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# Information technology — Programming languages — Full BASIC

## 1 Scope

This International Standard specifies the programming language Full BASIC and is derived from the American National Standard X3.113-1987. For details of the syntax and semantics see ANSI X3.113-1987 which specifies

- the syntax of programs written in BASIC, including *core* BASIC and various extensions thereto;
- the formats of data and the minimum precision and range of numeric representations and the minimum length and set of characters in strings that are acceptable as input to an automatic data processing system being controlled by a program written in BASIC;
- the formats of data and the minimum precision and range of numeric representations and the minimum length and set of characters in strings that can be generated as output by an automatic data processing system being controlled by a program written in BASIC;
- the semantic rules for interpreting the meaning of a program written in BASIC;
- errors and exceptional circumstances to be detected and also the manner in which such errors and exceptional circumstances are to be handled

This International Standard also refers to ECMA-116 for the specification of *mini-graphics*. Note: ECMA-116 is based on ANSI X3.113-1987.

This International Standard specifies its own conformance subsets, which include those specified in ANSI X3.113-1987 and ECMA-116.

This International Standard is designed to promote the interchangeability of BASIC programs among a variety of automatic data processing systems.

## 2 Normative references

The following standards contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this International Standard. At the time of publication, the editions indicated were valid. All standards are subject to revision, and parties to agreements based on this International Standard are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the standards indicated below. Members of IEC and of ISO maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

ANSI X3.113-1987: *Information systems - programming languages - full BASIC*.

STANDARD ECMA-116: 1986, *BASIC*.