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Annual Report for subgroup J18.

Covering the period from January 2004 to December 2004.

Title of subgroup: The Programming Language Rexx.

Informal description of work: Rexx is a programming language with a twenty year history, provided by several vendors on a variety of systems.

The committee is now maintaining the standard ANSI X3.274-1996.

I. Executive Summary

This was the fourteenth year of the project, the ninth year since the standard was published. There have been no recent meetings.

An errata document was published in 2001.

No further version of the standard is being worked on and the project has moved to maintenance mode.

II. Project

a.) X3J18 - REXX. Project Number 0823-D, the existing standard.

X3J18 - Extended REXX Project Number 1139B. The committee voted to propose terminating this activity in 1998. This change was not made formally until errata document was finished.

Project 1139B is not being worked on.

b.) There are no activities of this project that have dates associated with them.

c.) The project was to produce a standard for the Rexx language at the time the standard was written.

d.) None

e.) Status: This project is now in maintenance mode.

III. Committee Activities

a.) Last meeting, April 29, 2001 in Rayleigh-Durham North Carolina

b.) Informal discussion in conjunction with the May 2003 Rexx Symposium established that there were no items of significance, in interpreting the standard, that would justify holding a formal meeting.

The maintenance committee remains in email contact.

c.) Officers:

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d.) Membership is the same as last year, although in the absence of fees and meetings there is no check that establishes their continued enthusiasm.

e.) There are no liaison activities.

IV.

J18 proposes to continue maintaining the standard, and to provide a focal point for any interest there may be in reviving plans for a second standard.

A distribution list covering more than the committee members is used to canvass opinions.

A section of a web site www.rexxla.org provides background information on the standard.

Note that the existing standard reflects the Rexx language as it was practiced at the time. The language has continued to develop but we do not regard the current language as suitable for standardization because that extended language is strongly supported by one provider and there are few potential alternative providers. Thus it is likely that Rexx standardization activity will continue to decline in the future.