

dup

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- `int dup(int oldfd)`
  - Uses the lowest-numbered unused descriptor for the new descriptor
  - On success returns the new file descriptor, on error returns -1

- `int dup2(int oldfd, int newfd)`
  - Makes `newfd` be the copy of `oldfd`, closing `newfd` first if necessary
  - If `oldfd` is not a valid file descriptor, then the call fails, and `newfd` is not closed
  - If `oldfd` is a valid file descriptor, and `newfd` has the same value as `oldfd`, then `dup2` does nothing, and returns `newfd`

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- Answer: an unnamed pipe

- `int pipe(int pipefd[2])`
- creates a unidirectional data channel that can be used for interprocess communication
- `pipefd[0]` refers to the read end of the pipe.
- `pipefd[1]` refers to the write end of the pipe.
- Data written to the write end of the pipe is buffered by the kernel until it is read from the read end of the pipe.