Subject: Comments on terminology for input/output rounding
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1 Introduction

Some time ago, we carefully replaced all occurrences of the term "I/O" by "input/output".

The recently revised discussion of input/output rounding in 9.3, 9.4.1, 9.4.5.12, 9.5.1.12, 9.8.1.24, 10.7.5 and 10.7.7 introduces the term "io". Since it's all in lower case, it doesn't look like an acronym, and since the initial "i" isn't capitalized, it can't be the innermost Galilean satellite of Jupiter.

Although *io-* appears as a prefix in several syntax terms, one expects abbreviations and acronyms in syntax terms. Since they appear in a distinguished typeface it's clear they're not "ordinary" words. I don't think "io" is an appropriate term in normal text. My preference is "input/output". "I/O" is a bit idiosyncratic for standardese, but is an improvement over "io". Even "IO" is an improvement, as that at least looks like an acronym. "io" (i.e. in lower case) is confusing.

2 Edits

Edits refer to 01-007r1.

Editor: Replace occurrences of "io" by "input/output" at the following places:

171:47	172:42	177:37	177:39	177:42	177:44	184:19	205:10	205:13	225:17
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