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Refer to Dawes, N1111=97-0073, Libraries Issues for Morristown Item 38, basic_filebuf::seekpos must call unshift Proposed resolution:

"To 27.8.1.4 add wording to the effect that:
basic_filebuf::seekpos must call unshift for the codecvt
facet before it alters the file position indicator"

Specific wording: 27.8.1.4, rewrite of para 11:

Let width denote a_codecvt.encoding().

If is_open() == false, or off != 0 and width <= 0,
then the positioning operation fails.</pre>

If way != basic_ios::cur or off != 0 , and if the last operation was output, then update the output sequence and write any unshift sequence.

Next, seek to the new position:
If width > 0, call std::fseek(file, width * off, whence);
otherwise, call std::fseek(file,0,whence)).

Para 12, Notes:

"The last operation was output" means either the last virtual operation was overflow or the put buffer is non-empty.

"Write any unshift sequence" means, if width is less than zero, then call a_codecvt.unshift(st, xbuf, xbuf+XSIZE, xbuf_end) and output the resulting unshift sequence.

27.8.1.4, rewrite of the 1 line preceding para 14:

If (which&ios_base::out) != 0,
then update the output sequence,
write any unshift sequence,
then set the file position to sp.