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This seventh edition cancels and replaces the sixth edition (ISO/IEC 14882:2020), which has been technically revised.

The main changes are as follows:

- improved support for Unicode;
- improved support for programming with constant expressions and constant evaluation;
- addition of a new way to declare non-static member functions with an "explicit `this` parameter";
- addition of support for `#elifdef` and `#elifndef` preprocessing directives;
- change of overloaded `operator[]` to allow multiple parameters;
- change of lifetime rules in range-based for loops;
- addition of a new "decay-copying" declaration "`auto(x)`";
- support for extended floating-point types;
- addition of facilities for explicit lifetime management;
- addition of facilities for expressing assumptions;
- addition of standard library modules;
- addition of new standard library container and view types;
- addition of new standard library algorithms;
- addition of a generator type for use with coroutines;
- addition of an "expected" type for error handling;
- addition of string formatting and printing facilities;

— technical corrections and enhancements of existing core language and library facilities.

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Introduction

Clauses and subclauses in this document are annotated with a so-called stable name, presented in square brackets next to the (sub)clause heading (such as "[lex.token]" for 5.6, "Tokens"). Stable names aid in the discussion and evolution of this document by serving as stable references to subclauses across editions that are unaffected by changes of subclause numbering.

The cross references at the end of the document can be used to associate the stable names with their corresponding subclause number and to look up their location.

The indexes at the end of the document can be used to look up certain related entities such as grammar productions, names used by the standard library, and language constructs with implementation-defined behavior.

Aspects of the language syntax of C++ are distinguished typographically by the use of *italic*, *sans-serif* type or `constant width` type to avoid ambiguities; see 4.3.