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The International Green Conference on **Engineering Geology and Geohazards**

"Earth First - A Truly Biodegradable Event"

01-03 DECEMBER 2025 INDIA HABITAT CENTRE, NEW DELHI, INDIA

The Conference

India is experiencing an unprecedented boom in infrastructure development, particularly in tunnelling for railways and roads across the mighty Himalayas, as well as in hydropower generation through pumped storage projects. With an impressive 70 GW of solar power already available, the country is now focusing on developing a massive 47 GW of pumped storage capacity over the next decade. Several such projects are currently at various stages of development, marking a transformative phase in India's energy landscape.

EGCON 2025 - the International Conference on Engineering Geology and Geohazards, to be held at the India Habitat Centre, New Delhi, from 01-03 December 2025, offers a dynamic platform for exchanging cutting-edge advancements in engineering geology, geotechnical engineering, and geohazards. The event provides an invaluable opportunity to engage with leading experts from industry and academia while also experiencing India's rich cultural diversity and warm hospitality.

The IAEG India National Group invites you to be a part of this prestigious event, share your technical expertise, collaborate with global professionals, and contribute to shaping the future of sustainable infrastructure.



The Venue

The EGCON 2025 shall be held at the India Habitat Centre, New Delhi, a prestigious convention center in New Delhi. The campus weaves in a unique interplay of institutions, supporting infrastructure and facilities such as conference venues, auditoria, hospitality areas, the library, resource center, and art galleries. Elegantly designed, the campus is a hub of activity while remaining serene. The architectural and design elements enable it to be a paradoxical blend of landscaping, horticulture and fountains.

Stein Auditorium

The 420-seat capacity auditorium has state-of-theart audio-visual system and is the venue for the inauguration of the conference and plenary session.



Maple

A tastefully furnished 40-seat room that is ideal for exclusive meetings, workshops and medium sized technical sessions.





Silver Oak

The 180-seat capacity, theatre style hall is the venue for parallel sessions when partitioned. The keynote lectures on 2nd and 3rd day of the conference shall be convened in the unified hall. Boasts an attached patio and garden space that would be the area for poster presentations, exhibition kiosks, and dining.









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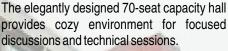
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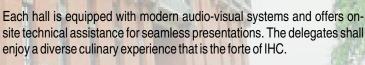
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Save the Date

01 March 2025	Registration opens		
30 June 2025	Abstract submission closes (date extended beyond 15 May 2025)		
30 September 2025	Paper submission/ Field Photograph Contest closes		
30 November 2025	Meetings of YEG/ WEG/ Technical Committees of IAEG		
	Workshop on Engineering Geological Models		
	Complimentary Delhi Tour		
01 December 2025	Inauguration, Plenary Sessions, Presidential Dinner		
02 December 2025	Mid-conference Plenary, Parallel Technical Sessions, Conference Banquet		
03 December 2025	Mid-conference Plenary, Parallel Technical Sessions, Sponsors' Session, Closing Ceremony Post-Conference Excursions and Group & Customised Tours		
04-06 December 2025			

Conference Themes

- Engineering geological mapping
- Rock mass characterization
- Engineering geological model
- Field and laboratory investigations
- Application of Geophysics
- Infrastructure projects
- Construction methodologies
- Rehabilitation methodologies
- Geological hazards
- Environmental studies
- Contract management









Keynote Lectures

The Keynote Lectures are one of the highlights of the conference. Besides the opening day that would be dedicated fully to Keynote Speakers in the daylong Plenary Sessions, there would be Mid-conference plenaries along with the parallel technical sessions on the remaining two days of the conference.

Speaker	Designation	Title
Basu, Prof. Arindam	Professor, IIT Kharagpur	Engineering Characterisation of Rock Materials
Baynes, Dr. Fred	Past President IAEG, Consultant Engineering Geologist, Australia	IAEG Guidelines on the Development and Application of Engineering Geological Models on Projects- a Progress Report
Chaudhary, Mr. R.K.	CMD, NHPC Limited	Construction Methodologies
Dahal, Prof. Ranjan Kumar	Vice president, IAEG (Asia); Tribhuvan University, Nepal	Geotechnical Challenges and Practices in Slope Management for Infrastructure Development in the Himalayas
Das Gupta, Dr. Sujit	Dy. Director General (Retd.), GSI	Controversies over Seismic Designs of Dams : Case Studies from Tehri and Subansiri Dam, India
Dhawan, Dr. Gopal	Chairman and Founder DDAG Pvt. Ltd.: Formerly CMD, MECL	Engineering Geological Mapping in Risk Assessment and Mitigation
Faquan, Prof. Wu	Secretary General IAEG; Shaoxing University, China	Advances in Quality Rating and Parameter Calculation of Rock Masses
Ghosh, Dr. Saibal	Dy. Director General, NMH-IV, GSI	Landslide Challenges, Mitigation, and Early Warning Scenarios in India
Jain, Mr. Sumit	General Manager, RVNL	Driving Railway Tunnels Through the Himalayas
Marinos, Prof. Vassilis	President, IAEG; Greece	Engineering Geological Characterisation in Geotechnical Engineering. Case Studies with Emphasis on the Rock Mass Behaviour Appraisal in Slope Stability and Tunnelling
Misra, Mr. R.N.	Formerly CMD, SJVN Ltd.	Managing Risks and Disputes in Contracts
Nanda, Mr. P.M.	Exe. Vice President, Greenko Group	Pumped Storage Projects
Pande, Dr. Prabhas	Addl. Director General (Retd.), GSI	Ground Deformation Consequent to Liquefaction: Some Typical Examples from India and Abroad
Patil, Prof. S.N.	Professor, North Maharashtra University, Jalgaon	Environments Issues in Infrastructure Development
Rana, Dr. Sanjay	Managing Director, Parsan Overseas Pvt. Ltd.	Transforming Himalayan Tunnel Investigations: The Power of Airborne Geoscanning
Satyam, Prof. Neelima	Professor, IIT Indore	Understanding Debris Flow Mechanics: A Monitoring-Based Approach Using Sensors and Experimental Studies
Sayeed, Mr. Imran	Formerly Chief General Manager (Geotech), NHPC Limited	Characterisation of Rocks and Rockmasses for Large Engineering Structures
Vishnoi, Mr. Rajeev	CMD, THDC India Limited	Engineering Design of the 2400 MW Tehri Dam Complex
Wadhawan, Dr. S.K.	Formerly Director General, GSI	Rehabilitation of Degraded Landscapes due to Landslides
		Note: Speakers arranged in alphabetical order by last name

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Abstracts and Full Papers

The invitation for extended abstracts had been rolled out on 01 August 2024. The online abstract submission closes on 30 June 2025 (extended beyond 15 May 2025). The authors of accepted abstracts are being invited to submit full papers starting 01 January 2025. The authors of accepted abstracts shall have the opportunity to make oral/poster presentations during the Conference. Both the extended abstracts and the full papers shall be published as separate volumes and released during the conference.

The Five Best Papers and Poster Presentations in YEG category shall receive a citation and a prize of INR 10.000.

Field Photograph Contest

A picture is worth a million words, and this contest invites you to tell a captivating story through your lens. We call upon you to share the unique and breathtaking aspects that you come across during your professional journey. Let your passion shine and let us showcase your talent where it truly belongs!

The top five contributors, voted by the delegates, shall receive a citation and a prize of INR 10,000 each.

While the selected entries shall be displayed on a dedicated screen during EGCON 2025, these shall be featured as glossy photographs in the 'ISEG Diamond Jubilee Special Publication' - a coffee table type of publication.

Please visit the conference website for the submission of photographs for the contest.

Publications

The following publications are proposed to be released at the time of the conference.

Keynote Paper Volume | Conference Proceedings Volume | Extended Abstract Volume | 60th Year Celebration Volume | Souvenir | ISEG Newsletter

Workshop on Engineering Geological Models

Engineering geological models play a pivotal role in infrastructure development by bridging the gap between geoscience and engineering. These models provide a systematic representation of subsurface conditions, integrating geological, geotechnical, and hydrological data to facilitate informed decision-making in construction, resource management, and hazard mitigation. By incorporating real-time site investigations, remote sensing data, and numerical simulations, these models help predict ground behavior, assess risks, and optimize design solutions.

At the core of these models is the ability to translate complex geological phenomena into practical engineering insights. They serve as essential tools for ensuring safety, cost-effectiveness, and long-term sustainability in infrastructure projects. As technology advances, the integration of artificial intelligence, big data analytics, and 3D visualization is further enhancing their accuracy and predictive capabilities.

Being organized on 30 November 2025, this workshop will explore the latest advancements in engineering geological modeling, highlighting best practices, case studies, and innovations that contribute to sustainable and resilient infrastructure. By fostering interdisciplinary collaboration, it aims to equip participants with the knowledge and skills necessary to leverage geological models effectively in their professional endeavors.

Lead faculty includes Fred Baynes, Mark Eggers and Anthony Bowden, all from Australia.

Time	Component			
0900 - 0930	Registration & Introductions			
0930 - 1030	Lecture – Overview of the C25 EGM Guidelines Methodology			
1030 - 1100	Morning Tea			
1100 - 1230	1100 - 1230 Workshop Exercise – EGM development for a hydroelectric project			
1230 - 1330	Lunch and socialisation			
1330 - 1400	Lecture - Application of the C25 Guidelines using EGM software			
1400 - 1600	Worked Examples – EGM development for various dams and hydro projects using 2D and 3D EGM software			
1600 - 1630 General discussion and debriefing				
1630 - 1700 Evening Tea				

Registration

- Registration opens on 01 March 2025 and closes midnight of 31 October 2025
- Early Bird registrations available till midnight of 30 June 2025
- Spot registrations may be available depending upon the availability of seats
- Registration includes entries to all the events on conference days and Delhi sightseeing

Registration Fee

	Standard (USD)		SAARC (INR)	
Category	Early Bird	Normal	Early Bird	Normal
General	300	400	8,000	10,000
*YEG Members	150	200	5,000	7,000
Research Scholar	100	150	4,000	5,000
Companion	200	200	5,000	5,000

Notes: • *YEG Members eligibility: Participants born on or after 01 December 1985

- As a gesture of goodwill, concessions on registration fee may be available on request.
- ISEG Members get 25% discount
- GST @ 18% is applicable on registration dues
- Research Scholar registrations are limited to 25 on first-come-first-served basis

















Participation Opportunities

1. Sponsorship

Category	Contribution		Features offered		
Platinum	INR 10,00,000	USD 15,000	 Complimentary registration for 6 delegates Prominent display of company logo Full page advertisement in souvenir 	4. Presentation slot in Sponsors' Session5. One standard kiosk (2mx2m) in exhibition area6. Space for business meeting	
Diamond			4. Presentation slot in Sponsors' Session5. One standard kiosk (2mx2m) in exhibition area		
Gold	INR 3,00,000	USD 4,500	Complimentary registration for 2 delegates Prominent display of company logo	Half page advertisement in souvenir One standard kiosk (2mx2m) in exhibition area	
Silver	INR 2,00,000	USD 3,000 1. Complimentary registration for 1 delegate 2. Prominent display of company logo 3. Half page advertisement		3. Half page advertisement in souvenir	

2. Advertisements

Category	Contribution INR 1,00,000 USD 1,500 USD 1,000 USD 1,000		Features offered	
Prestige			Back page and logo on cover page (first-come, first-served basis)	
Premium			Inside of cover or back page and logo on cover page (first-come, first-served basis)	
Classic	INR 50,000	USD 750	Full page and logo on cover page	
Compact	INR 30,000	USD 500	Half page	

Note: All advertisements would be published in colour in the Souvenir.

3. Exhibition Kiosks

Category	Contribution		Features offered	
Prime	INR 1,50,000 USD 2,000		2mx4m kiosk at prime location Full page advertisement in the Souvenir	
Standard	rd INR 1,00,000 USD 1,500		2mx2m kiosk Half page advertisement in the Souvenir	

Note: Kiosks would be available in the patio of Silver Oak or in the adjoining open dining space. Kiosk space is limited and bookings would be done on first-come, first-served basis.

Pre-Conference Delhi Tour

Explore Delhi with EGCON – Where Heritage Meets Hustle!

Dilli isn't just a city - it's an experience! With EGCON, dive into the heart of India's capital, where history, culture and street vibes blend seamlessly. Stand in awe at the grand Red Fort, feel the serenity at the Lotus Temple, and soak in the flavors of India at Dilli Haat. As we drive past the iconic India Gate, let the spirit of the city take over - bustling bazaars, sizzling chaats and stories hidden in every corner. And of course, no Delhi tour is complete without a stop at Connaught Place - where colonial charm meets urban energy, where street musicians, café culture and shopping sprees make every moment electric! So, chalo Dilli chalte hain - where every street has a story, and every moment is magic!

The one-day Delhi tour on 30 November 2025 comes as a complimentary engagement to all registered delegates. However, to provide a seamless and well-organized experience, we request a nominal participation fee of USD 20 / INR 1000 per person. This helps us cover entry fees and gratuities.





























Companion's Program - Your Journey, Your Moment

At EGCON, we understand that every participant's experience matters. While your partner gets engaged with the technical conference, we warmly welcome you to an exclusive 3-day journey designed just for you. Our Companion's Program is a thoughtfully curated escape into the rich heritage, vibrant culture and soulful tranquility of our magnificent capital.







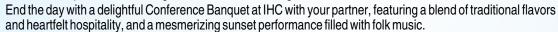
Day 1: Purani Dilli Ka Safar at Dharampur Haveli

Begin your day with an authentic rickshaw ride to Dharampur Haveli through the bustling, narrow lanes of Old Delhi. Embark on a guided exploration of the haveli's ornate architecture and secluded courtyards. Our expert storyteller will share captivating tales that echo the legacy and soul of Old Delhi. Savor an authentic Delhi-style lunch served amidst the historic surroundings, where each dish is a celebration of culinary tradition. Stroll through the timeless corridors and picturesque corners, capturing the essence of "Dilli Ki Feels" with memorable photo stops and quiet moments of reflection. Unwind on the haveli's terrace with a soothing cup of tea as the setting sun casts a golden glow, accompanied by live traditional music that stirs the spirit.

Conclude your fun-filled day-long tour by joining your partner for an elaborate Presidential Dinner at IHC featuring local delicacies, where the fusion of flavors creates an unforgettable dining experience.

Day 2: Rangilo Uttar - Embracing North Indian Traditions at Pratapgarh Farms, Jhajjar

Begin your day with a hearty breakfast on the serene grounds of Pratapgarh Farms, where the fresh countryside air and rustic charm set the stage for a cultural immersion. Participate in creative workshops featuring local crafts, traditional dance forms, and culinary arts—each activity designed to offer a deep dive into the rich cultural tapestry of the region. Relish a sumptuous North Indian lunch crafted with organic, farm-fresh ingredients, served in an open, vibrant setting that celebrates rural elegance.







Day 3: Divya Darshan – Embracing Spiritual Tranquility at Akshardham Temple

After a peaceful breakfast, journey to the awe-inspiring Akshardham Temple, a marvel of art and architecture that exudes spiritual tranquility. Experience a comprehensive guided tour of the temple complex, delving into the intricate carvings and historical narratives that celebrate India's spiritual legacy. Enjoy a light, thoughtfully prepared lunch within the temple premises, providing a moment of calm and reflection amid the sacred surroundings. Explore interactive exhibits that beautifully blend tradition with modernity, deepening your understanding of ancient Indian wisdom.

Be captivated by an enchanting music and sound show that transforms the temple's surroundings into a vibrant symphony of light, sound, and spirituality. Witness a breathtaking water show paired with a musical fountain display that epitomizes the union of art and divinity. Conclude the day with a thoughtfully curated movie that encapsulates the journey of self-discovery and spiritual renewal, leaving you inspired and at peace.

Post-Conference Technical Excursions

Delegates of EGCON 2025 have a unique opportunity to embark on a three-day post-conference technical excursion to one of two remarkable hydroelectric projects, each offering distinct engineering geological insights and cultural experiences.

Those visiting the iconic Tehri Dam will witness the marvels of Himalayan hydro-engineering firsthand, complemented by visits to the sacred cities of Haridwar and Rishikesh. Meanwhile, delegates exploring the Gandhi Sagar Pumped Storage Project will gain insight into the complexities of constructing a pumped storage system in the stable cratonic region of peninsular India while experiencing the rich historical and architectural heritage of Rajasthan, including its forts, palaces, and vibrant cultural traditions.

These excursions promise a holistic experience—enhancing understanding of hydro-engineering across diverse geological settings while immersing delegates in India's rich cultural and historical heritage.

2400 MW Tehri Dam Complex







A cornerstone of India's renewable energy infrastructure and a remarkable feat of hydro-engineering, the 2400 MW Tehri Hydropower Complex integrates multiple components for power generation, water storage, water supply for irrigation and potable use. The project caters for about 270 million gallons per day of drinking water for Delhi and parts of U.P. It has provided additional irrigation facility for about 2,70,000



















hectares of land and also has stabilised the existing irrigation facilities for more than 6,00,000 hectares of land.

With a reservoir capacity of 3.54 billion cubic meters, the 260.5 m high rockfill Tehri Dam—one of the tallest in the world, constitutes the primary component and has a generating capacity of 2000 MW power of which 1000 MW is from pumped storage arrangement. Complementing this, the Koteshwar Dam, a 97.5 m high concrete gravity structure, stores water released from Tehri, provides 35 million cubic meters of pondage for pumped storage generation, and contributes additional 400 MW to the total output. A defining feature of Tehri dam spillways is that they have been designed for a probable maximum flood of 15540 cumec (inflow) while the routed flood discharge corresponding to maximum water level (MWL) of 835.0m through the spillways would be of the order of 13400 cumec. The designed discharge capacity of the gated chute spillway, located on the right bank is 5380 cumec while the hallmark feature of the two 12m diameter right bank shaft spillways is the Morning Glory which is a specialized eye-catching engineering design with a combined discharge capacity of 3800 cumec and it brings an exquisite specter while discharging the excess water from the reservoir. A very unique feature on the right bank spillways is the 8.5 m diameter intermediate level outlet (ILO) tunnel which is located 40m below the dead storage level to serve a specific purpose of maintaining an uninterrupted supply of water of holy river Bhagirathi for the downstream areas.

The Tehri Dam Complex is located in the Main Himalayan Belt, within the Lesser Himalaya, bounded by major tectonic structures — the Main Central Thrust to the north and the Main Boundary Fault to the south. About 5 km NNE from the dam site, the Srinagar Thrust represents a significant geological feature in the region. The project area primarily consists of folded Chandpur phyllites, characterized by varying proportions of argillaceous and arenaceous constituents.

Extensive subsurface investigations, including drilling (207 nos), exploratory drifts (5 nos.), and an under-river drift, were undertaken to develop a comprehensive engineering geological model, guiding the complex design and construction of the project.

Given the high seismicity of the region (seismic zone IV), early-stage planning faced significant local concerns regarding potential risks to the dam. These were systematically addressed through rigorous engineering design and an extensive instrumentation network embedded within various

structural components to monitor the dam's integrity and performance continuously.





Beyond its engineering and hydrological significance, the Tehri Dam Complex has emerged as a popular geo-tourism destination. The EGCON 2025 Organizing Committee, in collaboration with Tehri Hydroelectric Development Corporation,Ltd. (THDCIL) proudly invites conference delegates to visit this iconic project and witness first-hand the marvels of Himalayan hydro-engineering.

1920 MW Gandhi Sagar Pumped Storage Project





The project utilises a rated head of 121.35 m and features an Upper Reservoir with a capacity of 1.9 TMC, created by a 6 km long, 32 m high Geomembrane Faced Rockfill Dam, which sources water from the existing 258.47 TMC Gandhi Sagar reservoir. The water conductor system, with a capacity of 1798.92 cumec includes an upper intake, eight penstocks/ pressure shafts measuring 7.5 m in diameter and approximately 559 m in length each, a tailrace outlet/ lower intake, and a tailrace tunnel/ channel. The pit powerhouse, situated at a depth of 80 m, houses seven units of 240 MW each, along with an additional two units of 240 MW each. A

cofferdam within the Gandhi Sagar reservoir facilitated the construction of the pit powerhouse and lower intake.

Lying within the Precambrian Vindhyan Super Group of sedimentaries, the Upper Reservoir lies over a plateau comprising sub-horizontally bedded quartzitic sandstone of Kaimur Group. The water conductor and powerhouse lie within shales of the underlying Semri Group. The NE-SW striking lineaments of regional persistence characterize the site and are represented by the presence of completely or highly weathered material referred as 'murrum'. Considering preponderance of subvertical sets of joints, inclined drilling was preferred that helped define the engineering geological model. A stratum contour map defining the depth of sandstone-shale contact proved a ready reckoner in the ground appreciation and design of the upper reservoir.

The plinth of the GFRD has been laid on sound rock and curtain grouting through inclined holes is underway. The cut slopes of the 80m deep pit powerhouse have been designed as flatter slopes of 1V:1.5H to 2V:1H in soil and weathered rock in the upper parts followed by steeper slopes of 6V:1H in fresh rock at depth. 8m long, 32mm dia grouted rock bolts at spacing 1.5m and 2.0m c/c with 150mm thick shotcrete with wiremesh have





















been installed for reinforcing the cut slopes. The coffer dam features a central impermeable barrier in the form of sheet piles that were placed in the dumped soft fill.





Complementing the technical visit, delegates will embark on a cultural journey to Udaipur and Chittorgarh, where the grandeur of Rajput architecture and the heroic tales of warriors unfold. Udaipur, the "City of Lakes," offers breathtaking palaces, while Chittorgarh narrates the saga of valor and resilience through its historic fort and monuments.

The excursion has been arranged in collaboration with Greenko Group, the frontline developer of pumped storage projects in India.

Group and Customised Post-Conference Tours

India, a land of diverse cultures, breathtaking landscapes, and rich history, beckons travelers from around the globe to embark on a journey of discovery and exploration. From the snow-capped peaks of the Himalayas in the north to the sunkissed beaches of Kerala in the south, India offers a kaleidoscope of experiences waiting to be uncovered.

Step back in time as you wander through the ancient ruins of Hampi or marvel at the architectural splendour of the Taj Mahal in Agra, an enduring symbol of love and beauty. Immerse yourself in the vibrant chaos of Delhi's bustling streets, where centuries-old monuments stand alongside modern skyscrapers, reflecting the country's dynamic blend of tradition and innovation.

Indulge your senses in the culinary delights of Indian cuisine, from the fiery flavours of street food to the aromatic spices of regional specialties. Experience the spiritual serenity of Varanasi as you witness the age-old rituals along the banks of the sacred Ganges River, or join the colourful festivities of Rajasthan's desert festivals, alive with music, dance, and tradition.

India's rich cultural heritage encompasses a diverse array of religious, philosophical, and artistic traditions supporting her to stand as the world's largest democracy and a thriving hub of culture, innovation, and economic growth, while still preserving and celebrating its rich ancient heritage.

The Organising Committee shall be coming up with options of group and customized tours for you to explore and experience India. Do come onboard and enjoy an exciting mix of technical deliberations and great outings.







Accommodation

A range of hotels near the India Habitat Centre, from luxury 5-star stays to budget-friendly options, ensures a comfortable experience for every quest. Choose from premium, mid-range, and economy accommodations to suit your preference.

Rating	Hotel	Distance from India Habitat Centre	Tariff (INR)
5-Star	The Lodhi - A luxurious hotel offering spacious rooms with private plunge pools, modern amenities and exceptional dining experiences.	1.5 km	₹ 30,000
5-Star	Ambassador - A heritage hotel blending colonial charm with modern comforts, situated close to cultural landmarks and markets.	1.4 km	₹ 12,600
4-Star	Bloomrooms - Known for its bright, modern design, offering comfortable rooms and convenient access to major attractions.	1.6 km	₹ 7,500
4-Star	Ahuja Residency - A comfortable stay with modern amenities, located in a quiet neighborhood close to major city attractions.	2.0 km	₹ 6,500
3-Star	Colonel's Retreat - A charming bed and breakfast providing cozy rooms, personalized service, and a homely atmosphere.	1.9 km	₹ 4,500
3-Star	Zaza Stay - A modern hotel providing comfortable accommodation with easy access to the city's attractions.	2.1 km	₹ 3,500

Note: The tariffs are for standard double room and approximate. These are subject to change.





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