echo and cat

If you just want to create a file, without even doing an editor, there are two standard ways to just create one from the command line and fill it with content.

The first is to just use **echo** repeatedly:

$ echo line one > myfile

$ echo line two >> myfile

$ echo line three >> myfile

This sort of game is often played from scripts.

A second way is to use **cat** combined with redirection:

$ cat << EOF > myfile

> line one

> line two

> line three

> EOF $

either of which produces a file which has in it:

line one

line two

line three