

PC200 Lectures

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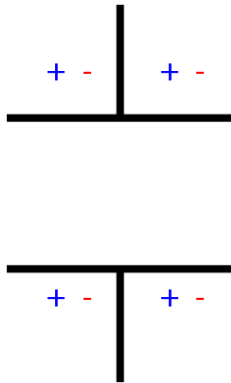
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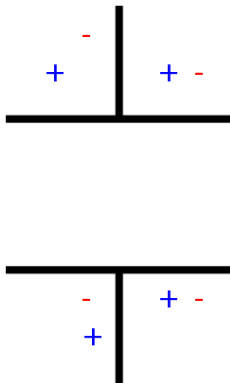
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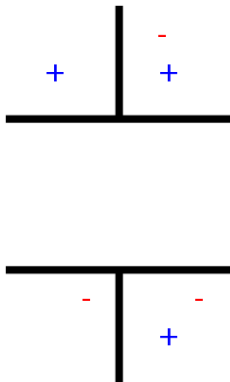
usually microfarad (μF) or picofarad (pF) values are used



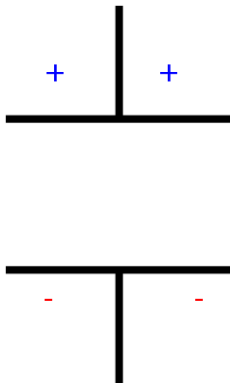
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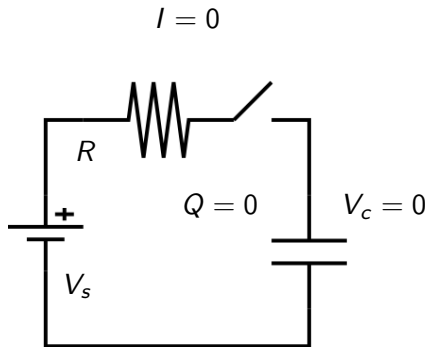
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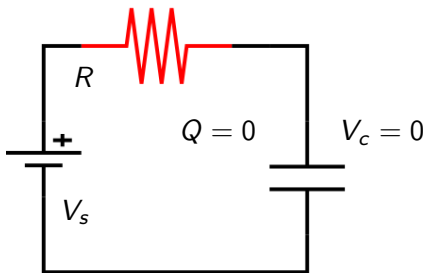
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- High voltage capacitors should be stored with terminals shorted.



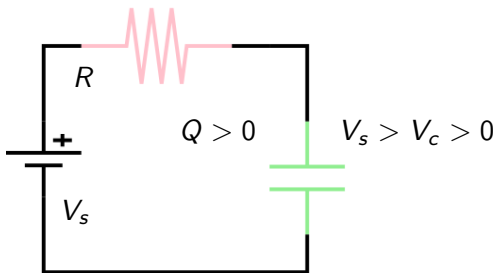
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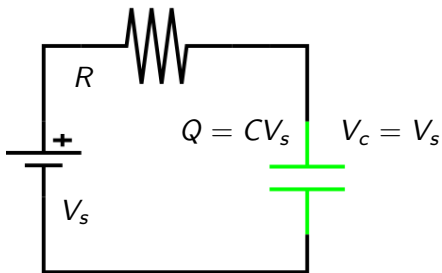
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$$I < V_s/R$$



$$t \approx RC$$

$$I = 0$$



$$t \gg RC$$

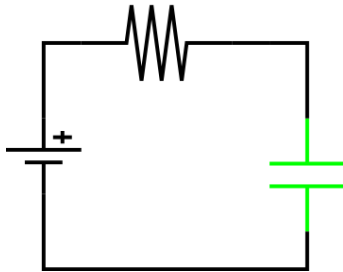
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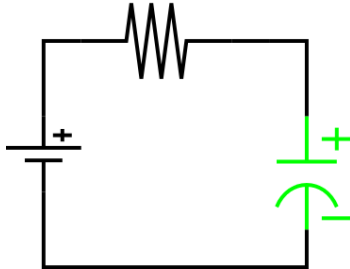
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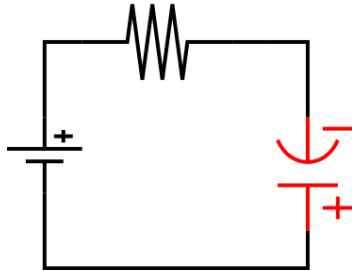
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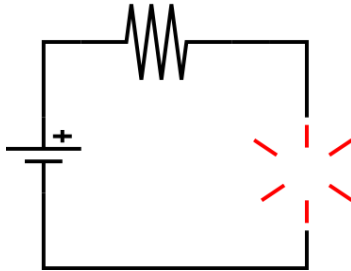
Non-polarized capacitor



Polarized capacitor connected the right way



Polarized capacitor connected the **wrong way**



Don't do this!!!

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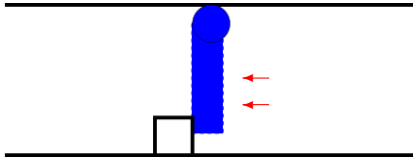
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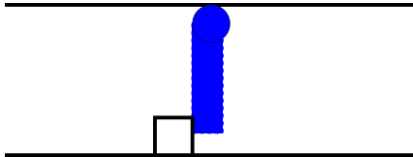
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- If the voltage gets high enough in the reverse direction, the diode will conduct; “*reverse breakdown voltage*”

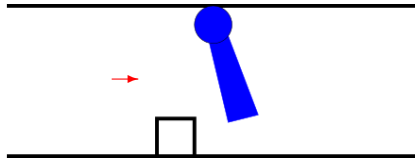
Negative pressure; no flow possible



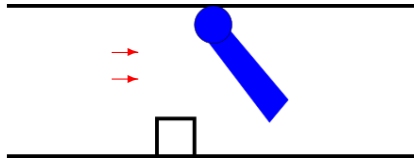
No pressure; resistance to flow is large



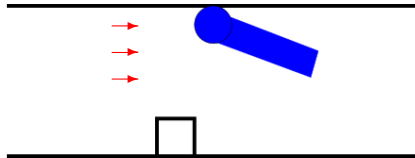
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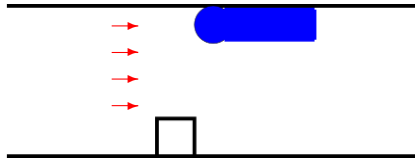
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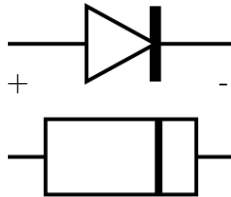


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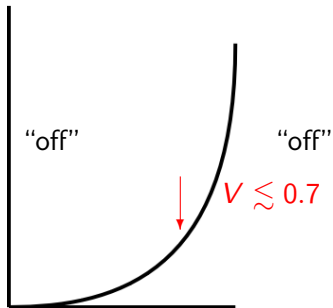


Very high pressure; resistance almost zero

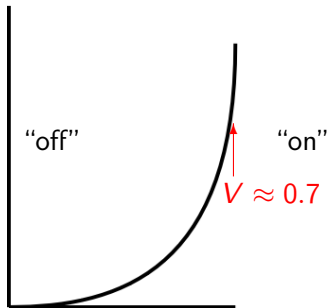




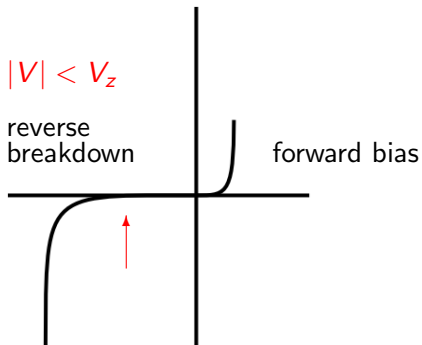
Diode symbol and physical appearance



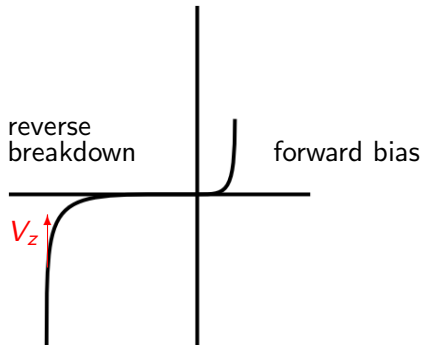
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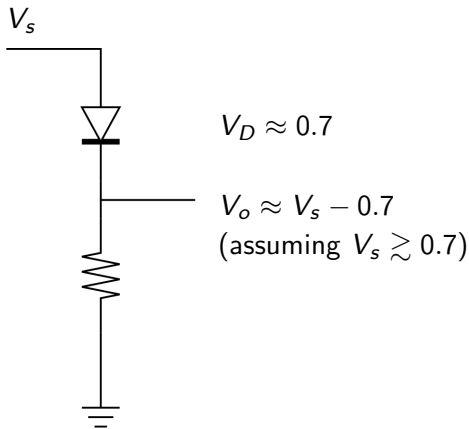
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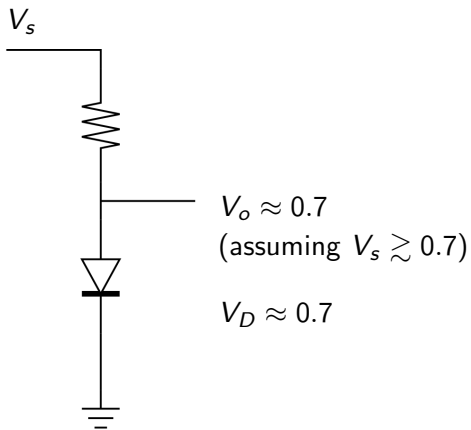
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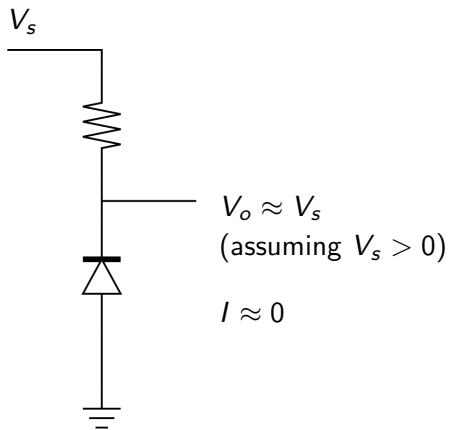
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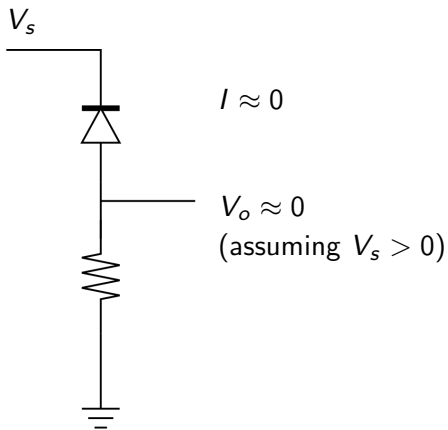
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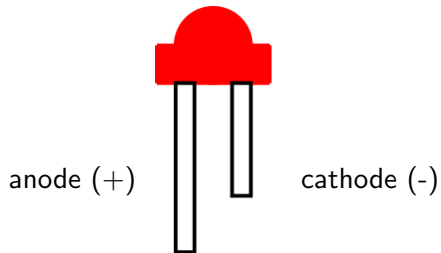


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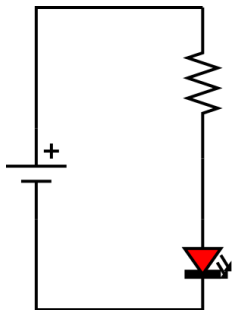


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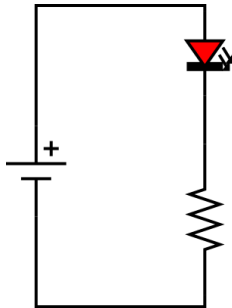
LEDs are a special case; they light up above a certain voltage. The voltage depends on the colour.



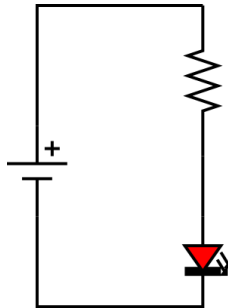
- The LED lights up when current flows from the anode to the cathode..



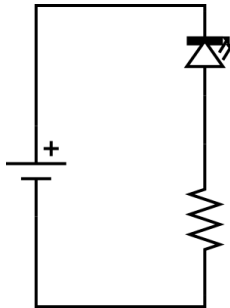
- You must use a resistor to limit the current.
- *Without a resistor, the LED will probably be destroyed.*



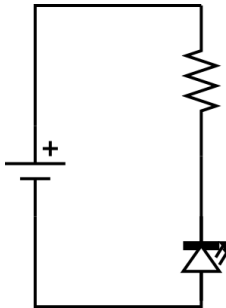
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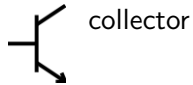
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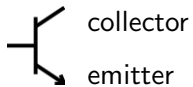
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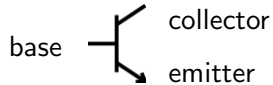
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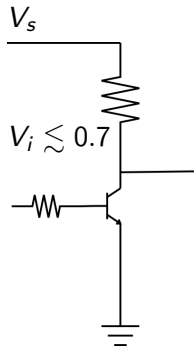
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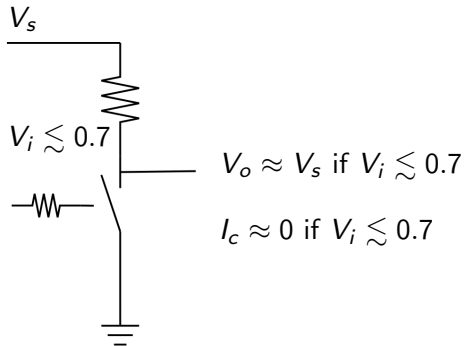


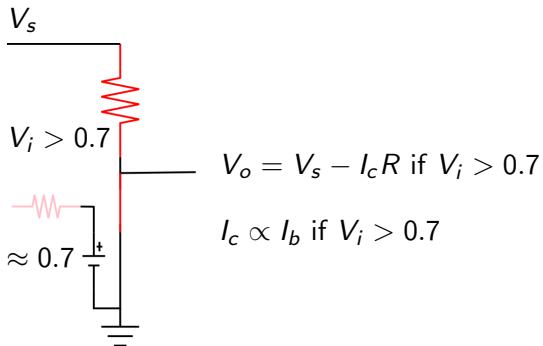


$$V_i \lesssim 0.7$$

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$$I_c \approx 0 \text{ if } V_i \lesssim 0.7$$





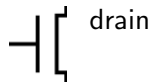
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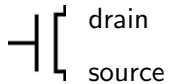
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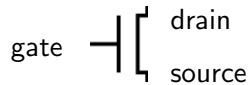
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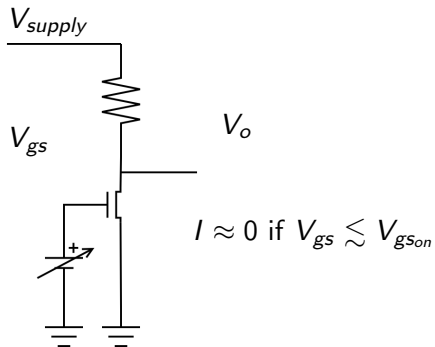
Actually it's the voltage between the gate and the source which matters.



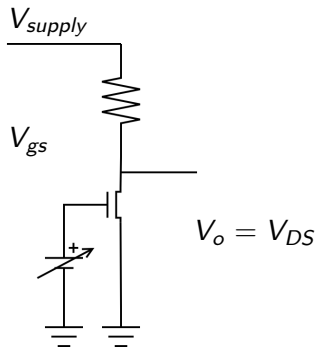




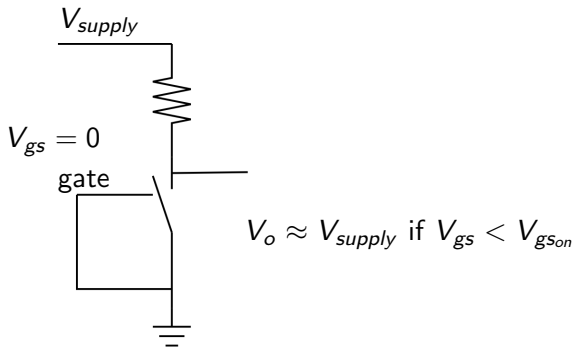




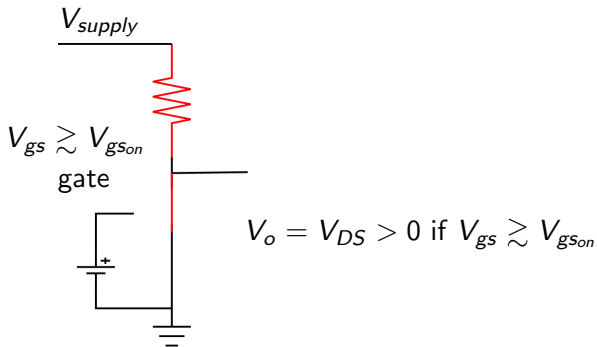
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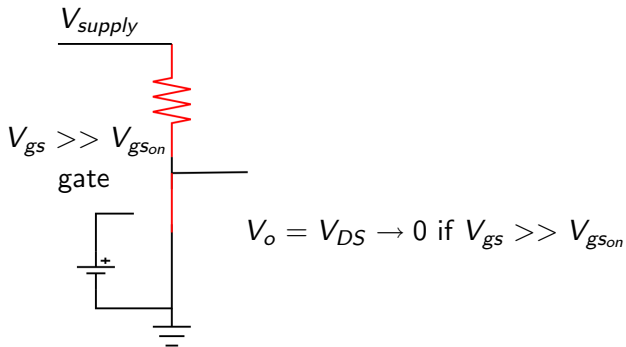
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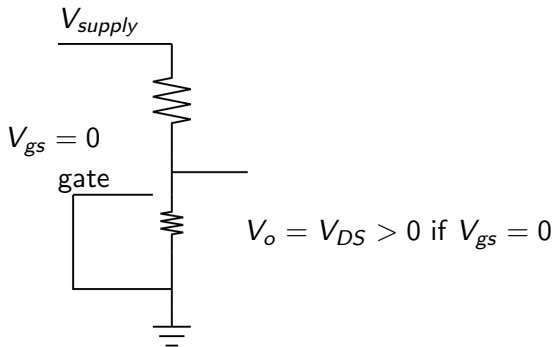


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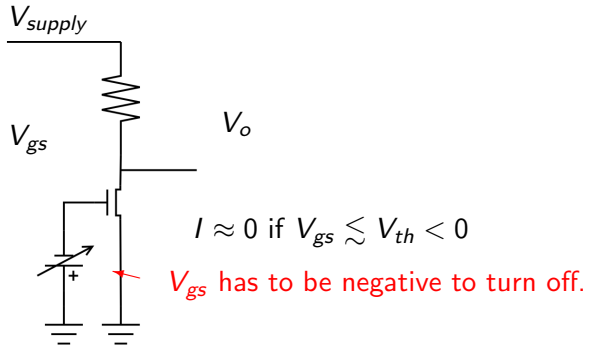
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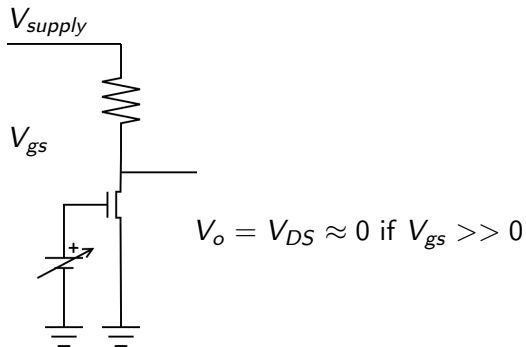
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- All FETs work in *enhancement* mode; some also work in *depletion* mode.



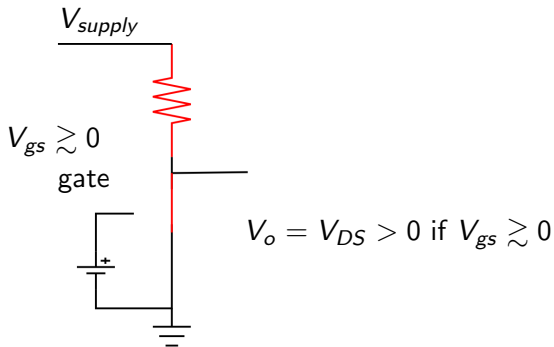
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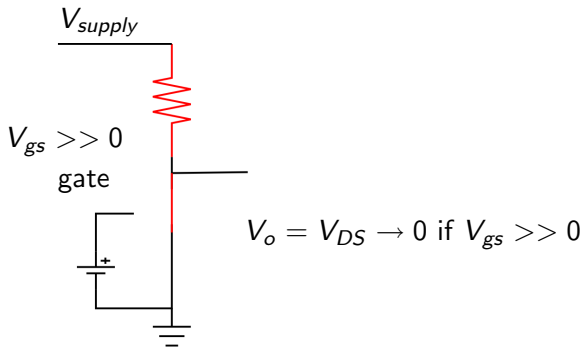
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