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Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Thu, 28 Oct 2010 20:24:03 GMT
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Posted by [Truong Le](#) on Thu, 28 Oct 2010 20:53:29 GMT
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Thanks!

Subject: Re: create file that is readable only
Posted by [pgrigis](#) on Thu, 28 Oct 2010 21:01:38 GMT
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Ciao,
Paolo

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Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Thu, 28 Oct 2010 21:16:14 GMT
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Paolo writes:

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Coyote is getting *extremely* nervous with all this talk about unerasable files. Seems he has quite a bit of, uh, personal material on his hard drive. :-(

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Subject: Re: create file that is readable only
Posted by [Kenneth P. Bowman](#) on Thu, 28 Oct 2010 21:26:59 GMT
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In article
<1347e64f-ed53-44e1-90fc-1b82cd543a10@l17g2000yqe.googlegroups.com>,
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The Unix shell normally prompts the user before deleting a file that has write permission turned off, but other applications do not necessarily do so.

On a Unix system, to make certain that you cannot delete a file that you own, you need to turn off write permission for the directory that contains the file in question.

Ken Bowman

Subject: Re: create file that is readable only
Posted by [Carsten Lechte](#) on Fri, 29 Oct 2010 08:23:19 GMT
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On 28/10/10 22:53, Truong Le wrote:

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If you want to prevent anyone from restoring write permissions on the file and then modifying it, you have to change the owner of the file and then give only read permission to other users. As far as I know, this owner change can only be done by the super user/system administrator. It is how all the system files are protected against modification by regular users. If you also want to prevent deletion of the file, its containing directory must also be owned by a different user.

chl

Subject: Re: create file that is readable only
Posted by [Foldy Lajos](#) on Fri, 29 Oct 2010 12:01:20 GMT
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On Thu, 28 Oct 2010, Truong Le wrote:

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root can make files immutable (on Linux): `chattr +i file`

regards,
lajos
