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7 September - 5 October 2020

A festival of conferences and meet ups celebrating how financial innovation, collaboration and inclusion across the nation are creating a thriving fintech economy in Scotland and a global fintech cluster.

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Introduction



Welcome to Scotland's FinTech Festival. This is the third season of the annual celebration of the fintech movement here in Scotland and around the world thanks to the inspiring fintech community, strategic partners and international colleagues.

This year is obviously nothing like we've experienced before. Our primary thoughts continue to be with all key workers on the front line dealing with the pandemic and with the many people across our communities facing significant hardship and challenges in this unprecedented time.

As the future is still uncertain on many levels, the festival events and activities are expected to be mostly digital. Whilst this curtails the opportunity to meet many of you face to face in physical spaces, we're hopeful the virtual nature of much of the festival events provides the chance to reach even broader worldwide audience and make new friends.

The innovative fintech community and cluster across Scotland is maintaining the momentum despite the current economic and social uncertainty. In many respects, the challenges of the pandemic have driven an accelerated adoption of fintech innovation, very much reflecting the creativity and adaptability of fintech entrepreneurs and SMEs.

This year's festival will offer plenty of occasions for the SME firms in the community to share their innovative propositions as well as the collaborative approach to reinventing the financial world and more.

More than ever before this year, we have appreciated the valuable engagement and collaboration of our very diverse partners and friends in hosting events on such a broad range of themes.

From consumer groups, the regulator, student associations, universities, financial firms, fintech firms, global enterprises, government bodies and many others from various sectors, all reflecting the inclusive nature of Scotland's fintech cluster.

Finally, thank you once again to our friends at Visit Scotland for their continued support with the festival and leading the global engagement in showing Scotland is very much open to everyone across the world.

Enjoy the festival.

Stephen Ingledew

Chief Executive, FinTech Scotland

VisitScotland Business Events Scotland has been changing the world for centuries. Our ideas, innovations, inventions and pioneering spirit have shaped the modern world and will continue to do so for centuries to come. We firmly believe that Business Events are an essential tool to drive new ideas, innovation, collaboration and economic & social change. Working with FinTech Scotland and our diverse range of partners. Scotland Fintech Festival 2020 showcases the expertise of the sector across Scotland to a national and international audience. VisitScotland Business Events are proud to be associated with Scotland Fintech Festival 2020 and look forward to using Business Events to help Scotland become a leading global centre in Fintech innovation.

"We are delighted to support Scotland's 2020 Fintech Festival for a 3rd year. The festival is a critical opportunity for our fast growing Fintech community to come together to learn, connect and collaborate virtually in 2020. Scottish fintech is leading the world in innovative solutions for societal and economic challenges in Scotland and throughout the world and this year's Festival provides a unique platform to continue this work until we can meet face to face again."

Fiona MacKinnon

Business Events, VisitScotland

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PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**
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Scotland Fintech Festival 2020 Programme

We will keep adding events regularly. To see an up to date list go to www.scotlandfintechfestival.com

HEADLINE EVENTS

Tuesday
29 September

DIGIT

Fintech 2020 Summit
Digit

8:00 – 17:00

📍 Online Event

Now in its seventh year, the Scottish Fintech Summit has established itself as the largest gathering of financial technology leaders in the country. The event is geared for senior technologists, IT & Digital leaders and C-level executives from right across the FS sector, from established institutions to the challenger brands and Fintech start-ups that are reshaping the market.

www.fintech-summit.co.uk/register

Thursday
1 October

**University of
Strathclyde**

Future of Fintech V
Strathclyde Business School

13:00 – 16:00

📍 Online Event

This year's event will be physically hosted at Strathclyde Business School to a virtual audience via Zoom. It will focus on blockchains contribution to Fintech, with two practically focused lectures followed by a panel session made up of industry practitioners. The format is designed to be practical, educational and informative.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-future-of-fintech-v-tickets-108906654736>

See Festival website for dates

How the FCA is helping innovation and collaboration
The FCA



📍 Online Event

Come listen to the FCA who will give examples of the work they do to facilitate innovation, collaboration and inclusion. They'll give the latest news on their on-going and new initiatives.



MBN meet up in Glasgow, September 2018

Tuesday 8th September

The Age of Tech CodeClan

08:30 – 09:30

📍 Online Event

We'll be discussing and celebrating all ages in tech - what barriers people face in the industry, due to their age, and what opportunities can be supported. From the older career changers to the younger C Suite and founders, there are lots of interesting angles to explore!

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/digital-diversity-group-the-age-of-tech-tickets-117650960189>

Webinar: Data Analysis CodeClan

13:30 – 14:30

📍 Online Event

Thinking about upskilling or changing career? Demand for data related jobs is on the rise. Employers are seeking new talent and looking to upskill their current teams to turbo charge their business growth. Whether you work in marketing, product development, operations or customer services, data is inescapable! Join us to hear about our Data Analysis course, career opportunities and partnerships in the Scottish tech industry. You'll get to meet our instructors and find out more about our curriculum. You'll also learn how we support our students and graduates into their new data careers.

https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/9315940448718/WN_gQ2QDdeCS4SnaEAnPMYnRw

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Wednesday 9 September

Discovering Fintech Alliance Fintech Alliance

10:00 - 11:00

📍 Online Event

FinTech Alliance is the digital community and marketplace for the entire UK FinTech sector. Supported by the UK government it offers companies a funding platform, access to executive education, a mentoring hub, diversity hub and jobs board. It also makes companies smarter through its news and opinion, a comprehensive knowledge bank of white papers and research articles, the latest insights on government policy and listings of FinTech events. Come to discover more about it.

Role of Fintech in Transforming Banking in North America

Scottish Development International

16:00 - 17:00

📍 Online Event

Join Scottish Development International on a webinar on the US financial services market and the role of Fintechs as disruptors and catalysts for change. Gain insights into the banking and lending sectors and understand different routes for reaching customers and selling to financial institutions. Hear from an online US Bank about its technology development and acquisition process, and how it leveraged fintech to bring a Banking-as-a-Service (BaaS) solution to the market.

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/712264041165077516>



MBN Solutions, Fintech talks 2018

Thursday 10 September

Finding Hidden Sources of Talent

CodeClan

11:00 – 12:00

📍 Online Event

Looking for excellent talent for your technical teams? Seeking to diversify your workforce? Meet CodeClan, Auticon and Code4000's incredible pool of diverse talent, ready to help your teams become more innovative. With the digital skills gap ever widening, now is the perfect time to source new and varied pipelines of talent. We'll walk you through how each organisation works with their students and consultants and how you can hire for your own business.

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/3915972255603/WN_vZvPx8q9SVagyIH5SVjnTA

Webinar 1: Challenges and obstacles in managing personal finance

Heriot Watt University

09:00 – 10:00

📍 Online Event

HWU will be hosting a webinar on the challenges that students have in managing personal finance when they start living independently. Our guest speaker will be Dr Hillary Musarurwa, [Heriot-Watt and University of Cape Town], who has done research on financial wellbeing of students in Scotland. This webinar is part of the series preceding HWU Fintech Hackathon.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/webinar-1-challenges-and-obstacles-in-managing-personal-finance-10th-sept-tickets-116860333403>

Experience Data Analysis with CodeClan!

CodeClan

10:30 – 11:30

📍 Online Event

Experience Data Analysis with CodeClan! Learn the basics of data analysis and try your hand at writing code, by coding along with one of our instructors. Experience our immersive style of teaching and get an idea of what's involved in a data role, during this remote taster session. If you're thinking about a career in data and want to test out our learning style first, this is the perfect session for you! We've designed this specifically for people thinking about learning data analysis, through our 14-week intensive Data Analysis course. It's also an ideal way for employers to understand more about the skills required of any staff looking to upskill.

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAqcOmpjovGdznNXIT3RqYrBrZtH1xq7o_

Financial Services Marketplace Industry Insight

ScotlandIS

14:00 - 16:00

📍 Online Event

Want to hear how to supply into the Financial Services sector? Or are you in a Financial Services company and looking for some innovative companies in the data or cyber space? Come along to learn about the challenges faced by Financial Services companies which need solutions and find out about the practical steps and considerations which need to be addressed to be considered seriously as a supplier into this industry. For Financial Services companies, there is an opportunity to hear from some data and cyber who are developing innovative products and services, which might help solve problems or which could be applied to gain competitive advantage. The event offers a great chance to network with industry experts across the financial services, data and cyber sectors.

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcsf-CgpjwuHtFGVtLQo5MFyvrHDbszq_CB



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Thursday 10 September

Young Company Finance 2020 Annual Conference YCF

📍 Sheraton Hotel, 1 Festival Square, Edinburgh EH3 9SR

Each year YCF's annual conference takes a broad theme that gives a variety of speakers the opportunity to set out their own knowledge or experience in different ways. Talks by industry professionals – investors, analysts, business advisers – interspersed with presentations by entrepreneurs from early stage high growth companies (but this is specifically not a pitching event). The theme for this year's conference is the relationship between investors and investee companies, under the working title 'Great Expectations'.

www.ycfscotland.co.uk/wp/conferences/ycf-annual-conference-2020/

Monday 14 September

Unlocking capital from global investors Cantor Fitzgerald Europe

15:00 – 16:30

📍 Online Event

In an ever-changing competitive environment, having edge and access to the right partners is going to be a key measure of success. Cantor Fitzgerald Europe (a UK Investment Bank and part of the American Global Financial Services firm Cantor Fitzgerald) welcomes you to join their session, which is designed to introduce a framework around unlocking capital from global investors and offer insight into market trends from investment industry experts.

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Tuesday 15 September

Professional Software Development Course CodeClan

10:30 – 11:30

📍 Online Event

Thinking about upskilling yourself or your team? Shift your skills into a tech role by learning to code on our Professional Software Development course. With an estimated 12,800 tech opportunities available in Scotland each year* there's never been a better time to join our thriving tech industry! Join us to hear about our course, career opportunities and partnerships in the Scottish tech industry. You'll get to meet our instructors and find out more about our curriculum. You'll also learn how we support our students and graduates into their new tech careers.

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/8315940445171/WN_2SILmUMSTX2SZRCbj1F3ng

Wednesday 16 September

Deloitte's Datathon Deloitte

13:00 – 14:15

📍 Deloitte Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2DB

Over the event series, we will speak to different industry leaders and others who are using data and technology to build trust and to create a more responsible society.

https://deloitte.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_QTXJ2kEBRqSJragmdFwxTA

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Wednesday 16 September

Delivering Tel Aviv Stock Exchange Blockchain-based Securities Lending Platform

MBN

18:00 – 19:30

📍 Online Event

A talk by Duncan Johnston-Watt, CEO, BTP - Duncan is a regular keynote speaker, serial entrepreneur and technology pioneer with over 30 years experience in the software industry. His latest venture is Blockchain Technology Partners, a leading enterprise blockchain company.

www.meetup.com/Scottish-Blockchain-Meetup/events/271476618/

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Thursday 17 September

Webinar: Tools and techniques for managing personal finance

Heriot Watt University

09:00 – 10:00

📍 Online

HWU will be hosting a webinar on the available tools and techniques for more effective management of personal finance. Our guest speaker will be Prof. Heather McGregor, the Executive Dean of Edinburgh Business School, a co-founder of the Taylor Bennett Foundation; and an experienced writer and broadcaster, perhaps best known for her “Mrs MoneyPenny” column in the Financial Times. This webinar is part of the series preceding HWU Fintech Hackathon.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/webinar-2-tools-and-techniques-for-managing-personal-finance-17-september-tickets-117221626039>

Fintech Research Taster Event: ‘Digital currencies and the new age in payments’

University of Edinburgh

12:30 – 13:30

📍 Online Event

New digital means of payment, be it cryptocurrencies or asset-backed stable-coins, and the merger between means of payment and investments has brought new challenges to our understanding of money. Professor Emilios Avgouleas will discuss the business advantages of new payment means, obstacles to classification as electronic money in common law and by Statute, and how to overcome these challenges. The limits of private monetary innovation and the importance of use embedded in market structure will also be highlighted.

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CodeClan

13:30 – 16:00

📍 Online

Experience Software Development with CodeClan! Learn the basics of software development and get an idea of what a typical day at CodeClan looks like, with one of our instructors. There’s the option to code-a-long with the session to truly experience our immersive style of teaching and the skills required of a coder! If you’re thinking about a career in software and want to test out some of the skills required first, this is the perfect session for you! We’ve designed this specifically for people thinking about learning software development, through our intensive 16-week Professional Software Development and 12-week Web Development (Highlands) courses. It’s also an ideal way for employers to understand more about the skills required of any staff looking to upskill.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom-join?meeting=us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0vcO-pqjopGtbXJpsEAP34YIP6o6uBtxaz>

Is your business using your output - Martin Thorn (Head of Data Science)

MBN

18:00 – 19:30

📍 Online Event

Is your business using your output - Presentation by Martin Thorn (Head of Data Science) - Standard Life Aberdeen.

www.meetup.com/Scotland-Data-Science-Technology-Meetup/events/269393623/

Monday 21 September

How to fund your fintech through the R&D tax relief scheme

Leyton

15:00

📍 Online Event

Leyton will be sharing insight to the innovation funding available to Fintechs for Development and AI / Data Analytics work through the R&D Tax relief scheme. They will also be giving advice on some common misconceptions such as the inability to claim having received a grant and will have a consultant on hand to answer any technical questions on how the work you are doing may apply.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9201075201>

Tuesday 22 September

Protecting innovations in Fintech webinar

Marks & Clerk

16:00 – 17:00

📍 Online Event

Marks & Clerk is delighted to be hosting a webinar on Protecting Innovations in Fintech including advice on patenting software and other intellectual property (IP) considerations as part of Scotland Fintech Festival 2020. Our Chartered (UK) and European Patent Attorneys, Tim Hargreaves and Pam Bryer, will discuss key IP considerations for fintech's including patenting software and algorithms, as well as brand protection considerations from our Jason Chester, a Chartered (UK) and European Trade Mark Attorney.

www.marks-clerk.com/Home/Knowledge-News/Events/Protecting-innovations-in-Fintech-webinar.aspx#.Xxb28S2ZPJ8

Wednesday 23 September

Fintech collaboration – Sodateru

Fujitsu

📍 Online Event

Technology budgets will be under immense pressure in the period ahead therefore investments need to be focused where they can best support the vision. Technology should be considered holistically, considering fintech collaboration, and use of data and insight to identify opportunities to automate and unlock further efficiencies.

Fintech in Scotland: the response to Covid-19 and future opportunities and challenges.

The Scotsman

13:00 - 14:15

📍 Online

Scotland was recognised in January 2020 for the strength and quality of its fintech cluster – just two months before Covid-19 hit hard and we went into lockdown.

How has the fintech sector responded to the challenges and opportunities of the pandemic and associated economic crisis?

How has it dealt with the rapid acceleration of the shift to a digital financial world? How did it help those people who found themselves in vulnerable financial situations? How did it seek to tackle the increasing challenge of online fraud?

Did the fintech sector seize the opportunities available? How are fintech companies large and small handling the challenges faced by all businesses as the economy contracts rapidly and we face the prospect of a deep recession?

Join a range of experts to discuss the future of fintech in Scotland. The event will include plenty of opportunities for your questions and comments.

<https://www.scotsmanconferences.com/event/fintech-in-scotland-the-response-to-covid-19-and-future-opportunities-and-challenges/>

**5 UNIVERSITIES
DELIVERING FINTECH
PROGRAMMES**

Wednesday 23 September

University of Glasgow Fintech Society
2020 launch event
The University of Strathclyde Fintech Society

17:30

📍 TBC

A panel of speakers discussing what FinTech is, the current trends in the industry, and what role students play in all of this - including the plan of UoG FinTech for the upcoming academic session and how you can get involved with our projects.

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Pinsent Masons Fintech (Virtual) Meet-up
– Reg-Tech
Pinsent Masons

17:30 – 18:30

📍 Online Event

In this virtual meet up, we're focusing on regtech, which has recently been described as the 'sleeping giant' of the financial services world and is key area of focus for the FCA's regulatory sandbox. Since the financial crisis of 2008, the amount of regulation applicable to financial services businesses has been growing. Although this is aimed at increasing transparency and monitoring and mitigating risks, it does also introduce additional burdens for business. Our panel, including representatives from Fintech Scotland, the University of Strathclyde and regtech business, Visible Capital will be discussing the growing demand for regtech solutions, which are designed to help financial services businesses to navigate (and comply with) regulation. We will also look at the barriers that currently exist to adoption of regtech solutions by the financial services industry and how these might be addressed. Unfortunately, we can't offer the usual beers and pizza (although you are welcome to bring your own!) but the event promises to be interactive, informative and fun.

https://updates.pinsentmasons.com/REACTION/Home/RForm?RSID=R1_ICI3_-9n-sAcFPLXbgW7b8oH0yjOtaAVPSS-TypflkVCyFPfmv6RosCwRneZ6

Thursday 24 September

Introduction to HWU Fintech Hackathon
Heriot Watt University

09:00 – 10:00

📍 Online

This webinar will introduce the challenge that we are going to address in the hackathon. During the webinar, Dr Agnessa Spanellis will introduce gamification as a technique for making applications more engaging, and Dr Robbie Mochrie will introduce the partner company and describe the problems that the teams will be working on during the Hackathon.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/webinar-3-introduction-to-hwu-fintech-hackathon-24-september-9-10-am-tickets-117221728345>

The “Art and Science” of analytics and data science: We should all be like Leonardo
MBN

18:00 – 19:30

📍 Online Event

Point of the talk: This is drawn primarily from experiences in the domain of customer insight and customer experience. We think of analytics mainly as a hard 'science' but there is a growing importance to consider some more intangible sides to analytics: why do customers think the way they do (e.g. behavioural economics), why do stakeholders make decisions the way they do (e.g. influencing senior decision-makers)?

www.meetup.com/Scotland-Data-Science-Technology-Meetup/events/269393640/

Fintech and data security
FWB Park Brown

📍 Online Event

The emergence and development of FinTech innovations has resulted in a significant increase in sensitive data being available digitally. FinTech has become even more prominent as a result of the COVID 19 pandemic, with a sharp uptick in mobile banking registrations and a move towards cashless payments in industries such as retail and banking. Consequently, the protection and security of data, processes, systems and networks becomes increasingly challenging for the FinTech sector. In collaboration with FinTech Scotland, FWB Park Brown will host a virtual forum aiming to provide an insight to the changing landscape and challenges associated with cyber security.

Thursday 24 and Friday 25 September

The Time for change is now.

DialGlobal

12:45 - 18:15

📍 Online

People and organisations are demanding real change – not just donating or making a public statement but living and breathing diversity throughout entire companies from advertising, to hiring, to supply chain partners. We've named this summit 'A call to action' because at DIAL Global, we leave behind the rhetoric and empty talk about diversity and inclusion and talk about what really matters - real actions and real results. We've gathered the world's most inspiring, authentic and inspirational leaders to talk openly about these issues and we'll find out together what is moving the DIAL to create real, measurable change across all facets of diversity, inclusion and belonging.

<https://hopin.to/events/a-call-to-action-championing-change-through-diversity-inclusion-belonging>

Monday 28 September

**Fintech Innovation with the University of
Edinburgh**

The University of Edinburgh

12:30 - 13:30

📍 Online

During this session you will hear about University expertise in Fintech, channels for collaboration, and examples of our current and past projects. You will also find out about a variety of different funding programmes and how we work together with companies to identify and secure funding for collaborative innovation projects.

<https://events.irm.ed.ac.uk/Events/Programme/7015J000000DPYU>

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Tuesday 29 September

**The true cost of hidden inefficiencies in
payments**

Modulr

9:30 – 10:30

📍 Online Event

Based on Summer 2020 quantitative research and the commentary of 50+ Founders and C-Level executives from within the European Banking and Financial Services sectors, Modulr has put together a panel of industry experts to explore what the findings tell us about the true cost of hidden inefficiencies in payments and where the opportunities lie for innovation and differentiation.

We'll explore the deepening collaboration between technology and finance, the hidden inefficiencies within processes, the potential of instant payments and how innovation and differentiation is more important than ever.

Wednesday 30 September

**Fintech ecosystem & opportunities to
Honk Kong and the gateway to Asia**

Scottish Development International

10:00 – 11:00

📍 Online Event

The Webinar will be delivered in partnership with Invest Hong Kong so we would likely use their logo along with ours.

#FifeTech for good

Invest in Fife

10:30 – 12:00

📍 Online Event

#FifeTech is calling on Tech companies and coders in Scotland to work with third sector organisation to bring ideas and skills to bear to find solutions to improve financial wellbeing of those who are now vulnerable Post-Covid. In 2019 Nationwide Building Society selected seven FinTech companies to take part in its Open Banking for Good challenge (OB4G). Now #FifeTech is working with Nationwide and Strathclyde University to bring the challenge to Scotland and find the tech skills from Fintech to gaming that can address the huge issues now emerging by creating impactful solutions.

Thursday 1 October

Why Mobile Is The Imperative

Waracle

14:00 – 15:00

📍 Online Event

This virtual event will explore how for financial services companies, mobile technologies still provide the best opportunities for innovative consumer-focused design solutions.

Best of the Fest

Nile & Digit

17:00

📍 The Green Room, 19-25 William St, Edinburgh EH3 7NG

After a month of events, Best of the Fest will feature some of the speakers coming to share their thoughts in a very relaxed setting. After the discussion, a fabulous chance to network with fintech enthusiasts. For the second year in a row, The Green Room will welcome Best of the Fest offering attendees a great opportunity to taste some of their best wines and nibbles.

At the time of publishing this content health guidelines for October are unknown, we'll send updates to attendees closer to the time.

ScotSoft 2020

ScotlandIS

📍 Edinburgh International Conference Centre, The Exchange, 150 Morrison St, Edinburgh, EH3 8EE

Taking place on the 1st October 2020 in Edinburgh, ScotSoft is the leading tech conference in Scotland. It's an annual festival of ideas and innovation that showcases the best of the Scottish technology sector and brings you sought after speakers from far flung locations.

www.scotlandis.com/blog/events/scotsoft-2020/

Friday 2 and Saturday 3 October

WHU Fintech Hackathon 2020

Heriot Watt University

Online: This is a 2-day hackathon, where interdisciplinary teams of students will be working on designing a concept of mobile online banking app that will be tailored for students and help them to manage their personal finance. The teams will be mentored by experts in the field and the winning team will have an opportunity to work together with a fintech developer to design and implement their concept.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/hwu-fintech-hackathon-2020-2-october-2-pm-4-october-1-pm-tickets-117221918915>

Monday 5 October

Fintech research taster event: The technological transformation of financial markets

University of Edinburgh

12:00 – 13:00

📍 Online Event

Recent technological advances and regulations have fundamentally reshaped the workings of financial markets. Professor Gbenga Ibikunle will discuss the effects of the technological transformation of financial markets on market quality and value, as well as its implication for investments. This webinar will be of interest to investment management firms and others with interests in understanding the technological transformation of financial markets.

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