

Assignment 0: Dog Design Doc eingeman

1) Goals

The goal of this assignment is to mimic the functionality of the 'cat' in the linux system with my own C++ program called dog. But, my program will not support any flags.

2) Design

Part 1: Function main

1a) First, we must check whether our user inputted less than 2 args. If true, we will just read from STDIN and write it back to the STDOUT and be done.

```
~ if (argc < 2) {  
    print_func (STDIN, STDOUT);  
}
```

1b) If there are > 2 args, then we must loop through them all in order. This can be done with a simple for loop.

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for (int i = 1; i < argc; ++i);
```

1c) Once in the for loop, we must check if the file name is equal to '-'.
if (*argv[i] == '-') {

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    // read from STDIN and write to STDOUT.  
}
```

1d) Then, we can read try to open the file at argv[i] and if it returns -1, we know an error occurred and we need to call warn(). Else, we can call our print function and then close the file.

Part 2: print function

- 1) The print function will take two arguments, the in file descriptor and out file descriptor.
- 2) The function will allocate a buffer for reading and writing.
- 3) While the read is greater than 0, meaning it has bytes to read, we must write the same bytes to the stdout. Put this inside a variable.

In code:

```
while (var = read (infileDescriptor, &buffer, buffer size) > 0) {  
    write (outfileDescriptor, &buffer, var);  
}
```