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Let  $F$  be a field of characteristic not 2 and  $f$  be a monic and quadratic polynomial with coefficients in  $F$ . Let  $\Omega_\infty$  be the automorphism group of the infinite tree associated to  $f$ , and let  $M \leq \Omega_\infty$  be a given maximal subgroup. In this talk, I will first explain how to produce necessary and sufficient conditions, depending exclusively on the post-critical orbit of  $f$ , for the arboreal representation  $\rho_f$  to have image equal to  $M$ . Our way of thinking allows to quickly recover classical results, such as Stoll's criterion for surjectivity and infinite index image for PCF quadratic polynomial, from a structural point of view that does not involve the use of ramification theory. Next, I will provide infinite families of examples for polynomials of the form  $x^2 + a$  over the rationals. Finally, I will briefly show how to prove that any two closed subgroups of  $\Omega_\infty$  of index at most 2 are non-isomorphic as topological groups. This involves the use of a new invariant for topological groups endowed with a system of topological generators named *graph of commutativity*. (Received September 03, 2019)