Hardlinks are the related with pointer counter. For instance, file A hardlinked to file B, rightnow both pointer counter is two. Deletion only decrease it one for file A or file B deletion. Also it can useable for different partitions. While symbolic link only extends its location to another file and it didn’t increments any pointer counter so deletion of target is crashing the symbolic link while it has no effect on hardlink. Also symbolic link only happen in same partition, it has no way to do in cross-partition which decrease usability.