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Stratigraphy: A Modern Synthesis 2022-03-02 the updated textbook is intended to serve as an advanced and detailed treatment of the evolution of the subject of stratigraphy from its disparate beginnings as separate studies of sedimentology lithostratigraphy chronostratigraphy etc into a modern integrated discipline in which all components are necessary there is a historical introduction which now includes information about the timeline of the evolution of the components of modern stratigraphy the elements of the various components facies analysis sequence stratigraphy mapping methods chronostratigraphic methods etc are outlined and a chapter discussing the modern synthesis is included near the end of the book which closes with a discussion of future research trends in the study of time as preserved in the stratigraphic record

A Brief History of Earth: Four Billion Years in Eight Chapters 2022-03-22 a sublime chronicle of our planet booklist starred review harvard s acclaimed geologist charts earth s history in accessible style ap how well do you know the ground beneath your feet odds are where you re standing was once cooking under a roiling sea of lava crushed by a towering sheet of ice rocked by a nearby meteor strike or perhaps choked by poison gases drowned beneath ocean perched atop a mountain range or roamed by fearsome monsters probably most or even all of the above the story of our home planet and the organisms spread across its surface is far more spectacular than any hollywood blockbuster filled with enough plot twists to rival a bestselling thriller but only recently have we begun to piece together the whole mystery into a coherent narrative drawing on his decades of field research and up to the minute understanding of the latest science renowned geologist andrew h knoll delivers a rigorous yet accessible biography of earth charting our home planet s epic 4 6 billion year story placing twenty first century climate change in deep context a brief history of earth is an indispensable look at where we ve been and where we re going features original illustrations depicting earth history and nearly 50 figures maps tables photographs graphs

Evolution of the Atmosphere, Fire and the Anthropocene Climate Event Horizon 2013-10-08 unique among all creatures further to the increase in its cranial volume from australopithecus to homo sapiens the use of tools and cultural and scientific creativity the genus homo is distinguished by the mastery of fire which since about two million years ago has become its blueprint through the holocene and culminating in the anthropocene the burning of much of the terrestrial vegetation excavation and combustion of fossil carbon from up to 420 million years old biospheres are leading to a global oxidation event on a geological scale a rise in entropy in nature and the sixth mass extinction of species

Asteroids Impacts, Crustal Evolution and Related Mineral Systems with Special Reference to Australia 2018-03-12 this book presents a comprehensive overview of australian impact structures and related mineralization including a discussion of the significance of many of these structures for crustal evolution the book focuses in particular on archaean impact ejecta fallout units in the pilbara craton of western australia large exposed and buried impact structures and on the geophysical evidence for possible to probable impact structures thanks to their long term geological stability precambrian and younger terrains in the australian continent contain 38 confirmed impact structures and 43 ring and dome structures many of which constitute possible to probable asteroid impact structures the impact structures have been the subject of more than half a century of studies and range from several tens of meter large craters to buried structures larger than 100 km in diameter discoveries of impact fallout units in the pilbara craton have defined the pilbara as one of the two best documented terrains where archaean impact ejecta fallout deposits are identified the other terrain being the kaapvaal craton in southern africa a synthesis of evidence from both cratons indicates periods of large asteroid bombardments during 3 47 2 48 billion years ago including peak bombardment about 3 25 3 22 billion years ago the latter period coincides with an abrupt transformation of an early archaean granite greenstone crust to mid to late archaean semi continental crustal regimes underpinning the significance of heavy asteroid impact events for crustal evolution apart from proven impact structures australian terrains display a range of circular features including morphological and drainage rings circular lakes volcanic craters tectonic domes oval granite bodies mafic igneous plugs salt diapirs and magnetic gravity and seismic anomalies many of which are of a likely impact origin thermal and hydrothermal processes associated with impact cratering bear important consequences for the formation of mineral deposits such as ni at sudbury pb zn at siljan and kentland impact structures may also provide sites for the accumulation of hydrocarbons whereas in some instances fracturing associated with impact structures allows outward migration of oil and gas

Frontiers in Geochemistry 2011-03-03 this book is a contribution to the international year of planet earth arising from the 33rd international geological congress held in oslo norway during august 2008 the first section of the book considers aspects of geochemical processes which led to the development of the solid earth as it is today the second portion of the book shows how the rapidly evolving analytical tools and approaches presently used by

geochemists may be used to solve emerging environmental and other societal problems this unique collection of reviews with contributions from a range of internationally distinguished scientists will be invaluable reading for advanced students and others interested in the central role geochemistry in the earth sciences

The Human Impact on the Natural Environment 2013-04-02 the seventh edition of this classic student text explores the multitude of impacts that humans have had over time upon vegetation animals soils water landforms and the atmosphere it also looks into the future and considers the ways in which climate changes and modifications in land cover may change the environment in coming decades extensively re written it contains many new statistical tables figures and references it is essential reading for undergraduates in geography and environmental science and for those who want a thorough wide ranging and balanced overview of the impacts of humans upon natural processes and systems from the stone age to the anthropocene and who wish to understand the major environmental issues that concern the human race at the present time additional resources for this book can be found at wiley.com/go/goudiehumanimpact

The Trials of Gaia 2023-03-14 this books presents a documentation and resulting perspectives regarding james lovelock s multidisciplinary evolution theory it looks at past and current climate changes and their consequences including detailed accounts of the global warming the connection between climate trajectories and extreme weather events including tropical and arctic fronts cyclones fire storms tropical storms acidification tsunami floods sea level rise are referred to in connection with recent developments the book updates earlier accounts regarding extreme weather events and mass extinctions the book the trials of gaia is published in honour of the late professor james lovelock 26 july 1919 26 july 2022 the father of the gaia theory

Climate, Fire and Human Evolution 2015-11-04 the book outlines principal milestones in the evolution of the atmosphere oceans and biosphere during the last 4 million years in relation with the evolution from primates to the genus homo which uniquely mastered the ignition and transfer of fire the advent of land plants since about 420 million years ago ensued in flammable carbon rich biosphere interfaced with an oxygen rich atmosphere born on a flammable earth surface under increasingly unstable climates descending from the warmer pliocene into the deepest ice ages of the pleistocene human survival depended on both biological adaptations and cultural evolution mastering fire as a necessity this allowed the genus to increase entropy in nature by orders of magnitude gathered around camp fires during long nights for hundreds of thousandth of years captivated by the flickering life like dance of the flames humans developed imagination insights cravings fears premonitions of death and thereby aspiration for immortality omniscience omnipotence and the concept of god inherent in pantheism was the reverence of the earth its rocks and its living creatures contrasted by the subsequent rise of monotheistic sky god creeds which regard earth as but a corridor to heaven once the climate stabilized in the early holocene since about 7000 years ago production of excess food by neolithic civilization along the great river valleys has allowed human imagination and dreams to express themselves through the construction of monuments to immortality further to burning large part of the forests the discovery of combustion and exhumation of carbon from the earth s hundreds of millions of years old fossil biospheres set the stage for an anthropogenic oxidation event affecting an abrupt shift in state of the atmosphere ocean cryosphere system the consequent ongoing extinction equals the past five great mass extinctions of species constituting a geological event horizon in the history of planet earth

The Nature of the Environment 2001-06-29 the fourth edition of this highly acclaimed text on the natural environment of the earth has now been thoroughly revised and updated and includes a new chapter on the organic world more windows new illustrations and a range of other features please visit the accompanying website at blackwellpublishers.co.uk/goudie to view sample material from both the new edition and forthcoming instructor s manual online fully updated with an entirely new chapter and new features throughout now features a list of key concepts and points for review includes increased number of windows updated and expanded reading guides and new plates and diagrams well illustrated with updated examples and case studies puts more stress on the importance of hazards natural environmental changes and human impacts

Radioisotopes and the Age of the Earth 2000 in 1997 an eight year research initiative to investigate this very issue was launched entitled radioisotopes and the age of the earth rate and staffed by experts qualified in relevant fields it attempted to test the validity of radioisotope dating of rocks source of the main evidence for deep time the rate book published after the first three years revealed the questionable state of the radioisotope dating methods and proposed experiments which could shed some light in the darkness the next five years were occupied by conducting those experiments and analyzing the data and theory this books presents the results does this work prove the young earth model of course not as no historical reconstruction can be fully proved but it does show that

of the two viewpoints the young earth model is better supported and more consistent with all the radioisotope evidence prologue v 2 pages xxvi xxviii

Life on a Young Planet 2003 knoll explores the deep history of life from its origins on a young planet to the incredible cambrian explosion with the very latest discoveries in paleontology integrated with emerging insights from molecular biology and earth system science 100 illustrations

Manual of Remote Sensing, Remote Sensing for the Earth Sciences 1999-03-08 die großen fortschritte in der fernerkundung sowie die verfügbarkeit umfangreicher neuer satellitendaten machten die neuauflage des bekannten 8 bändigen manual of remote sensing erforderlich behandelt werden theorie und praktische anwendungsmöglichkeiten von fernerkundungs satellitendaten auf geologische problemstellungen darüber hinaus beschreibt band 3 die technischen mittel zur erzielung der daten radar licht infrarot und geophysikalische sensoren und deren anwendungsbereiche exploration von erz und kohlelagerstätten stratigraphie technische geologie und umweltstudien dieser band bietet eine ideale kombination von theorie datenanalyse und fallstudien zur veranschaulichung grundlegender konzepte

Geomorphology in the Anthropocene 2016-10-10 a comprehensive treatment of the human role in modifying geomorphological forms and processes and their influence on the earth s systems

Statistics in the Environmental and Earth Sciences 1992 the fourth edition of this highly acclaimed text on the natural environment of the earth has now been thoroughly revised and updated and includes a new chapter on the organic world more windows new illustrations and a range of other features please visit the accompanying website at blackwellpublishers.co.uk/goudie to view sample material from both the new edition and forthcoming instructor s manual online fully updated with an entirely new chapter and new features throughout now features a list of key concepts and points for review includes increased number of windows updated and expanded reading guides and new plates and diagrams well illustrated with updated examples and case studies puts more stress on the importance of hazards natural environmental changes and human impacts

The Nature of the Environment 2009-07-08 based on four decades of research by professor andrew goudie this volume provides a state of the art synthesis of our understanding of desert geomorphology it presents a truly international perspective with examples from all over the world extensively referenced and illustrated it covers such topics as the importance of past climatic changes the variability of different desert environments rock breakdown wind erosion and dust storm generation sand dunes fluvial and slope forms and processes the role of the applied geomorphologist in desert development and conservation and the earth as an analogue for other planetary bodies this book is destined to become the classic volume on arid and semi arid geomorphology for advanced students and researchers in physical geography geomorphology earth science sedimentology environmental science and archaeology

Arid and Semi-Arid Geomorphology 2013-05-27 this book presents projections and blueprints of the future geologic period climate and biosphere based on our current understanding of the earth s history and recent developments in the atmosphere ocean cryosphere system by the second decade of the 21st century it has become clear that rather than channel its efforts into protecting its planetary biosphere and living species homo sapiens continues to sink its remaining resources into weapons including nuclear missiles thus increasing the risk of intentional or accidental spread of radioactive nuclides on land oceans and atmosphere with time possibility becomes probability and probability becomes certainty heralding a transition from the anthropocene to a new geological period named here as plutocene after the element plutonium during the plutocene the biosphere is dominated by elevated temperatures analogous to the pliocene 2 6 5 3 ma ago or the miocene 5 3 23 ma ago when mean global temperatures were 2 to 4 degrees celsius warmer and sea levels 20 to 40 meters higher than pre industrial levels high levels of radioactivity will persist for at least 20 000 years and acid oceans will severely limit biological activity to the hardiest species atmospheric co2 higher than 500 ppm with residence time on the order of thousands of years will delay the subsequent glacial cycle these factors restrict comparisons of the plutocene with biosphere conditions during the miocene and pliocene periods partly because the flora and fauna evolved more gradually during these periods unlike the abrupt climate shift of state during the second half of the 20th century and first part of the 21st century following a long lull in biological activity dominated by radiation resistant organisms especially arthropods a resumption of glacial cycles and decline in radioactivity will lead to the re emergence of descendants of burrowing mammals and other genera depending on the intensity of radioactive pollution hunter gatherer humans may survive in northern latitudes relatively cold high altitude mountain valleys and elevated volcanic islands in some areas subsistence farming may be possible a new cycle will commence

The Plutocene: Blueprints for a Post-Anthropocene Greenhouse Earth 2017-07-10 a christian attorney examines whether young earth science which started with a noble agenda has now unintentionally ended up disserving evangelism for our lord on non essentials

The Unintended Disservice of Young Earth Science 2011-01-28 discovering the rates at which landscapes change and the causes of these changes is a key current focus in geoscientific environmental ecological and archaeological research the mechanisms are intricate involving many components a complex of positive and negative feedback mechanisms and scales varying from the solar system and global tectonics to the activities of microscopic organisms in this book andrew goudie draws together the findings of many disparate disciplines and of his own research to present a coherent and structured account of what is known and what remains to be discovered about change and the variable rate of change in the shape and environment of the earth s surface this is not a research monograph but a research synthesis presented in terms comprehensible to workers in a wide range of disciplines

Statistics in the Environmental & Earth Sciences 1992 the earth that sustains us today was born out of a few remarkable near catastrophic revolutions started by biological innovations and marked by global environmental consequences the revolutions have certain features in common such as an increase in complexity energy utilization and information processing by life this book describes these revolutions showing the fundamental interdependence of the evolution of life and its non living environment we would not exist unless these upheavals had led eventually to successful outcomes meaning that after each one at length a new stable world emerged the current planet reshaping activities of our species may be the start of another great earth system revolution but there is no guarantee that this one will be successful the book explains what a successful transition through it might look like if we are wise enough to steer such a course this book places humanity in context as part of the earth system using a new scientific synthesis to illustrate our debt to the deep past and our potential for the future

The Changing Earth 1995-05-02 emphasising the interconnected nature of environmental geology and the multidimensional processes of the earth this highly anticipated new edition of merritt s classic text provides a balanced approach to environmental issues and builds an informed student understanding with case studies conceptual explanations and relevant presentation of material by far the most concise book for its course it remains the only textbook to use an earth systems approach to exploring how the earth works the human impact on the environment and the characteristics of different natural hazards

Revolutions that Made the Earth 2013-04-11 the earth transformed answers the need for a concise non technical introduction to the ways in which the natural environment has been and is being affected by human activities it is simply and engagingly written and illustrated with maps diagrams figures and photographs among the subjects described and considered by the authors are desertification deforestation wetland management biodiversity climatic change air pollution the impact of cities on climate and hydrology erosion salinization waste disposal sea level rise marine pollution coral reef degradation and aquaculture the book is organized around 45 case studies taken from all parts of the globe and chosen for their intrinsic interest and representative nature further features of the book include guides to further reading suggestions for debate and study and a glossary of terms the book is aimed to meet the needs of students beginning courses on environmental science and geography

Environmental Geology 2014-03-28 2012 prose award earth science honorable mention for more than fifty years scientists have been concerned with the interrelationships of earth and life over the past decade however geobiology the name given to this interdisciplinary endeavour has emerged as an exciting and rapidly expanding field fuelled by advances in molecular phylogeny a new microbial ecology made possible by the molecular revolution increasingly sophisticated new techniques for imaging and determining chemical compositions of solids on nanometer scales the development of non traditional stable isotope analyses earth systems science and earth system history and accelerating exploration of other planets within and beyond our solar system geobiology has many faces there is the microbial weathering of minerals bacterial and skeletal biomineralization the roles of autotrophic and heterotrophic metabolisms in elemental cycling the redox history in the oceans and its relationship to evolution and the origin of life itself this book is the first to set out a coherent set of principles that underpin geobiology and will act as a foundational text that will speed the dissemination of those principles the chapters have been carefully chosen to provide intellectually rich but concise summaries of key topics and each has been written by one or more of the leading scientists in that field fundamentals of geobiology is aimed at advanced undergraduates and graduates in the earth and biological sciences and to the growing number of scientists worldwide who have an interest in this burgeoning new discipline additional resources for this book can be found at

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Statistics in the Environmental and Earth Sciences 1992 a brand new edition of the definitive textbook on humankind's impact on the earth's environment now in full color this classic text explores the multitude of impacts that humans have had over time upon vegetation animals soils water landforms and the atmosphere it considers the ways in which climate changes and modifications in land cover may change the environment in coming decades thoroughly revised to cover the remarkable transformation in interest that humans are having in the environment this book examines previously uncovered topics such as rewilding ecosystem services techniques for study novel and no analogue ecosystems and more it also presents the latest views on big themes such as human origins the anthropocene domestication extinctions and ecological invasions extensively re-written human impact on the natural environment eighth edition contains many new and updated statistical tables figures and references it offers enlightening chapters that look at the past and present state of the world examining our impact on the land itself and the creatures that inhabit it the oceans lakes rivers and streams and the climate and atmosphere the book also takes a deep look at our future impact on the planet and its resources our affect on the coastal environments the cryosphere and the drylands as well as the hydrological and geomorphological impacts fully updated to take account of recent advances in our understanding of global warming and other phenomena offers current opinions on such topics as human origins the anthropocene domestication extinctions and ecological invasions features a full color presentation to allow for more and clearer photographs and diagrams contains more international case studies than previous editions to balance uk examples human impact on the natural environment is essential reading for undergraduates in geography and environmental science and for those who want a thorough wide ranging and balanced overview of the impacts of humans upon natural processes and systems from the stone age to the anthropocene and who wish to understand the major environmental issues that concern the human race at the present time

The Earth Transformed 2013-05-06 volume editor is the leading authority in the field alphabetically organized in two volumes c 700 comprehensively signed cross referenced and indexed entries detailed bibliographies and suggestions for further reading follow most entries fully illustrated over 300 plates and line drawings written by an editorial team of over 270 experts from over thirty countries

Fundamentals of Geobiology 2012-03-30 experiments and activities introduce the world of earth science
Human Impact on the Natural Environment 2018-08-20 archaean terrains contain a wealth of structural stratigraphic textural mineralogical geochemical and isotopic features allowing insights into the nature of the early earth this book is based on studies during 1964 2007 of archaean terrains in australia and to a lesser extent in south africa and india as well as on visits to archaean terrains in canada the us and china as well as petrological and geochemical studies of igneous and sedimentary rock suites from a range of terrains the book will include a range of photographic and microscopic images geological sketch maps and diagrams illustrating the lessons derived from field and the laboratory also other archaean terrains are being reviewed the book is intended for earth scientists as well as broader intelligent readership

Encyclopedia of Geomorphology 2013-04-15 in a dynamic treatment of planets of the solar system from a unified perspective planetary geology deals with the origin of planetary bodies the forces that fashion their surfaces the rise and fall of icecaps and oceans and the role of life in planetary history

Environmental Geology 1998 on the centenary of the international union of geodesy and geophysics this book reviews the state of the art research in geomagnetism aeronomy and space weather written by eminent researchers from these fields it summarises the advances in research over the past 100 years and looks ahead to current and emerging studies on earth's magnetic field it provides a comprehensive overview of the generation of earth's magnetic field its history and its response to external forces starting at the centre of the earth the reader is taken on a journey from the interior core and mantle through the upper atmosphere and magnetosphere before reaching the sun's atmosphere and corona the applications of this research are also discussed particularly the societal impact of solar activity on critical infrastructures in our increasingly technologically dependant society this book provides a valuable resource and reference to academic researchers and students in geomagnetism and aeronomy

Earth 2000-05 as end of the world scenarios go an apocalyptic collision with an asteroid or comet is the new kid on the block gaining respectability only in the last decade of the 20th century with the realisation that the dinosaurs had been wiped out by just such an impact now the science community is making up for lost time with worldwide efforts to track the thousands of potentially hazardous near earth objects and plans for high tech hardware that

could deflect an incoming object from a collision course a procedure depicted with little regard for scientific accuracy in several hollywood movies astrophysicist and science writer andrew may disentangles fact from fiction in this fast moving and entertaining account covering the nature and history of comets and asteroids the reason why some orbits are more hazardous than others the devastating local and global effects that an impact event would produce and more optimistically the way future space missions could avert a catastrophe

Memoir of Sir Andrew Crombie Ramsay 1895 when in 1981 louis and walter alvarez the father and son team unearthed a tell tale iridium rich sedimentary horizon at the 65 million years old cretaceous tertiary boundary at gubbio italy their find heralded a paradigm shift in the study of terrestrial evolution since the 1980s the discovery and study of asteroid impact ejecta in the oldest well preserved terrains of western australia and south africa by don lowe gary byerly bruce simonson scott hassler the author and others and the documentation of new exposed and buried impact structures in several continents have led to a resurgence of the idea of the catastrophism theory of cuvier previously largely supplanted by the uniformitarian theory of hutton and lyell several mass extinction of species events are known to have occurred in temporal proximity to large asteroid impacts global volcanic eruptions and continental splitting likely links are observed between asteroid clusters and the 580 ma acritarch radiation end devonian extinction end triassic extinction and end jurassic extinction new discoveries of 3 5 3 2 ga old impact fallout units in south africa have led don lowe and gary byerly to propose a protracted prolongation of the late heavy bombardment 3 95 3 85 ga in the earth moon system given the difficulty in identifying asteroid impact ejecta units and buried impact structures it is likely new discoveries of impact signatures are in store which would further profoundly alter models of terrestrial evolution

The Archaean: Geological and Geochemical Windows into the Early Earth 2014-08-05 this book is a contribution to the international year of planet earth arising from the 33rd international geological congress held in oslo norway during august 2008 the first section of the book considers aspects of geochemical processes which led to the development of the solid earth as it is today the second portion of the book shows how the rapidly evolving analytical tools and approaches presently used by geochemists may be used to solve emerging environmental and other societal problems this unique collection of reviews with contributions from a range of internationally distinguished scientists will be invaluable reading for advanced students and others interested in the central role geochemistry in the earth sciences

Planetary Geology 2013-06-20 this is a timely comprehensive and thoroughly researched study of climate fiction from around the world including novels short stories films and other formats informed by a sociological perspective it will be an invaluable resource for students and scholars looking to enter and expand the field of climate fiction studies

Geomagnetism, Aeronomy and Space Weather 2019-11-14 mathematical geoscience is an expository textbook which aims to provide a comprehensive overview of a number of different subjects within the earth and environmental sciences uniquely it treats its subjects from the perspective of mathematical modelling with a level of sophistication that is appropriate to their proper investigation the material ranges from the introductory level where it can be used in undergraduate or graduate courses to research questions of current interest the chapters end with notes and references which provide an entry point into the literature as well as allowing discursive pointers to further research avenues the introductory chapter provides a condensed synopsis of applied mathematical techniques of analysis as used in modern applied mathematical modelling there follows a succession of chapters on climate ocean and atmosphere dynamics rivers dunes landscape formation groundwater flow mantle convection magma transport glaciers and ice sheets and sub glacial floods this book introduces a whole range of important geoscientific topics in one single volume and serves as an entry point for a rapidly expanding area of genuine interdisciplinary research by addressing the interplay between mathematics and the real world this book will appeal to graduate students lecturers and researchers in the fields of applied mathematics the environmental sciences and engineering

Cosmic Impact 2019-02-07 a truly welcome and refreshing study that puts earthquake impact on history into a proper perspective amos nur emeritus professor of geophysics stanford university california and author of apocalypse earthquakes archaeology and the wrath of god since antiquity on every continent human beings in search of attractive landscapes and economic prosperity have made a faustian bargain with the risk of devastation by an earthquake today around half of the world's largest cities as many as sixty lie in areas of major seismic activity many such as lisbon naples san francisco teheran and tokyo have been severely damaged or destroyed by earthquakes in the past but throughout history starting with ancient jericho rome and sparta cities have proved to

be extraordinarily resilient only one port royal in the caribbean was abandoned after an earthquake earth shattering events seeks to understand exactly how humans and earthquakes have interacted not only in the short term but also in the long perspective of history in some cases physical devastation has been followed by decline but in others the political and economic reverberations of earthquake disasters have presented opportunities for renewal after its wholesale destruction in 1906 san francisco went on to flourish eventually giving birth to the high tech industrial area on the san andreas fault known as silicon valley an earthquake in caracas in 1812 triggered the creation of new nations in the liberation of south america from spanish rule another in tangshan in 1976 catalysed the transformation of china into the world s second largest economy the growth of the scientific study of earthquakes is woven into this far reaching history it began with a series of earthquakes in england in 1750 today seismologists can monitor the vibration of the planet second by second and the movement of tectonic plates millimeter by millimeter yet even in the 21st century great earthquakes are still essentially acts of god striking with much less warning than volcanoes floods hurricanes and even tornadoes and tsunamis

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