Memory and Health

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My reason behind choosing this problem

The Problem

 "In 2002, the prevalence of dementia among individuals aged 71 and older was 13.9% and comprised 3.4 million individuals in the United States" (Plassmann et al., 2007).

Why this problem

 The reason for looking into this problem is due to how the increasing amount people with dementia, Alzheimer or other mental or physical ailments due to age are living in retirement homes or long-term care facilities. It would be necessary for these facilities to change to allow these people the ability to move about the facility and continue to live their lives with as much freedom as they had before while still providing them with the care they need.

Reaserch conducted on the problem

- Interviews with residents and staff of a nursing home and care facilities
- Case Studies
- Quantitative research of articles

Research findings

- Use of straight or L shaped layouts work the best
- Need for distinct spaces along the path to acting as anchor points
- Use of adequate light to limited shadows as well as the need to prevent glare
- Need for simple patterns and textures within materials to limit scenery hallucinations from forming
- Need for private areas for residents
- Need for personalized attention of private resident spaces

Case Study

 The Burnham Family Memory Care Residences at Avery Heights



Case Study

• Scheffau Amwilden Karser







Case Study

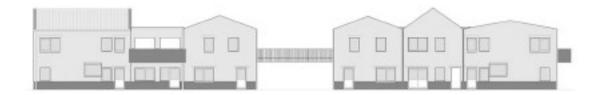
• Parkside Retirement Homes



Responses to the problem

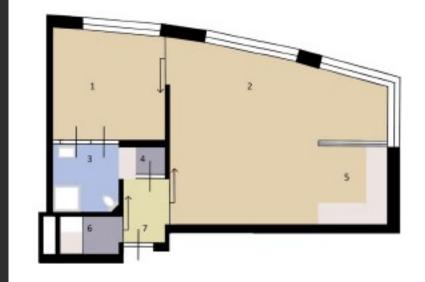
 Throughout the research conducted there have been several different strategies that have been shown or suggested to work with increasing freedom of the residents within the care facilities that they are located in.

Forums











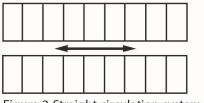


Figure 2. Straight circulation system.

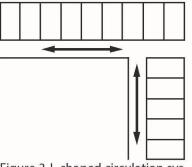


Figure 3. L-shaped circulation system with a change in direction.

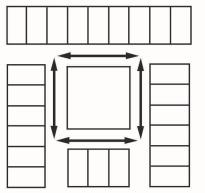


Figure 4. Continuous path around an inside courtyard.

Material

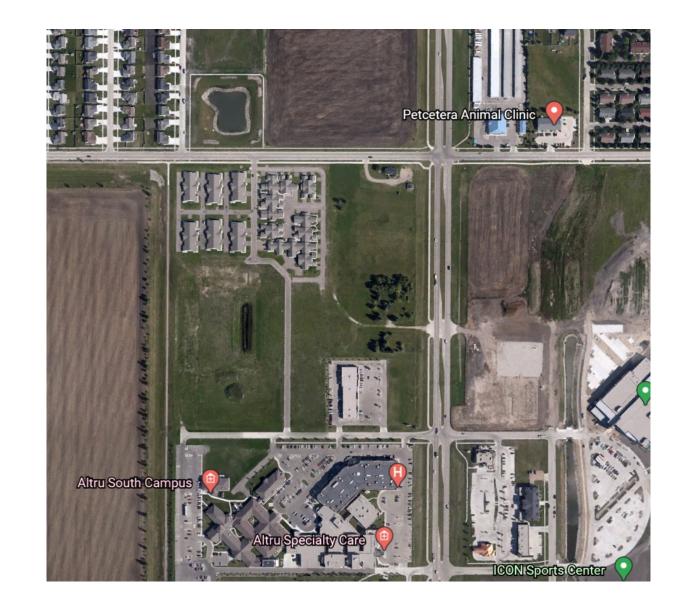
- Materials utilizing images or regular patterns should be avoided
- Materials with organic textures are fine in smaller amounts
- Uniform materials are preferred
- Color should be distinct and more vibrant
- Warmer colors are preferred

Light

- Light should be on the upper end of lamination recommended for spaces
- Indirect lighting is preferred where natural light is limited or unable to reach into space
- Lighting should be created to remove shadows located on the ground
- Indirect lighting should be used to reduce glare

Possible design solution

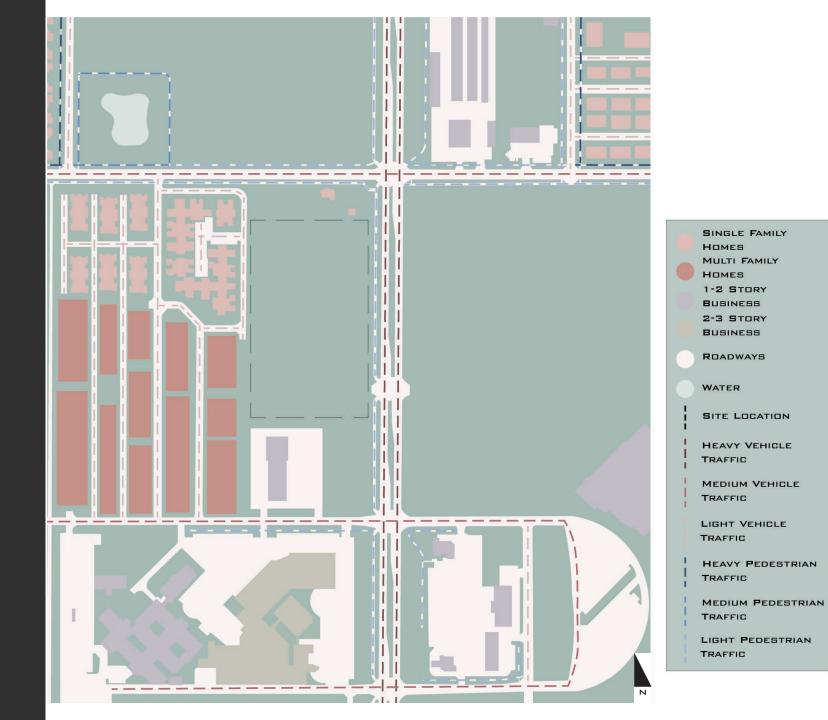
 For my design solution I gathered the different solutions from my research that had the best results to combine these strategies into one facility to look at what a facility may look like and function like if it were to be designed with these strategies in mind from the beginning.

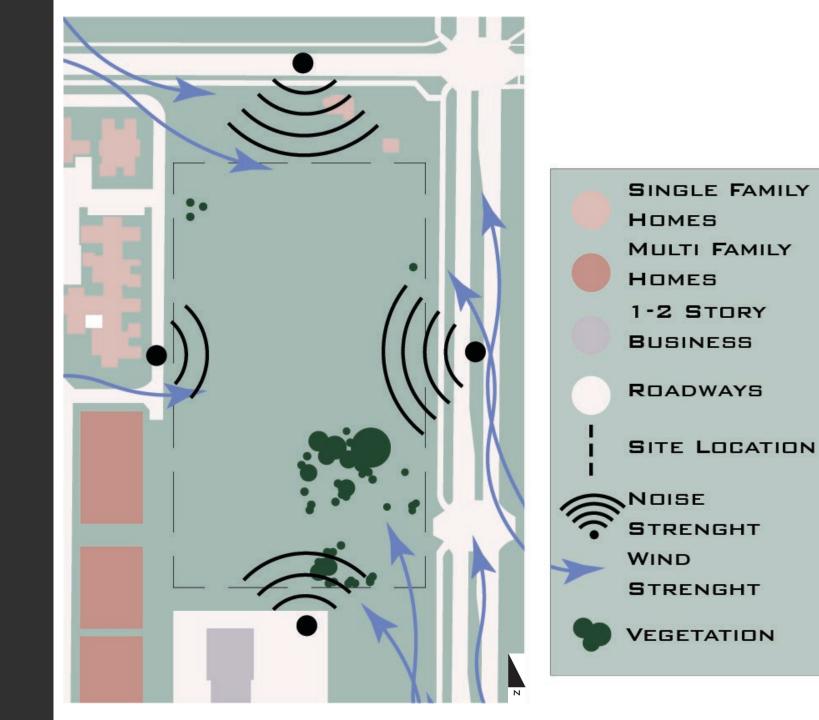










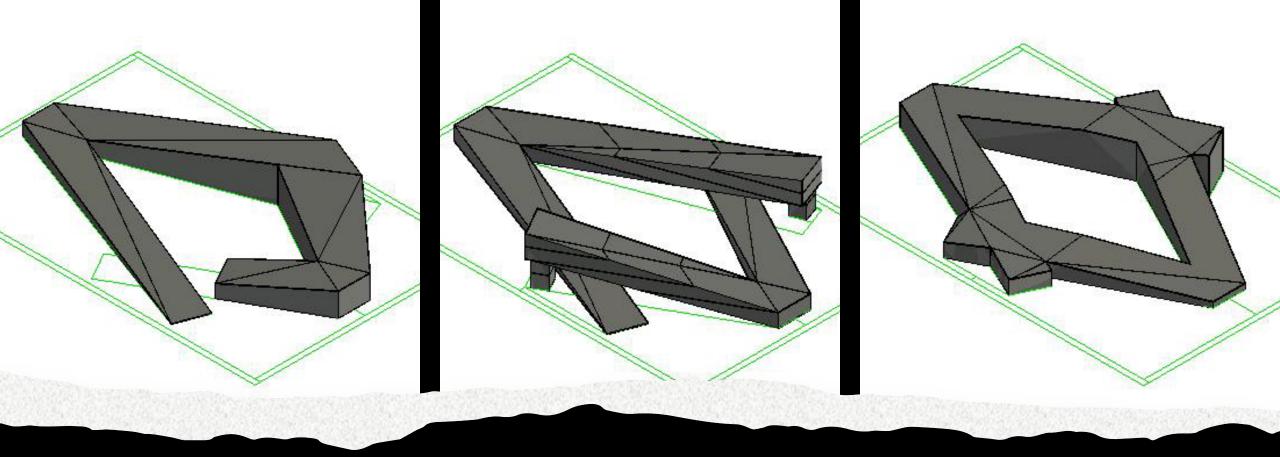


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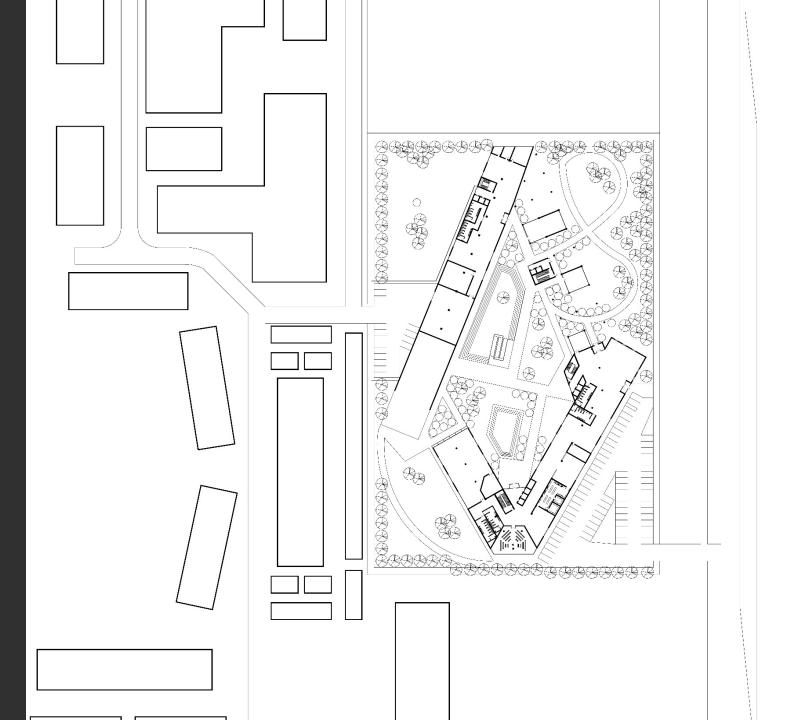
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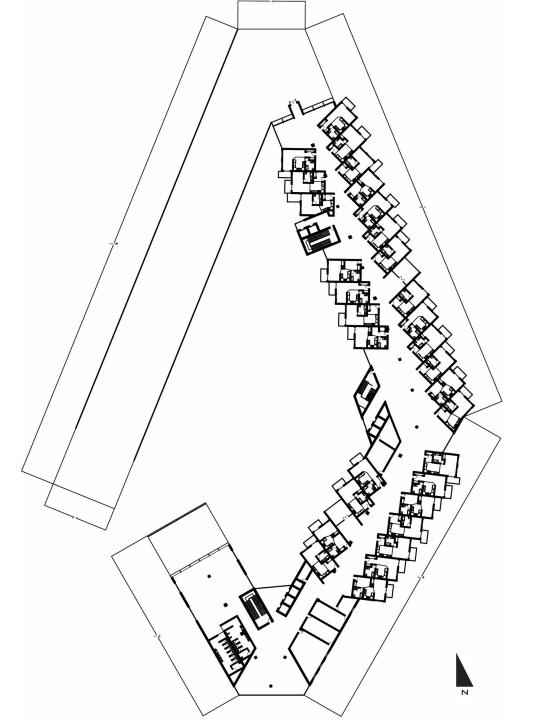
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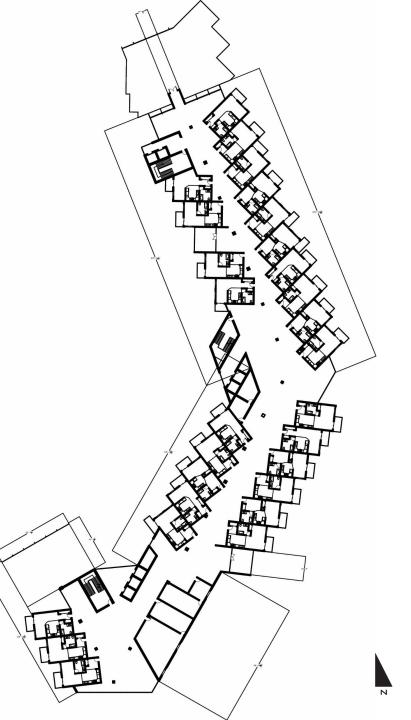
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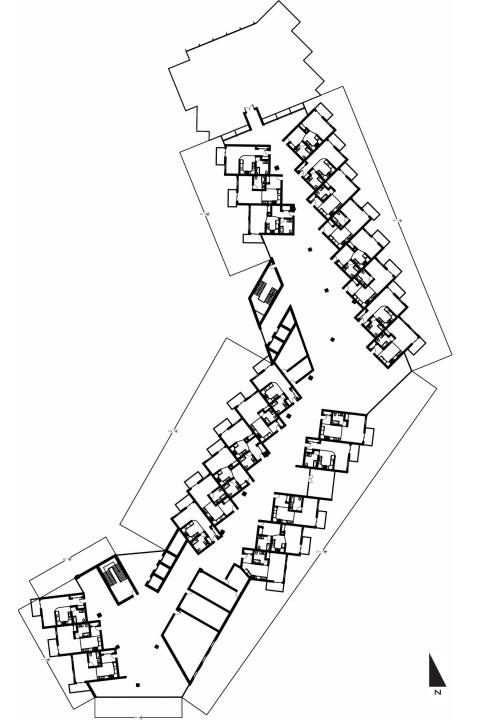


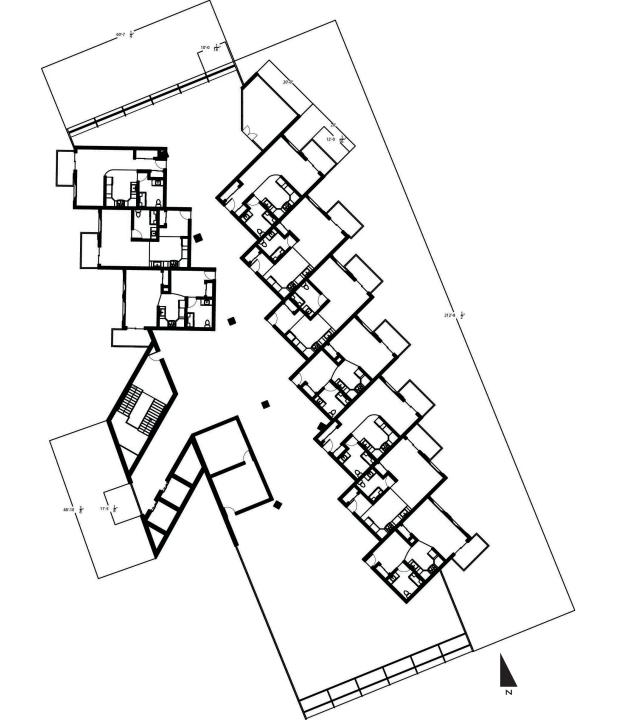
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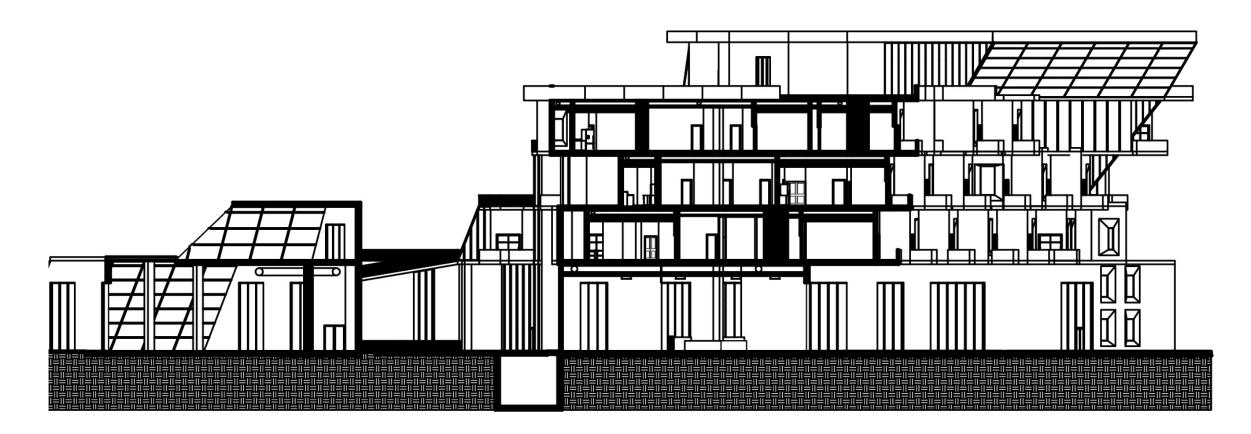


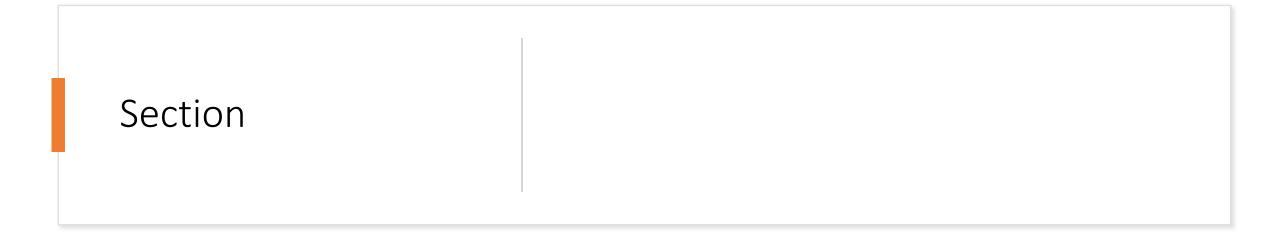


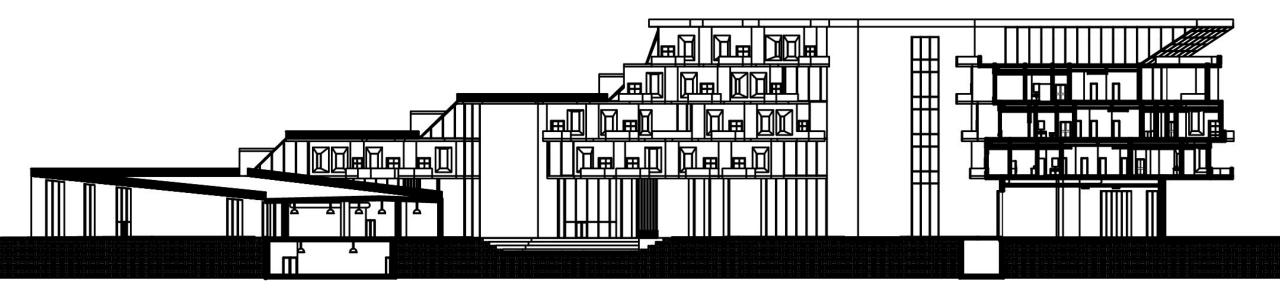




















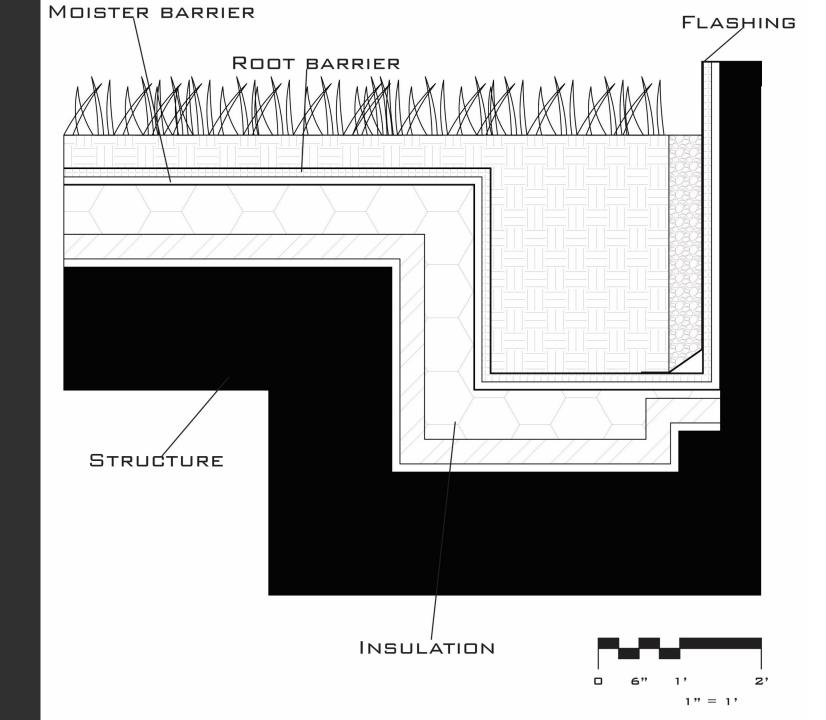


Green Strategy

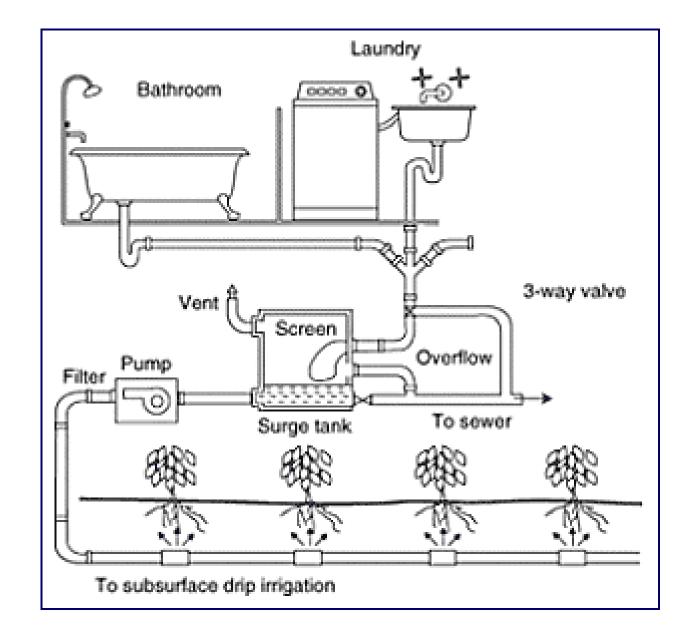


- Leed Silver
- Recycled materials
- Sourcing building material from near by
- Use of green roofs and space
- Recycling of grey water

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Any Questions

