feature enables the quick determination of updated data blocks without the need to scan the full RBD image. The complete delta between two snapshots must be synced prior to use during a failover scenario. Any partially applied set of deltas will be rolled back at the moment of failover.

Managing Replication

Image resynchronization

In case of an inconsistent state between the two peer clusters, the rbd-mirror daemon does not attempt to mirror the image that is causing the inconsistency, use rbd mirror image resync to resynchronize an image.

[ceph: root@node /]# rbd mirror image resync mypool/myimage

Enabling and disabling image mirroring

Use rbd mirror image enable or rbd mirror image disable to enable or disable mirroring on the whole pool in image mode on both peer storage clusters.

[ceph: root@node /]# rbd mirror image enable mypool/myimage

Using snapshot-based mirroring

To use the *snapshot-based mirroring* convert journal-based mirroring to snapshot-based mirroring by disabling mirroring and enabling snapshot.

[ceph: root@node /]# rbd mirror image disable mypool/myimage
Mirroring disabled

[ceph: root@node /]# rbd mirror image enable mypool/myimage snapshot
Mirroring enabled

Configuring RBD Mirroring

As a storage administrator, you can improve redundancy by mirroring data images between Red Hat Ceph Storage clusters. Ceph block device mirroring provides protection against data loss, such as a site failure.

To achieve RBD mirroring, and enable the rbd-mirror daemon to discover its peer cluster, you must have a registered peer and a created user account. Red Hat Ceph Storage 5 automates this process by using the rbd mirror pool peer bootstrap create command.



Important

Each instance of the rbd-mirror daemon must connect to both the local and remote Ceph clusters simultaneously. Also, the network must have sufficient bandwidth between the two data centers to handle the mirroring workload.

Configuring RBD Mirroring Step-by-Step

The rbd-mirror daemon does not require the source and destination clusters to have unique internal names; both can and should call themselves *ceph*. The rbd mirror pool peer bootstrap command utilizes the --site-name option to describe the clusters used by the rbd-mirror daemon.