

## **IEEE Standards Interpretations for IEEE Std 1003.2™-1992 IEEE Standard for Information Technology--Portable Operating System Interfaces (POSIX®)-- Part 2: Shell and Utilities**

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### **Interpretation Request #83**

**Topic:** renice **Relevant Clauses:** 5.24

The standard, and obsolescent command line forms can result in an ambiguity regarding which synopsis line to use. The command line `renice 4 5 6` may be a “new” synopsis invocation, requesting that the processes 4, 5, and 6 be reniced by the default increment, or it may be an obsolescent invocation, requesting that processes 5 and 6 have their nice values set to 4. How should this ambiguity be resolved? I recommend giving priority to the “new” format, i.e. processes 4, 5, and 6 will all have their nice values incremented by the default nice increment.

### **Interpretation Response**

The standard is unclear on this issue, and no conformance distinction can be made between alternative implementations based on this. This is being referred to the sponsor.

### **Rationale for Interpretation**

None.