

CSC209H Worksheet: Redirecting file descriptors

We most often see `dup2` used together with pipes or when we are about to call `exec` and we want to specify where the new program will read from or write to. In this worksheet, we will focus on a simple example of the latter.

The program takes two arguments. The first argument is a program to execute that will read from `stdin`. The second argument is a file from which to redirect input.

Example: `./redir wc redir.c`

This will execute the `wc` program by redirecting input from `redir.c`.

```
int main(int argc, char **argv) {
    // Expecting 2 arguments:
    //     The first is a program to execute
    //     The second is the name of a file to redirect input from
    
    // Reset stdin so that it is coming from the open file.
    
    // Use exec to run the program specified in argv[1]
    
    return 1; // If we get here it is an error
}
```