

# CEPH-MON – CEPH MONITOR DAEMON

## SYNOPSIS

**ceph-mon** -i *monid* [ -mon-data *mondatapath* ]

## DESCRIPTION

**ceph-mon** is the cluster monitor daemon for the Ceph distributed file system. One or more instances of **ceph-mon** form a Paxos part-time parliament cluster that provides extremely reliable and durable storage of cluster membership, configuration, and state.

The *mondatapath* refers to a directory on a local file system storing monitor data. It is normally specified via the `mon_data` option in the configuration file.

## OPTIONS

### -f, --foreground

Foreground: do not daemonize after startup (run in foreground). Do not generate a pid file. Useful when run via **ceph-run**(8).

### -d

Debug mode: like -f, but also send all log output to stderr.

### --setuser *userorgid*

Set uid after starting. If a username is specified, the user record is looked up to get a uid and a gid, and the gid is also set as well, unless -setgroup is also specified.

### --setgroup *grouporgid*

Set gid after starting. If a group name is specified the group record is looked up to get a gid.

### -c *ceph.conf*, --conf=*ceph.conf*

Use *ceph.conf* configuration file instead of the default `/etc/ceph/ceph.conf` to determine monitor addresses during startup.

### --mkfs

Initialize the `mon_data` directory with seed information to form and initial ceph file system or to join an existing monitor cluster. Three pieces of information must be provided:

- The cluster fsid. This can come from a monmap (`--monmap <path>`) or explicitly via `--fsid <uuid>`.
- A list of monitors and their addresses. This list of monitors can come from a monmap (`--monmap <path>`), the `mon` host configuration value (in *ceph.conf* or via `-m host1,host2,...`), or `mon_addr` lines in *ceph.conf*. If this monitor is to be part of the initial monitor quorum for a new Ceph cluster, then it must be included in the initial list, matching either the name or address of a monitor in the list. When matching by address, either the `public_addr` or `public_subnet` options may be used.
- The monitor secret key `mon..`. This must be included in the keyring provided via `--keyring <path>`.

### --keyring

Specify a keyring for use with --mkfs.

## AVAILABILITY

**ceph-mon** is part of Ceph, a massively scalable, open-source, distributed storage system. Please refer to the Ceph documentation at <http://ceph.com/docs> for more information.

## SEE ALSO

**ceph**(8), **ceph-mds**(8), **ceph-osd**(8)

