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27. Develop a C program for simulating the function of ls UNIX Command.

**Aim:**

The aim of this C program is to simulate the functionality of the `ls` command in UNIX. The program lists the files and directories in the current directory or specified directory.

**Algorithm:**

1. Take an optional directory path as input. If no directory is specified, use the current directory.
2. Use the `opendir` function to open the directory.
3. Use the `readdir` function to read each entry in the directory.
4. Print the names of the files and directories.
5. Close the directory using `closedir`.

**Procedure:**

1. Include necessary headers (`stdio.h`, `dirent.h`, `stdlib.h`).
2. Open the directory using `opendir`.
3. Read the directory entries using `readdir`.
4. Print the filenames of the directory entries.
5. Close the directory after reading.

**Code:**

```
#include <stdio.h>
```

```
#include <stdlib.h>
```

```
#include <dirent.h>
```

```
int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
```

```
    DIR *dir;
```

```
    struct dirent *entry;
```

```
    char *path = (argc > 1) ? argv[1] : ".";
```

```
dir = opendir(path);

if (dir == NULL) {

    perror("opendir");

    return 1;

}


while ((entry = readdir(dir)) != NULL) {

    printf("%s\n", entry->d_name);

}


closedir(dir);


return 0;

}
```


### **Result:**

Running the program would output a list of filenames and directories in the current directory or specified directory.

### **Output:**

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main.c

```
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2 #include <stdlib.h>
3 #include <dirent.h>
4
5 int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
6     DIR *dir;
7     struct dirent *entry;
8     char *path = (argc > 1) ? argv[1] : ".";
9
10
11 ..
12 main.c
13 a.out
14
15 ...Program finished with exit code 0
16 Press ENTER to exit console.
```