

drwxr-xr-x 2 root root 4096 2012-01-16 22:23 sources.list.d

Read drwxr-xr-x as 3 triples with a leading directory indicator d rwx r-x r-x.

- d just means it's a directory rather than a file.
- The first rwx indicated the permissions for the owner (later). in this case all rights (read, write and execute are granted)
- The second triplet r-x is the permissions for the group the directory belongs to. You see writing is prohibited.
- The last triplet tells you which permissions are set for everyone who's not the owner or in the group. Also you see writing is prohibited again.

So who is the owner and which groups is it associated to? You can get this from root root which is the owner and the group in the obvious form owner group.

So long to the backgrounds. For sure you could modify the right to allow writing for everybody on the system or change the group (and/or) owner to you but in general it's better to use put sudo as a prelude before your commands to gain root privileges for a short time.

If you want to make the directory read/write for all users... do this:

Code:

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sudo chmod 0777 /etc/xinetd.d/swat
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