

Hard link	Soft link (symbolic link)
1. Mirror of file	1. Shortcut of the file
2. We can't put the hard link to different file system (partitions) because it will be different	2. We can put a link between different file systems (partitions)
3. Only for file	3. For both file & directory
4. If source got deleted also even we can access the destination file	4. If source got deleted we can't access destination file
5. Permissions are updated if we change the permissions of source file	5. permissions are not mirrored
6. <code>ln <source> <destination></code>	6. <code>ln -s <source> <destination></code>

**** Hard link syntax ****

`ln <source file name> <destination file name>`

**note source file name & destination file name should be absolute path **

**** Soft link syntax ****

`ln -s <source file name> <destination file name>`

**note source file name & destination file name should be absolute path **