Subject: ASCII arguments for LGE etc.
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2   Title

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4   Status

For consideration.

5   Basic Functionality

ASCII arguments for LGE etc.

6   Rationale

Now that ASCII kind characters are required by the standard, it is nothing short of bizarre that the four functions to compare character strings according to the ASCII collating sequence, *viz.* LGE, LGT, LLE and LLT, do not permit arguments of ASCII kind.

If one has a program with some character variables of default kind that are compared by using these functions, and their kind needs to be changed to ASCII, one has to find the invocations of these functions and replace them by the equivalent relational operators. This is an unnecessary maintenance expense.

7   Estimated Impact

Trivial. Estimated at meeting 169 to be at 3 on the JKR scale.

8   Detailed Specification

Allow ASCII kind arguments for LGE, LGT, LLE and LLT.

8.1   Suggested edits

The following suggested edits illustrate the magnitude of the project.

Replace with the following at [327:15-16], [327:29-30], [328:10-11] and [328:24-25]:

STRING_A   shall be of type character with either default or ASCII kind.

STRING_B   shall be of type character with the same kind as STRING_A.

9   History