



# Isabelle and Proof General: Preview

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# Getting Started

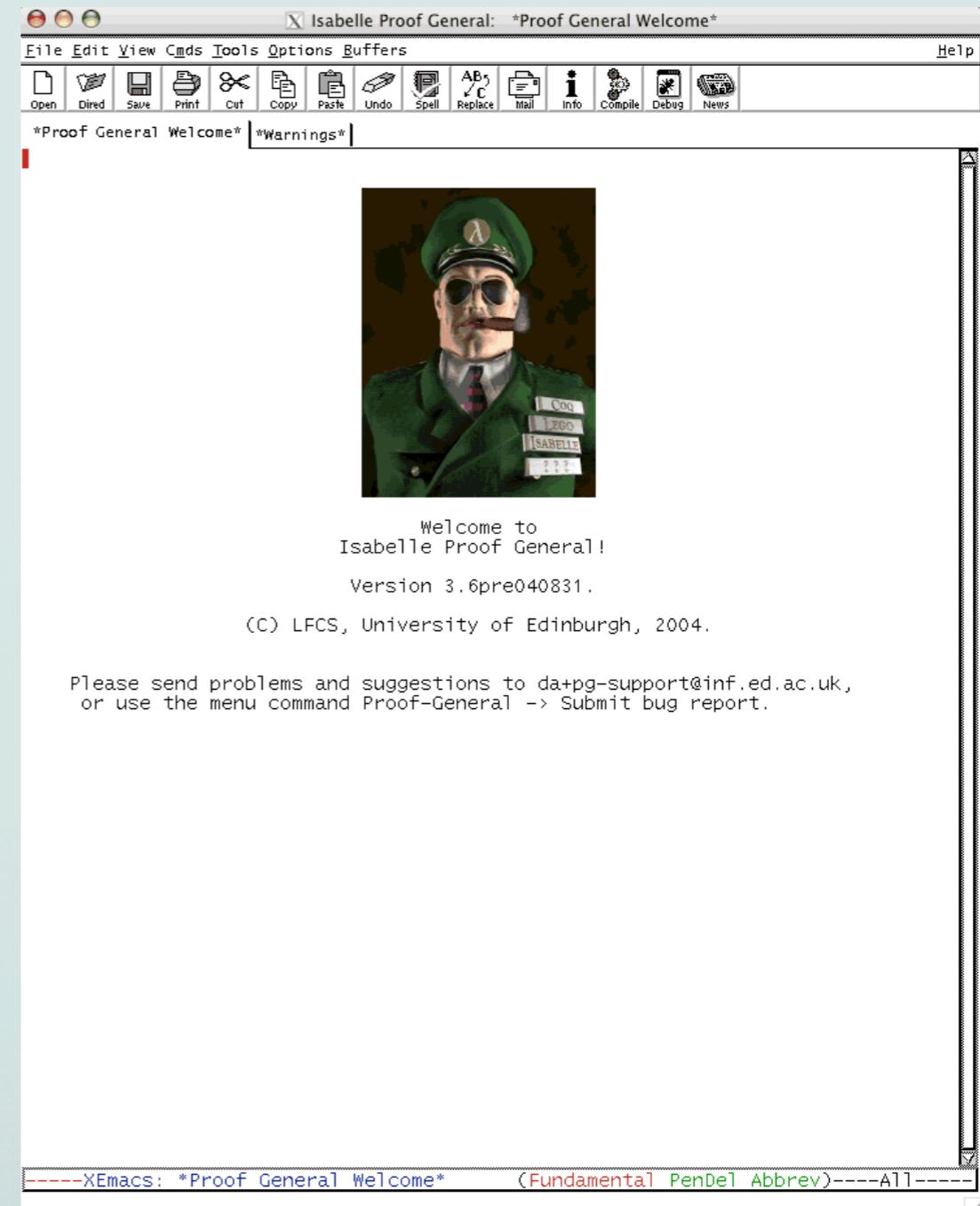
- Install Isabelle, following instructions on the [download page](#).
- Install [Proof General](#).
- Proof General requires the editor [XEmacs](#) to be installed.
- If you have not used XEmacs before, practice on plain text files before attempting proofs!
- Launch Isabelle from the command line.
- Here, Isabelle has been installed at /usr/local and is used to open one of the standard theories.





# Proof General

- Proof General launches within XEmacs.
- If you don't see this splash screen, Proof General is not correctly installed.





# The Theory File

- The theory opens in Proof General.
- Theory files visited from XEmacs also open in Proof General.
- Syntax colouring distinguishes constants, types, keywords, etc.
- The toolbar gives quick access to basic proof operations.
- This theory defines the Fibonacci function and proves theorems about it.

The screenshot shows the Isabelle Proof General interface with the title bar "Isabelle Proof General: Fib.thy". The menu bar includes File, Edit, View, Cmds, Tools, Options, Buffers, Proof-General, Isabelle, X-Symbol, and Help. The toolbar below has icons for Status, Context, Retract, Undo, Next, Use, Goto, Find, Command, Stop, Restart, Info, and Help. The main window displays the content of the Fib.thy theory file:

```
Fib.thy
(* ID: $Id: Fib.thy,v 1.11 2005/01/14 11:00:27 nipkow Exp $
   Author: Lawrence C Paulson, Cambridge University Computer Laboratory
   Copyright 1997 University of Cambridge *)
header {* The Fibonacci function *}

theory Fib = Primes:

text {*  
Fibonacci numbers: proofs of laws taken from:  
R. L. Graham, D. E. Knuth, O. Patashnik. Concrete Mathematics.  
(Addison-Wesley, 1989)
\bigskip*}

consts fib :: "nat => nat"
recdef fib "measure (λx. x)"
zero: "fib 0 = 0"
one: "fib (Suc 0) = Suc 0"
Suc_Suc: "fib (Suc (Suc x)) = fib x + fib (Suc x)"

text {*  
\medskip The difficulty in these proofs is to ensure that the  
induction hypotheses are applied before the definition of @term{fib}. Towards this end, the @term{fib} equations are not declared  
to the Simplifier and are applied very selectively at first.
*}

text {*  
We disable @text{fib.Suc_Suc} for simplification ...*}
declare fib.Suc_Suc [simp del]

text {*... then prove a version that has a more restrictive pattern.*}
lemma fib_Suc3: "fib (Suc (Suc (Suc n))) = fib (Suc n) + fib (Suc (Suc n))"
  by (rule fib.Suc_Suc)

text {* \medskip Concrete Mathematics, page 280 *}
lemma fib_add: "fib (Suc (n + k)) = fib (Suc k) * fib (Suc n) + fib k * fib n"
  apply (induct n rule: fib.induct)
  prefer 3
  txt {* simplify the LHS just enough to apply the induction hypotheses *}
  apply (simp add: fib_Suc3)
  apply (simp_all add: fib.Suc_Suc add_mult_distrib2)
  done

lemma fib_Suc_neq_0: "fib (Suc n) ≠ 0"
  apply (induct n rule: fib.induct)
  apply (simp_all add: fib.Suc_Suc)
  done
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# Basic Navigation

- A theory file contains definitions, proofs, LaTeX markup, and general commands.
- Clicking on Next starts Isabelle and processes the first item: a comment.
- Repeated clicks on Next step through the definitions.
- Proof General highlights material that has been processed in blue.

The Next button

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(No files need saving)
```



# Jumping Ahead

- You can click anywhere in the theory and then click on *Goto*.
- *Goto* can even go backward, undoing declarations and commands. (To undo a single command, use the *Undo* button.)
- The header command is processed quickly, but the theory command refers to another theory.
- While Isabelle is working, Proof General highlights the corresponding text in pink.

The *Undo* button      The *Goto* button

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Simple arithmetic decision procedure failed.
Now trying full Presburger arithmetic...
[Isabelle] ### Search depth = 1
```



# Running a Proof

- We are about to replay a small proof relating the Fibonacci function, addition and multiplication.
- Processing the lemma command displays one subgoal in the proof window.
- The commands lemma, theorem and corollary are essentially equivalent.

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  by (rule fib.Suc_Suc)

text {* \medskip Concrete Mathematics, page 280 *}
lemma fib_add: "fib (Suc (n + k)) = fib (Suc k) * fib (Suc n) + fib k * fib n"
  apply (induct n rule: fib.induct)
  prefer 3
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  apply (simp add: fib_Suc3)
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  done

lemma fib_Suc_neq_0: "fib (Suc n) ≠ 0"
  apply (induct n rule: fib.induct)
  apply (simp_all add: fib.Suc_Suc)
  done

lemma fib_Suc_gr_0: "0 < fib (Suc n)"
  by (insert fib_Suc_neq_0 [of n], simp)

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proof (prove): step 0
fixed variables: n, k
goal (lemma (fib_add), 1 subgoal):
  1. fib (Suc (n + k)) = fib (Suc k) * fib (Suc n) + fib k * fib n
```



# Performing Induction

- The first command performs induction on  $n$  using the rule `fib.induct`.
- Isabelle produced this rule while processing the recursive definition of the Fibonacci function.
- The proof window now displays three subgoals.

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fixed variables: n, k

goal (lemma (fib_add), 3 subgoals):
1. fib (Suc (0 + k)) = fib (Suc k) * fib (Suc 0) + fib k * fib 0
2. fib (Suc (Suc 0 + k)) =
   fib (Suc k) * fib (Suc (Suc 0)) + fib k * fib (Suc 0)
3. Ax. [fib (Suc (Suc x + k)) =
   fib (Suc k) * fib (Suc (Suc x)) + fib k * fib (Suc x);
   fib (Suc (x + k)) = fib (Suc k) * fib (Suc x) + fib k * fib x]
   ⇒ fib (Suc (Suc (Suc x) + k)) =
   fib (Suc k) * fib (Suc (Suc (Suc x))) + fib k * fib (Suc (Suc x))
```



# A Rewriting Step

- The third subgoal is selected: prefer 3.
- Then, it is simplified with the help of a rewrite rule called fib\_Suc3.
- This subgoal is still rather complicated!

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  by (insert fib_Suc_neq_0 [of n], simp)

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proof (prove): step 4
fixed variables: n, k

goal (lemma (fib_add), 3 subgoals):
1.  $\lambda x. \text{fib} (\text{Suc} (\text{Suc} (x + k))) =$ 
 $\text{fib} (\text{Suc} k) * \text{fib} (\text{Suc} (\text{Suc} x)) + \text{fib} k * \text{fib} (\text{Suc} x);$ 
 $\text{fib} (\text{Suc} (x + k)) = \text{fib} (\text{Suc} k) * \text{fib} (\text{Suc} x) + \text{fib} k * \text{fib} x$ 
 $\Rightarrow \text{fib} (\text{Suc} k) * \text{fib} (\text{Suc} x) + \text{fib} k * \text{fib} x +$ 
 $(\text{fib} (\text{Suc} k) * \text{fib} (\text{Suc} (\text{Suc} x)) + \text{fib} k * \text{fib} (\text{Suc} x)) =$ 
 $\text{fib} (\text{Suc} k) * (\text{fib} (\text{Suc} x) + \text{fib} (\text{Suc} (\text{Suc} x))) +$ 
 $\text{fib} k * \text{fib} (\text{Suc} (\text{Suc} x))$ 
2.  $\text{fib} (\text{Suc} (0 + k)) = \text{fib} (\text{Suc} k) * \text{fib} (\text{Suc} 0) + \text{fib} k * \text{fib} 0$ 
3.  $\text{fib} (\text{Suc} (\text{Suc} 0 + k)) =$ 
 $\text{fib} (\text{Suc} k) * \text{fib} (\text{Suc} (\text{Suc} 0)) + \text{fib} k * \text{fib} (\text{Suc} 0)$ 
```



# Finishing the Proof

- Next, all three subgoals are simplified, with the help of the rewrite rules shown.
- The simplifier automatically includes hundreds of other rewrite rules, as well as various decision procedures.
- This time, no subgoals remain.

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  done

lemma fib_Suc_neq_0: "fib (Suc n) ≠ 0"
  apply (induct n rule: fib.induct)
  apply (simp_all add: fib.Suc_Suc)
  done

lemma fib_Suc_gr_0: "0 < fib (Suc n)"
  by (insert fib_Suc_neq_0 [of n], simp)

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proof (prove): step 5
fixed variables: n, k
goal (lemma (fib_add)):
No subgoals!
```



# Storing the Theorem

- The done command causes Isabelle to accept the proof, storing the theorem.
- If you were proving this theorem for the first time, you would try various commands right in the editor buffer. You would use *Undo* frequently!
- Once you have succeeded, the file will hold the final version of your proof.
- Using *Undo* on a done command moves the cursor above its proof. Isabelle “forgets” the theorem.

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lemma
  fib_add:
    fib (Suc (?n + ?k)) = fib (Suc ?k) * fib (Suc ?n) + fib ?k * fib ?n
```



# Processing a Theory

- To run a theory right to the end, click on the *Use* button.
- Now the rest of the theory appears in pink until Isabelle can process it.

The Use button

```
Fib.thy [*isabelle*]
Lemma fib_gcd: "fib (gcd (m, n)) = gcd (fib m, fib n)" -- {* Law 6.111 *}
  apply (induct m n rule: gcd_induct)
  apply (simp_all add: gcd_non_0 gcd_commute gcd_fib_mod)
done

theorem fib_mult_eq_setsum:
  "fib (Suc n) * fib n = (∑k ∈ {..n}. fib k * fib k)"
  apply (induct n rule: fib.induct)
  apply (auto simp add: atMost_Suc fib.Suc_Suc)
  apply (simp add: add_mult_distrib add_mult_distrib2)
done

end
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# Stop!

- Proof taking too long? Simplifier's looping? Clicked the wrong button? Just click on *Stop*.
- If things behave weirdly after this, perhaps Proof General has got out of sync with Isabelle.
- To get back into sync, use *Goto* to go back to the start of the current proof.
- You can use *Revert* to go back to the top of the theory file.

The Revert button      The Stop button

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end
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\*\*\* Interrupt.  
\*\*\* At command "apply".  
Interrupt: script management may be in an inconsistent state  
(but it's probably okay)

Use C-c C-. to jump to end of processed region



# Where Am I?

- If a proof fails—or is interrupted—in a long theory file, how do we locate the critical spot?
- You could simply scroll through the file until you find the end of the blue region.
- To jump right there, use the menu item Proof General > Goto Locked End. The key combination CTRL/C-. does the same thing.
- The proof was interrupted during a call to presburger, an arithmetic decision procedure.

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\medskip Concrete Mathematics, page 278: Cassini's identity. The proof is
much easier using integers, not natural numbers!
*3

lemma fib_Cassini_int:
  "int (fib (Suc (Suc n)) * fib n) =
   (if n mod 2 = 0 then int (fib (Suc n)) * fib (Suc n)) - 1
    else int (fib (Suc n)) * fib (Suc n)) + 1"
  apply (induct n rule: fib.induct)
  apply (simp add: fib.Suc_Suc)
  apply (simp add: fib.Suc_Suc mod_Suc)
  apply (simp add: fib.Suc_Suc add_mult_distrib add_mult_distrib2
               mod_Suc zmult_int [symmetric])
  apply presburger
done

text{*We now obtain a version for the natural numbers via the coercion
function @{term int}*}
theorem fib_Cassini:
  "fib (Suc (Suc n)) * fib n =
   (if n mod 2 = 0 then fib (Suc n) * fib (Suc n)) - 1
    else fib (Suc n) * fib (Suc n) + 1"
  apply (rule int_int_eq [THEN iffD1])
  apply (simp add: fib_Cassini_int)
  apply (subst zdifff_int [symmetric])
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Mark set
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# The Proof State

- Clicking on the **State** button reveals the proof state at the given point.
- Here, there was one subgoal left when the proof was interrupted.

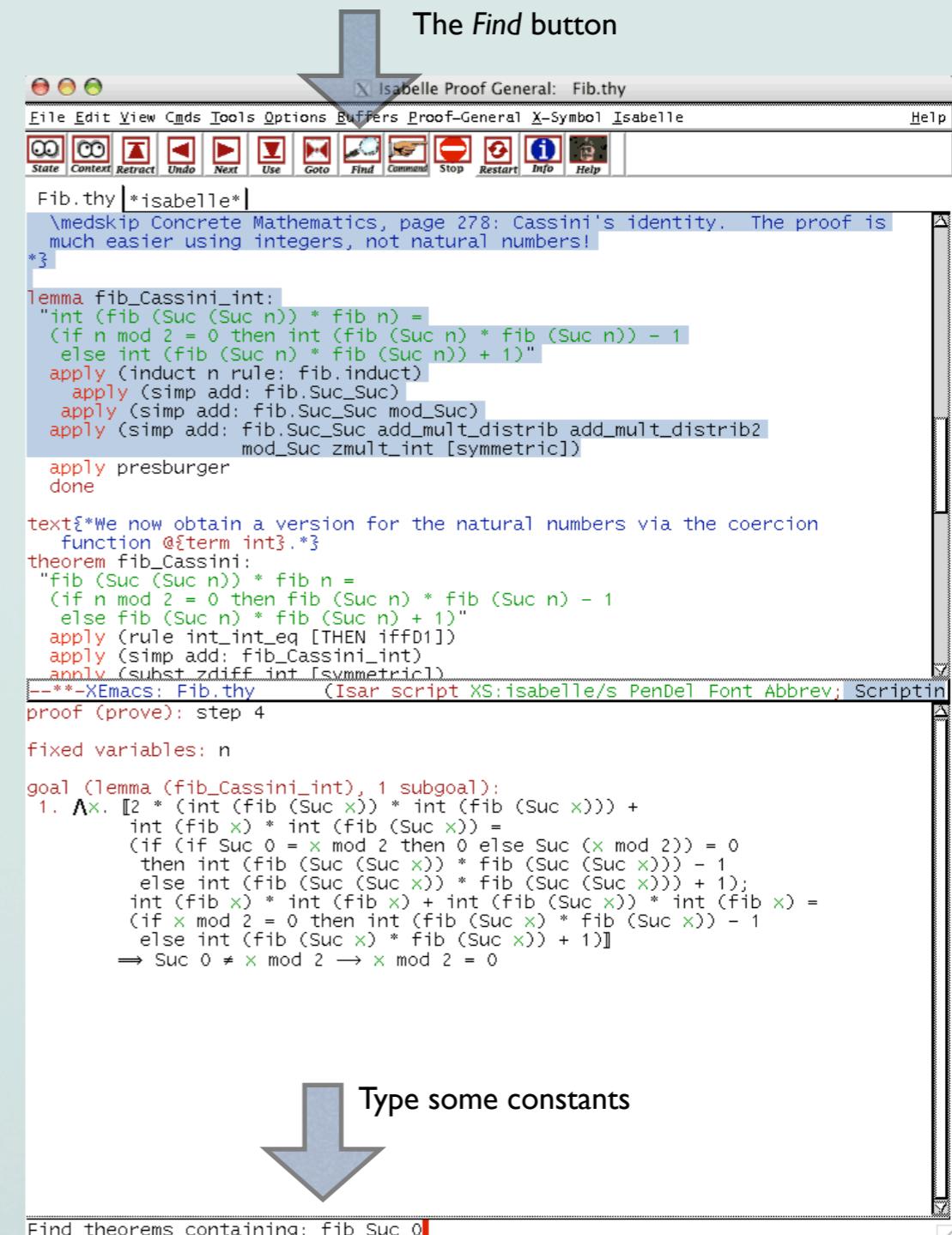
The State button

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else int (fib (Suc n) \* fib (Suc n)) + 1)"  
apply (induct n rule: fib.induct)  
apply (simp add: fib.Suc\_Suc)  
apply (simp add: fib.Suc\_Suc mod\_Suc)  
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proof (prove): step 4  
fixed variables: n  
goal (lemma (fib\_Cassini\_int), 1 subgoal):  
1.  $\lambda x. \llbracket 2 * (\text{int } (\text{fib } (\text{Suc } x)) * \text{int } (\text{fib } (\text{Suc } x))) +$   
 $\text{int } (\text{fib } x) * \text{int } (\text{fib } (\text{Suc } x)) =$   
(if (if Suc 0 = x mod 2 then 0 else Suc (x mod 2)) = 0  
then int (fib (Suc (Suc x)) \* fib (Suc (Suc x))) - 1  
else int (fib (Suc (Suc x)) \* fib (Suc (Suc x))) + 1);  
int (fib x) \* int (fib x) + int (fib (Suc x)) \* int (fib x) =  
(if x mod 2 = 0 then int (fib (Suc x)) \* fib (Suc x)) - 1  
else int (fib (Suc x)) \* fib (Suc x) + 1)  
 $\Rightarrow \text{Suc } 0 \neq x \text{ mod } 2 \rightarrow x \text{ mod } 2 = 0$   
Use C-c C-o to rotate output buffers; C-c C-w to clear response & trace.



# Finding Theorems

- Isabelle provides thousands of lemmas. How do you find the ones you need? One way is to click the *Find* button.
- Then, type some constants—or entire terms—into the XEmacs minibuffer.
- Type the term "`"(_+_)*_ = _"`, including the quotation marks, to see all theorems containing an instance of this pattern.
- The pattern "`_+_`" matches all terms containing the infix operator + because `_` matches any term.



The Find button is highlighted with a blue arrow pointing to it. The window title is "Isabelle Proof General: Fib.thy". The buffer contains code related to Cassini's identity. A blue arrow points to the minibuffer at the bottom with the text "Type some constants".

```
Fib.thy [*isabelle*]
\medskip Concrete Mathematics, page 278: Cassini's identity. The proof is
much easier using integers, not natural numbers!
*3

lemma fib_Cassini_int:
  "int (fib (Suc (Suc n)) * fib n) =
   (if n mod 2 = 0 then int (fib (Suc n) * fib (Suc n)) - 1
    else int (fib (Suc n) * fib (Suc n)) + 1)"
  apply (induct n rule: fib.induct)
  apply (simp add: fib.Suc_Suc)
  apply (simp add: fib.Suc_Suc mod_Suc)
  apply (simp add: fib.Suc_Suc add_mult_distrib add_mult_distrib2
               mod_Suc zmult_int [symmetric])
  apply presburger
done

text{*We now obtain a version for the natural numbers via the coercion
function @{term int}*}
theorem fib_Cassini:
  "fib (Suc (Suc n)) * fib n =
   (if n mod 2 = 0 then fib (Suc n) * fib (Suc n) - 1
    else fib (Suc n) * fib (Suc n) + 1)"
  apply (rule int_int_eq [THEN iffD1])
  apply (simp add: fib_Cassini_int)
  apply (subst zdifff_int [symmetric])
--**XEmacs: Fib.thy      (Isar script XS:isabelle/s PenDel Font Abbrev; Scriptin
proof (prove): step 4

fixed variables: n

goal (lemma (fib_Cassini_int), 1 subgoal):
1.  $\lambda x. \exists 2 * (\text{int}(\text{fib}(\text{Suc } x)) * \text{int}(\text{fib}(\text{Suc } x))) +$ 
 $\text{int}(\text{fib } x) * \text{int}(\text{fib}(\text{Suc } x)) =$ 
 $(\text{if } (\text{if } \text{Suc } 0 = x \text{ mod } 2 \text{ then } 0 \text{ else } \text{Suc } (x \text{ mod } 2)) = 0$ 
 $\text{then } \text{int}(\text{fib}(\text{Suc } x)) * \text{fib}(\text{Suc } (\text{Suc } x)) - 1$ 
 $\text{else } \text{int}(\text{fib}(\text{Suc } (\text{Suc } x)) * \text{fib}(\text{Suc } (\text{Suc } x)) + 1);$ 
 $\text{int}(\text{fib } x) * \text{int}(\text{fib } x) + \text{int}(\text{fib } (\text{Suc } x)) * \text{int}(\text{fib } x) =$ 
 $(\text{if } x \text{ mod } 2 = 0 \text{ then } \text{int}(\text{fib}(\text{Suc } x) * \text{fib}(\text{Suc } x)) - 1$ 
 $\text{else } \text{int}(\text{fib}(\text{Suc } x) * \text{fib}(\text{Suc } x) + 1)$ 
 $\Rightarrow \text{Suc } 0 \neq x \text{ mod } 2 \Rightarrow x \text{ mod } 2 = 0$ 
```

Find theorems containing: fib Suc 0



# Theorems Found

- The response buffer lists the theorems containing *all* of the listed constants.
- If you are lucky, there will be just a few rather than hundreds!
- The more patterns you type, the fewer theorems will be displayed.
- During the search, variables mentioned in the current goal are viewed as constants.

The screenshot shows the Isabelle Proof General interface with the title bar "Isabelle Proof General: Fib.thy". The menu bar includes File, Edit, View, Cmds, Tools, Options, Buffers, Proof-General, X-Symbol, Isabelle, and Help. Below the menu is a toolbar with icons for State, Context, Retract, Undo, Next, Use, Goto, Find, Command, Stop, Restart, Info, and Help. The main window displays a buffer titled "Fib.thy [\*isabelle\*]". The buffer contains the following text:

```
\medskip Concrete Mathematics, page 278: Cassini's identity. The proof is
much easier using integers, not natural numbers!
*3

lemma fib_Cassini_int:
  "int (fib (Suc (Suc n)) * fib n) =
   (if n mod 2 = 0 then int (fib (Suc n) * fib (Suc n)) - 1
    else int (fib (Suc n) * fib (Suc n)) + 1)"
  apply (induct n rule: fib.induct)
  apply (simp add: fib.Suc_Suc)
  apply (simp add: fib.Suc_Suc mod_Suc)
  apply (simp add: fib.Suc_Suc add_mult_distrib add_mult_distrib2
              mod_Suc zmult_int [symmetric])
  apply presburger
done

text{*We now obtain a version for the natural numbers via the coercion
function @{term int}*}
theorem fib_Cassini:
  "fib (Suc (Suc n)) * fib n =
   (if n mod 2 = 0 then fib (Suc n) * fib (Suc n) - 1
    else fib (Suc n) * fib (Suc n) + 1)"
  apply (rule int_int_eq [THEN iffD1])
  apply (simp add: fib_Cassini_int)
  apply (subst zdifff_int [symmetric])
--***XEmacs: Fib.thy  (Isar script XS:isabelle/s PenDel Font Abbrev; Scriptin
Facts containing constants "0" "Suc" "fib":  
Fib.fib.one: fib (Suc 0) = Suc 0  
Fib.fib.simps:  
  fib 0 = 0  
  fib (Suc 0) = Suc 0  
  fib (Suc (Suc ?x)) = fib ?x + fib (Suc ?x)  
Fib.fib_Suc_gr_0: 0 < fib (Suc ?n)  
Fib.fib_Suc_neq_0: fib (Suc ?n) ≠ 0  
Fib.fib_def:  
  fib =  
  wfrec (measure (?x, ?x))  
    (?fib. nat_case 0 (nat_case (Suc 0) (?v, fib ?v + fib (Suc ?v))))
```



# The Isabelle Menu

- The Isabelle menu gives access to Isabelle commands and information.
- Isabelle > Show me... provides other ways of finding theorems: matching rules and matching rewrites.
- In the example, the current subgoal has the form  $x \leq y$ , and matching rules displays all known theorems that can prove a conclusion of that form.

The screenshot shows the Emacs interface for Isabelle. The window title is "emacs: Fib.thy". The menu bar includes File, Edit, View, Cmds, Tools, Options, Buffers, Proof-General, X-Symbol, Isabelle, and Help. The Isabelle menu is open, showing various commands like Cases, facts, matching rules, matching rewrites, term bindings, classical rules, etc. A submenu "Show me..." is also visible. The main buffer displays Isabelle code, including a theorem fib\_Cassini and several lemmas and definitions related to the gcd function and order relations. The code uses a mix of ML-style syntax and Isar-like proofs.

```
File Edit View Cmds Tools Options Buffers Proof-General X-Symbol Isabelle Help
Isabelle menu open, showing:
Cases C-c C-a h c
facts C-c C-a h f
matching rules C-c C-a h r
matching rewrites C-c C-a h R
term bindings C-c C-a h b
classical rules C-c C-a h C
induct/cases rules C-c C-a h I
simplifier rules C-c C-a h S
theorems C-c C-a h t
transitivity rules C-c C-a h T
antiquotations C-c C-a h A
attributes C-c C-a h a
commands C-c C-a h o
inner syntax C-c C-a h i
methods C-c C-a h m

text {* We now obtain a version of gcd for terms of type int. *}
function @{term int}.* gcd_fib_Suc_eq_1: "gcd (fib n, fib (Suc n)) = Suc 0"
apply (induct n rule: fib.induct)
prefer 3
-----XEmacs: Fib.thy (Isar script XS:isabelle/s PenDel Font Abbrev; Scriptin
[?a = ?F ?b; ?b ≤ ?c; ∀x. x ≤ y ⇒ ?F x ≤ ?F y] ⇒ ?a ≤ ?F ?c
Set.order_le_eq_subst:
[?a ≤ ?b; ?F ?b = ?c; ∀x. x ≤ y ⇒ ?F x ≤ ?F y] ⇒ ?F ?a ≤ ?c
Set.order_subst2:
[?a ≤ ?b; ?F ?b ≤ ?c; ∀x. x ≤ y ⇒ ?F x ≤ ?F y] ⇒ ?F ?a ≤ ?c
Set.order_subst1:
[?a ≤ ?F ?b; ?b ≤ ?c; ∀x. x ≤ y ⇒ ?F x ≤ ?F y] ⇒ ?a ≤ ?F ?c
Set.order_eq_le_trans: [|?a = ?b; ?b ≤ ?c|] ⇒ ?a ≤ ?c
Set.order_le_eq_trans: [|?a ≤ ?b; ?b = ?c|] ⇒ ?a ≤ ?c
Orderings.order_less_imp_le: ?x < ?y ⇒ ?x ≤ ?y
Orderings.order_eq_refl: ?x = ?y ⇒ ?x ≤ ?y
Orderings.order_order_trans: [|?x ≤ ?y; ?y ≤ ?z|] ⇒ ?x ≤ ?z
Orderings.order_axioms_2: [|?x ≤ ?y; ?y ≤ ?z|] ⇒ ?x ≤ ?z
OrderedGroup.add_le_imp_le_right: ?a + ?c ≤ ?b + ?c ⇒ ?a ≤ ?b
OrderedGroup.pordered_ab_semigroup_add_imp_le.add_le_imp_le_left:
?c + ?a ≤ ?c + ?b ⇒ ?a ≤ ?b
OrderedGroup.pordered_ab_semigroup_add_imp_le.axioms:
?c + ?a ≤ ?c + ?b ⇒ ?a ≤ ?b
Divides.dvd_imp_le: [|?k dvd ?n; 0 < ?n|] ⇒ ?k ≤ ?n
Divides.unique_quotient_lemma:
[|?b * ?q' + ?r' ≤ ?b * ?q + ?r; 0 < ?b; ?r < ?b|] ⇒ ?q' ≤ ?q
Power.power_dvd_imp_le: [|?i ^ ?m dvd ?i ^ ?n; 1 < ?i|] ⇒ ?m ≤ ?n
Power.power_le_imp_le_base:
[|?a ^ Suc ?n ≤ ?b ^ Suc ?n; (0::?'a) ≤ ?a; (0::?'a) ≤ ?b|] ⇒ ?a ≤ ?b
Power.power_le_imp_le_exp: [|(?i::?'a) < ?a; ?a ^ ?m ≤ ?a ^ ?n|] ⇒ ?m ≤ ?n
Nat.Suc_leI: ?m < ?n ⇒ Suc ?m ≤ ?n
```



# Settings

- The menu **Isabelle > Settings** can request the display of types, execution times, and various traces.
- There are printing options to suit special situations, such as enormous subgoals.
- Use **Show Types** and **Show Sorts** to cause more type information to be displayed.
- The various **Show** options make the output more verbose, but more explicit, and are helpful for diagnosing problems.

The screenshot shows the Isabelle Proof General interface with the file `Fib.thy` open. The menu bar is at the top, and a context menu is open over some text in the proof editor. The context menu has a submenu for **Settings**, which is currently selected. The submenu contains several options, with **Eta Contract** being checked. Other options include **Show Types**, **Show Sorts**, **Show Consts**, **Long Names**, **Show Brackets**, **Show Main Goal**, **Goals Limit**, **Premis Limit**, **Print Depth**, **Show Var Qmarks**, **Trace Simplifier**, **Trace Rules**, **Trace Unification**, **Global Timing**, **Quick And Dirty**, **Full Proofs**, **Theorem Dependencies**, and **Skip Proofs**. At the bottom of the submenu, there are **Reset Settings** and **Save Settings** buttons. The proof editor below shows code related to the Fibonacci sequence, including lemmas like `fib_Cassini_int` and `fib_Cassini`, and definitions like `fib_def`.



# The PG Menu

- The Proof General menu gives access to many commands.
- The main commands are available from the toolbar. A notable exception is Goto Locked End.
- Choose Proof General > Buffers > Trace to see tracing output.

The screenshot shows the Isabelle Proof General interface with the title bar "Isabelle Proof General: Fib.thy". The menu bar includes File, Edit, View, Cmds, Tools, Options, Buffers, Proof-General, X-Symbol, Isabelle, and Help. The Proof-General menu is open, displaying various commands with their keyboard shortcuts. The main window displays a proof script for the Fibonacci sequence, including lemmas like fib\_gr\_0 and fib\_Cassini\_int, and a trace of the proof steps.

```
Fib.thy [*isabelle*]
Lemma fib_gr_0: "0 < n ==> 0 < fib n"
  by (case_tac n, auto simp add: ...)

text {*
  \medskip Concrete Mathematics, ...
  much easier using integers, not ...
*}

Lemma fib_Cassini_int:
  "int (fib (Suc (Suc n)) * fib n) = 
   (if n mod 2 = 0 then int (fib (Suc (Suc n)) * fib n)
    else int (fib (Suc n)) * fib (Suc (Suc n)))"
  apply (induct n rule: fib.induct)
  apply (simp add: fib.Suc_Suc)
  apply (simp add: fib.Suc_Suc mod_Suc_zmult)
  apply (simp add: fib.Suc_Suc add_Suc_Suc)
  apply presburger
done

text{*We now obtain a version for the natural numbers via the coercion
function @{term int}.*}
theorem fib_Cassini:
  "fib (Suc (Suc n)) * fib n = 
   ..."

-----XEmacs: Fib.thy  (Isar script XS:isabelle/s_PenDel Font_Abbrev; Scriptin
proof (prove): step 4

fixed variables: n

goal (lemma (fib_Cassini_int), 1 subgoal)
  1.  $\forall x. [2 * (\text{int } (\text{fib } (\text{Suc } x)) * \text{int } (\text{fib } (\text{Suc } x))) +$ 
 $\text{int } (\text{fib } x) * \text{int } (\text{fib } (\text{Suc } x)) =$ 
 $(\text{if } (\text{if } \text{Suc } 0 = x \text{ mod } 2 \text{ then } 0 \text{ else } \text{Suc } (x \text{ mod } 2)) = 0$ 
 $\text{then } \text{int } (\text{fib } (\text{Suc } (\text{Suc } x)) * \text{fib } (\text{Suc } (\text{Suc } x))) - 1$ 
 $\text{else } \text{int } (\text{fib } (\text{Suc } (\text{Suc } x)) * \text{fib } (\text{Suc } (\text{Suc } x))) + 1];$ 
 $\text{int } (\text{fib } x) * \text{int } (\text{fib } x) + \text{int } (\text{fib } (\text{Suc } x)) * \text{int } (\text{fib } x) =$ 
 $(\text{if } x \text{ mod } 2 = 0 \text{ then } \text{int } (\text{fib } (\text{Suc } x) * \text{fib } (\text{Suc } x)) - 1$ 
 $\text{else } \text{int } (\text{fib } (\text{Suc } x) * \text{fib } (\text{Suc } x)) + 1]$ 
 $\Rightarrow \text{Suc } 0 \neq x \text{ mod } 2 \rightarrow x \text{ mod } 2 = 0$ 
```



# Mathematical Symbols

- Proof General uses the X-Symbol package to display mathematical symbols such as  $\lambda \leq \neq \in \notin \cup \cap$
- The package is included with Proof General, but may need to be switched on.
- If X-Symbol mode is off, Proof General will display ASCII escape sequences, as shown on the right.

```
emacs: Fib.thy
File Edit View Cmds Tools Options Buffers Proof-General Isabelle Help
State Context Retract Undo Next Use Goto Find Command Stop Restart Info Help
Fib.thy
(* ID: $Id: Fib.thy,v 1.12 2005/03/25 15:20:57 paulson Exp $
   Author: Lawrence C Paulson, Cambridge University Computer Laboratory
   Copyright 1997 University of Cambridge
*)
header {* The Fibonacci function *}
theory Fib = Primes:
text {*  
Fibonacci numbers: proofs of laws taken from:  
R. L. Graham, D. E. Knuth, O. Patashnik. Concrete Mathematics.  
(Addison-Wesley, 1989)
\bigskip
*}
consts fib :: "nat => nat"
recdef fib "measure (\<lambda>x. x)"
zero: "fib 0 = 0"
one: "fib (Suc 0) = Suc 0"
Suc_Suc: "fib (Suc (Suc x)) = fib x + fib (Suc x)"

text {*  
\medskip The difficulty in these proofs is to ensure that the  
induction hypotheses are applied before the definition of @term  
fib. Towards this end, the @term fib equations are not declared  
to the Simplifier and are applied very selectively at first.
*}

text{*We disable @text fib.Suc_Suc for simplification ...*}
declare fib.Suc_Suc [simp del]

text{*...then prove a version that has a more restrictive pattern.*}
lemma fib_Suc3: "fib (Suc (Suc (Suc n))) = fib (Suc n) + fib (Suc (Suc n))"
  by (rule fib.Suc_Suc)

text {* \medskip Concrete Mathematics, page 280 *}
lemma fib_add: "fib (Suc (n + k)) = fib (Suc k) * fib (Suc n) + fib k * fib n"
  apply (induct n rule: fib.induct)
  prefer 3
  txt {* simplify the LHS just enough to apply the induction hypotheses *}
  apply (simp add: fib_Suc3)
  apply (simp_all add: fib.Suc_Suc add_mult_distrib2)
  done

lemma fib_Suc_neq_0: "fib (Suc n) \<noteq> 0"
  apply (induct n rule: fib.induct)
  apply (simp_all add: fib.Suc_Suc)
done
-----XEmacs: Fib.thy      (Isar script PenDel Font Abbrev;)-----Top-----
Beginning of buffer
```



# Enabling Symbols

- To enable X-Symbol mode, select the menu item Proof General > Options > X-Symbol.
- Then, make this setting permanent using Proof General > Options > Save Options.
- Take the time to explore the many other options and settings on offer.

The screenshot shows the Isabelle Proof General interface running in an XEmacs window titled "emacs: Fib.thy". The menu bar includes File, Edit, View, Cmds, Tools, Options, Buffers, Proof-General, Isabelle, and Help. The Proof-General menu is open, showing various proof-related commands like Display Proof, State, Undo, Next, Use, Goto, Find, Command, Stop, and Retract. The "X-Symbol" option is highlighted in the Options submenu. A tooltip explains that enabling X-Symbol ensures the definition of equations is selective at first. The main buffer displays the file "Fib.thy" containing Isar script for defining the Fibonacci function. The bottom status bar shows "-----XEmacs: Fib.thy (Isar script PenDel Font Abbrev;)-----Top-----" and "Beginning of buffer".

```
(* ID: $Id: Fib.thy,v 1.12 2005/02/10 11:45:40 paulson Exp $
Author: Lawrence C Paulson, Cambridge University
Copyright 1997 University of Cambridge)

header {* The Fibonacci function *}

theory Fib = Primes;

text {* Fibonacci numbers: proofs of laws taken
R. L. Graham, D. E. Knuth, O. Patashnik
(Addison-Wesley, 1989)

\bigskip *}

consts fib :: "nat => nat"
recdef fib "measure (\<\lambda x. x\>)"
zero: "0"
one: "1"
Suc_Suc: "fib x + fib (Suc x)"

text {* \medskip The induction hypothesis for fib. Toward
to the Simplification ... *}

text {* We disable the declaration of fib. Since
declare fib.Suc_Suc by (rule refl) is a more restrictive pattern.*}
lemma fib_Suc_Suc: "fib (Suc n) = fib (Suc (Suc n))" by (rule refl)

text {* ... then
lemma fib_add: "fib (Suc (n + k)) = fib (Suc k) * fib (Suc n) + fib k * fib n"
apply (induct n rule: fib.induct)
prefer 3
txt {* simplify the LHS just enough to apply the induction hypotheses *}
apply (simp add: fib_Suc3)
apply (simp_all add: fib.Suc_Suc add_mult_distrib2)
done

lemma fib_Suc_neq_0: "fib (Suc n) \<\!\!\! noteq\!\!\> 0"
apply (induct n rule: fib.induct)
apply (simp_all add: fib.Suc_Suc)
done
```



# Go Forth and Prove!

- Try out this theory yourself: you will find it in `src/HOL/NumberTheory/Fib.thy`.
- For more information on Isabelle, read the [documentation](#).
- For more information on Proof General, see its [user manual](#).
- Have fun!

The screenshot shows the Isabelle Proof General interface. The title bar reads "Isabelle Proof General: Fib.thy". The menu bar includes File, Edit, View, Cmds, Tools, Options, Buffers, Proof-General, X-Symbol, Isabelle, and Help. The toolbar below has icons for State, Context, Retract, Undo, Next, Use, Goto, Find, Command, Stop, Restart, Info, and Help. The main text area contains the following Isar script:

```
Fib.thy [*isabelle*]
apply (induct m n rule: gcd_induct)
apply (simp_all add: gcd_non_0 gcd_commute gcd_fib_mod)
done

theorem fib_mult_eq_setsum:
  "fib (Suc n) * fib n = (∑k ∈ {..n}. fib k * fib k)"
apply (induct n rule: fib.induct)
  apply (auto simp add: atMost_Suc fib.Suc_Suc)
  apply (simp add: add_mult_distrib add_mult_distrib2)
done

end
```

The status bar at the bottom indicates "XEmacs: Fib.thy" and "(Isar script XS:isabelle/s PenDel Font Abbrev; Scriptin".