

## Re: permissions

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On Saturday 24 July 2004 17:00, Amiel Ong wrote:

> *How can I make a directory permission so that*  
> *the user can write but cannot delete a file inside the directory?*  
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I suspect you mean "create" rather than "write".

Some of the responses to your query seem to be unnecessarily complicated.

I think you are looking for the same permissions as normally apply to the /tmp directory which can be achieved with:

```
$ chmod ugo+rxwt my-special-directory
```

If you want any user to be able to "write" to an "existing" file in the directory then in general I believe the permissions on that particular file must permit write for that user:

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$ chmod o+rw particular-file
```

Ability to write an existing file does relate the ability to delete it.

The latter depends on the permissions of the directory containing the file, as indeed does the ability to create a file.

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