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Redirection of Pipes

1. Create a file name error\_log in your current directory. Suppose you do not have any file named aa11 in your current directory. How can you redirect the error message to the file error\_log when we apply the command "wc -l aa11" ?How can you ensure that all the error log are appended to the error\_log file?

<u>ANS:</u> The 2> redirection operator is used to redirect the standard error output to the file specified. The 2>> is used to append any other additional error log messages to the file instead of overwriting it.

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$ touch error_log.txt
$ wc -l aa11 2> error_log.txt
$ wc -l aa12 2>> error_log.txt
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2. Create files named test1, test2, testa, testb. How can you count the number of files starting with test and then having only one digit in their name using only a single line command?

<u>ANS:</u> We can you use the pipe symbol for interprocess communication. Where we can provide the output of a command as an input to another command.

\$ ls -l | grep test | wc -l