

Nyanshell part 4

File attributes allow the administrator to control what a file can do, and what can be done to the file. Attributes are applied by the file system for all users. The file permissions in the usual `rw-rw-rw-` control what different users can do with the file.

Answers to previous questions

What are the file attributes on `/bin/nsh`?

```
elf@c47543394dbe:~$ lsattr /bin/nsh
----i-----e--- /bin/nsh
elf@c47543394dbe:~$
```

What does the “i” stand for? From <https://www.computerhope.com/unix/chattr.htm>,

i	immutable	Files with this attribute cannot be deleted or renamed; hard links cannot be made to this file; most of its metadata cannot be changed; data cannot be written to the file. Modifying this attribute requires root, or a process with the <code>CAP_LINUX_IMMUTABLE</code> capability, as set with setcap .
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That “i” needs to go away.

```
elf@c47543394dbe:~$ chattr -i /bin/nsh
chattr: Permission denied while setting flags on /bin/nsh
elf@c47543394dbe:~$ sudo chattr -i /bin/nsh
elf@c47543394dbe:~$
```

Try to overwrite the ugly shell again, and it works.

```
elf@7cf547f85bf2:~$ cp /bin/bash /bin/nsh
elf@7cf547f85bf2:~$
```

Success!

```
elf@c47543394dbe:~$ su - alabaster_snowball
Password:
Loading, please wait.....

You did it! Congratulations!
alabaster_snowball@c47543394dbe:~$
```