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Use `mkfifo` to create named pipe - Linux Tips

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We can use mkfifo or mknod command to create a named pipe. A pipe is a structure which one end can send message and the other can consume it.

To create a named pipe, we can use mkfifo or mknod:

```
$ mkfifo pipe1

# we can see the file type is "named pipe" using `fil
$ file pipe1
pipe1: fifo (named pipe)

$ ls -al pipe1
prw-r--r-- 1 userx userx 0 Dec 29 20:35 pipe1

# or we can use mknod, "p" indicate this "node" is a
$ mknod pipe2 p
$ file pipe2
pipe2: fifo (named pipe)
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Now let's send/consume messages with this pipe. Open a terminal window:

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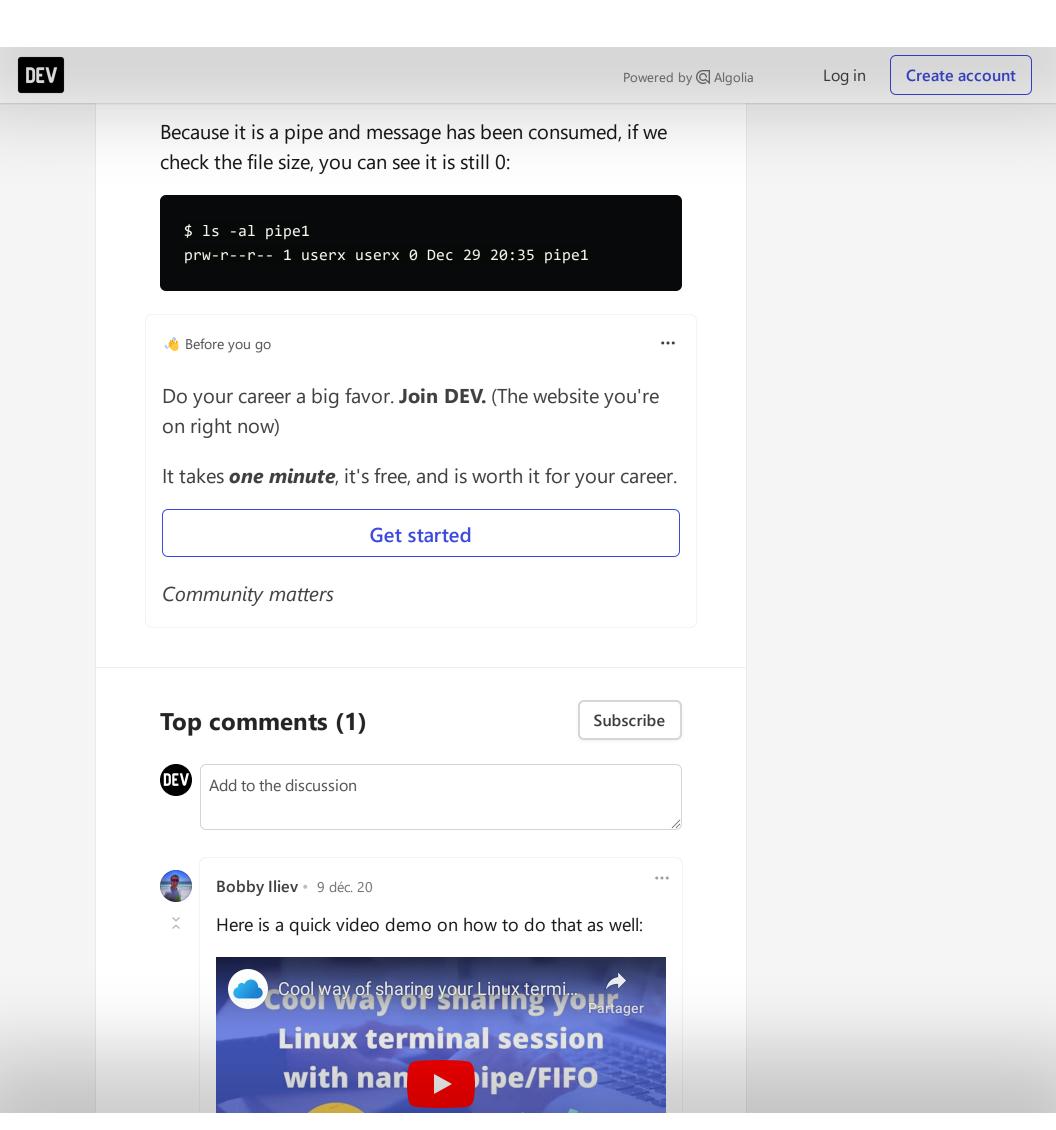
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