

The New C Standard (Excerpted material)

An Economic and Cultural Commentary

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6.10.7 Null directive

Semantics

A preprocessing directive of the form

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# new-line
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has no effect.

Commentary

Rationale The existing practice of using empty # lines for spacing is supported in the Standard.

null state-
ment
syntax

The preprocessor equivalent of the null statement.

Coding Guidelines

The null directive differs from an empty line in that it contains a visible character. This character may be used to help maintain a distinctive visible edge to any indented directives in the source.

References