



## 1.18 Using > to redirect output to a file

We can use > to redirect the output of one command to a file, if the file exists this will remove the old content and only keep the input. We can use >> to append to a file, means it will keep all the old content, and it will add the new input to the end of the file.

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$ ls / > details.txt
$ cat details.txt
Bin
Boot
Dev
Etc
Home
Lib
Lib64
Lost+found
Media
Mnt
Opt
Proc
Root
Run
Sbin
Srv
Sys
Tmp
Usr
Var
$ ls /usr/ > details.txt
$ cat details.txt
Bin
Games
Include
Lib
Lib64
Libexec
Local
Sbin
Share
Src
Tmp
$ ls -l /tmp/ >> details.txt
$ cat details.txt
```