UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Sections 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): November 1, 2018

EXLSERVICE HOLDINGS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

001-33089

(Commission File Number)

82-0572194

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

280 Park Avenue, 38th Floor New York, New York 10017

(Address of principal executive offices)

10017 (Zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (212) 277-7100

NOT APPLICABLE

(Former name or address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communication pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter)

- o Emerging growth company
- o If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act

Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On November 1, 2018, ExlService Holdings, Inc. (the "Company") reported its results of operations for the three months ended September 30, 2018. A copy of the press release issued by the Company concerning the foregoing is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference. The information provided in Item 2.02 of this report, including Exhibit 99.1, shall not be deemed to be "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 <u>Press Release, dated November 1, 2018 (furnished pursuant to Item 2.02)</u>.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

EXLSERVICE HOLDINGS, INC.

(Registrant)

Date: November 1, 2018 By: /s/ Ajay Ayyappan

Name: Ajay Ayyappan

Title: Deputy General Counsel and Corporate Secretary

EXL REPORTS 2018 THIRD QUARTER RESULTS

2018 Third Quarter Revenues of \$231.1 Million, up 20.2% year over year
Q3 Diluted EPS (GAAP) of \$0.43, down from \$0.60 in Q3 of 2017
Q3 Adjusted Diluted EPS (Non-GAAP) of \$0.71, up from \$0.69 in Q3 of 2017

New York, NY - November 1, 2018 - ExlService Holdings, Inc. (NASDAQ: EXLS), a leading operations management and analytics company, today announced its financial results for the quarter ended September 30, 2018.

Rohit Kapoor, Vice Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, said, "EXL generated revenues of \$231.1 million, up 20.2% year-over-year. Our adjusted diluted EPS was \$0.71. EXL's revenue growth was led by a 53.9% increase in Analytics revenues driven by an 18.2% increase in organic revenue and the acquisition of SCIO Health Analytics. Our operations management businesses revenues grew by 7.1%, which was driven largely by revenues growth in Insurance and Finance & Accounting.

"Our differentiated Digital Intelligence strategy is resonating well in the marketplace and is driving a strong pipeline. Additionally, the integration of SCIO is on track and will create a compelling offering across the Analytics and healthcare markets."

Vishal Chhibbar, Chief Financial Officer, said, "We are narrowing our revenue guidance for 2018 to \$877 million - \$885 million from \$878 million - \$892 million. The mid-point of our guidance is now \$881 million driven by foreign exchange headwind of \$4 million at current exchange rates. Our guidance represents annual revenue growth of 16% to 17% on a constant currency basis. We are narrowing the range of adjusted diluted EPS guidance for 2018 to \$2.72 - \$2.78 from \$2.70 - \$2.80, with the mid-point unchanged at \$2.75. Our cash and short-term investments were \$242.5 million on September 30, 2018."

Financial Highlights: Third Quarter 2018

We have six reportable segments: Insurance, Healthcare, Travel, Transportation & Logistics, Finance & Accounting, All Other (Banking & Financial Services, Utilities and Consulting) and Analytics. Reconciliations of adjusted (non-GAAP) financial measures to GAAP measures are included at the end of this release.

• Revenues for the quarter ended September 30, 2018 increased to \$231.1 million compared to \$192.3 million for the third quarter of 2017, an increase of 20.2% on a reported basis and 21.4% on a constant currency basis from the third quarter of 2017, as well as an increase of 10.0% sequentially on a reported basis and 10.7% on a constant currency basis, from the second quarter of 2018.

		Revenues					Gross Margin					
	Three months ended						Three months ended					
Reportable Segments		tember , 2018		ptember 0, 2017		June 30, 2018	September 30, 2018	September 30, 2017 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	June 30, 2018			
		(0	dollar	s in millio	ns)							
Insurance	\$	64.3	\$	59.6	\$	64.8	32.3%	34.3%	32.1%			
Healthcare		20.4		18.9		19.8	22.5%	36.0%	15.7%			
Travel, Transportation & Logistics		17.3		18.5		18.6	42.4%	46.0%	42.7%			
Finance & Accounting		24.5		21.6		24.2	39.2%	41.6%	40.0%			
All Other		21.9		20.0		23.1	34.7%	32.1%	34.7%			
Analytics		82.7		53.7		59.6	35.1%	33.7%	35.2%			
Total revenues, net	\$	231.1	\$	192.3	\$	210.1	34.2%	36.0%	33.5%			

- Operating income margin for the quarter ended September 30, 2018 was 8.5% compared to 10.9% in the third quarter of 2017 and 8.1% for the second quarter of 2018. Adjusted operating income margin for the quarter ended September 30, 2018 was 14.1% compared to 15.9% in the third quarter of 2017 and 13.6% for the second quarter of 2018.
- Diluted earnings per share for the quarter ended September 30, 2018 was \$0.43 compared to \$0.60 in the third quarter of 2017 and \$0.41 for the second quarter of 2018. Adjusted diluted earnings per share for the quarter ended September 30, 2018 was \$0.71 compared to \$0.69 for the third quarter of 2017 and \$0.67 for the second quarter of 2018.

Refer to the notes to the Unaudited Consolidated Statements of Income for details.

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Business Highlights: Third Quarter 2018

- EXL closed the acquisition of SCIOInspire Holdings, Inc. (or SCIO Health Analytics). The aggregate merger consideration was \$236.5 million, subject to certain post-closing adjustments.
- Won 14 new clients, including eight in our operations management businesses and six in Analytics.
- Appointed Jaynie Studenmund to EXL's Board of Directors.
- Recognized as a Leader in the ISG Provider LensTM for FAO Digital Outsourcing Services 2018.
- Positioned as a Major Contender in the Everest Group Finance and Accounting Digital Augmentation Suite Solutions PEAK MatrixTM Assessment 2018.

Post-Third Quarter Highlight

As previously announced, subsequent to the third quarter of 2018, on October 4, 2018, EXL sold \$150 million in an aggregate principal amount of 3.50% Convertible Senior Notes due 2024 to Orogen Echo LLC, an affiliate of The Orogen Group LLC. Vikram Pandit, Chairman and CEO of The Orogen Group LLC, was appointed to EXL's Board of Directors at closing.

2018 Guidance

Based on current visibility, and a U.S. Dollar to Indian Rupee exchange rate of 74.0, British Pound to U.S. Dollar exchange rate of 1.32, U.S. Dollar to the Philippine Peso exchange rate of 54.0 and all other currencies at current exchange rates, we are providing the following guidance:

- Revenue of \$877 million to \$885 million, representing an annual revenue growth rate of 16% to 17% on a constant currency basis.
- Adjusted diluted earnings per share of \$2.72 to \$2.78.

Conference Call

ExlService Holdings, Inc. will host a conference call on Thursday, November 1, 2018 at 8:00 A.M. ET to discuss the Company's quarterly operating and financial results. The conference call will be available live via the internet by accessing the investor relations section of EXL's website at <u>ir.exlservice.com</u>, where an accompanying investor-friendly spreadsheet of historical operating and financial data can also be accessed. Please access the website at least fifteen minutes prior to the call to register, download and install any necessary audio software.

To listen to the conference call via phone, please dial 1-877-303-6384, or if dialing internationally, 1-224-357-2191 and an operator will assist you. For those who cannot access the live broadcast, a replay will be available on the EXL website <u>ir.exlservice.com</u> for a period of twelve months.

About ExlService Holdings, Inc.

EXL (NASDAQ: EXLS) is a leading operations management and analytics company that designs and enables agile, customer-centric operating models to help clients improve their revenue growth and profitability. Our delivery model provides market-leading business outcomes using EXL's proprietary Business EXLerator Framework®, cutting-edge analytics, digital transformation and domain expertise. At EXL, we look deeper to help companies improve global operations, enhance data-driven insights, increase customer satisfaction, and manage risk and compliance. EXL serves the insurance, healthcare, banking and financial services, utilities, travel, transportation and logistics industries. Headquartered in New York, New York, EXL has more than 28,000 professionals in locations throughout the United States, Europe, Asia (primarily India and Philippines), Colombia, Australia and South Africa. For more information, visit www.exlservice.com.

Continuing Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Statements This press release contains forward-looking statements. You should not place undue reliance on those statements because they are subject to numerous uncertainties and factors relating to EXL's operations and business environment, all of which are difficult to predict and many of which are beyond EXL's control. Forward-looking statements include information concerning EXL's possible or assumed future results of operations, including descriptions of its business strategy. These statements may include words such as "may," "will," "should," "believe," "expect," "anticipate," "intend," "plan," "estimate" or similar expressions. These statements are based on assumptions that we have made in light of management's experience in the industry as well as its perceptions of historical trends, current conditions, expected future developments and other factors it believes are appropriate under the circumstances. You should understand that these statements are not guarantees of performance or results. They involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and assumptions. Although EXL believes that these forward-looking statements are based on reasonable assumptions, you should be aware that many factors could affect EXL's actual financial results or results of operations and could cause actual results to differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements. These factors, which include our ability to successfully close and integrate strategic acquisitions, are discussed in more detail in EXL's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including EXL's Annual Report on Form 10-K. These risks could cause actual results to differ materially from those implied by forward-looking statements in this release. You should keep in mind that any forward-looking statement made herein, or elsewhere, speaks only as of the date on which it is made. New risks and uncertainties come up from time to time, and it is impossible to predict these events or how they may aff

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME (UNAUDITED)

(In thousands, except share and per share amounts)

	Three months ended			led September 30,		Nine months ended Se		eptember 30,	
		2018		2017(1)(2)		2018		2017(1)(2)	
Revenues, net	\$	231,124	\$	192,345	\$	648,209	\$	564,435	
Cost of revenues ⁽³⁾		152,157		123,077		429,907		365,883	
Gross profit ⁽³⁾		78,967		69,268		218,302		198,552	
Operating expenses:									
General and administrative expenses		28,704		26,545		85,610		75,007	
Selling and marketing expenses		16,490		12,196		45,593		38,631	
Depreciation and amortization		14,099		9,582		35,185		28,489	
Total operating expenses		59,293		48,323		166,388		142,127	
Income from operations		19,674		20,945		51,914		56,425	
Foreign exchange gain, net		1,385		637		3,414		1,905	
Interest expense		(2,475)		(482)		(3,719)		(1,380)	
Other income, net		2,466		2,796		8,232		8,495	
Income before income tax expense		21,050		23,896		59,841		65,445	
Income tax expense		5,739		2,819		6,796		7,202	
Loss from equity-method investment		62		_		176		_	
Net income attributable to ExlService Holdings, Inc. stockholders	\$	15,249	\$	21,077	\$	52,869	\$	58,243	
Earnings per share attributable to ExlService Holdings, Inc. stockholders:									
Basic	\$	0.44	\$	0.62	\$	1.53	\$	1.72	
Diluted	\$	0.43	\$	0.60	\$	1.50	\$	1.66	
Weighted-average number of shares used in computing earnings per share attributable to ExlService Holdings, Inc. stockholders:	•								
Basic		34,458,520		33,838,374		34,472,232		33,834,392	
Diluted		35,207,991		35,043,987		35,217,814		35,048,672	

⁽¹⁾ The Company early adopted Accounting Standards Update (ASU) 2017-12, Derivative and Hedging (Topic 815), Targeted Improvements to Accounting for Hedging Activities. Pursuant to this adoption, effective January 1, 2017, the Company recorded settlement gain/(loss) on cash flow hedges in cost of revenues and operating expenses, as applicable, in the consolidated statements of income for each of the quarters of 2017. In prior periods, such gain/(loss) were recorded under "Foreign exchange gain, net" in the consolidated statements of income.

⁽²⁾ On January 1, 2018, the Company adopted ASU 2017-07, Compensation-Retirement Benefits (Topic 715), Improving the Presentation of Net Periodic Pension Cost and Net Periodic Post Retirement Benefit Cost. Pursuant to this adoption, effective January 1, 2017, the interest cost, expected return on plan assets and amortization of actuarial gains/loss, have been reclassified from cost of revenues and operating expenses, as applicable to "Other income, net" in the consolidated statements of income for each of the quarters of 2017.

 $[\]hbox{ (3)} \\ {\rm Exclusive \ of \ depreciation \ and \ amortization.}$

EXLSERVICE HOLDINGS, INC. CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(In thousands, except share and per share amounts)

		As of		
	Sept	tember 30, 2018		December 31, 2017
		(Unaudited)		
Assets				
Current assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	97,636	\$	86,795
Short-term investments		144,878		178,479
Restricted cash		4,679		3,674
Accounts receivable, net		164,307		135,705
Prepaid expenses		10,325		9,781
Advance income tax, net		7,700		8,801
Other current assets		24,302	. <u> </u>	29,582
Total current assets		453,827		452,817
Property and equipment, net		67,675		66,757
Restricted cash		3,499		3,808
Deferred tax assets		12,201		8,585
Intangible assets, net		114,799		48,958
Goodwill		357,533		204,481
Other assets		32,779		36,369
Investment in equity affiliate		2,824		3,000
Total assets	\$	1,045,137	\$	824,775
Liabilities and Equity			_	
Current liabilities:				
Accounts payable	\$	4,310	\$	5,918
Current portion of long-term borrowings	Ψ	12,318	Ψ	10,318
Deferred revenue		7,600		10,716
Accrued employee costs		46,638		55,664
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities		67,084		61,366
Current portion of capital lease obligations		221		267
Total current liabilities				
Long term borrowings		138,171		144,249
Capital lease obligations, less current portion		288,309		50,391
Income taxes payable		261		331
Deferred tax liabilities		8,721		13,557
Other non-current liabilities		13,352		_
Total liabilities		21,875		16,202
		470,689		224,730
Commitments and contingencies				
Preferred stock, \$0.001 par value; 15,000,000 shares authorized, none issued		_		_
ExlService Holdings, Inc. Stockholders' equity: Common stock, \$0.001 par value; 100,000,000 shares authorized, 37,703,974 shares issued and 34,253,291 shares outstanding as of September 30, 2018 and 36,790,751 shares issued and 33,888,733 shares outstanding as of				
December 31, 2017		38		37
Additional paid-in capital		344,720		322,246
Retained earnings		480,387		427,064
Accumulated other comprehensive loss		(114,330)		(45,710)
Total including shares held in treasury		710,815		703,637
Less: 3,450,683 shares as of September 30, 2018 and 2,902,018 shares as of December 31, 2017, held in treasury, at cost		(136,609)		(103,816)
Stockholders' equity	\$	574,206	\$	599,821
Non-controlling interest		242		224
Total equity	\$	574,448	\$	600,045
Total liabilities and equity	\$	1,045,137	\$	824,775

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Reconciliation of Adjusted Financial Measures to GAAP Measures

In addition to its reported operating results in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), EXL has included in this release certain financial measures that are considered non-GAAP financial measures, including the following:

- (i) Adjusted operating income and adjusted operating income margin;
- (ii) Adjusted EBITDA and adjusted EBITDA margin;
- (iii) Adjusted net income and adjusted diluted earnings per share; and
- (iv) Revenue growth on a constant currency basis.

These non-GAAP financial measures are not based on any comprehensive set of accounting rules or principles, should not be considered a substitute for, or superior to, financial measures calculated in accordance with GAAP, and may be different from non-GAAP financial measures used by other companies. Accordingly, the financial results calculated in accordance with GAAP and reconciliations from those financial statements should be carefully evaluated. EXL believes that providing these non-GAAP financial measures may help investors better understand EXL's underlying financial performance. Management also believes that these non-GAAP financial measures, when read in conjunction with EXL's reported results, can provide useful supplemental information for investors analyzing period-to-period comparisons of the Company's results and comparisons of the Company's results with the results of other companies. Additionally, management considers some of these non-GAAP financial measures to determine variable compensation of its employees. The Company believes that it is unreasonably difficult to provide its earnings per share financial guidance in accordance with GAAP for a number of reasons, including, without limitation, the Company's inability to predict its future stock-based compensation expense under ASC Topic 718, the amortization of intangibles associated with further acquisitions and the currency fluctuations and associated tax impacts. As such, the Company presents guidance with respect to adjusted diluted earnings per share. The Company also incurs significant non-cash charges for depreciation that may not be indicative of the Company's ability to generate cash flow.

EXL non-GAAP financial measures exclude, where applicable, stock-based compensation expense, provision for litigation settlement and acquisition-related expenses. Acquisition-related expenses include, amortization of acquisition-related intangible assets, changes in the fair value of earn-out consideration liabilities, charges for impairment of acquired intangible assets and other acquisition-related costs such as external deal costs, integration expenses and direct and incremental travel costs. In addition to excluding the above items, our adjusted net income and adjusted diluted EPS also excludes the effect of incremental income tax expense related to the U.S. Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 (the "Tax Reform Act") and income tax impact of the above pretax items, as applicable. The income tax impact of each item is calculated by applying the statutory rate and local tax regulations in the jurisdiction in which the item was incurred.

A limitation of using non-GAAP financial measures versus financial measures calculated in accordance with GAAP is that non-GAAP financial measures do not reflect all of the amounts associated with our operating results as determined in accordance with GAAP and exclude costs that are recurring, namely stock-based compensation and amortization of acquisition-related intangible assets. EXL compensates for these limitations by providing specific information regarding the GAAP amounts excluded from non-GAAP financial measures to allow investors to evaluate such non-GAAP financial measures.

Effective second quarter of 2018, EXL excludes other acquisition-related costs such as external deal costs, integration expenses and direct and incremental travel costs pertaining to successful acquisitions from its non-GAAP financial measures, wherever applicable. Considering EXL's frequent acquisitions of varying scale and size, and the difficulty in predicting expenses relating to acquisitions, EXL's management believes that providing non-GAAP financial measures that exclude such expenses allows investors to make additional comparisons from period-to-period and between EXL's operating results and those of other companies. Other acquisition-related costs are excluded in the period in which an acquisition is consummated. To facilitate comparison, the previously reported periods presented have been adjusted with the effects of the exclusion of these other acquisition-related costs.

The information provided on a constant currency basis reflects a comparison of current period results translated at the prior period currency rates. This information is provided because EXL believes that it provides useful comparative incremental information to investors regarding EXL's true operating performance. EXL's primary exchange rate exposure is with the Indian Rupee, the U.K. pound sterling and the Philippine Peso. The average exchange rate of the U.S. Dollar against the Indian Rupee increased from 64.45 during the quarter ended September 30, 2017 to 70.67 during the quarter ended September 30, 2018, representing depreciation of 9.6%. The average exchange rate of the U.S. Dollar against the Philippine Peso increased from 50.82 during the quarter ended September 30, 2017 to 53.53 during the quarter ended September 30, 2018, representing a depreciation of 5.3%. The average exchange rate of the British Pound against the U.S. Dollar remained flat at 1.31 during the quarter ended September 30, 2017 and 2018.

The following table shows the reconciliation of these non-GAAP financial measures for the three months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017, and the three months ended June 30, 2018:

Reconciliation of Adjusted Operating Income and Adjusted EBITDA

(Amounts in thousands)

	Three Months Ended						
	September 30,					June 30,	
		2018	201	7 (Restated)		2018	
Net Income (GAAP)	\$	15,249	\$	21,077	\$	14,462	
add: Income tax expense/(benefit)		5,739		2,819		5,510	
subtract: Interest expense, foreign exchange gain, net, loss from equity-method investment and other income, net		(1,314)		(2,951)		(2,882)	
Income from operations (GAAP)	\$	19,674	\$	20,945	\$	17,090	
add: Stock-based compensation expense (a)		5,344		5,708		6,893	
add: Amortization of acquisition-related intangibles (b)		6,718		3,487		3,761	
add: Acquisition-related expenses (c)		855		457		841	
Adjusted operating income (Non-GAAP)	\$	32,591	\$	30,597	\$	28,585	
Adjusted operating income margin as a % of Revenues (Non-GAAP)		14.1%	-	15.9%		13.6%	
add: Depreciation		7,381		6,095		6,821	
Adjusted EBITDA (Non-GAAP)	\$	39,972	\$	36,692	\$	35,406	
Adjusted EBITDA margin as a % of revenue (Non-GAAP)	<u> </u>	17.3%		19.1%		16.9%	

- (a) To exclude stock-based compensation expense under ASC Topic 718.
- (b) To exclude amortization of acquisition-related intangibles.
- (c) To exclude acquisition related expenses. Effective second quarter of 2018, EXL excludes acquisition-related costs such as external deal costs, integration expenses and direct and incremental travel costs pertaining to successful acquisitions from its non-GAAP financial measures. The previously reported periods presented have been adjusted with the effects of exclusion. See descriptions above for more information.

Reconciliation of Adjusted Net Income and Adjusted Diluted Earnings Per Share

(Amounts in thousands, except per share data)

Three	Mont	he ⊬ı	nded

	September 30,			June 30,		
		2018	2017	(Restated)	_	2018
Net income (GAAP)	\$	15,249	\$	21,077	\$	14,462
add: Stock-based compensation expense (a)		5,344		5,708		6,893
add: Amortization of acquisition-related intangibles (b)		6,718		3,487		3,761
add: Acquisition-related expenses (c)		855		457		841
subtract: Tax impact on stock-based compensation expense (d)		(1,460)		(5,564)		(1,891)
subtract: Tax impact on amortization of acquisition-related intangibles		(1,435)		(942)		(679)
subtract: Tax impact on acquisition-related expenses		(218)		(183)		(12)
Adjusted net income (Non-GAAP)	\$	25,053	\$	24,040	\$	23,375
Adjusted diluted earnings per share (Non-GAAP)	\$	0.71	\$	0.69	\$	0.67

- (a) To exclude stock-based compensation expense under ASC Topic 718.
- (b) To exclude amortization of acquisition-related intangibles.
- (c) To exclude acquisition related expenses. Effective second quarter of 2018, EXL excludes acquisition-related costs such as external deal costs, integration expenses and direct and incremental travel costs pertaining to successful acquisitions from its non-GAAP financial measures. The previously reported periods presented have been adjusted with the effects of exclusion. See descriptions above for more information.
- (d) Tax impact include \$288 and \$3,488 during the three months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017 respectively, and \$323 during the three months ended June 30, 2018 related to discrete benefit recognized in income tax expense on adoption of ASU No. 2016-09, Compensation Stock Compensation.

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