Finite and Algorithmic Model Theory Lecture 1 (Dresden 12.10.22, Revised version)

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Feel free to ask questions and interrupt me!

Don't be shy! If needed send me an email (bartosz.bednarczyk@cs.uni.wroc.pl) or approach me after the lecture! Reminder: this is an advanced lecture. Target: people that had fun learning logic during BSc studies!

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+ Lecture notes by Martin Otto [HERE] and lecture notes by Erich Grädel [HERE]



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Last but Not Least: I offer MSc/PHD research projects for motivated students!

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