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The main changes are as follows:

- an array can have a `coarray` component;
- additional forms of declaration;
- additional edit descriptors;
- additional intrinsic procedures;
- conformance with ISO/IEC 60559:2020;
- other changes listed in the Introduction.

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## Introduction

This document comprises the specification of the base Fortran language, informally known as Fortran 2023. With the limitations noted in 4.3.3, the syntax and semantics of Fortran 2018 are contained entirely within Fortran 2023. Therefore, any standard-conforming Fortran 2018 program not affected by such limitations is a standard-conforming Fortran 2023 program. New features of Fortran 2023 can be compatibly incorporated into such Fortran 2018 programs, with any exceptions indicated in the text of this document.

Fortran 2023 contains several extensions to Fortran 2018; these are listed below.

- Source form:  
The maximum length of a line in free form source has been increased. The maximum length of a statement has been increased. The limit on the number of continuation lines has been removed.
- Data declaration:  
A data object with a coarray component can be an array or allocatable. BIND(C) ENUM are now referred to as interoperable enumerations, and noninteroperable enumeration types are available. An interoperable enumeration can be given a type name. TYPEOF and CLASSOF type specifiers can be used to declare one or more entities to have the same type and type parameters as another entity. A PUBLIC namelist group can have a PRIVATE namelist group object. The DIMENSION attribute can be declared with a syntax that does not depend on the rank (8.5.8, 8.5.17).
- Data usage and computation:  
Binary, octal, and hexadecimal literal constants can be used in additional contexts. A deferred-length allocatable *errmsg-variable* is allocated by the processor to the length of the explanatory message. An ALLOCATE statement can specify the bounds of an array allocation with array expressions. A pointer assignment statement can specify lower bounds or rank remapping with array expressions. Arrays can be used to specify multiple subscripts or subscript triplets (9.5.3.2). Conditional expressions provide selective evaluation of subexpressions.
- Input/output:  
The AT edit descriptor provides output of character values with trailing blanks trimmed. The LEADING\_ZERO= specifier in the OPEN and WRITE statements, and the LZP, LZS and LZ control edit descriptors, provide control of optional leading zeros during formatted output. A deferred-length allocatable *iomsg-variable* is allocated by the processor to the length of the explanatory message. A deferred-length allocatable scalar *io-unit* in a WRITE statement is allocated by the processor to the length of the record to be written.
- Execution control:  
The REDUCE locality specifier for the DO CONCURRENT construct specifies reduction variables for the loop. The NOTIFY WAIT statement, NOTIFY= specifier on an image selector, and the NOTIFY\_TYPE from the intrinsic module ISO\_FORTRAN\_ENV provide one-sided data-oriented synchronization between images.
- Intrinsic procedures:  
The intrinsic functions ACOSD, ASIND, ATAND, ATAN2D, COSD, SIND, and TAND are trigonometric functions in which angles are specified in degrees. The intrinsic functions ACOSPI, ASINPI, ATANPI, ATAN2PI, COSPI, SINPI, and TANPI are trigonometric functions in which angles are specified in half-revolutions (that is, as multiples of  $\pi$ ). The intrinsic function SELECTED\_LOGICAL\_KIND returns kind type parameter values for type logical. The intrinsic subroutine SPLIT parses a string into tokens, one at a time. The intrinsic subroutine SYSTEM\_CLOCK supports more than one system clock for an image. The intrinsic subroutine TOKENIZE parses a string into tokens. When a deferred-length allocatable actual argument of an intrinsic procedure is assigned character data, it is allocated by the processor to the length of the data. Execution of a collective subroutine can be successful on an image even when an error condition occurs for the corresponding execution on another image.
- Intrinsic modules:  
Additional named constants LOGICAL8, LOGICAL16, LOGICAL32, LOGICAL64, and REAL16 have been added to the intrinsic module ISO\_FORTRAN\_ENV. The subroutines IEEE\_GET\_ROUNDING\_MODE, IEEE\_GET\_UNDERFLOW\_MODE, IEEE\_SET\_ROUNDING\_MODE, and IEEE\_SET\_UNDERFLOW\_MODE, from the intrinsic module IEEE\_ARITHMETIC, are now considered to be pure and simple. The subroutines IEEE\_GET\_MODES, IEEE\_GET\_STATUS, IEEE\_SET\_MODES, and

`IEEE_SET_STATUS`, from the intrinsic module `IEEE_EXCEPTIONS`, are now considered to be pure and simple. The procedures `C_F_STRPOINTER` and `F_C_STRING` have been added to the intrinsic module `ISO_C_BINDING` to assist in the use of null-terminated strings. The subroutine `C_F_POINTER` in the intrinsic module `ISO_C_BINDING` has an extra optional dummy argument, `LOWER`, that specifies the lower bounds for `FPTR`.

- Changes to the intrinsic module `IEEE_ARITHMETIC` for conformance with ISO/IEC 60559:2020: The new functions `IEEE_MAX`, `IEEE_MAX_MAG`, `IEEE_MIN`, and `IEEE_MIN_MAG` perform the operations `maximum`, `maximumMagnitude`, `minimum`, and `mimumumMagnitude` in ISO/IEC 60559:2020. The functions `IEEE_MAX_NUM`, `IEEE_MAX_NUM_MAG`, `IEEE_MIN_NUM`, and `IEEE_MIN_NUM_MAG` now conform to the operations `maximumNumber`, `maximumMagnitudeNumber`, `minimumNumber` and `minimumMagnitudeNumber` in ISO/IEC 60559:2020; the changes affect the treatment of zeros and NaNs.
- Program units and procedures:  
A procedure can be specified to be a [simple procedure](#); a [simple procedure](#) references or defines nonlocal variables only via its [dummy arguments](#). [Conditional arguments](#) provide [actual argument](#) selection in a [procedure reference](#).

This document is organized in 19 clauses, dealing with 8 conceptual areas. These 8 areas, and the clauses in which they are treated, are:

High/low level concepts	Clauses 4, 5, 6
Data concepts	Clauses 7, 8, 9
Computations	Clauses 10, 16, 17
Execution control	Clause 11
Input/output	Clauses 12, 13
Program units	Clauses 14, 15
Interoperability with C	Clause 18
Scoping and association rules	Clause 19

It also contains the following nonnormative material:

Processor dependencies	Annex A
Deleted and obsolescent features	Annex B
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# Programming languages —Fortran —

## Part 1: Base language

### 1 Scope

This document specifies the form and establishes the interpretation of programs expressed in the base Fortran language. The purpose of this document is to promote portability, reliability, maintainability, and efficient execution of Fortran programs for use on a variety of computing systems.

This document specifies

- the forms that a program written in the Fortran language can take,
- the rules for interpreting the meaning of a program and its data,
- the form of the input data to be processed by such a program, and
- the form of the output data resulting from the use of such a program.

Except where stated otherwise, requirements and prohibitions specified by this document apply to programs rather than processors.

This document does not specify

- the mechanism by which programs are transformed for use on computing systems,
- the operations required for setup and control of the use of programs on computing systems,
- the method of transcription of programs or their input or output data to or from a storage medium,
- the program and processor behavior when this document fails to establish an interpretation except for the processor detection and reporting requirements in items (2) to (10) of 4.2,
- the maximum number of [images](#), or the size or complexity of a program and its data that will exceed the capacity of any particular computing system or the capability of a particular processor,
- the mechanism for determining the number of [images](#) of a program,
- the physical properties of an [image](#) or the relationship between [images](#) and the computational elements of a computing system,
- the physical properties of the representation of quantities and the method of rounding, approximating, or computing numeric values on a particular processor, except by reference to ISO/IEC 60559:2020 under conditions specified in Clause 17,
- the physical properties of input/output records, files, and units, or
- the physical properties and implementation of storage.

## 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO/IEC 646:1991, *Information technology—ISO 7-bit coded character set for information interchange*

ISO/IEC 9899:2018, *Programming languages—C*

ISO/IEC 10646, *Information technology—Universal Multiple-Octet Coded Character Set (UCS)*

ISO/IEC/IEEE 60559:2020, *Information technology — Microprocessor Systems — Floating-Point arithmetic*