

**Proposition 1.**  $\omega$  is a limit ordinal.

*Proof.*  $\omega$  is transitive.

*Proof.* Define  $\Phi := \{n \in \omega \mid \text{for all } m \in n \text{ we have } m \in \omega\}$ .

(1)  $0 \in \Phi$ .

(2) For all  $n \in \Phi$  we have  $\text{succ}(n) \in \Phi$ .

*Proof.* Let  $n \in \Phi$ . Then every element of  $n$  is contained in  $\omega$ . Hence every element of  $\text{succ}(n)$  is contained in  $\omega$ . Thus  $\text{succ}(n) \in \Phi$ .  $\square$

Therefore  $\omega \subset \Phi$ . Consequently  $\omega$  is transitive.  $\square$

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$\omega$  is a limit ordinal.

*Proof.* Assume the contrary. We have  $\omega \neq 0$ . Hence  $\omega$  is a successor ordinal. Take an ordinal  $\alpha$  such that  $\text{succ}(\alpha) = \omega$ . Then  $\alpha \in \omega$ . Thus  $\omega = \text{succ}(\alpha) \in \omega$ . Contradiction.  $\square$