

Design
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1 Goal

The goal of this program is to create a program that is similar to *cat* command, and our programming assignment is *dog*, which is to copy data from each file and display the content. The program should print the data to standard output.

2 Assumptions

I think in order to complete this program, it is necessary to use `open()`, `read()`, `write()`, and `close()` for system calls.

If the files are existed, then dog should correctly copy all of the data to standard output. However, if no files are specified, then it is running a loop until it runs out of input.

3 Design

My approach is to check for valid inputs, and loop each input file read and write it as standard output. If the user does not specify the files or with (-), then it will copy what the user's input to standard output. However, if there is an error with a file, the program prints out an error message and skip the file. After all, close the file.

Pseudocode

define buffer size

check for inputs

if no inputs

ask the user to input and program will show standard output

for file \leftarrow 1 to argc

if '-' exists

ask the user to input and program will show standard output

open the file

if file does not exist

error

while $n = (\text{read}(\text{file}, \text{buffer}, \text{buf_size}) > 0)$

write the content

if $n < 0$

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        warn(3)
    close the file
return 0
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