

**COMP 4161**  
NICTA Advanced Course

**Advanced Topics in Software Verification**

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**wf\_rec**

# Content

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- Intro & motivation, getting started with Isabelle
- Foundations & Principles
  - Lambda Calculus
  - Higher Order Logic, natural deduction
  - Term rewriting
- **Proof & Specification Techniques**
  - Inductively defined sets, rule induction
  - Datatypes, recursion, induction
  - **More recursion, Computational reasoning**
  - Hoare logic, proofs about programs
  - Locales, Presentation



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- $rec :: ((\alpha \Rightarrow \beta) \Rightarrow (\alpha \Rightarrow \beta)) \Rightarrow (\alpha \Rightarrow \beta)$  like above cannot exist in HOL (only total functions)
- But 'guarded' form possible:  $wfrec :: (\alpha \times \alpha)\ set \Rightarrow ((\alpha \Rightarrow \beta) \Rightarrow (\alpha \Rightarrow \beta)) \Rightarrow (\alpha \Rightarrow \beta)$
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## Alternative definition (equivalent):

there are no infinite descending chains, or (equivalent):

every nonempty set has a minimal element wrt  $<_r$

$$\text{min } r Q x \equiv \forall y \in Q. y \not<_r x$$

$$\text{wf } r = (\forall Q \neq \{\}. \exists m \in Q. \text{min } r Q m)$$

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More about well founded relations: *Term Rewriting and All That*

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More: John Harrison, *Inductive definitions: automation and application*

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