

# CEPH-DENCODER – CEPH ENCODER/DECODER UTILITY

## SYNOPSIS

**ceph-dencoder** [commands...]

## DESCRIPTION

**ceph-dencoder** is a utility to encode, decode, and dump ceph data structures. It is used for debugging and for testing inter-version compatibility.

**ceph-dencoder** takes a simple list of commands and performs them in order.

## COMMANDS

### version

Print the version string for the **ceph-dencoder** binary.

### import <file>

Read a binary blob of encoded data from the given file. It will be placed in an in-memory buffer.

### export <file>

Write the contents of the current in-memory buffer to the given file.

### list\_types

List the data types known to this build of **ceph-dencoder**.

### type <name>

Select the given type for future encode or decode operations.

### decode

Decode the contents of the in-memory buffer into an instance of the previously selected type. If there is an error, report it.

### encode

Encode the contents of the in-memory instance of the previously selected type to the in-memory buffer.

### dump\_json

Print a JSON-formatted description of the in-memory object.

### count\_tests

Print the number of built-in test instances of the previously selected type that **ceph-dencoder** is able to generate.

### select\_test <n>

Select the given build-in test instance as a the in-memory instance of the type.

### get\_features

Print the decimal value of the feature set supported by this version of **ceph-dencoder**. Each bit represents a feature. These correspond to CEPH\_FEATURE\_\* defines in src/include/ceph\_features.h.

### set\_features <f>

Set the feature bits provided to encode to *f*. This allows you to encode objects such that they can be understood by old versions of the software (for those types that support it).

## EXAMPLE

Say you want to examine an attribute on an object stored by ceph-osd. You can do:

```
$ cd /mnt/osd.12/current/2.b_head
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$ attr -l foo_bar_head_EFE6384B
Attribute "ceph.snapset" has a 31 byte value for foo_bar_head_EFE6384B
Attribute "ceph._" has a 195 byte value for foo_bar_head_EFE6384B
$ attr foo_bar_head_EFE6384B -g ceph._ -q > /tmp/a
$ ceph-dencoder type object_info_t import /tmp/a decode dump_json
{ "oid": { "oid": "foo",
  "key": "bar",
  "snapid": -2,
  "hash": 4024842315,
  "max": 0},
  "locator": { "pool": 2,
    "preferred": -1,
    "key": "bar"},
  "category": "",
  "version": "9'1",
  "prior_version": "0'0",
  "last_reqid": "client.4116.0:1",
  "size": 1681,
  "mtime": "2012-02-21 08:58:23.666639",
  "lost": 0,
  "wrlock_by": "unknown.0.0:0",
  "snaps": [],
  "truncate_seq": 0,
  "truncate_size": 0,
  "watchers": {}}
```

## AVAILABILITY

**ceph-dencoder** is part of the Ceph distributed file system. Please refer to the Ceph documentation at <http://ceph.com/docs> for more information.

## SEE ALSO

[ceph](#)(8)