

Subject: Make INCLUDE more portable
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Reference: 97-114r2, Section 5 and page 79 (sample edits for Annex C)

1 **Number**

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3 **Title**

4 Make INCLUDE more portable.

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7 **Status**

8 For consideration.

9 **Basic Functionality**

10 Make INCLUDE more portable.

11 **Rationale**

12 There are at present two widely-used but incompatible syntaxes for file names. There have in the past
13 been numerous others. There may be more in the future. Since the character literal on an INCLUDE line
14 is processor-dependent, and processors usually interpret it as a file name, the standard does not provide
15 users a portable means to specify the correspondence between the character literal on an INCLUDE line
16 and the text to be included.

17 **Estimated Impact**

18 Trivial.

19 **Detailed Specification**

20 Replace “processor dependent” by “user-specified” or “user-defined” in subclause 3.4. Add a page or
21 so to Annex C as a proof of existence of at least one method for users to specify the correspondence
22 between the character literal on an INCLUDE line and the text to be included. One such method is on
23 page 79 of 97-114r2.

24 **History**