

Specify disks or partitions for use by MapR

The `disksetup` (`../ReferenceGuide/disksetup.html#disksetup`) script is used to format disks for use by the MapR cluster. Create a text file `/tmp/disks.txt` listing the disks and partitions for use by MapR on the node. Each line lists either a single disk or all applicable partitions on a single disk. When listing multiple partitions on a line, separate by spaces. For example:

```
/dev/sdb  
/dev/sdc1 /dev/sdc2 /dev/sdc4  
/dev/sdd
```

Later, when you run `disksetup` to format the disks, specify the `disks.txt` file. For example:

```
/opt/mapr/server/disksetup -F /tmp/disks.txt
```

Note: The script `disksetup` removes all data from the specified disks. Make sure you specify the disks correctly, and that any data you wish to keep has been backed up elsewhere.

If you are re-using a node that was used previously in another cluster, be sure to format the disks to remove any traces of data from the old cluster.

Note: Run `disksetup` (`../ReferenceGuide/disksetup.html#disksetup`) only after running `configure.sh` (`../ReferenceGuide/configure.sh.html#configure.sh`) .