**HARD LINK:**

* It is only for files
* It acts as a backup
* The inode number for the source file and destination file were the same.
* Syntax: # ln <source file> <destination file>
* Eg: ln file1 /tmp/hlink

**SOFT LINK (or) SYMBOLIC LINK**

* It is for both files and directories
* It won’t act as a backup
* The inode number for the source file and destination file will differ
* In the soft link we need to mention the exact source path
* Syntax: # ln -s <source file exact path> <destination file>
* Eg: ln -s /root/file1 /tmp/slink