

# Bash Day 1 Redirectors and wildcards

The "|" is called a pipe

It joins multiple commands into string of commands

Ex

```
Ls | wc -l
```

This takes the output of the ls function and sends it to the wc command in order for it to count the lines in a given directory

The ">" represents send the output of a command to a file or folder location

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Ls > directory_contents.txt
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This takes the output of ls and sends it to a new file called directory\_contents.txt

If you use >> you will append the information to a new file

## Wildcards

Special characters that allow us to specify multiple files at the same time

"\*" allows you to list out ALL files that match a given value

Ex \*.txt will give you ALL files that end with .txt

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Ls *.txt | wc -l
```

This will make a list of all the .txt files and then use the word count function to count how many files are present

?

Only identifies matches that occur once

To extract only fastq files from 10 to 19

sample\_1\*.fq gives even 3 digit number with 1  
in the beginning  
sample\_1?

History command

Lists all the commands you have been  
entered during your session

If you enter ! Then the line of the command  
you want it will run.