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cat - concatenate files and print on the standard output

SYNOPSIS [top](#)

cat [*OPTION*]... [*FILE*]...

DESCRIPTION [top](#)

Concatenate FILE(s) to standard output.

With no FILE, or when FILE is -, read standard input.

-A, --show-all
equivalent to **-vET**

-b, --number-nonblank
number nonempty output lines, overrides **-n**

-e equivalent to **-vE**

-E, --show-ends
display \$ at end of each line

-n, --number
number all output lines

-s, --squeeze-blank
suppress repeated empty output lines

-t equivalent to **-vT**

-T, --show-tabs
display TAB characters as ^I

- u** (ignored)
- v, --show-nonprinting**
use ^ and M- notation, except for LFD and TAB
- help** display this help and exit
- version**
output version information and exit

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`cat f - g`
Output f's contents, then standard input, then g's contents.

`cat` Copy standard input to standard output.

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