

Do this in one (pipe)line

You can do this in one line, by using the `|` (pipe) character.

This is a special bash character, that allows you to use the output of one program and *pipe* it into the next as input.

Such combinations are also called *bash pipelines*.

So in the pipeline below, you download the content of the pad in Markdown and *pipe* it as input into Pandoc. And as a result, you see that there is no input file given to Pandoc anymore.

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In... ! curl https://pad.xpub.nl/p/SI18_prototypology/
      export/markdown | pandoc -f markdown -t mediawiki -o
      pad-to-mediawiki.mediawiki
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In [ ]:
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