

Re: last character of the last line is a newline?

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juliag wrote:

```
> snip
>
>>As the error message tells: {cat: command not found, there's no
>
> command
>
>>called "{cat". Insert a blank between { and cat.
>>
>>Janis
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>
> You are right! It works!
>
> Would it be possible for the routine to work without the redirection to
> the screen. Would it be possible to redirect only to a file. Would it
> means change the standard output?
```

I don't understand what you are asking here. The program that you posted in your original posting did **not** `_redirect_` anything to the screen; rather the behaviour of the programs involved (cat, echo) write their output to standard output (per default "the screen"). So you have to redirect the output explicitly to a file.

In general, if your `_program` writes its output to standard out...

```
# only to stdout
your_program
```

```
# only to your_file
your_program >your_file
```

```
# to stdout and to your_file
your_program | tee your_file
```

```
# suppress any stdout output
your_program >/dev/null
```

comp.unix.shell: Re: last character of the last line is a newline?

Substitute your_program by the compound command of your original posting:

```
{ # whatever was here...  
} >your_file
```

Janis