.04, it's close to the estimate. If it's 1.104 or 110.4, they know they've likely made a mistake in placing the decimal.

Understanding the Impact of Multiplying by Numbers Less Than 1

A crucial concept to grasp is that multiplying a number by a decimal less than 1 will result in a product that is smaller than the original number. Conversely, multiplying by a decimal greater than 1 will result in a larger product. This intuition helps students assess the reasonableness of their answers.

Addressing the Decimal Point Placement Error

The most common error in multiplying decimals is misplacing the decimal point. Emphasize the counting method: count the total decimal places in the factors and apply that count to the product. Visual aids, like using colored pencils to mark decimal places, can be very helpful.

The Role of Zeroes

Students sometimes struggle with how zeroes affect decimal multiplication, especially when the product has fewer digits than required by the decimal count. As seen in Example 2, if the product is 200 and requires 3 decimal places, the answer becomes 0.200. Understanding that we can add leading zeroes to satisfy the decimal place requirement is important. Similarly, understanding when to remove trailing zeroes from the final answer (e.g., 3.00 becomes 3) is also key for presenting answers in their simplest form.

Real-World Applications of Multiplying Decimals

The ability to multiply decimals is not just an academic exercise; it has direct applications in numerous real-world scenarios:

1. **Shopping:** Calculating the total cost of multiple items when each has a price with cents (e.g., buying 3 shirts at \$12.99 each).
2. **Cooking and Baking:** Adjusting recipe quantities. If a recipe calls for 2.5 cups of flour and you need to make half the recipe, you'll multiply 2.5 by 0.5.
3. **Distance and Time:** Calculating the total distance traveled if you maintain a certain speed for a given amount of time (e.g., driving at 65.5 miles per hour for 2.5 hours).
4. **Finance:** Calculating interest on savings accounts or the total cost of items with sales tax.
5. **Measurements:** Converting units or calculating areas and volumes involving decimal measurements.

By connecting the mathematical concept to these practical examples, students can better appreciate the relevance and importance of mastering decimal multiplication. This reinforces learning and fosters a more engaged approach to mathematics.

Conclusion: Building Confidence Through Practice

Multiplying decimals is a fundamental skill in 5th-grade mathematics that empowers students to tackle a wide range of real-world problems. By understanding the algorithm, practicing consistently, and utilizing strategies like estimation, students can

overcome any initial apprehension and develop a strong sense of confidence in their abilities. Educators and parents play a vital role in providing clear explanations, ample practice opportunities, and encouragement. As students master the art of multiplying decimals, they unlock a more profound understanding of numbers and pave the way for greater mathematical success in the years to come.

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Questions & Answers About 5th grade math multiplying decimals

N o	Question	Answer
1	Why do we need to know how to multiply decimals in 5th grade?	Multiplying decimals is super useful for real-life stuff like figuring out prices when things are on sale (like 2.5 pounds of apples at \$1.99 per pound), calculating distances when speed is given in decimals (like traveling 3.2 hours at 55.5 miles per hour), or even managing money by adding up costs that have cents.
2	What's the easiest way to remember where to put the decimal point when multiplying decimals?	Count the total number of digits to the right of the decimal point in all the numbers you are multiplying. Then, in your answer, count that many digits from the right and place the decimal point there. Think of it as adding up the decimal 'places'!
3	Can you give me a simple trick for multiplying decimals by powers of 10 (like 10, 100, 1000)?	Absolutely! Multiplying by 10 moves the decimal point one place to the right. Multiplying by 100 moves it two places to the right, and by 1000 moves it three places to the right. Just count the zeros in the power of 10 and move the decimal that many spaces!
4	What if I'm multiplying a decimal by a whole number? How does that work?	It works just like multiplying regular numbers! You can treat the whole number as a decimal with a .0 at the end. Multiply them as if they were whole numbers, and then place the decimal point in your answer based on the number of decimal places in the original decimal number.

5	Is there a way to estimate the answer before I multiply decimals to check if my answer is reasonable?	Yes! Rounding is your best friend for estimating. Round each decimal to the nearest whole number or a simpler number you can easily multiply. For example, to estimate 3.7×5.2 , you could round it to $4 \times 5 = 20$. This helps you see if your final calculated answer is in the right ballpark.
6	What's the difference between multiplying 0.5×0.5 and 5×5 ?	The main difference is the decimal point! 5×5 equals 25. When you multiply 0.5×0.5 , you have one decimal place in each number, so you'll have two decimal places in your answer. So, $0.5 \times 0.5 = 0.25$. This means the answer is much smaller than 25.
7	I'm struggling with word problems involving multiplying decimals. What's a good strategy?	First, read the problem carefully and identify the numbers involved and what operation is needed. Look for keywords like 'each,' 'total,' 'times,' or phrases that suggest repeated addition, which often means multiplication. Draw a picture or model to help visualize the situation if needed.
8	Are there any common mistakes to watch out for when multiplying decimals?	The most common mistake is misplacing the decimal point in the final answer. Always remember to count the total number of decimal places in the original numbers and apply that to your product. Also, be careful not to add the decimal places instead of multiplying the numbers.

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Core Discussion

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Conclusion

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