

# chown

Change user and group ownership of files and folders.

- Change the owner user of a file/folder:

```
chown {{user}} {{path/to/file}}
```

- Change the owner user and group of a file/folder:

```
chown {{user}}:{{group}} {{path/to/file}}
```

- Recursively change the owner of a folder and its contents:

```
chown -R {{user}} {{path/to/folder}}
```

- Change the owner of a symbolic link:

```
chown -h {{user}} {{path/to/symlink}}
```

- Change the owner of a file/folder to match a reference file:

```
chown --reference={{path/to/reference_file}} {{path/to/file}}
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