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Can I set the permissions on a symbolic link under Linux/UNIX?

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No, you cannot. If you try to execute chmod command on a symbolic link, it will return with error Changing permissions of `filename': Operation not permitted. This is quite logical, as permission on a symbolic link is meaningless. The only thing is important is permission on the file that the link points. In short, permissions on a symbolic link do not really mean anything.

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