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CLI commands

approvals

Manage exec approvals for the **local host**, **gateway host**, or a **node host**. By default, commands target the local approvals file on disk. Use `--gateway` to target the gateway, or `--node` to target a specific node.

Related:

Exec approvals: [Exec approvals](#)

Nodes: [Nodes](#)

Common commands

```
openclaw approvals get
openclaw approvals get --node <id|name|ip>
openclaw approvals get --gateway
```

Replace approvals from a file

```
openclaw approvals set --file ./exec-approvals.json
openclaw approvals set --node <id|name|ip> --file ./exec-approvals.json
openclaw approvals set --gateway --file ./exec-approvals.json
```

Allowlist helpers



```
openclaw approvals allowlist add "~/Projects/**/bin/rg"
openclaw approvals allowlist add --agent main --node <id|name|ip> "/usr/bin/uptime"
openclaw approvals allowlist add --agent "*" "/usr/bin/uname"

openclaw approvals allowlist remove "~/Projects/**/bin/rg"
```

Notes

`--node` uses the same resolver as `openclaw nodes` (`id`, `name`, `ip`, or `id prefix`).

`--agent` defaults to `"*"`, which applies to all agents.

The node host must advertise `system.execApprovals.get/set` (macOS app or headless node host).

Approvals files are stored per host at `~/.openclaw/exec-approvals.json`.

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