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Claim: Every Well Ordered set has the least upper bound property.

Proof:

Assume A is a well ordered set with order relation $<$. That means that every non-empty subset of A has a smallest element.

For A to have the least upper bound property it must be true that every subset of A that is bounded above must have a least upper bound.

Assume $A_1 \subset A$ such that A_1 is bounded above. So that means $\exists b \in A$ such that $a \leq b, \forall a \in A_1$.

Let B be the set containing all upper bounds of A_1 . We know B is non empty since A_1 is bounded above, and we also know by the definition of upper bound that every element of B is an element of A .

So that means B is a nonempty subset of A . So B has a smallest element. So that means that A_1 has a least upper bound.

So that means if A_1 is a subset of A , that is bounded above, A_1 has a least upper bound. So A has the least upper bound property. Which means that every well ordered set has the least upper bound property.