

The New C Standard (Excerpted material)

An Economic and Cultural Commentary

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6.11.3 External names

significant
characters
future language
directions

Restriction of the significance of an external name to fewer than 255 characters (considering each universal character name or extended source character as a single character) is an obsolescent feature that is a concession to existing implementations. 2036

internal
identifier
significant
characters

Commentary

The issues surrounding this restriction are discussed elsewhere.

C90

Part of the future language direction specified in C90 was implemented in C99.

Restriction of the significance of an external name to fewer than 31 characters or to only one case is an obsolescent feature that is a concession to existing implementations.

References