Subject: Make INCLUDE more portable
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Title

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Status

For consideration.

Basic Functionality

Make INCLUDE more portable.

Rationale

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

Estimated Impact

Trivial.

Detailed Specification

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

History