

# Groups in which every non-nilpotent subgroup is self-normalizing

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**Problem (P. Zaleskii, 2015)**

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If such a group  $G$  exists and it is locally graded and finitely generated, then  $G/F$  is still locally graded and hence has to be finite. Therefore  $G/F \simeq \text{PSL}_2(2^n)$ , where  $2^n - 1$  is a prime.