## INTERNAL DEVELOPER DOCUMENTATION

**Note:** If you're looking for how to use Ceph as a library from your own software, please see API Documentation.

You can start a development mode Ceph cluster, after compiling the source, with:

```
cd src
install -d -m0755 out dev/osd0
./vstart.sh -n -x -l
# check that it's there
./ceph health
```

Todo: vstart is woefully undocumented and full of sharp sticks to poke yourself with.

## **Mailing list**

The official development email list is ceph-devel@vger.kernel.org. Subscribe by sending a message to majordomo@vger.kernel.org with the line:

```
subscribe ceph-devel
```

in the body of the message.

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