Subject: Issue 258
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1 Introduction

In issue 258, the editor remarked that several sentences concerning program arguments are confusing and misplaced. This paper rewords them (and a few others that were more clumsy or less precise than necessary), and re-arranges some things to be clearer.

2 Edits

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[The main program arguments are not defined. Define them.] 236:16-18

The name and order of main program arguments is not significant. The use of each main program argument is determined by its type and rank:

- If a main program argument is a default character scalar with assumed length, it is the command program argument. There shall be no more than one command program argument.
- If a main program argument is a default character array of rank one with assumed length and explicit lower bound of zero, it is the argument text program argument. There shall be no more than one argument text program argument.
- If a main program argument is a default integer array of rank one and explicit lower bound of zero, it is the argument length program argument. There shall be no more than one argument length program argument.

There shall be no other main program arguments.

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[(State in terms of assignment, so that trailing blanks get filled automatically):] 236:22-23

The processor shall assign a representation of the entire command that invoked the program to the command program argument.

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[Editor: Replace "The argument ... command name" by the following (state in terms of assignment, so that trailing blanks get filled automatically):] 236:27-28

The processor shall assign a representation of the command name and the command arguments to the argument text program argument.

[Editor: Insert a new paragraph:] 236:29+

The processor shall insure that the length of the argument text program argument is not less than the maximum value of any element of the argument length program argument.

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[Editor: Delete.]	236:36-40
[Editor: Delete issue 258.]	237:6-19