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## Streams & Files

# By default there are 3 standard streams in Linux

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|----|--------------------------|----------|----------|
| 1) | Stdin (Standard Input)   | } input  | code : 0 |
| 2) | Stdout (Standard Output) | } output | code : 1 |
| 3) | Stderr (Standard Error)  |          | code : 2 |

Stream's job is to transfer data, takes input & gives output

- Output can be in terminal
- In some file
- or in pipe which redirects it

We can redirect data into a file

by using (>) symbol  
ls > output.txt

NOTE → It will erase past data of that file & rewrite it

by using (>>) symbol

NOTE → it will not erase the data  
it will add data

ls > output.txt → command gives an error

ls 2> output.txt → used because error is denoted by 2

ls 2> /dev/null → to nullify error

NOTE :- output.txt is just a file name



- less command

→ opens output in a separate window

→ ex: `less /var/log/syslog`

to view large files without populating your terminal

→ `ls -la /etc` | `less`

This is a pipe

→ takes output of one command & feeds it into next command as std input

## Environment Variables

It stores & provide useful information that shells & processes can use

`pwd` - gives present working directory

`path` environment variable - contains all the path that your PC will search whenever you enter a command

command not found → this error comes when command is not found in these path environment variables

# In linux everything is file



# head -> prints first 10 lines of file  
    -> en head output.txt

# tail -> print last 10 lines of file

# sort -> gives sorted version of file