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Accounting is a profession with a long history. In fact, according to Edrian Henio, in Accounting, Organizations and Society, the very first bookkeeping records were found nearly 7,000 years ago in ancient Mesopotamia. Today, we use computers instead of stone tablets but our basic responsibilities are the same – balance the books and make sure everything checks out.

So, it may seem, with something this well-established, that there wouldn’t be much change in our curriculum year to year. But, you would be wrong. We are constantly finding new ways to teach topics and new approaches to help more students obtain an accounting degree.

In the pages of this year’s report, you will read more about some of our more popular courses, as well as a new way to obtain your undergraduate and graduate degrees in accounting in less time, saving money, too.

You will also learn more about your fellow accounting colleagues and students, including Professor Bill Walsh, Dan Griffin ’07 and Anthony Pegues ’17.

As always, I would be remiss if I did not recognize the work of our alumni. From mentoring and speaking in classes to investing in the future of the Lubin School through the various funds and scholarships, our alumni are helping to ensure the success of our School for years to come.

I hope to see many of you on campus in the weeks and months to come, speaking to and helping guide our students as they prepare for accounting careers. We couldn’t do it without you. Thank you for all you do.

Joseph Comprix
Associate Professor of Accounting
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The Martin J. Whitman Fellow in Accounting
By the Numbers

How Do We Rank?

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Bloomberg Business Week
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Ph.D. Students

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Editorial Board Positions at Leading Journals

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Accounting Faculty & Ph.D. Student Publications in Top-Tier Journals

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Third Time’s A Charm for Professor Walsh

Bill Walsh, professor of accounting practice and director of the graduate accounting programs, had a couple of chances to teach at the Whitman School but each time, he found a reason not to. Now, after 22 years, he can’t imagine doing anything else.

“I never finished my MBA and realized I wasn’t confident in my knowledge so I decided to come back to Syracuse and enroll in the iMBA program,” Professor Walsh said. “During that time, Horace Landry encouraged me to take up teaching, but I didn’t.”

He added that a couple years later he had an opportunity to teach again, when Whitman’s accounting department needed someone to teach right away, and still, he said “no.” Finally, he said “yes,” covering for Accounting Professor Randy Elder’s sabbatical one semester.

“My first class was an undergraduate audit course and after two weeks I knew the names of all 50 of my students,” said Professor Walsh. “I really enjoy the students. One couple who met in my class years ago, later married.

I get a Christmas card from them every year and sometimes they pop in for a visit during football season, too.”

If Professor Walsh likes the students, he appreciates his colleagues and mentors even more, including Don Harter, associate dean for masters programs, Joe Comprix, chair, Joseph I. Lubin School of Accounting and associate professor of accounting, and Elder.

“The ability to cover for Randy’s sabbatical was fortuitous because he is a great teacher,” said Professor Walsh. “I learned how to approach teaching from a professional point of view and I followed his method from scratch. He’s well-organized!”

Back then, Professor Walsh was still practicing as managing partner at Davidson Fox. But he soon realized it was time to devote all his energy to teaching, and to a new role at Whitman as the director of the graduate accounting programs. Now, Professor Walsh teaches a full schedule, including three sections a semester in both the on campus and online programs, MBA@Syracuse and Accounting@Syracuse.

“When I first began as director of the graduate accounting programs, there was no online offering, but now 2U is really changing the way people obtain an advanced degree,” he said. “I’ve had a magnificent experience with the whole thing and find it to be an interesting teaching model.”

In addition to developing and delivering coursework through Accounting@Syracuse, Professor Walsh also is involved in admissions for the program.

While Whitman keeps Professor Walsh very busy, he does find time to spend time with his grandchildren, attending CYO and hockey games, plus he enjoys a good golf game every once in a while! He is reflective as he looks back on his career.

“I’ve had this good fortune for my whole working life,” he said. “I’ve been able to do things I really loved doing. I loved practicing accounting and I love teaching.”
Selected Publications

Michel Benaroch
“Operational IT failures, IT value-destruction, and board-level IT governance changes” (with Chernobai, A.), MIS Quarterly, forthcoming.

Padmal Vitharana
“Enhancing analysts’ mental models for improving requirements elicitation: A two-stage theoretical framework and empirical results” (with Jain, H. and Zahedi, F.M.), Journal of AIS, forthcoming.

Randy Elder
“Unexpected fees and the prediction of material weaknesses in internal control over financial reporting” (with Albring, S. and Xiaolu, X. ’13 Ph.D.), Journal of Accounting, Auditing and Finance, forthcoming.


Research Speakers and Visitors


In addition, Professor Elder was one of three academics appointed to a four-year term to serve on a newly-formed AICPA Assurance Research Advisory Group (ARAG), a panel of practitioners and academics that will evaluate research proposals to the AICPA to make peer-reviewed data available to researchers, as well as human subjects.

May 6, 2016.


Maryann Monforte, professor of accounting practice, was interviewed by U.S. News & World Report for the articles, “5 Things You Need to Know About Store Credit Cards” (Sept. 20, 2016) and “How Saving in an IRA Can Reduce Your 2016 Tax Bill” (Dec. 19, 2016); a USA Today article, titled “Christmas eve shopper? Amazon has something to sell” (Dec. 23, 2016); and a Washington Post article titled “Paying for college? Have student loans? Here’s what you need to know before filing your taxes” (Mar. 10, 2016).

John Petosa, professor of practice, was quoted in a U.S. News & World Report story titled “6 Reasons to File a Tax Extension” (March 8, 2016), an Epoch Times article titled “5 Tips for Filing a Tax Extension” (April 6, 2016), in The Street story titled “Consumers who File Taxes Late Face Penalties and Interest” (April 13, 2016), and in a Yahoo! Finance article on IRS auditing, titled “Why would Donald Trump get audited 12 years in a row?” (Feb 26, 2016).

William Walsh, professor of accounting practice, was quoted in a Forbes article titled “Golfers Make Better Business Executives” (May 16, 2016).
An Update on the Accounting Curriculum

The accounting curriculum continues to rely on foundational concepts, however the delivery of those theories and practices is ever-evolving.

New Pathway to a Masters Saves Time and Money

In 2016, the Whitman School began offering an additional option to obtaining an M.S. in accounting degree. The Accelerated Masters Program in accounting allows students to obtain both the B.S. and M.S. in accounting in just over four years - saving time and tuition.

The first three and a half years consist of undergraduate coursework, along with an opportunity for an internship experience during the spring semester of junior year. After the internship experience, students return for a final semester of the undergraduate experience before seamlessly moving into the graduate program.

During the summer after the fourth year, students complete their M.S. requirements online while preparing for the CPA licensing exams.

Popular Courses Focus on Taxes, Business Strategy and Auditing

Susan Albring, associate professor of accounting, teaches an elective in the M.S. in Accounting Program, called “Taxes and Business Strategy.” According to Professor Albring, “The course introduces the fundamental concepts and strategy of the federal income taxation of business entities, estates and trusts and how it influences decisions. While the course focuses on learning and applying the current laws, emphasis is placed on the research skills necessary to determine the state of the law and special emphasis is placed on integrating tax rules into planning decisions. At completion of the course students are expected to be able to describe how tax accounting information is used for planning purposes and utilize tax accounting information to present financial and operational effects in short-run and long-run tax planning models and decisions.”

Randy Elder, professor of accounting, is in his 25th year of teaching at the Whitman School. One of his more popular courses is advanced auditing. The course has seen significant changes in content and approach over the years. He still exposes students to audit research, but has increased coverage of auditing standards and uses more cases to allow for greater in-depth analysis and discussion of auditing issues. What’s more, the students also learn how to use ACL audit software to analyze data. He has also incorporated role-play activities into the course. In one activity, some students act as representatives from competing auditing firms and other students play company audit committee members, and use audit quality indicators to select the company’s audit firm. In another activity, representatives from a Big 4 firm simulate a risk assessment planning discussion that involves several levels of the audit team and specialists in the firm.
Longtime Professional Student Organization Expands Reach

Whitman School accounting students have myriad opportunities to engage in experiential learning and mentoring outside the classroom through internships and well-established participation in professional organizations. One of those is the National Association of Black Accountants (NABA), founded in 1969 as a professional organization of minority accountants. Today, NABA is open to all but it continues its pledge to bridge the opportunity gap for people of color to become successful business leaders.

“Many people are unaware that NABA welcomes members of all races,” said Kofi Appiah Okyre, Ph.D., NABA faculty advisor. “Together, all members seek to ‘lift as we climb,’ helping each other become successful business people.”

Professor Appiah Okyre dedicates himself to lifting up students to success. He leads the NABA chapter to an annual conference each year where they often connect with major companies and leaders in accounting and finance. The Eastern Region Student Conference, according to its website, is “two-and-a-half days of workshops, seminars and interview sessions designed to better prepare minority students for careers in accounting and financial management disciplines.”

“Each year it’s not uncommon for our students to come away from the conference with multiple internship and/or job offers,” said Professor Appiah Okyre. “Firms from the retail, investment management, marketing and consulting industries join accounting and finance firms in seeking future leaders who are well-rounded with diverse experiences and backgrounds.”

He added that many students also benefit from mentoring, scholarships and funding from NABA companies and members. “Recently, a guest speaker from one of our member companies offered a free CPA review package to one lucky student,” said Professor Appiah Okyre. “Students often receive scholarships, including those from the AICPA, NABA-New York and NABA-National, to attend conferences or to help defray tuition. Our alumni and firms help fund our annual gala and never hesitate to visit campus and share their knowledge to help our students grow.”

NABA members have numbered anywhere from 25 to 45 over the last years. Although there are criteria for membership, as well as dues, Professor Appiah Okyre said the relationships and opportunities students reap from the organization are priceless.
Students Gain Real World Experience While Making a Difference Through WhiTax

During tax season, Beta Alpha Psi (BAP), the accounting honors society at the Martin J. Whitman School of Management, created a student-run accounting firm, WhiTax. The purpose of the program is to give back to the community and gain hands-on experience by providing free tax services to low-to-mid income families, veterans, students, the elderly and persons with disabilities.

WhiTax, consists of 17 undergraduate and graduate accounting students mostly from within BAP, but includes non-BAP members. Students in WhiTax learn the fundamentals of accounting in the classroom and extensively train with local tax professionals before assisting clients. Experienced accounting professionals are also onsite to help guide students. Services available through WhiTax include general tax preparation and compliance guidance.

“I am extremely proud of the group of students who committed their time to first become certified and second to help people traverse the complex internal revenue code,” said John Petosa, professor of practice and WhiTax faculty supervisor. “The experience of sitting before a real client, not someone in a case study or a textbook, is an incredible application of the classroom to the real world.”

To Brett Aston ’17, president of WhiTax, being able to help others is invaluable. “It feels good to give back,” said Aston. “These low-income individuals and families come in and when I get to tell them what they are getting back in taxes, I feel good about the work that we are doing. To some of these people, their tax return money is a couple months’ worth of income.”

Beyond being able to assist others, Aston also feels that the experience he and his fellow WhiTax members gain will be beneficial as they enter the workforce.

“This is a chance to see another side of accounting, one outside of the classroom,” said Aston. “I’m going to be working in tax and this is experiential learning for me before I start work.”

In prior years, WhiTax students have helped local tax organizations prepare taxes off campus. This year, WhiTax provided services on campus inside the Whitman School.

“We have the resources, students and the willingness here,” said Aston. “Whitman is all about community service and giving back to those in need.”

According to Aston, WhiTax also focused efforts on not only helping low-income clients but Syracuse University faculty and staff.

“We want to build the customer base so that every year everyone knows to go to Whitman,” said Aston. “We want to make it a habit for them.”

WhiTax operates as a chapter of the AARP Tax-Aide Foundation. For more information, visit http://whitax.weebly.com.
Annual Beta Alpha Psi Banquet Recognizes Students’ Academic Achievements

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Student Recognition

Institute of Internal Auditors Award
Kelly Benjamin

NY State Society of CPAs Career Preparation Award
Undergraduate: Whitney Harrigan
Graduate: Qiong (Mandy) Zhao

NY State Society of CPAs Academic Achievement Award
Undergraduate: Jessica Zoine
Graduate: Guanwen (Janet) Lai

Joseph I. Lubin School of Accounting Outstanding Faculty Award
Ginger Wagner

Becker CPA Review Scholarship
Mengxi Cui
Ashley Champagne

Tracy Halpin Award
Brett Aston

Lubin School Undergraduate Scholarship Awards
Horace Landry
Undergraduate Scholars
Alexandra Duffy
Cassandra Kramp
Jacob Keller

A. William Trelawny Award
Brad Koeberle

David E. Tosh Award
Yang Yang

Firm-Sponsored Awards
Anchin Graduate Award
Lauren Natale

Deloitte Emerging Leadership Award
Brett Aston

Ernst & Young Outstanding Student Award
Yongjae (Jacob) Kim

Eisner LLP Leadership Award
Ashley Champagne

KPMG Rising Business Leadership Award
Zachary Plutchok

PwC Leadership Award
Brandon McCaffery

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**Student Spotlight: Anthony Pegues ’17**

While studying accounting at a community college, Army veteran Anthony Pegues ’17 realized that to be successful in today’s competitive marketplace he would need to further his education. Pegues knew that he wanted to transfer to a large university with brand recognition and a high-quality accounting program.

After being accepted to many major universities, Pegues chose Syracuse University’s Martin J. Whitman School of Management.

“Whitman really does take care of its students,” said Pegues. “From my first year at Whitman, I had a lot of exposure to top accounting professionals, career assistance and educational opportunities I wouldn’t have had anywhere else.”

Pegues has honed his leadership and accounting skills through rigorous coursework and involvement in numerous on-campus organizations. He is the vice president of the Student Veterans Organization at Syracuse University and the president of the National Association of Black Accountants (NABA).

“During my intro class, a speaker from NABA (see page ?) came in and talked about how student organizations are a good opportunity for students to learn and grow,” said Pegues. “I knew I wanted to get involved. Through NABA and Whitman I’ve gotten to know recruiters at many accounting firms, including the BIG Four firms, and get their perspectives on the industry.”

After graduation, Pegues will join General Electric’s Financial Management Program, a full-time two-year rotational program where he will be responsible for financial planning, supply chain finance, commercial finance and more.

“Every day I wake up and challenge myself,” said Pegues. “After I get my feet wet in the industry, I eventually plan to earn my CPA.”

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**Internship Spotlight: Samantha Pupatelli ’17**

For Samantha Pupatelli ’17, an accounting and retail double major, two separate internships at TJX Companies have helped gain a tremendous amount of insight and knowledge about how accounting impacts planning and buying.

Pupatelli’s first internship was in buying, specifically buying ladies knits for Marshall’s and T.J. Maxx, two of TJX Companies’ brands. She said she always thought buying was product-based and was surprised how numbers-based the process was.

“I was at an advantage since I’d taken accounting classes and understand profit and grow margin terms,” she said. “I had to calculate the turn and profit margins and the buyer with whom I worked was surprised I knew how to do that!”

She credits this internship for helping her pass the heavy accounting courses she took subsequently.

Pupatelli had a second internship in the planning department at TJX. This time, she analyzed what products were selling where and helped decide where to send certain items for sale.

“Accounting came into play here, too, because we did budgets,” she said. “I participated in weekly meetings with sales to determine how things should be allocated.”

She added that she even took trips to the stores themselves, to pull products and take pictures of where they were placed and how they were displayed to help inform their decisions.

“I really enjoyed my time at TJX, including the intern group project,” said Pupatelli. “While those who were studying fashion merchandising focused more on the psychological and marketing aspects, I was more focused on the numbers and sales data. My boss said I had a more analytical mind and that I really understood the planning side more than most!”

Pupatelli said she plans to work at PwC this summer and will pursue her master’s degree this fall, as well as begin sitting for the Uniform CPA Exam.
Nearly 100 companies attended the annual Whitman School Fall Career Fair at the Carrier Dome on the Syracuse University campus. A popular “de-stress” event for faculty, staff and students, WhitFest, now in its third year, is celebrated during the last week of spring semester classes. Members of the National Association of Black Accountants gather at the organization's annual banquet. Undergraduate sophomores officially declared their majors with the first-annual “Signing Day,” sponsored by the IMPRESS program. The IMPRESS program hosted its annual Field Day in September 2016 to welcome new students and build camaraderie among the four houses. The Class Act campaign encourages seniors to donate to the Whitman School an amount equal to their graduation year (e.g. $20.17). Professor of Accounting Practice MaryAnn Monforte and other faculty and staff matched student donations.
Many accounting masters students belong to Beta Gamma Sigma, a national honor society. The Accounting Advisory Board meets twice a year on campus to discuss the latest programmatic and experiential initiatives in the Joseph I. Lubin School of Accounting. Undergraduate students frequently study at Café Kubal, a locally-owned coffee shop across the street from the Whitman School. Three undergraduate students declare accounting as their major at the first-annual "Signing Day," sponsored by the IMPRESS program. The IMPRESS program in conjunction with the Whitman School Career Center sponsored "Networking on 9," an event to help undergraduate students hone their networking skills with professionals. Joseph Comprix, Associate Professor of Accounting and chair of the accounting department, Tee Nelson, PwC and Kofi Appiah Okyere, professor of accounting practice visit with at the annual National Association of Black Accountants banquet. Several students pose with the coveted Goodman Cup, which is awarded annually to the IMPRESS house that amasses the most points throughout the academic year. These students are among the top 44 highest scorers individually.
Networking has been an invaluable part of Dan Griffin’s life, from “networking” at Syracuse University where he met his wife, Lili Sutton Griffin A&S ’07, to continuing to remain active on the Whitman Accounting Alumni Council, to his current professional life and community involvement in Westchester County.

“Syracuse University clicked with me,” he said. “Every interaction I had seemed low-key and approachable. People were there to help me figure things out.”

Griffin entered SU as a “reluctant engineering student.” He was good at math and science and felt those skills would translate well to engineering. Once he took a class at the Whitman School, business “clicked” for him and he wanted to learn more, ultimately graduating with majors in finance, accounting and economics.

“I had never been exposed to business and business courses in high school so I really didn’t know what accounting was all about. When I got to Whitman, I discovered that accounting is the foundational language of business and it’s a skill that you can take with you anywhere in the business world,” he said.

After graduation Griffin returned to New York City to work for EY in its Asset Management Practice. There, he said, he had fun experiences, traveling the world and engaging with other young professionals. One memorable account was during his last year at EY.

“I was the auditor for the Miss USA pageant in Las Vegas, Nevada, which was a cool experience,” he said.

After EY, he worked as an assistant controller for Apollo Global Management, but it was his desire to run his own business that led him to Chappaqua, New York three years ago. After being presented with a rare opportunity to take over the Wesfair Agency, a boutique insurance brokerage, he was eager to switch gears and go in a new direction.

“I could only have accomplished all that I’ve done due to the network I’ve developed over the years, something that was instilled in me early on at SU,” said Griffin.

One of the things that stood out to him about the Whitman School was the professors. “If you were interested in a specific subject, then they were interested in discussing that with you. They always had time for a question after class or an impromptu hallway conversation. I’m still friends with many of my professors today.”

Griffin continues to network at Whitman, returning for recruitment events and as part of the Accounting Alumni Advisory Council, which meets with the Accounting Advisory Board, comprised of senior partners from the accounting industry.

In Chappaqua, he volunteers as a board member of a non-profit energy cooperative and is president-elect of the local Rotary Club.

“Family is my hobby now. I have one son, Weston, who’s 2, and a newborn.”

His final words of advice? “Accounting is not just sitting behind a desk and bookkeeping. It’s meeting clients, CFOs, controllers of large companies. If you do well and engage with them, they help you grow your large professional and personal network.”
We welcome announcements of new jobs, promotions, board positions, marriages and family additions. Please send an email to whitmanalumni@syr.edu to share your news. To update your address or contact details, please visit securealumni.syr.edu.

Amy Bacon (Marcello) ’08 was appointed tax director for PwC.

David Bernstein ’09, ’10 M.S. was appointed senior managing consultant for Berkeley Research Group LLC.

Michael Brandt ’88 was appointed CFO, Prudential International Insurance for Prudential Financial.

Brett Butcher ’04 was appointed director of finance at Ring.com.

Briana Calafiore ’14, ’15 M.S. was appointed audit associate for KPMG.

Natasha Caminero ’15 was appointed tax associate for EY.

Tony Carnesi ’84 was appointed director, emerging business group for KBL, LLP.

Ari Cretu ’02 was appointed client service partner for Tatum, a Randstad Company.

Branden Elmendorf ’09 MBA was appointed tax manager for LCS&Z, LLP.

Amy Gatto ’14 was appointed senior at EY.

Prince lyte ’16 was appointed analyst for Bank of America Merrill Lynch.

Grace Lee ’15 was appointed audit associate for KPMG U.S.

Jay Li ’12 was appointed assistant vice president-capital markets for Synchrony Financial.

Jing (Wendy) Li ’16 was appointed staff accountant for SuarezBaldomero, P.A.

Alexa Lyons (Ferugia) ’07 was appointed controller for Spark Capital.

Ashley McCarthy ’12 was appointed operations training manager for CaseStack.

Adam McCullough ’10 was appointed manager of research, passive strategies for Morningstar.

Georgiana Nertea ’01 was appointed senior vice president for Sherwood Partners, Inc.

David Nguyen ’05, ’06 M.S. was appointed assistant professor of higher education/student affairs at Ohio University.

Alex Nitka ’07 MBA was appointed senior tax manager for Dannible & McKee, LLP.

Michael Rainbow ’13 was appointed senior analyst for Goldman Sachs.

Rima Rana ’13 was appointed tech consulting senior analyst for Accenture.

Kelly Ryan ’11, ’12 M.S. was appointed senior associate, geography marketing for PwC.

Andrew Schneider ’16 was appointed audit associate-financial services division for KPMG.

Rico Setyo ’11 was appointed senior compliance officer for ADP.

Frances Raya Sevilla ’96 was appointed senior vice president of information technology, data and product engineering for ADT.

Lydia Wu ’11, M.S. ’12 was appointed experienced associate at PwC.

Siqi Yin (Miki) ’16 was appointed tax associate for EY.

Bessie Zhang ’11 M.S. was appointed senior SOX analyst for Zoetis Inc.

Hannah Zucker ’13 was appointed account executive for CHF Industries.
Jennifer Kreischer Appointed Chair; Replaces Longtime Chair Donald Favre

Jennifer Kreischer ’88 has been appointed chair of the Accounting Advisory Board. After earning her bachelor of science degree in accounting at the Whitman School, Kreischer joined PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, where she worked her way up to partner at its Philadelphia, Pennsylvania location. She left in 2011 to become an independent accounting professional and in 2012 joined Kreischer Miller as a consultant focusing on operational due diligence in the investment management industry.

As Kreischer assumes the role of chair, Donald Favre ’80, a native of Buffalo, New York, steps down after 15 years of service as chair. Favre has worked for PwC for 37 years, his entire career, and is now global tax partner. As Advisory Board Chair, Favre has been an incredible mentor to students who intern or work for PwC. In 2005, Syracuse University honored him as Alumnus of the Year. Favre “bleeds orange,” and in addition to following his alma mater’s sports teams, he enjoys running and has completed several marathons.

Steven Davis ’87 Joins Accounting Advisory Board

Steven M. Davis ’87, principal, tax, KPMG, LLP, has joined the Whitman School’s Accounting Advisory Board. With more than 25 years of industry, Big 4 and firm experience, Davis specializes in assisting multinational organizations across all industries align their operational and tax planning. He earned a bachelor of science degree in accounting from Syracuse University and his J.D. of law from Hofstra University School of Law. He is a member of the New York State Society of CPAs and New York State Bar, Tax Section.
The following graduates and friends of the Whitman School have demonstrated their commitment to quality education and research in accounting by designating their gifts to the Accounting Excellence Fund in the Joseph I. Lubin School of Accounting.

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