

NAME

idref – look up Internet–Draft references

SYNOPSIS

idref [**files**]

DESCRIPTION

Idref is a preprocessor for resolving and formatting Internet–Draft references.

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Idref recognizes a reference directive and replaces it with suitable rfc macro directives and text for formatting references to Internet–Drafts. The directive takes up to four arguments. The first argument must be either I (for an informative reference) or N (for a normative reference). A reference designation is supplied as the second argument, and is used in the reference tag. The third argument is the draft file name without the trailing hyphen, version suffix, and format suffix. The optional fourth argument is a string name in which the reference tag will be saved by the formatter.

EXAMPLES

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.DR I Lilly draft–lilly–using–troff r1
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specifies an informative reference to the current version of draft–lilly–using–troff using "Lilly" in the reference tag, with the reference tag saved in string r1.

RETURN VALUE

Idref returns zero unless a serious error occurs.

BUGS and CAVEATS

Reference file lid–index.txt needs to be kept up–to–date in order to refer to recent drafts, and to use the current versions of drafts.

DIAGNOSTICS

Idref will produce warning and error messages during formatting when appropriate. Error messages indicate a problem which has prevented processing of a directive, such as invalid syntax or a non–existent draft.

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