## COMP20200 Unix Programming Lab 3

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Write a simple grep programme that takes exactly two arguments. For example:

## ./mygrep search string input file

This is a line of text from input file with search string in it.

**Step 1.** Use int argc, char \*argv[] to get search string and file name. Add error checking to ensure exactly 2 arguments. Remember argv[0] is the name of the programme, so you are looking for argc equal to 3.

**Step 2.** Open file and read lines (see Lecture 4, slide 11). You can print all lines to screen to check it is working (now you have written a simple version of cat).

**Step 3.** Search line for substring, if its found then print the whole line. *man strstr* 

Test your programme on several system files like /etc/passwd

**Step 4.** Duplicate your programme and modify a version so that it is case insensitive.

For example:

## ./mygrepi sEaRcH stRinG input file

This is a line of text from input file with SeArCh string in it **Hint:** *man tolower* , and so you don't modify argv *man strncpy*