

P1003.1

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1.1 Project Number: P1003.1

1.2 Type of Document: Standard

1.3 Life Cycle: Full Use

2.1 Title: IEEE Standard for Information Technology--Portable Operating System Interface (POSIX(R)) Base Specifications, Issue 8

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3.1 Working Group: Austin Joint Working Group (C/PA/POSIX)

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4.1 Type of Ballot: Individual

4.2 Expected Date of submission of draft to the IEEE-SA for Initial Sponsor Ballot: 09/2020

4.3 Projected Completion Date for Submittal to RevCom

Note: Usual minimum time between initial sponsor ballot and submission to Revcom is 6 months.: 10/2022

5.1 Approximate number of people expected to be actively involved in the development of this project: 50

5.2 Scope: IEEE Std 1003.1-202x defines a standard operating system interface and environment, including a command interpreter (or "shell"), and common utility programs to support applications portability at the source code level. It is intended to be used by both applications developers and system implementors.

IEEE Std 1003.1-202x comprises four major components (each in an associated volume):

1. General terms, concepts, and interfaces common to all volumes of IEEE Std 1003.1-202x, including utility conventions and C-language header definitions, are included in the Base Definitions volume of IEEE Std 1003.1-202x.
2. Definitions for system service functions and subroutines, language-specific system services for the C programming language, function issues, including portability, error handling, and error recovery, are included in the System Interfaces volume of IEEE Std 1003.1-202x.
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The following areas are outside of the scope of IEEE Std 1003.1-202x:

- * Graphics interfaces
- * Database management system interfaces
- * Record I/O considerations
- * Object or binary code portability
- * System configuration and resource availability

IEEE Std 1003.1-202x describes the external characteristics and facilities that are of importance to applications developers, rather than the internal construction techniques employed to achieve these capabilities. Special emphasis is placed on those functions and facilities that are needed in a wide variety of commercial applications.

5.3 Is the completion of this standard dependent upon the completion of another standard: No

5.4 Purpose: Several principles guided the development of POSIX.1-202x:

* Application-Oriented - The basic goal was to promote portability of application programs across UNIX system environments by developing a clear, consistent, and unambiguous standard for the interface specification of a portable operating system based on the UNIX system documentation. POSIX.1-202x codifies the common, existing definition of the UNIX system.

* Interface, Not Implementation - POSIX.1-202x defines an interface, not an implementation. No distinction is made between library functions and system calls; both are referred to as functions. No details of the implementation of any function are given (although historical practice is sometimes indicated in the RATIONALE section). Symbolic names are given for constants (such as signals and error numbers) rather than numbers.

5.5 Need for the Project: This document is supported widely in the industry.

5.6 Stakeholders for the Standard: The stakeholders are the IT industry at large, as these are foundation standards for many operating systems.

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7.2 Joint Development

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8.1 Additional Explanatory Notes: