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## BASH: Prepend A Text/Lines To a File

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Q. I can append text to a file using >> operator but how do I prepend a text to a file? I want the opposit of >> operation?

A. There is no prepend operator, however there are many ways to do the same. You can use ed, sed, perl, awk and so on.



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## Prepend a text using a temporary file

Here is simple solution using a temporary file to prepend text:

```
echo 'line 1' > /tmp/newfile
echo 'line 2' >> /tmp/newfile
cat yourfile >> /tmp/newfile
cp /tmp/newfile yourfile
```

Here is one line solution:

```
echo "text" | cat - yourfile > /tmp/out && mv /tmp/out yourfile
```

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