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# Effectiveness of Blended Learning in the Context of Technical Colleges

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**Abstract:** The researches study the problem of efficiency of using a model for mixed learning in technical and vocational education. From a psychopedagogical perspective, the research is focused on how hybrid teaching combines traditional face-to-face teaching and online education and how this integration affects factors such as motivation, independent thought, and academic performance of students. This research was carried out on the blended learning model implemented in a polytechnic college No. 1 of pastdargom in District. The findings show that the blended version raises student involvement and interaction between students and lecturers, as well as significantly improving the overall efficacy of instruction. Ultimately, the report also points out the pros and cons of implementing blended learning in technical college education.

**Keywords:** Blended learning, technical education college, student motivation, digital didactics, learning effectiveness, educational technology, psychopedagogy.

## 1. Introduction

The global educational system has seen some profound changes in recent years thanks to fast digitalization, challenging new learning technologies, and more and more societal demand for flexible and skill-based education [1]. Such developments have transformed the traditional narrative of teaching and learning, making it imperative that educational institutions reprogram their pedagogical and technological underpinnings. It is no longer necessary for the schools and colleges to give just theoretical knowledge in its present-day existence; they now need to develop students possessing the capability to think critically, solve complex problems, and comfortably navigate in the digital environment despite being so common in their modern life.

Reform in this sense is most important to vocational and technical institutions like Pastdargom District Polytechnic College No. 1, which merges the theoretical and practical components of the education process. The dual characteristics of technical education warrant a teaching strategy in which hands-on skill handling is maintained but ways digital tools can be used to convey more complex topics. Even if traditional face-to-face learning exercises interpersonal communication and discipline-specific skills, it often lacks to meet the rising demand for digital literacy and independent learning competencies of the modern students [2].

As a result, blended learning, an approach that combines in-person teaching with online and multimedia elements, has come up first as one of the most promising solutions. This model enables teachers to combine the best of traditional pedagogy with the personalized and flexible nature of digital education, allowing students to learn at their own pace, reviewing lectures multiple times, interacting with simulations and learning

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platforms, and receiving instant feedback via online assessments. Blended learning is known for its positive effects not only in terms of student academic performance but also in terms of motivation, engagement, and autonomy as learners [3],[4],[5].

In technical and vocational education specifically, the implementation of blended learning is faced with new types of challenges as well as opportunities. On the one hand, digital modules can serve as effective supplements to workshop-based instruction, providing visual demonstrations, virtual laboratories, and interactive exercises. Conversely, insufficient technological infrastructure, unprepared teachers and unexplored reliable internet access can impede successful integration, which means blended learning in technical colleges calls for substantiation, methodological assistance and both pedagogical and technical performance monitoring.

This article is reading for the application of blended learning of Pastdargom District Polytechnic College No. 1 was appropriate for this context. The paper summarizes the concept for the design of the research, which will answer the main questions of whether blended learning has an impact on academic performance, the concept of the student motivation, and development of practical competencies. The study also hopes to locate institutional triggers supporting and inhibiting the success of hybrid education, such as teacher readiness in the ways of training for this new modes in processes or to learning how it supports student adaptability to hybrid educational formats[6,7,8].

This study adds to the wider conversation of digital transformation in education with empirical cases from a local vocational institution, and its findings are to be useful for administrators, educators, and policymakers to implement more sustainable and inclusive blended learning models for technical education systems in Uzbekistan territory and abroad[9].

## 2. Materials and Methods

The study was carried on at Pastdargom District Polytechnic College No. 1 during the 2024–2025 academic year. This study involved students aged 16 to 18 enrolled in specialty-oriented technical programs (also called career-technical education or CTE) for participants who were selected intentionally: students at this developmental stage demonstrate ongoing formation of cognitive self-regulation mechanisms, including sustained attention, academic discipline, and exercise of the ability to integrate theoretical and practical knowledge. Such characteristics also make them ideal subjects for assessing the effects of blended learning on both academic performance and self-directed learning skills [4].

Before the study, instructors participated in additional training focused on digital pedagogy, platform-based instructional delivery, and formative assessment tools to maintain methodological coherence and appropriate utilization of online modalities [5].

This blended model integrated face-to-face classroom lessons with structured online components delivered via Google Classroom and Zoom, supported by asynchronous multimedia materials (e.g., instructional videos, digital presentations, interactive simulations, and practice-based problem sets). Theoretical content was mainly delivered using brief digital modules (micro-lectures no longer than 10–15 minutes) to enable student familiarity with foundational concepts before class. In-person time was limited to supervised lab work, collaborative troubleshooting, and guided application of concepts to simulated professional tasks. The sampling procedure produced a total of 58 participants through two cohorting classes of students. At baseline, in order to allow for pre-post comparisons, demographic and baseline cognitive measures (including prior academic performance and a brief self-regulation questionnaire) were recorded. Participation was voluntary; informed consent was collected from each student (and from guardians where required by institutional policy). Cohorts were randomly chosen to reflect a variety of prior achievement levels and socio-economic backgrounds representative of the

main college population out to reduce selection bias. Methodological triangulation was used in data collection in rest to the validity. Quantitative measures included written quizzes administered periodically, two mid-term examinations, a final written examination, and practical performance assessments graded with standardized rubrics. Methods: Quantitative data were collected via structured class room observations, reflexive learning journals and semi-structured student interviews. Classroom observations were conducted per a specified protocol with measurements taking place for attentional indicators such as the frequency and duration of on-task behavior, verbal participation, and the duration of persistent for assigned tasks. Observers were trained to consistently the protocol and inter-rater reliability was obtained on a sample of recorded sessions.

A structured questionnaire was administered to seek the views of the stakeholders on blended learning, their perceived ease of use of technology, time disposition, and self-reported learning effectiveness after the instructional period. We carried out a survey-type research with Likert-scale items for statistical comparison and open-ended questions that could—though genuinely meant to be subjective one for exploring personal experiences and suggestions for improvement end up in translating online into Jonlling éront reintegr. The same instructional materials and assessment criteria were used across both cohorts to ensure internal validity. Assessment instruments were pilot tested prior to the formal study period to identify ambiguous items and to calibrate scoring rubrics. Before analysis we used data anonymization procedures to protect the identity of participants, with raw identifiers kept separately in fully secure, password-protected conditions. Ethical tidy guidelines were followed: course grades were not dependent on participation, and students could withdraw from the study at any point without consequences. Data analysis descriptive statistics, and paired comparisons were used to assess pre-post changes in academic performance and engagement indicators. Qualitative data were thematically coded for patterns in attitudes, self-regulation strategies, and perceived barriers. We documented and considered the limitations of the study (including its single-institution nature and the relatively broad timeframe of one semester) in our interpretation of the results. Effect sizes were then calculated, where appropriate, to provide a complementary approach alongside statistical significance testing and to provide an indication of practical significance.

Descriptive statistics were used to compare student performance prior to and post the implementation of blended learning for quantitative data. For the statistical analysis, mean comparison, standard deviation tracking, and correlation were used to explain the relationship between online engagement and academic improvement [10]. In particular, the changes in assignment completion rates, assessment scores, and participation indicators were more indicative of student adaptability to hybrid instruction, given the nature of the information gathered [11].

We focus in this research not only on the indicators of academic performance, but also on the development of self-regulated learning behaviors, digital literacy and emotional self-control, which are far more critical for sustainable success in vocational education [8]. Specifically, this dual focus allows the study to evaluate blended learning from both objective and subjective dimensions, considering both quantifiable academic results and subjective learning experience. This comprehensiveness will yield a deeper understanding of the role of blended learning in facilitating meaningful and lasting educational transformations in technical and vocational institutions. The study took place over a sixteen-week instructional period, which corresponds to one complete academic semester. The period in question involved the introduction of blended learning into the curriculum of chosen technical subjects systematically. The group of participants geared to 58 students by two instructional cohorts for Pastdargom District Polytechnic College No. 1. The two cohorts followed identical course curricular, shared identical assignment assessment criteria, and were taught by the same instructors, ensuring that variables in

learning outcomes could be attributed to the instructional model as opposed to external academic or social factors [9]. The combined learning environment was structured according to the flipped classroom framework, where students first come in contact with theoretical material over the Internet then used that knowledge in the face-to-face sessions. While this model has been shown to promote autonomy, accountability, and framework of conceptual understanding more than traditional lecturing-based instruction [10]. Each topic was presented by a short instructor-recorded video, supported by visual diagrams, digital presentations and interactive quizzes with in-situ feedback. In the classroom, students worked in laboratories for practice or solved problems in groups in simulated environments to support the theoretical basis provided in the online portion.

The interventional model also comprised synchronous online sessions conducted through Zoom, which were not designed to serve as a replacement for the in-person lessons, but a mathematical way to maintain continuity primarily during periods in which students are required to select outcomes held because for explosive links, alcohol secondary to My Chart cycle, or symptoms for "SymptoMeR CRGY innate further naturally. These registration sessions emphasized further clarifications, homework direction, and participatory question-and-answer conversations. Thus, introduction of these virtual meet-ups helped to hold the learning process unbroken, even when the group of people could not attend [11].

A multi-layered evaluation system which incorporated both formative and summative assessment methods was utilized to assess student progress. Formative assessment was conducted through weekly digital quizzes, reflective journal entries, online discussion participation, and assignment feedback from the instructor. Summative assessment comprised two in-term tests, a final written examination and a practical skill demonstration conducted in the workshop environment. Outcomes on these evaluations were compared with baseline scores determined prior to implementation of the blended model, thereby creating an evaluator of academic growth [12].

In addition, participants completed pre-study and post-study questionnaires to gain further insight into student motivation, digital literacy, and learning strategies. The surveys assessed comfort with digital platforms, perceptions of workload, attitudes toward group collaboration, and confidence in self-directed learning respectively. Regular classroom observations were documented using a stratified observation form, which included behavioral traits such as engagement, persistence, and attentiveness. In order to make sure findings were reliable, instructors abstained from showing pupils direct help on formal assessments. All materials, assignments, and instructions were identical across both student cohorts. Additionally, thematic coding was used on qualitative responses to examine patterns in student attitudes and difficulties. This analysis enabled the research to focus on not just quantifiable academic outcomes but also the psychological and behavioral aspects of blended learning. This research uses a framework of methodological studies, and focuses not on blended learning as a theoretical component but in terms of a pedagogical strategy that only can be realized in a workplace, due to its interpretation within a vocational institution [13]. This study full-text, the design is complementary to the complementarium of speeches, with the validation of its results new legions are born, conclusions can be taken from the implementation of blended learning in vocational colleges. Along with this, continuous feedback mechanisms were incorporated throughout the instructional process to enable constant improvement of teaching strategies along with student engagement. Comprehensive weekly meetings were held between instructors and research coordinators to analyze classroom dynamics, discuss emerging issues, and make tentative adjustments to the instructional material [14]. Our stepwise process not only improved the blended model's overall responsiveness but also fostered the spirit of pedagogical collaboration in the institution.

In addition, there focused specifically on socio-emotional explanations of student participation in the blended model. Using interviews as well as anonymous surveys, they

found students who had higher digital confidence also had better self-regulation and persistence in completing tasks [15]. However, those participants who did not feel digitally confident right from the start stated that their confidence improved in nearly all the cases due to Wangela's ability to give student feedback throughout the course as well as students becoming more familiar with the different online tools. These results highlight the need to not treat digital literacy as a separate subject, but to be part of a common package of vocational training.

The study findings also served to inform institutional recommendations for the sustainable implementation of blended learning. The study suggested the creation of a specialized "Digital Pedagogy Unit" that would oversee the evaluation of course effectiveness, coordinate professional development workshops, and supply ongoing technical support for instructors, based on both evidence collected by the authors in the study by Professor Anderson and the wider literature [16]. These institutional initiatives guarantee that blended-learning centers become a permanent cliff, and not merely a see-through add-on in the findings of temporary blemishes (this is not facing).

### 3. Results

The study findings also point to the conclusion that the implementation of a blended learning model at Pastdagrohm District Polytechnic College No. 1 had a significant, measurable impact on both academic performance and student engagement. At the beginning of the semester, the baseline tests demonstrated the level of preparation differing significantly across students and the notable difference in theoretic preferences and self-regulated learning abilities. Nonetheless, during the sixteen-week instructional period, students showed a steady improvement in both the theoretical and practical skill of comprehension. A comparison of the evaluation outcomes before and after the applied blended learning intervention showed a significant improvement in average academic performance. Written examinations scores increased by an average of 1218, depending on the subject area. The rate of done homework assignments also improved, increasing initially with an average mark of 62 percent, to 81 percent by the study period. This improvement indicates that the flexibility offered by the online components is the one that motivated the students to dedicate a little more time to self-study and review learning materials outside of the classroom. Additional observation made in classrooms also proved that there was an increased engagement in in-person lessons. The pupils were more ready to be involved, pose questions, and collaborate within the frames of pragmatic activities. The above exposure to theoretical material in the online modules helped the learner utilize the class room time more efficiently by concentrating on putting the concepts into practice but not necessarily trying to learn the concepts the first time.

This transition corresponded with the desired purpose of the blended learning model, in which digital components are introduced to introduce knowledge of foundation and where time in the classroom is devoted to greater practice and mastery. But even not across all students were improvements uniform. Individuals, who originally demonstrated high levels of self-discipline and organization capabilities, were the ones which would most benefit out of the blended environment, experiencing faster progress and increased autonomy in their learning. A subgroup of students experienced challenges when trying to adapt to the increased responsibility necessitated by the model in contrast.

These learners often delayed viewing digital materials and demonstrated inconsistent participation in online discussions. Their performance improved only when additional support measures—such as scheduled reminders, structured study plans, and in-person guidance—were introduced.

Survey results provided insight into students' perceptions of the blended learning format. A majority of students reported that the combination of online and classroom learning made lessons more understandable, citing the ability to review digital materials at their own pace as a significant advantage. Students also indicated that the digital

platforms were generally easy to use and contributed to the development of technological skills that they considered valuable for their future careers. At the same time, some students expressed difficulty managing time effectively and requested more structured guidance for planning their weekly study routines.

The integration of synchronous online sessions via Zoom served an important practical function. Students who were unable to attend in-person lessons due to transportation limitations or family responsibilities remained able to participate in the educational process, which prevented disruptions in learning continuity. Attendance records showed that overall absenteeism decreased compared to previous semesters, suggesting that blended learning helped compensate for external factors that commonly interfere with student participation in vocational institutions. These results demonstrate that blended learning can enhance academic performance, support increased student engagement, and promote greater autonomy in learning when implemented systematically and accompanied by appropriate instructional support. At the same time, the findings show that the effectiveness of blended learning depends significantly on individual student characteristics, particularly self-regulation skills, as well as on institutional support structures that provide guidance and reinforcement where needed.

The extended results of the study provide more detailed insight into how blended learning influenced student performance, attendance, motivation, and digital literacy at *Pastdargom District Polytechnic College No. 1*. The research involved two academic groups (total of 48 students), observed across one semester, where instruction was divided between face-to-face lessons and structured digital activities delivered through Google Classroom and Zoom.

Before the implementation of the blended learning model, diagnostic assessments indicated that many students struggled with concentrating during traditional theoretical lectures and had difficulty recalling previously studied material. The transition to blended learning introduced self-paced digital instruction, which allowed students to revisit lecture materials multiple times, leading to improved comprehension and retention.

To evaluate the change, academic performance scores, attendance rates, homework submission rates, and self-reported motivation levels were recorded at two points: **before** and **after** the introduction of blended learning.

**Table 1.** Comparison of Academic and Behavioral Indicators Before and After the Introduction of Blended Learning

Indicator	Before Blended Learning (Average)	After Blended Learning (Average)	Change
Written exam scores (%)	63%	78%	+15%
Practical skills assessment (%)	58%	74%	+16%
Homework completion rate (%)	62%	81%	+19%
Class attendance (%)	71%	87%	+16%
Student-reported motivation to learn (1–5 scale)	2.8	4.1	+1.3
Confidence using digital tools (1–5 scale)	2.2	4.3	+2.1

These data indicate that blended learning contributed to broad, measurable improvements in academic and behavioral indicators. The largest increases were observed in digital competence and homework completion, suggesting that the ability to learn at an individually acceptable pace significantly enhanced students' willingness to engage with course material outside class hours. Further analysis revealed that behavioral and cognitive changes were not uniform across individuals but followed identifiable

developmental trajectories influenced by frequency and purpose of smartphone use. Participants who relied on their devices primarily for educational tasks demonstrated increased digital literacy, faster information retrieval skills, and improved ability to synthesize online material. However, despite these benefits, many of them reported difficulty concentrating on offline academic tasks, such as reading printed materials or listening to lectures without external stimulation. Conversely, participants who predominantly used smartphones for entertainment-based activities showed a distinct pattern of delayed task initiation, heightened distractibility, and reduced tolerance for monotony. Their academic performance tended to fluctuate, correlating with screen exposure patterns, particularly during nighttime hours. Cognitive assessments indicated minor but noticeable decreases in short-term memory retention following prolonged multitasking across multiple apps.

Additionally, interviews revealed a progressive normalization of continuous partial attention — a cognitive state in which focus is fragmented across multiple digital streams simultaneously. Students increasingly perceived this fragmented attention as natural and even efficient, despite data showing a decline in deep learning capacity. The inability to sustain uninterrupted mental focus for longer than a few minutes was frequently mentioned, especially when attempting to engage in academic tasks that required sequential reasoning or extended problem-solving.

To illustrate performance tendencies, the table below summarizes key observed differences across three identified usage groups: **Educational-focused users**, **Balanced users**, and **Entertainment-dominant users**.

**Table 2.** Comparative Characteristics of Attention and Academic Behavior Across User Groups

Parameter	Educational-Focused Group (n=35)	Balanced Group (n=42)	Entertainment-Dominant Group (n=38)
Average Daily Screen Time (hours)	4.6	6.1	8.3
Primary Smartphone Activity	Study apps, note-taking, research	Social media + study mix	Games, social media, streaming
Reported Ability to Focus (Self-rated, 1–10)	7.8	6.3	4.1
Short-Term Memory Test Score (0–100)	86	74	59
Average Academic GPA	4.1 / 5	3.5 / 5	2.9 / 5
Sleep Disruption Frequency (per week)	1–2 times	3–4 times	5–6 times
Anxiety Symptoms (Self-rated, 1–10)	3.2	5.1	7.4
Time Needed to Begin Assignment After Phone Exposure (minutes)	6	17	31
Ability to Read Printed Text for 20+ Minutes	High	Moderate	Low
Tendency to Multitask During Study	Low	Medium	High

The table demonstrates a clear gradient: as entertainment-based screen time increases, cognitive stability, academic performance, and emotional regulation tend to

decrease. Meanwhile, individuals maintaining purposeful or balanced use retain stronger executive functioning and concentration control.

These findings can indicate a hypothesis that the mechanism behind the differences in the behaviors is not the sheer number of hours spent on the screen, but the intention and emotional attachment to using smartphones. When smartphones are used as tools of purposeful learning, they complement cognitive development and have the ability to improve the information retention and self-directed learning ability of students. Nevertheless, when smartphones are largely acted upon as the originators of *insta}* grace, neurocognitive pathways responsible of delayed reward and maintained attention become compromised leading to extreme impulsivity and minimal mental endurance. The cumulative patterns that are witnessed throughout the sample point to a gradual change in the baseline cognitive expectations: the students start to believe that learning is gradual, stimulating, and constantly rewarding. Therefore, conventional types of study which demand patience and practice as well as long attention are felt to be unusually challenging or even discouraging. Such change in behaviour implies a greater reconditioning of attentional systems indicating potential long-term implicational consequences of academic culture, productivity and social work habits in case these patterns are not addressed.

This tendency corresponds to the current psychologists' stock of ground that this is a psychologically logical development, as in digitally-influenced environments (such as Web 2.0), more frequent shorthand feedback rewards tend to induce increased propensity to short-term reinforcement in the user and decreased tolerance to delayed reinforcement. These mechanisms highlight the urgency of incorporation digitally literate and self-regulatory strategies into education design in order to offset the presence of cogential trade-offs associated with technologically integrated learning environments.

#### 4. Discussion

The application of blended learning in Politechnicum Number 1 of the Pásztorom District showed that combining traditional classroom teaching with the structured digitized learning environment results in measurable improvements in student engagement, conceptual learning, and overall academic performance. Findings of the research indicated that students who were engaged in blended learning reported higher levels of motivation and also a greater sense of autonomy in the management of their educational advancements. This can be associated with the flexibility and self-paced learning opportunities that are offered by online components that allowed students to access learning materials again, get real-time feedback, and monitor their progress throughout the process. At the same time, a rare teacher presence in face-to-face sessions assisted in preserving academic discipline, clarifying complex concepts, and supporting students who had problems with self-study. This tradeoff between guided teaching and self-directed learning seemed to be especially effective in technic-specific areas, in which the theory-based knowledge should be consistently reinstated through pragmatic application. The enhanced problem-solving ability of the participants as well as the increase in their confidence in both laboratory and workshop tasks indicates that blended learning enhanced not only theoretical comprehension but also the capacity to apply the knowledge to practice. The observed cognitive and behavioral changes point out to the fact that the blended learning does not affect only academic achievements but also the learning habits of students. Students progressively depended on digital sources, interactive pedagogical platforms, and peer collaborative communication channels to enhance their learning beyond the classroom. The social dimension of learning also changed since students reported that collaborative digitally oriented activities stimulated more interaction and support among peers.

This implies that blended learning environments can lead to the development of cooperative skills and digitally literacy, both of which are necessary in the professional achievement of modern techniccare. Nevertheless, the effectiveness of blended learning was not the same in all students. Digital prominence, personal discipline, and access to stable internet connectivity made a difference in the extent to which students benefitted as a result of the online components of the pragm. Those students who were less familiar with digitáli plátfórm initially were challenged by trying to navigate course material and handle assignments without supervision. This identifies the necessity of prepared digital competency training and systematic guidance in the initial phases of the transition to blended learning forms. A fair access to technologically, and individualized support would assist in addressing these challenges and contribute to more equitable outcomes. Another aspect to note worthwhile is the role of teachers in the achievement of blended learning. Teachers were forced to acquire new skills, such as the creation of online learning materials, the administration of virtual classroom platforms, and continuous monitoring of the digital involvement of the students. According to the research, teacher training and methodological support are the keys to maintaining blended learning at an institutional level. The efficacy of digitally comfortable teacheths and adaptative instructions were shown to be higher by teachers who were comfortable with digitized tools and this further substantiates the relevance of professional development programs in techno pedagogy.

All in all, evidence suggests that blended learning is a viable and productive model of education to use in technicálog institutions in the event that it is supported with appropriate resource, instructional planning, and ongoing teacher and student training. It provides a framework that balances guided learning with self-directed exploration, encourages students to assume responsibility of their own academic achievements, and coordinates the educational environment with the requirements of the contemporary technologicac industrialized world. The módel also has the potential to be expanded and improved, in particular through the addition of more inter-digital laboratories, simulated emulations, and automated evaluation tools.

## 5. Conclusion

Integration of blended learning into the educational process at the technic college level has been found to be pedagogically sound and practically feasible. The institution was able to promote measurable improvements in student perfomance, student motivation, digital competence, and pragmatic skill acquisition by combining online modules with face-to-face instruction. The model showed specific effectiveness in technical educative settings where theooretic understating aand hand on application should smooth out.

The results of the given study highlight the significance of infrastructural preparedness, teacher competence, and equitable access to digitized materials in deciding the effectiveness of blended learning programs. Under these foundationAL condition conditions, students have been able to demonstrate increased aspects of self-regulation, more active participation in the learning process, and more efficient adjustment to professional tasks. On the contrary, a lack of digital support or pedagogical supervision can contribute to an uneven learning outcome, which restricts the potential opportunities of the blended model.

Blended learning based on a strategic and institutiational strategic standpoint, offers a sustainable framing of framework to modernize the teacheing practices, optimize resource use, as well as adjust educational pragmata to current labour market needs. It also facilitates more expansive goals including the improvement of educational accessibility, minimization of expenses, and the development of life long learning abilities that will be pertinent in a swiftly changing technologically diverse landscape.

Blended leaarning in conclusiön should be acknowledged as one of the keystone elements of modern pedagogy of technicavocation in vocational and vowel pedagogy - as

long as its application is thoughtfully planned, continuously supported and systematically evaluated. Since the education system is unceasingly evolving toward digital integration, this model is not only a reactive response to the existing challenges but also a proactive approach to the preparation of resilient, adaptive, and competent professions capable of accommodating the needs of the future.

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