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 Editorial handling of Fonts in mixed text/program presentation

Issue

WG 23 documents have a requirement to present programming issues both in examples, and in normal text when either explaining an example or discussing a coding issue.

For normal samples of code, Courier font (usually Courier New) suffices.

Presenting code snippets in normal text presents more significant issues:

* For characters, operators, string literals, and quoted strings in normal text use quotes.
Examples: "a" "7", "this is a string", a package named "MySystem" (but see below).
* For code snippets, reserved words, and language-predefined names in regular text use Courier.
Examples: The function initialize returns "7" (where there is a code example about this).
                  Because variable One is overlayed to variable Two, changes to One change Two as well (with illustrating code).
* For language object names neither predefined nor present in a code sample, use plain text. (alternative: always use Courier)

Example with Courier:

 When a variable One is overlayed by a variable Two, changes to One change Two as well. (no associated code sample).

Example without Courier:

 When a variable One is overlayed by a variable Two, changes to One change Two as well. (no associated code sample).