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Rsnapshot WARNING: Could not Ichown() symlink "/path/to/file" Error and Solution

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I got <u>rsnapshot based backup server</u> ^[2] up and running for my network under Debian Linux 5.x. But, whenever I run a backup job using the following command: rsnapshot -v -c /root/rsnapshot.server1.conf hourly I get the following messages on screen:

WARNING: Could not Ichown() symlink

"/nas/.rsnapshot/hourly.1/server1.example.com/etc/alternatives/locate"

WARNING: Could not Ichown() symlink

"/nas/.rsnapshot/hourly.1/server1.example.com/etc/alternatives/nc.1.gz"

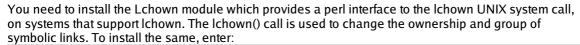
WARNING: Could not Ichown() symlink

"/nas/.rsnapshot/hourly.1/server1.example.com/etc/alternatives/jexec-binfmt"

WARNING: Could not Ichown() symlink

"/nas/.rsnapshot/hourly.1/server1.example.com/etc/alternatives/servertool"

How do I fix this problem?





```
sudo apt-get update
sudo apt-get install liblchown-perl
```

Sample outputs:

```
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree
Reading state information... Done
The following packages were automatically installed and are no longer required:
 xmms2-plugin-pulse xmms2-plugin-id3v2 xmms2-plugin-alsa xmms2-core xmms2-plugin-vorbis xm
Use 'apt-get autoremove' to remove them.
The following NEW packages will be installed:
  liblchown-perl
0 upgraded, 1 newly installed, 0 to remove and 0 not upgraded.
Need to get 9,574B of archives.
After this operation, 81.9kB of additional disk space will be used.
Get:1 http://archive.ubuntu.com karmic/universe liblchown-perl 1.00-1 [9,574B]
Fetched 9,574B in 0s (10.9kB/s)
Selecting previously deselected package liblchown-perl.
(Reading database ... 123150 files and directories currently installed.)
Unpacking liblchown-perl (from .../liblchown-perl_1.00-1_amd64.deb) ...
Processing triggers for man-db ...
Setting up liblchown-perl (1.00-1) ...
```

For other UNIX like operating systems

Use your package manager or download it from cpan.org or install it using the cpan.command/shell [4]:

```
cpan -A Lchown
cpan -i Lchown
```

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