



1.17 Redirecting the command output

In Linux shells, we can redirect the command output to a file, or as input to another command. The pipe operator `|` is the most common way to do so. Using this we can now count the number of directories in the root (`/`) directory very easily.

```
$ ls /  
bin boot dev etc home lib lib64 lost+found media mnt opt proc root run  
└─>sbin srv sys tmp usr  
var $ ls / | wc -w  
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```

The `|` is known as pipe. To know more about this, watch this video.

