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## NAME

parcat - cat files or fifos in parallel

## SYNOPSIS

```
parcat [--rm] [-#] file(s) [-#] file(s)
```

## DESCRIPTION

GNU **parcat** reads files or fifos in parallel. It writes full lines so there will be no problem with mixed-half-lines which you risk if you use:

```
(cat file1 & cat file2 &) | ...
```

Arguments can be given on the command line or passed in on stdin (standard input).

## OPTIONS

**-#**

Arguments following this will be sent to the file descriptor **#**. E.g.

```
parcat -1 stdout1 stdout2 -2 stderr1 stderr2
```

will send *stdout1* and *stdout2* to stdout (standard output = file descriptor 1), and send *stderr1* and *stderr2* to stderr (standard error = file descriptor 2).

**--rm**

Remove files after opening. As soon as the files are opened, unlink the files.

## EXAMPLES

### Simple line buffered output

GNU **parallel** saves output to tempfiles. If the amount of data is bigger than the free disk space, then you can use this technique to do line buffering without saving to disk:

```
mkfifo slot-{1..5}
seq 10000000 | parallel -j5 --round --pipe 'cat > slot-{' &
parcat slot-{1..5} | wc
```

## REPORTING BUGS

GNU **parcat** is part of GNU **parallel**. Report bugs to <bug-parallel@gnu.org>.

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## DEPENDENCIES

GNU parcat uses Perl.

## SEE ALSO

cat(1), parallel(1)