7. Which symbol should I use to redirect the error output to the standard output?

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2>&1

1>&2

2>

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The correct symbol to redirect the error output to the standard output is:

2>&1

Explanation:

In Unix-like operating systems, file descriptors are used to represent inputs and outputs. By default:

0 represents standard input (stdin).

1 represents standard output (stdout).

2 represents standard error (stderr).

The syntax "M>&N" is used for redirecting file descriptor M to N. So, when you use "2>&1", you are redirecting standard error (file descriptor 2) to wherever standard output (file descriptor 1) is currently going.

In contrast:

"1>&2" would redirect standard output to the location of standard error.

"2>" is just the beginning of a redirection syntax for stderr, and you'd typically follow it with a filename to which you'd like to redirect the error output.

So, the answer is "2>&1".

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Sure, let's break it down further.

Redirection in UNIX-like systems allows us to control where output or input comes from or goes to. When working with the command line, sometimes you may want to save the output of a command to a file or merge multiple outputs. That's where redirection comes into play.

By default, when you run a command, it interacts with three standard streams:

Standard Input (stdin): Data fed into a program. Usually, this is from the keyboard, but you can redirect it from a file.

Standard Output (stdout): Normal data that a program outputs. By default, this is displayed on the screen (terminal).

Standard Error (stderr): This is where error messages are sent. Like stdout, it's displayed on the screen by default.

Each of these streams is associated with a numerical file descriptor:

0 for stdin

1 for stdout

2 for stderr

The redirection operator ">" is used to send a command's output somewhere other than its default destination. For example, if you wanted to save the output of a command to a file, you could use:

bash

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command > output.txt

This sends the stdout of "command" to a file called "output.txt". If the file doesn't exist, it's created; if it does, it's overwritten.

Now, let's look at the specific redirections you mentioned:

2>&1: This is saying "redirect stderr (2) to wherever stdout (1) is currently going." So if you had a command like:

bash

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command > output.txt 2>&1

Both the normal output and the error messages from "command" would be saved to "output.txt".

1>&2: This does the opposite; it redirects stdout to wherever stderr is currently going.

2>: This indicates that you want to redirect stderr, but you need to specify where. For example:

bash

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command 2> errors.txt

This would save only the error messages from "command" to "errors.txt".

So, when you want to redirect the error output (stderr) to the same place as the standard output (stdout), you use "2>&1". This is especially useful if you want to capture all output (both normal and error) from a command into a single file or another command.