

CoCo 2026 Participant: FORT-h 2.1

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The first-order theory of rewriting is a decidable theory for finite left-linear right-ground rewrite systems. The decision procedure goes back to Dauchet and Tison [1]. FORT-h is a reimplementaion of the tool FORT [4], but is based on a new variant of the decision procedure, described in [2], for the larger class of linear variable-separated rewrite systems. This variant supports a more expressive theory and is based on anchored ground tree transducers. More importantly, it can produce certificates for the YES/NO answers. These certificates can then be verified by FORTify, an independent Haskell program that is code-generated from the formalization of the decision procedure in the proof assistant Isabelle/HOL.

A command-line version of FORT-h can be downloaded from

[http://fortissimo.uibk.ac.at/fort\(ify\)/](http://fortissimo.uibk.ac.at/fort(ify)/)

FORT-h participates in the following CoCo 2026 categories: COM, GCR, NFP, TRS, UNC, and UNR. In all six categories it additionally participates together with FORTify [3] to produce certified YES/NO answers.

FORT-h 2.1 accepts input problems in ARI¹ format.

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