

IEEE Standards Interpretation for IEEE Std 1003.1™-1990 IEEE Standard for Information Technology--Portable Operating System Interfaces (POSIX®)

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Topic:buffer sizes in characters or bytes Relevant Sections: P 226, Line 49, P 228, Line 105 PASC

“Characters” is not a measure of storage. “Bytes” is. Here storage, not (potentially multi-byte) characters, is intended.

Interpretation Response

The standards states characters, and conforming implementations must conform to this. However, concerns have been raised about this which are being referred to the sponsor.

Rationale for Interpretation

None.

Notes to Project Editor (not part of the interpretation)

Action the solution in section 11. Forwarded to Interpretations group: 19 June 2000 Proposed resolution: 25 July 2000 Finalized Interpretation: 29 August 2000