

Recursive Models

Faketastic allows you to write recursive models. There is a `itself` builder function that declares a property as recursive. Let's use an example for better understanding; consider the following `$Directory` model:

```
import { model, itself, RecursionDepth, oneOf, quantity, randomInt } from
'faketastic';

export const $File = model({
  /* ... */
});

export const $Directory = model({
  name: oneOf(['Documents', 'Pictures', 'User', 'Public']),
  files: use(
    $File,
    quantity(() => randomInt(0, 2)),
  ),
  directories: itself(
    RecursionDepth([], 1, 2),
    quantity(() => randomInt(0, 4)),
  ),
});
```

Let's go through it: The `$Directory` model says:

- A directory has a name, which is either "Documents", "Pictures", "User" or "Public".
- A directory has files, for which we want to use the `$File` model. A directory has at least 0 and at most 2 files (implicit: since the given `quantity` parameter is not constant 1, the output will always be within an array, no matter what quantity-amount gets chosen).
- A directory has subdirectories (`itself`). The recursion min-depth is 1 and the max-depth is 2. When ending the recursion, set the value `[]` (empty array) instead of another recursion. Based on that, the model will have at least one recursion level.

```
import { build } from 'faketastic';
import { $Directory } from './models';

const directory = build($Directory);

/*
  Outputs something like:
  File instances are left out (...) for simplicity.

  {
    name: "Public",
    files: [],
    directories: [
```

```
{
  name: 'Documents',
  files: [ ... ],
  directories: [
    name: 'Public',
    files: [],
    // recursion ended at this level, so value [] was set:
    directories: [],
  ]
},
{
  name: 'Private',
  files: [ ... ],
  directories: [
    name: 'Users',
    files: [ ... ],
    // recursion ended at this level, so value [] was set:
    directories: [],
  ]
},
]
}
*/
```

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