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- 5 ISO/IEC 9899 was prepared by Joint Technical Committee ISO/IEC JTC 1, *Information technology*, Subcommittee SC 22, *Programming languages, their environments and system software interfaces*.
- 6 This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition, ISO/IEC 9899:1999, which has been technically revised. It also incorporates the Technical Corrigenda ISO/IEC 9899:1999/Cor 1:2001, ISO/IEC 9899:1999/Cor 2:2004, and ISO/IEC 9899:1999/Cor 3:2007. Major changes from the previous edition include:
  - conditional (optional) features (including some that were previously mandatory)
  - support for multiple threads of execution including an improved memory sequencing model, atomic objects, and thread-local storage (`<stdatomic.h>` and `<threads.h>`)
  - additional floating-point characteristic macros (`<float.h>`)
  - querying and specifying alignment of objects (`<stdalign.h>`, `<stdlib.h>`)
  - Unicode characters and strings (`<uchar.h>`) (originally specified in ISO/IEC TR 19769:2004)
  - type-generic expressions
  - static assertions
  - anonymous structures and unions

- no-return functions
- macros to create complex numbers (`<complex.h>`)
- support for opening files for exclusive access
- removed the `gets` function (`<stdio.h>`)
- added the `aligned_alloc`, `at_quick_exit`, and `quick_exit` functions (`<stdlib.h>`)
- (conditional) support for bounds-checking interfaces (originally specified in ISO/IEC TR 24731–1:2007)
- (conditional) support for analyzability

7 Major changes in the second edition included:

- restricted character set support via digraphs and `<iso646.h>` (originally specified in ISO/IEC 9899:1990/Amd.1:1995)
- wide character library support in `<wchar.h>` and `<wctype.h>` (originally specified in ISO/IEC 9899:1990/Amd.1:1995)
- more precise aliasing rules via effective type
- restricted pointers
- variable length arrays
- flexible array members
- `static` and type qualifiers in parameter array declarators
- complex (and imaginary) support in `<complex.h>`
- type-generic math macros in `<tgmath.h>`
- the `long long int` type and library functions
- extended integer types
- increased minimum translation limits
- additional floating-point characteristics in `<float.h>`
- remove implicit `int`
- reliable integer division
- universal character names (`\u` and `\U`)
- extended identifiers
- hexadecimal floating-point constants and `%a` and `%A printf/scanf` conversion specifiers
- compound literals

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- designated initializers
- `//` comments
- specified width integer types and corresponding library functions in `<inttypes.h>` and `<stdint.h>`
- remove implicit function declaration
- preprocessor arithmetic done in `intmax_t/uintmax_t`
- mixed declarations and statements
- new block scopes for selection and iteration statements
- integer constant type rules
- integer promotion rules
- macros with a variable number of arguments
- the `vscanf` family of functions in `<stdio.h>` and `<wchar.h>`
- additional math library functions in `<math.h>`
- treatment of error conditions by math library functions (`math_errhandling`)
- floating-point environment access in `<fenv.h>`
- IEC 60559 (also known as IEC 559 or IEEE arithmetic) support
- trailing comma allowed in `enum` declaration
- `%lf` conversion specifier allowed in `printf`
- inline functions
- the `snprintf` family of functions in `<stdio.h>`
- boolean type in `<stdbool.h>`
- idempotent type qualifiers
- empty macro arguments
- new structure type compatibility rules (tag compatibility)
- additional predefined macro names
- `_Pragma` preprocessing operator
- standard pragmas
- `__func__` predefined identifier
- `va_copy` macro
- additional `strftime` conversion specifiers
- LIA compatibility annex