

Using file descriptors

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- ▶ **File descriptors are used for i/o redirection**



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▶ **exec [File descriptor] > filename**



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Assignment

- ▶ **Try to append few lines to a file `test.txt` using file descriptor**
- ▶ **Display the content of the file using file descriptor**



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