# Amazon CloudWatch Command Line Reference API Version 2010-08-01



#### **Amazon CloudWatch: Command Line Reference**

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### Welcome

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## Amazon CloudWatch Command Line Interface Reference

AWS provides two sets of command line tools that each support CloudWatch. This section describes the CloudWatch command line interface (CLI).

As of November 7, 2017, we are no longer supporting this CloudWatch command line interface with new functionality and it is no longer available for download. We encourage customers to use the AWS Command Line Interface to control and automate CloudWatch on Windows, Mac, and Linux. We also offer the AWS Tools for Windows PowerShell if you prefer to script in the PowerShell environment.

#### **Commands**

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### mon-cmd

### Description

Lists all the other CloudWatch commands. For help on a specific command, use the following command:

commandname --help

### Syntax

mon-cmd

### Output

This command lists all of the Amazon CloudWatch commands in a table.

The Amazon CloudWatch CLI displays errors on stderr.

### **Examples**

### **Example Request**

This example lists all of the Amazon CloudWatch commands.

Command Name	Description
help	
mon-delete-alarms	Delete alarms.
mon-describe-alarm-history	Show the history of alarm transitions and actions taken
mon-describe-alarms	List alarms and show detailed alarm configuration.
mon-describe-alarms-for-metric	Show alarms for a given metric.
mon-disable-alarm-actions	Disable all actions for a given alarm.
mon-enable-alarm-actions	Enable all actions for a given alarm.
mon-get-stats	Get metric statistics.
mon-list-metrics	List user's metrics.
mon-put-data	Put metric data.
mon-put-metric-alarm	Create a new alarm or update an existing one.
mon-set-alarm-state	Manually set the state of an alarm.
mon-version	Prints the version of the CLI tool and API.

### **Related Topics**

#### **Download**

• Set Up the Command Line Interface (p. 2)

#### **Related Command**

• mon-version Command (p. 69)

### mon-delete-alarms

### Description

Deletes the specified alarms.

### **Syntax**

mon-delete-alarms [AlarmNames [AlarmNames ...]] [Common Options]

### **Options**

Name	Description
AlarmNames AlarmNames	The names of the alarms to delete, separated by a space. You can also set this value usingalarm-name.  Type: Argument  Valid values: The name of the alarm, which must between 1 and 255 characters in length.  Default: n/a  Required: Yes
-f,force	Deletes the alarms without prompting you for confirmation. By default, the mon-delete-alarms command prompts you for confirmation before deleting alarms.  Type: Flag  Valid values: n/a  Default: You are prompted before deleting each alarm.  Required: No

### **Common Options**

Name	Description
aws-credential-file VALUE	The location of the file with your AWS credentials. You can set this value using the environment variable AWS_CREDENTIAL_FILE. If you define the environment variable or you provide the path to the credential file, the file must exist or the request fails. All CloudWatch requests must be signed using your access key ID and secret access key.  Type: String
	Valid values: A valid path to a file containing your access key ID and secret access key.  Default: Uses the environment variable
	AWS_CREDENTIAL_FILE, if set.
-C,ec2-cert-file-path VALUE	The location of your EC2 certificate file for signing requests. You can use the environment variable EC2_CERT to specify this value.
	Type: String

Name	Description
	Valid values: A valid file path to the PEM file provided by Amazon EC2 or AWS Identity and Access Management.
	Default: Uses the environment variable EC2_CERT, if set.
connection-timeout VALUE	The connection timeout value, in seconds.
	Type: Integer
	Valid values: Any positive number.
	Default: 30
delimiter VALUE	The delimiter to use when displaying delimited (long) results.
	Type: String
	Valid values: Any string.
	Default: Comma (,)
headers	If you are displaying tabular or delimited results, include the column headers. If you are showing XML results, return the HTTP headers from the service request, if applicable.
	Type: Flag
	Valid values: When present, shows headers.
	Default: Theheaders option is off by default.
-I,access-key-id VALUE	The access key ID that will be used, in conjunction with the secret key, to sign the request. This must be used in conjunction withsecret-key, otherwise the option is ignored. All requests to CloudWatch must be signed, otherwise the request is rejected.
	Type: String
	Valid values: A valid access key ID.
	Default: None

Name	Description
-K,ec2-private-key-file-path VALUE	The private key that will be used to sign the request. Using public/private keys causes the CLI to use SOAP. The request is signed with a public certificate and private key. This parameter must be used in conjunction with EC2_CERT, otherwise the value is ignored. The value of the environment variable EC2_PRIVATE_KEY will be used if it is set, and this option is not specified. This option is ignored if the environment variable AWS_CREDENTIAL_FILE is set, oraws-credentials-file is used. All requests to CloudWatch must be signed, otherwise the request is rejected.  Type: String Valid values: The path to a valid ASN.1 private key. Default: None
region VALUE	The region requests are directed to. You can use the environment variable EC2_REGION to specify the value. The region is used to create the URL used to call CloudWatch, and must be a valid Amazon Web Services (AWS) region.  Type: String  Valid values: Any AWS region, for example, us-east-1.  Default: us-east-1, unless the EC2_REGION environment variable is set.
S,secret-key VALUE	The secret access key that will be used to sign the request, in conjunction with an access key ID. This parameter must be used in conjunction withaccess-key-id, otherwise this option is ignored.  Type: String  Valid values: Your access key ID.  Default: None
show-empty-fields	Shows empty fields using (nil) as a placeholder to indicate that this data was not requested.  Type: Flag  Valid values: None  Default: Empty fields are not shown by default.
show-request	Displays the URL the CLI uses to call AWS.  Type: Flag  Valid values: None  Default: false

Name	Description
show-table,show-long,show-xml,quiet	Specifies how the results are displayed: in a table, delimited (long), XML, or no output (quiet). Theshow-table display shows a subset of the data in fixed columnwidth form;show-long shows all of the returned values delimited by a character;show-xml is the raw return from the service; andquiet suppresses all standard output. All options are mutually exclusive, with the priorityshow-table,show-long,show-xml, andquiet.  Type: Flag  Valid values: None
	Default:show-table
-U,url VALUE	The URL used to contact CloudWatch. You can set this value using the environment variable AWS_CLOUDWATCH_URL. This value is used in conjunction withregion to create the expected URL. This option overrides the URL for the service call.
	Type: String
	Valid values: A valid HTTP or HTTPS URL.
	Default: Uses the value specified in AWS_CLOUDWATCH_URL, if set.

### Output

This command deletes an alarm.

The Amazon CloudWatch CLI displays errors on stderr.

### **Examples**

### **Example Request**

This example deletes the alarm named my-alarm.

mon-delete-alarms --alarm-name my-alarm

### **Example Request**

This example deletes multiple alarms.

mon-delete-alarms --alarm-name my-alarm1 my-alarm2 my-alarm3

### **Related Topics**

#### **Download**

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#### **Related Action**

DeleteAlarms

#### **Related Commands**

- mon-put-metric-alarm (p. 55)
- mon-disable-alarm-actions (p. 27)
- mon-enable-alarm-actions (p. 31)

### mon-describe-alarm-history

### Description

Retrieves the history for the specified alarm. You can filter alarms by date range or item type. If you don't specify an alarm name, Amazon CloudWatch returns histories for all of your alarms.

#### Note

Amazon CloudWatch retains the history of active and deleted alarms for two weeks.

### **Syntax**

mon-describe-alarm-history [AlarmNames [AlarmNames ...]] [--end-date value] [--history-item-type value] [--start-date value] [Common Options]

### **Options**

Name	Description
AlarmName AlarmNames	The names of the alarms, separated by spaces. If you don't specify an alarm name, this command returns the histories of all your alarms. You can also set this value using alarm-name.
	Type: Argument
	Valid values: Any string between 1 and 255 characters in length.
	Default: n/a
	Required: No
end-date VALUE	The end of the date range for history.
	Type: Date

Name	Description
	Valid values: Date in YYYY-MM-DD format.
	Default: The current date.
	Required: No
history-item-type VALUE	The type of history items to retrieve. By default, all types are returned.
	Type: Enumeration
	Valid values: ConfigurationUpdate, StateUpdate, or Action
	Default: All types are returned.
	Required: No
start-date VALUE	The start of the date range for history. By default it extends to all available history.
	Type: Date
	Valid values: Date in YYYY-MM-DD format.
	Default: All available history.
	Required: No

### **Common Options**

Name	Description
aws-credential-file VALUE	The location of the file with your AWS credentials. You can set this value using the environment variable AWS_CREDENTIAL_FILE. If you define the environment variable or you provide the path to the credential file, the file must exist or the request fails. All CloudWatch requests must be signed using your access key ID and secret access key.
	Type: String
	Valid values: A valid path to a file containing your access key ID and secret access key.
	Default: Uses the environment variable AWS_CREDENTIAL_FILE, if set.
-C,ec2-cert-file-path VALUE	The location of your EC2 certificate file for signing requests. You can use the environment variable EC2_CERT to specify this value.
	Type: String
	Valid values: A valid file path to the PEM file provided by Amazon EC2 or AWS Identity and Access Management.

Name	Description
	Default: Uses the environment variable EC2_CERT, if set.
connection-timeout VALUE	The connection timeout value, in seconds.
	Type: Integer
	Valid values: Any positive number.
	Default: 30
delimiter VALUE	The delimiter to use when displaying delimited (long) results.
	Type: String
	Valid values: Any string.
	Default: Comma (,)
headers	If you are displaying tabular or delimited results, include the column headers. If you are showing XML results, return the HTTP headers from the service request, if applicable.
	Type: Flag
	Valid values: When present, shows headers.
	Default: Theheaders option is off by default.
-I,access-key-id VALUE	The access key ID that will be used, in conjunction with the secret key, to sign the request. This must be used in conjunction withsecret-key, otherwise the option is ignored. All requests to CloudWatch must be signed, otherwise the request is rejected.
	Type: String
	Valid values: A valid access key ID.
	Default: None
-K,ec2-private-key-file-path VALUE	The private key that will be used to sign the request. Using public/private keys causes the CLI to use SOAP. The request is signed with a public certificate and private key. This parameter must be used in conjunction with EC2_CERT, otherwise the value is ignored. The value of the environment variable EC2_PRIVATE_KEY will be used if it is set, and this option is not specified. This option is ignored if the environment variable AWS_CREDENTIAL_FILE is set, oraws-credentials-file is used. All requests to CloudWatch must be signed, otherwise the request is rejected.
	Type: String
	Valid values: The path to a valid ASN.1 private key.
	,

Name	Description
region VALUE	The region requests are directed to. You can use the environment variable EC2_REGION to specify the value. The region is used to create the URL used to call CloudWatch, and must be a valid Amazon Web Services (AWS) region.  Type: String  Valid values: Any AWS region, for example, us-east-1.  Default: us-east-1, unless the EC2_REGION environment variable is set.
S,secret-key VALUE	The secret access key that will be used to sign the request, in conjunction with an access key ID. This parameter must be used in conjunction withaccess-key-id, otherwise this option is ignored.  Type: String  Valid values: Your access key ID.  Default: None
show-empty-fields	Shows empty fields using (nil) as a placeholder to indicate that this data was not requested.  Type: Flag  Valid values: None  Default: Empty fields are not shown by default.
show-request	Displays the URL the CLI uses to call AWS.  Type: Flag  Valid values: None  Default: false
show-table,show-long,show-xml,quiet	Specifies how the results are displayed: in a table, delimited (long), XML, or no output (quiet). Theshow-table display shows a subset of the data in fixed columnwidth form;show-long shows all of the returned values delimited by a character;show-xml is the raw return from the service; andquiet suppresses all standard output. All options are mutually exclusive, with the priorityshow-table,show-long,show-xml, andquiet.  Type: Flag  Valid values: None  Default:show-table

Name	Description
-U,url VALUE	The URL used to contact CloudWatch. You can set this value using the environment variable AWS_CLOUDWATCH_URL. This value is used in conjunction withregion to create the expected URL. This option overrides the URL for the service call.
	Type: String
	Valid values: A valid HTTP or HTTPS URL.
	Default: Uses the value specified in AWS_CLOUDWATCH_URL, if set.

### Output

This command returns a table that contains the following:

- · ALARM The alarm name.
- TIMESTAMP The timestamp.
- TYPE The type of event, one of ConfigurationUpdate, StateUpdate and Action.
- SUMMARY A human-readable summary of history event.
- DATA Detailed data about the event in machine-readable JSON format. This column appears only in the --show-long view.

The Amazon CloudWatch CLI displays errors on stderr.

### **Examples**

### **Example Request**

This example describes all history items for the alarm my-alarm.

```
mon-describe-alarm-history--alarm-name my-alarm --headers
```

This is an example output of this command.

```
ALARM TIMESTAMP TYPE SUMMARY

my-alarm 2013-05-07T18:46:16.121Z Action Published a notification to

arn:aws:sns:...

my-alarm 2013-05-07T18:46:16.118Z StateUpdate Alarm updated from

INSUFFICIENT_DATA to OK

my-alarm 2013-05-07T18:46:07.362Z ConfigurationUpdate Alarm "my-alarm" created
```

### **Related Topics**

#### Download

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#### **Related Action**

DescribeAlarmHistory

#### **Related Commands**

- mon-describe-alarms (p. 14)
- mon-describe-alarms-for-metric (p. 19)

### mon-describe-alarms

### Description

Gets information on the specified alarms. If you don't specify an alarm name, this command returns information about all of your alarms. You can retrieve alarms by using only the alarm name prefix, the alarm state, or an action prefix.

### **Syntax**

mon-describe-alarms [AlarmNames [AlarmNames ...]] [--action-prefix value] [--alarm-name-prefix value] [--state-value value] [Common Options]

### **Options**

Name	Description
AlarmNames AlarmNames	The names of the alarms. You can also set this value usingalarm-name. You can specify this option multiple times.
	Type: Argument
	Valid values: An existing alarm name, otherwise no response is returned.
	Default: n/a, displays all alarms by default.
	Required: No
action-prefix VALUE	Prefix of action names.
	Type: Argument
	Valid values: The prefix of an existing action name, in ARN format.
	Default: n/a, display the first action by default.
	Required: No
alarm-name-prefix VALUE	Prefix of alarm names.
	Type: Argument

Name	Description
	Valid values: The prefix of an existing alarm name.
	Default: n/a
	Required: No
state-value VALUE	The state of the alarm.
	Type: Enumeration
	Valid values: OK, ALARM, or INSUFFICIENT_DATA
	Default: All alarm states.
	Required: No

### **Common Options**

Name	Description
aws-credential-file VALUE	The location of the file with your AWS credentials. You can set this value using the environment variable AWS_CREDENTIAL_FILE. If you define the environment variable or you provide the path to the credential file, the file must exist or the request fails. All CloudWatch requests must be signed using your access key ID and secret access key.
	Type: String
	Valid values: A valid path to a file containing your access key ID and secret access key.
	Default: Uses the environment variable AWS_CREDENTIAL_FILE, if set.
-C,ec2-cert-file-path VALUE	The location of your EC2 certificate file for signing requests. You can use the environment variable EC2_CERT to specify this value.
	Type: String
	Valid values: A valid file path to the PEM file provided by Amazon EC2 or AWS Identity and Access Management.
	Default: Uses the environment variable EC2_CERT, if set.
connection-timeout VALUE	The connection timeout value, in seconds.
	Type: Integer
	Valid values: Any positive number.
	Default: 30

Name	Description
delimiter VALUE	The delimiter to use when displaying delimited (long) results.
	Type: String
	Valid values: Any string.
	Default: Comma (,)
headers	If you are displaying tabular or delimited results, include the column headers. If you are showing XML results, return the HTTP headers from the service request, if applicable.
	Type: Flag
	Valid values: When present, shows headers.
	Default: Theheaders option is off by default.
-I,access-key-id VALUE	The access key ID that will be used, in conjunction with the secret key, to sign the request. This must be used in conjunction withsecret-key, otherwise the option is ignored. All requests to CloudWatch must be signed, otherwise the request is rejected.
	Type: String
	Valid values: A valid access key ID.
	Default: None
-K,ec2-private-key-file-path VALUE	The private key that will be used to sign the request. Using public/private keys causes the CLI to use SOAP. The request is signed with a public certificate and private key. This parameter must be used in conjunction with EC2_CERT, otherwise the value is ignored. The value of the environment variable EC2_PRIVATE_KEY will be used if it is set, and this option is not specified. This option is ignored if the environment variable AWS_CREDENTIAL_FILE is set, oraws-credentials-file is used. All requests to CloudWatch must be signed, otherwise the request is rejected.
	Type: String
	Valid values: The path to a valid ASN.1 private key.
	Default: None

Name	Description
region VALUE	The region requests are directed to. You can use the environment variable EC2_REGION to specify the value. The region is used to create the URL used to call CloudWatch, and must be a valid Amazon Web Services (AWS) region.  Type: String  Valid values: Any AWS region, for example, us-east-1.  Default: us-east-1, unless the EC2_REGION environment variable is set.
S,secret-key VALUE	The secret access key that will be used to sign the request, in conjunction with an access key ID. This parameter must be used in conjunction withaccess-key-id, otherwise this option is ignored.  Type: String  Valid values: Your access key ID.  Default: None
show-empty-fields	Shows empty fields using (nil) as a placeholder to indicate that this data was not requested.  Type: Flag  Valid values: None  Default: Empty fields are not shown by default.
show-request	Displays the URL the CLI uses to call AWS.  Type: Flag  Valid values: None  Default: false
show-table,show-long,show-xml,quiet	Specifies how the results are displayed: in a table, delimited (long), XML, or no output (quiet). Theshow-table display shows a subset of the data in fixed column-width form;show-long shows all of the returned values delimited by a character;show-xml is the raw return from the service; andquiet suppresses all standard output. All options are mutually exclusive, with the priorityshow-table,show-long,show-xml, andquiet.  Type: Flag  Valid values: None  Default:show-table

#### Amazon CloudWatch Command Line Reference Output

Name	Description
-U,url VALUE	The URL used to contact CloudWatch. You can set this value using the environment variable AWS_CLOUDWATCH_URL. This value is used in conjunction withregion to create the expected URL. This option overrides the URL for the service call.
	Type: String
	Valid values: A valid HTTP or HTTPS URL.
	Default: Uses the value specified in AWS_CLOUDWATCH_URL, if set.

### Output

This command returns a table that contains the following:

- · ALARM Alarm name.
- DESCRIPTION The alarm description. This column appears only in the --show-long view.
- STATE The alarm state.
- STATE\_REASON A human-readable reason for state. This column appears only in the --show-long view.
- STATE\_REASON\_DATA A machine-readable reason for state (JSON format). This column appears only in the --show-long view.
- ENABLED Enables or disables actions. This column appears only in the --show-long view.
- OK\_ACTIONS The action to execute on OK status. This column appears only in the --show-long view.
- ALARM\_ACTIONS The action to execute on ALARM status.
- INSUFFICIENT\_DATA\_ACTIONS The action to execute on INSUFFICIENT\_DATA status. This column appears only in the --show-long view.
- NAMESPACE A namespace for the metric.
- METRIC\_NAME The name of the metric.
- DIMENSIONS The metric dimensions. This column appears only in the --show-long view.
- PERIOD The period.
- STATISTIC The statistic (Average, Minimum, Maximum, Sum, SampleCount).
- EXTENDEDSTATISTIC The percentile statistic.
- UNIT The unit. This column appears only in the --show-long view.
- EVAL\_PERIODS The number of periods to evaluate the metric.
- COMPARISON The comparison operator.
- · THRESHOLD The threshold.

The Amazon CloudWatch CLI displays errors on stderr.

### Examples

### **Example Request**

This example describes all of your alarms whose name starts with my-alarm.

#### Amazon CloudWatch Command Line Reference Related Topics

```
mon-describe-alarms --alarm-name-prefix my-alarm --headers
```

This is an example output of this command.

ALARM	STATE	ALARM_ACTIONS	NAMESPACE	METRIC_NAME	PERIOD	STATISTIC	EVAL_PERIODS
COMPARISO		THRESHOL					
'		arn:aws:sns:	AWS/EC2	CPUUtilization	60	Average	3
		shold 100.0 arn:aws:sns:	AUC/ECO	CPUUtilization	60	Arrowago	_
'		hold 800.0	AWS/EC2	CPUUCIIIZacion	60	Average	5
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### **Related Topics**

#### **Download**

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#### **Related Action**

DescribeAlarms

#### **Related Commands**

- mon-describe-alarm-history (p. 9)
- mon-describe-alarms-for-metric (p. 19)

### mon-describe-alarms-for-metric

### Description

Gets information about the alarms associated with the specified metric.

### **Syntax**

```
mon-describe-alarms-for-metric --metric-name value --namespace value [--dimensions "key1=value1, key2=value2..."] [--period value] [--statistic value] [--extendedstatistic value] [--unit value] [Common Options]
```

### **Options**

Name	Description
dimensions - "key1=value1,key2=value2	The dimensions associated with the metric. You can specify dimensions two ways and the formats can be combined or used interchangeably:
	One option per dimension:dimensions "key1=value1"dimensions "key2=value2"

Name	Description
	All in one option:dimensions     "key1=value1,key2=value2"
	Type: Map
	Valid values: A string of the format name=value, where the key is the name of the dimension, and the value is the dimension's value. The dimension names, and values must be an ANSI string between 1 and 250 characters long. A maximum of 10 dimensions are allowed.
	Default: n/a
	Required: No
metric-name VALUE	The name of the metric whose associated alarms you want to search for.
	Type: Argument
	Valid values: A valid metric name between 1 and 255 characters in length.
	Default: n/a
	Required: Yes
namespace VALUE	The namespace of the metric associated with the alarm. For more information about namespaces, see AWS Namespaces.
	Type: String
	Valid values: A valid namespace between 1 and 250 characters in length.
	Default: n/a
	Required: Yes
period VALUE	The period to filter the alarms by. Only alarms that evaluate metrics at this period will be included in the results. If this isn't specified alarms on any period will be included.
	Type: Argument
	Valid values: A number, in seconds that is a multiple of 60 seconds.
	Default: n/a
	Required: No

Name	Description
statistic VALUE	The statistic to filter alarms by. Only alarms on the specified statistic will be included. If this parameter isn't specified, alarms on any statistic are included.
	Type: Enumeration
	Valid values: SampleCount, Average, Sum, Minimum or Maximum
	Default: n/a
	Required: No
extendedstatistic VALUE	The percentile statistic to filter alarms by. Only alarms on the specified statistic are included. If this parameter isn't specified, alarms on any statistic are included.
	Type: String
	Valid values: Any percentile, with up to two decimal places (for example, p95.45).
	Default: n/a
	Required: No

Name	Description
unit VALUE	The unit to filter the alarms by. Only alarms on the specified statistics will be included. If this isn't specified than alarms on any units will be included. If the alarm doesn't have a unit specified than the only way to search for the alarm is to omit this option.
	Type: Enumeration
	Valid values: One of the following:
	<ul> <li>Seconds</li> <li>Microseconds</li> <li>Milliseconds</li> <li>Bytes</li> <li>Kilobytes</li> <li>Megabytes</li> <li>Gigabytes</li> <li>Terabytes</li> <li>Bits</li> <li>Kilobits</li> <li>Megabits</li> <li>Gigabits</li> <li>Terabits</li> <li>Percent</li> <li>Count</li> <li>Bytes/Second</li> <li>Kilobytes/Second</li> <li>Megabytes/Second</li> <li>Gigabytes/Second</li> <li>Terabytes/Second</li> <li>Bits/Second</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Kilobits/Second</li> <li>Megabits/Second</li> <li>Gigabits/Second</li> <li>Terabits/Second</li> <li>Count/Second</li> <li>None</li> </ul>
	Default: n/a
	Required: No

### **Common Options**

Name	Description
aws-credential-file VALUE	The location of the file with your AWS credentials. You can set this value using the environment variable AWS_CREDENTIAL_FILE. If you define the environment variable or you provide the path to the credential file, the file must exist or the request fails. All CloudWatch requests must be signed using your access key ID and secret access key.  Type: String  Valid values: A valid path to a file containing your access key ID and secret access key.  Default: Uses the environment variable AWS_CREDENTIAL_FILE, if set.
-C,ec2-cert-file-path VALUE	The location of your EC2 certificate file for signing requests. You can use the environment variable EC2_CERT to specify this value.  Type: String  Valid values: A valid file path to the PEM file provided by Amazon EC2 or AWS Identity and Access Management.  Default: Uses the environment variable EC2_CERT, if set.
connection-timeout VALUE	The connection timeout value, in seconds.
	Type: Integer
	Valid values: Any positive number.
	Default: 30
delimiter VALUE	The delimiter to use when displaying delimited (long) results.  Type: String
	Valid values: Any string.
	Default: Comma (,)
headers	If you are displaying tabular or delimited results, include the column headers. If you are showing XML results, return the HTTP headers from the service request, if applicable.
	Type: Flag
	Valid values: When present, shows headers.
	Default: Theheaders option is off by default.

Name	Description
-I,access-key-id VALUE	The access key ID that will be used, in conjunction with the secret key, to sign the request. This must be used in conjunction withsecret-key, otherwise the option is ignored. All requests to CloudWatch must be signed, otherwise the request is rejected.
	Type: String
	Valid values: A valid access key ID.
	Default: None
-K,ec2-private-key-file-path VALUE	The private key that will be used to sign the request.  Using public/private keys causes the CLI to use SOAP.  The request is signed with a public certificate and private key. This parameter must be used in conjunction with EC2_CERT, otherwise the value is ignored. The value of the environment variable EC2_PRIVATE_KEY will be used if it is set, and this option is not specified.  This option is ignored if the environment variable AWS_CREDENTIAL_FILE is set, oraws-credentials-file is used. All requests to CloudWatch must be signed, otherwise the request is rejected.  Type: String
	,,
	Valid values: The path to a valid ASN.1 private key.
	Default: None
region VALUE	The region requests are directed to. You can use the environment variable EC2_REGION to specify the value. The region is used to create the URL used to call CloudWatch, and must be a valid Amazon Web Services (AWS) region.
	Type: String
	Valid values: Any AWS region, for example, us-east-1.
	Default: us-east-1, unless the EC2_REGION environment variable is set.
S,secret-key VALUE	The secret access key that will be used to sign the request, in conjunction with an access key ID. This parameter must be used in conjunction with <code>access-key-id</code> , otherwise this option is ignored.
	Type: String
	Valid values: Your access key ID.
	Default: None

Name	Description
show-empty-fields	Shows empty fields using (nil) as a placeholder to indicate that this data was not requested.
	Type: Flag
	Valid values: None
	Default: Empty fields are not shown by default.
show-request	Displays the URL the CLI uses to call AWS.
	Type: Flag
	Valid values: None
	Default: false
show-table,show-long,show-xml,quiet	Specifies how the results are displayed: in a table, delimited (long), XML, or no output (quiet). Theshow-table display shows a subset of the data in fixed column-width form;show-long shows all of the returned values delimited by a character;show-xml is the raw return from the service; andquiet suppresses all standard output. All options are mutually exclusive, with the priorityshow-table,show-long,show-xml, andquiet.  Type: Flag  Valid values: None  Default:show-table
-U,url VALUE	The URL used to contact CloudWatch. You can set this value using the environment variable AWS_CLOUDWATCH_URL. This value is used in conjunction withregion to create the expected URL. This option overrides the URL for the service call.  Type: String  Valid values: A valid HTTP or HTTPS URL.  Default: Uses the value specified in AWS_CLOUDWATCH_URL, if set.

### Output

This command returns a table that contains the following:

- ALARM Alarm name.
- DESCRIPTION The alarm description. This column appears only in the --show-long view.
- STATE The alarm state.
- STATE\_REASON A human-readable reason for state. This column appears only in the --show-long view.

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- STATE\_REASON\_DATA A machine-readable reason for state (JSON format). This column appears only in the --show-long view.
- ENABLED Enables or disables actions. This column appears only in the --show-long view.
- OK\_ACTIONS The action to execute on OK status. This column appears only in the --show-long view.
- ALARM ACTIONS The action to execute on ALARM status.
- INSUFFICIENT\_DATA\_ACTIONS The action to execute on INSUFFICIENT\_DATA status. This column appears only in the --show-long view.
- NAMESPACE A namespace for the metric.
- METRIC\_NAME The name of the metric.
- DIMENSIONS The metric dimensions. This column appears only in the --show-long view.
- PERIOD The period.
- STATISTIC The statistic (Average, Minimum, Maximum, Sum, SampleCount).
- EXTENDEDSTATISTIC The percentile statistic.
- UNIT The unit. This column appears only in the --show-long view.
- EVAL\_PERIODS The number of periods to evaluate the metric.
- COMPARISON The comparison operator.
- · THRESHOLD The threshold.

The Amazon CloudWatch CLI displays errors on stderr.

### **Examples**

#### **Example Request**

This example describes an alarm for a given metric.

mon-describe-alarms-for-metric--metric-name CPUUtilization --namespace AWS/EC2 --dimensions InstanceId=i-abcdef

This is an example output of this command.

ALARM STATE ALARM\_ACTIONS NAMESPACE METRIC\_NAME PERIOD STATISTIC EVAL\_PERIODS

COMPARISON THRESHOLD

my-alarm1 OK arn:aws:sns:.. AWS/EC2 CPUUtilization 60 Average 3

GreaterThanThreshold 100.0

my-alarm2 OK arn:aws:sns:.. AWS/EC2 CPUUtilization 60 Average 5

GreaterThanThreshold 80.0

### **Related Topics**

#### Download

• Set Up the Command Line Interface (p. 2)

#### **Related Action**

DescribeAlarmForMetric

#### **Related Commands**

- mon-describe-alarm-history (p. 9)
- mon-describe-alarms (p. 14)

### mon-disable-alarm-actions

### Description

Disables all actions for the specified alarms.

### **Syntax**

mon-disable-alarm-actions [AlarmNames [AlarmNames ...]] [Common Options]

### **Options**

Name	Description
AlarmNames AlarmNames	The names of the alarms. You can also set this value usingalarm-name.
	Type: Argument
	Valid values: A valid list of alarm names.
	Default: n/a
	Required: Yes

### **Common Options**

Name	Description
aws-credential-file VALUE	The location of the file with your AWS credentials. You can set this value using the environment variable AWS_CREDENTIAL_FILE. If you define the environment variable or you provide the path to the credential file, the file must exist or the request fails. All CloudWatch requests must be signed using your access key ID and secret access key.
	Type: String
	Valid values: A valid path to a file containing your access key ID and secret access key.
	Default: Uses the environment variable AWS_CREDENTIAL_FILE, if set.

Name	Description
-C,ec2-cert-file-path VALUE	The location of your EC2 certificate file for signing requests. You can use the environment variable EC2_CERT to specify this value.
	Type: String
	Valid values: A valid file path to the PEM file provided by Amazon EC2 or AWS Identity and Access Management.
	Default: Uses the environment variable EC2_CERT, if set.
connection-timeout VALUE	The connection timeout value, in seconds.
	Type: Integer
	Valid values: Any positive number.
	Default: 30
delimiter VALUE	The delimiter to use when displaying delimited (long) results.
	Type: String
	Valid values: Any string.
	Default: Comma (,)
headers	If you are displaying tabular or delimited results, include the column headers. If you are showing XML results, return the HTTP headers from the service request, if applicable.
	Type: Flag
	Valid values: When present, shows headers.
	Default: Theheaders option is off by default.
-I,access-key-id VALUE	The access key ID that will be used, in conjunction with the secret key, to sign the request. This must be used in conjunction withsecret-key, otherwise the option is ignored. All requests to CloudWatch must be signed, otherwise the request is rejected.
	Type: String
	Valid values: A valid access key ID.
	Default: None

Name	Description
-K,ec2-private-key-file-path VALUE	The private key that will be used to sign the request. Using public/private keys causes the CLI to use SOAP. The request is signed with a public certificate and private key. This parameter must be used in conjunction with EC2_CERT, otherwise the value is ignored. The value of the environment variable EC2_PRIVATE_KEY will be used if it is set, and this option is not specified. This option is ignored if the environment variable AWS_CREDENTIAL_FILE is set, oraws-credentials-file is used. All requests to CloudWatch must be signed, otherwise the request is rejected.  Type: String Valid values: The path to a valid ASN.1 private key. Default: None
region VALUE	The region requests are directed to. You can use the environment variable EC2_REGION to specify the value. The region is used to create the URL used to call CloudWatch, and must be a valid Amazon Web Services (AWS) region.  Type: String  Valid values: Any AWS region, for example, us-east-1.  Default: us-east-1, unless the EC2_REGION environment variable is set.
S,secret-key VALUE	The secret access key that will be used to sign the request, in conjunction with an access key ID. This parameter must be used in conjunction withaccess-key-id, otherwise this option is ignored.  Type: String  Valid values: Your access key ID.  Default: None
show-empty-fields	Shows empty fields using (nil) as a placeholder to indicate that this data was not requested.  Type: Flag  Valid values: None  Default: Empty fields are not shown by default.
show-request	Displays the URL the CLI uses to call AWS.  Type: Flag  Valid values: None  Default: false

Name	Description
show-table,show-long,show-xml,quiet	Specifies how the results are displayed: in a table, delimited (long), XML, or no output (quiet). Theshow-table display shows a subset of the data in fixed columnwidth form;show-long shows all of the returned values delimited by a character;show-xml is the raw return from the service; andquiet suppresses all standard output. All options are mutually exclusive, with the priorityshow-table,show-long,show-xml, andquiet.
	Type: Flag
	Valid values: None
	Default:show-table
-U,url VALUE	The URL used to contact CloudWatch. You can set this value using the environment variable AWS_CLOUDWATCH_URL. This value is used in conjunction withregion to create the expected URL. This option overrides the URL for the service call.
	Type: String
	Valid values: A valid HTTP or HTTPS URL.
	Default: Uses the value specified in AWS_CLOUDWATCH_URL, if set.

### Output

This command disables alarm actions for the specified alarms.

The Amazon CloudWatch CLI displays errors on stderr.

### **Examples**

### **Example Request**

This example disables all actions for an alarm called my-alarm.

mon-disable-alarm-actions --alarm-name my-alarm

### **Related Topics**

#### **Download**

• Set Up the Command Line Interface (p. 2)

#### **Related Action**

• DisableAlarmActions

#### **Related Commands**

- mon-enable-alarm-actions (p. 31)
- mon-delete-alarms (p. 4)

### mon-enable-alarm-actions

### Description

Enables all actions for the specified alarms.

### **Syntax**

mon-enable-alarm-actions [AlarmNames [AlarmNames ...]] [Common Options]

### **Options**

Name	Description
AlarmNames AlarmNames	The names of the alarms. You can also set this value usingalarm-name.
	Type: Argument
	Valid values: A valid list of alarm names.
	Default: n/a
	Required: Yes

### **Common Options**

Name	Description
aws-credential-file VALUE	The location of the file with your AWS credentials. You can set this value using the environment variable AWS_CREDENTIAL_FILE. If you define the environment variable or you provide the path to the credential file, the file must exist or the request fails. All CloudWatch requests must be signed using your access key ID and secret access key.
	Type: String
	Valid values: A valid path to a file containing your access key ID and secret access key.
	Default: Uses the environment variable AWS_CREDENTIAL_FILE, if set.

Name	Description
-C,ec2-cert-file-path VALUE	The location of your EC2 certificate file for signing requests. You can use the environment variable EC2_CERT to specify this value.
	Type: String
	Valid values: A valid file path to the PEM file provided by Amazon EC2 or AWS Identity and Access Management.
	Default: Uses the environment variable EC2_CERT, if set.
connection-timeout VALUE	The connection timeout value, in seconds.
	Type: Integer
	Valid values: Any positive number.
	Default: 30
delimiter VALUE	The delimiter to use when displaying delimited (long) results.
	Type: String
	Valid values: Any string.
	Default: Comma (,)
headers	If you are displaying tabular or delimited results, include the column headers. If you are showing XML results, return the HTTP headers from the service request, if applicable.
	Type: Flag
	Valid values: When present, shows headers.
	Default: Theheaders option is off by default.
-I,access-key-id VALUE	The access key ID that will be used, in conjunction with the secret key, to sign the request. This must be used in conjunction withsecret-key, otherwise the option is ignored. All requests to CloudWatch must be signed, otherwise the request is rejected.
	Type: String
	Valid values: A valid access key ID.
	Default: None

Name	Description
-K,ec2-private-key-file-path VALUE	The private key that will be used to sign the request. Using public/private keys causes the CLI to use SOAP. The request is signed with a public certificate and private key. This parameter must be used in conjunction with EC2_CERT, otherwise the value is ignored. The value of the environment variable EC2_PRIVATE_KEY will be used if it is set, and this option is not specified. This option is ignored if the environment variable AWS_CREDENTIAL_FILE is set, oraws-credentials-file is used. All requests to CloudWatch must be signed, otherwise the request is rejected.  Type: String Valid values: The path to a valid ASN.1 private key. Default: None
region VALUE	The region requests are directed to. You can use the environment variable EC2_REGION to specify the value. The region is used to create the URL used to call CloudWatch, and must be a valid Amazon Web Services (AWS) region.  Type: String  Valid values: Any AWS region, for example, us-east-1.  Default: us-east-1, unless the EC2_REGION environment variable is set.
S,secret-key VALUE	The secret access key that will be used to sign the request, in conjunction with an access key ID. This parameter must be used in conjunction withaccess-key-id, otherwise this option is ignored.  Type: String  Valid values: Your access key ID.  Default: None
show-empty-fields	Shows empty fields using (nil) as a placeholder to indicate that this data was not requested.  Type: Flag  Valid values: None  Default: Empty fields are not shown by default.
show-request	Displays the URL the CLI uses to call AWS.  Type: Flag  Valid values: None  Default: false

Name	Description
show-table,show-long,show-xml,quiet	Specifies how the results are displayed: in a table, delimited (long), XML, or no output (quiet). Theshow-table display shows a subset of the data in fixed columnwidth form;show-long shows all of the returned values delimited by a character;show-xml is the raw return from the service; andquiet suppresses all standard output. All options are mutually exclusive, with the priorityshow-table,show-long,show-xml, andquiet.  Type: Flag  Valid values: None
	Default:show-table
-U,url VALUE	The URL used to contact CloudWatch. You can set this value using the environment variable AWS_CLOUDWATCH_URL. This value is used in conjunction withregion to create the expected URL. This option overrides the URL for the service call.
	Type: String
	Valid values: A valid HTTP or HTTPS URL.
	Default: Uses the value specified in AWS_CLOUDWATCH_URL, if set.

## Output

This command enables alarm actions for the specified alarms.

The Amazon CloudWatch CLI displays errors on stderr.

## **Examples**

### **Example Request**

This example enables all actions for the alarm named my-alarm.

mon-enable-alarm-actions --alarm-name my-alarm

## **Related Topics**

### **Download**

• Set Up the Command Line Interface (p. 2)

### **Related Action**

• EnableAlarmActions

#### **Related Commands**

- mon-disable-alarm-actions (p. 27)
- mon-delete-alarms (p. 4)

## mon-get-stats

## Description

Gets time-series data for the specified statistics.

#### Note

When you create a new metric using the mon-put-data command, it can take up to two minutes before you can retrieve statistics on the new metric using the mon-get-stats command. However, it can take up to fifteen minutes before the new metric appears in the list of metrics retrieved using the mon-list-metrics command.

## **Syntax**

```
mon-get-stats MetricName --namespace value --statistics value[,value...] [--dimensions "key1=value1,key2=value2..."] [--end-time value] [--period value] [--start-time value] [--unit value] [Common Options]
```

## **Options**

Name	Description
MetricName	The name of the metric. You can also set this value using metric-name.
	Type: Argument
	Valid values: Any valid metric name between 1 and 255 characters.
	Default: n/a
	Required: Yes
dimensions "key1=value1,key2=value2"	The dimensions of the metric. You can specify dimensions two ways and the formats can be combined or used interchangeably:
	One option per dimension:dimensions "key1=value1" dimensions "key2=value2"
	All in one option:dimensions     "key1=value1,key2=value2"
	Type: Map
	Valid values: A string of the format name=value, where the key is the name of the dimension, and the value is the dimension's value. The dimension names, and values must

Name	Description
	be an ANSI string between 1 and 250 characters long. A maximum of 10 dimensions are allowed.
	Default: n/a
	Required: No
end-time VALUE	The latest allowed timestamp for returned data points. The ending time is exclusive. Timestamps are specified using ISO8601 combined format. For example the date and time July 30th, 2013 at 12:30:00 PST would be represented as 2013-07-30T12:30:00-07:00, or in UTC: 2013-07-30T19:30:00Z. The highest resolution that can be returned by CloudWatch is 1 minute, as such all timestamps are rounded down to the nearest minute.
	Type: Argument
	Valid values: A valid timestamp represented in ISO8601 format with time zone offset, or UTC indicator.
	Default: The current date/time.
	Required: No
-n,namespace VALUE	The namespace of the metric. For more information about namespaces, see AWS Namespaces.
	Type: String
	Valid values: A valid namespace between 1 and 250 characters in length.
	Default: n/a
	Required: Yes
period VALUE	The granularity, in seconds, to retrieve statistics for. The period must be at least 60 seconds and must be a multiple of 60.
	Type: Argument
	Valid values: A number, in seconds that is a multiple of 60 seconds.
	Default: 60 seconds.
	Required: No
-s,statistics VALUE1, VALUE2, VALUE3	The statistics to be returned for the specified metric.
VALUEL, VALUEZ, VALUES	Type: Enumeration
	Valid values: Average, Sum, Maximum, or Minimum
	Default: n/a
	Required: Yes

Name	Description
start-time VALUE	The first allowed timestamp for returned data points. The starting time is inclusive. Timestamps are specified using ISO8601 combined format. For example the date and time July 30th, 2013 at 12:30:00 PST would be represented as 2013-07-30T12:30:00-07:00, or in UTC: 2013-07-30T19:30:00Z. The highest resolution that can be returned by CloudWatch is 1 minute, as such all timestamps are rounded down to the nearest minute.  Type: Argument
	Valid values: A valid timestamp represented in ISO8601 format with time zone offset, or UTC indicator.  Default: One hour before the current time.
	Required: No

Name	Description
unit VALUE	The unit to retrieve the metrics for. Metrics may be reported in multiple units, this retrieve a specific unit for a given metric. Not requesting a unit will result in all units being returned. If the metric is only ever reported with one unit this will have no effect.
	Type: Enumeration
	Valid values: One of the following:
	<ul> <li>Seconds</li> <li>Microseconds</li> <li>Milliseconds</li> <li>Bytes</li> <li>Kilobytes</li> <li>Megabytes</li> <li>Gigabytes</li> <li>Terabytes</li> <li>Bits</li> <li>Kilobits</li> <li>Megabits</li> <li>Gigabits</li> <li>Terabits</li> <li>Percent</li> <li>Count</li> <li>Bytes/Second</li> <li>Kilobytes/Second</li> <li>Megabytes/Second</li> <li>Gigabytes/Second</li> <li>Terabytes/Second</li> <li>Terabytes/Second</li> <li>Kilobits/Second</li> <li>Kilobits/Second</li> <li>Kilobits/Second</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Megabits/Second</li> <li>Gigabits/Second</li> <li>Terabits/Second</li> <li>Count/Second</li> <li>None</li> </ul>
	Default: n/a
	Required: No

## **Common Options**

Name	Description
aws-credential-file VALUE	The location of the file with your AWS credentials. You can set this value using the environment variable AWS_CREDENTIAL_FILE. If you define the environment variable or you provide the path to the credential file, the file must exist or the request fails. All CloudWatch requests must be signed using your access key ID and secret access key.  Type: String
	Valid values: A valid path to a file containing your access key ID and secret access key.
	Default: Uses the environment variable AWS_CREDENTIAL_FILE, if set.
-C,ec2-cert-file-path VALUE	The location of your EC2 certificate file for signing requests. You can use the environment variable EC2_CERT to specify this value.
	Type: String
	Valid values: A valid file path to the PEM file provided by Amazon EC2 or AWS Identity and Access Management.
	Default: Uses the environment variable EC2_CERT, if set.
connection-timeout VALUE	The connection timeout value, in seconds.
	Type: Integer
	Valid values: Any positive number.
	Default: 30
delimiter VALUE	The delimiter to use when displaying delimited (long) results.
	Type: String
	Valid values: Any string.
	Default: Comma (,)
headers	If you are displaying tabular or delimited results, include the column headers. If you are showing XML results, return the HTTP headers from the service request, if applicable.
	Type: Flag
	Valid values: When present, shows headers.
	Default: Theheaders option is off by default.

Name	Description
-I,access-key-id VALUE	The access key ID that will be used, in conjunction with the secret key, to sign the request. This must be used in conjunction withsecret-key, otherwise the option is ignored. All requests to CloudWatch must be signed, otherwise the request is rejected.
	Type: String
	Valid values: A valid access key ID.
	Default: None
-K,ec2-private-key-file-path VALUE	The private key that will be used to sign the request.  Using public/private keys causes the CLI to use SOAP.  The request is signed with a public certificate and private key. This parameter must be used in conjunction with EC2_CERT, otherwise the value is ignored. The value of the environment variable EC2_PRIVATE_KEY will be used if it is set, and this option is not specified.  This option is ignored if the environment variable AWS_CREDENTIAL_FILE is set, oraws-credentials-file is used. All requests to CloudWatch must be signed, otherwise the request is rejected.  Type: String
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	Valid values: The path to a valid ASN.1 private key.
	Default: None
region VALUE	The region requests are directed to. You can use the environment variable EC2_REGION to specify the value. The region is used to create the URL used to call CloudWatch, and must be a valid Amazon Web Services (AWS) region.
	Type: String
	Valid values: Any AWS region, for example, us-east-1.
	Default: us-east-1, unless the EC2_REGION environment variable is set.
S,secret-key VALUE	The secret access key that will be used to sign the request, in conjunction with an access key ID. This parameter must be used in conjunction with <code>access-key-id</code> , otherwise this option is ignored.
	Type: String
	Valid values: Your access key ID.
	Default: None

Name	Description
show-empty-fields	Shows empty fields using (nil) as a placeholder to indicate that this data was not requested.
	Type: Flag
	Valid values: None
	Default: Empty fields are not shown by default.
show-request	Displays the URL the CLI uses to call AWS.
	Type: Flag
	Valid values: None
	Default: false
show-table,show-long,show-xml,quiet	Specifies how the results are displayed: in a table, delimited (long), XML, or no output (quiet). Theshow-table display shows a subset of the data in fixed column-width form;show-long shows all of the returned values delimited by a character;show-xml is the raw return from the service; andquiet suppresses all standard output. All options are mutually exclusive, with the priorityshow-table,show-long,show-xml, andquiet.  Type: Flag  Valid values: None  Default:show-table
-U,url VALUE	The URL used to contact CloudWatch. You can set this value using the environment variable AWS_CLOUDWATCH_URL. This value is used in conjunction withregion to create the expected URL. This option overrides the URL for the service call.  Type: String  Valid values: A valid HTTP or HTTPS URL.  Default: Uses the value specified in AWS_CLOUDWATCH_URL, if set.

## Output

This command returns a table that contains the following:

- Time The time the metrics were taken.
- SampleCount No description available for this column.
- Average The average value.
- Sum The sum of values.
- Minimum The minimum observed value.

- · Maximum The maximum observed value.
- · Unit The unit of the metric.

The Amazon CloudWatch CLI displays errors on stderr.

## **Examples**

### **Example Request**

This example returns the average, minimum, and maximum CPU utilization for EC2 instance i-c07704a9, at 1 hour resolution.

```
mon-get-stats CPUUtilization --start-time 2013-02-14T23:00:00.000Z --end-time 2013-03-14T23:00:00.000Z --period 3600 --statistics "Average, Minimum, Maximum" --namespace "AWS/EC2" --dimensions "InstanceId=i-c07704a9"
```

This is an example of an output of the Samples and Average metrics at one minute resolution.

```
Time
                   Samples Average Unit
2013-05-19 00:03:00 2.0
                          0.19
                                   Percent
2013-05-19 00:04:00 2.0
                         0
                                   Percent
2013-05-19 00:05:00 2.0
                         0
                                  Percent
2013-05-19 00:06:00 2.0
                         0
                                   Percent
2013-05-19 00:07:00 2.0
                          0
                                   Percent
2013-05-19 00:08:00 2.0
                          0
                                   Percent
                         0
2013-05-19 00:09:00 2.0
                                  Percent
                          0
2013-05-19 00:10:00 2.0
                                  Percent
2013-05-19 00:11:00 2.0
                          0
                                  Percent
                          0.195
2013-05-19 00:12:00 2.0
                                   Percent
2013-05-19 00:13:00 2.0
                          0.215
                                   Percent
```

### **Example Request**

This example returns CPU utilization across your EC2 fleet.

```
mon-get-stats CPUUtilization --start-time 2013-02-14T23:00:00.000Z --end-time 2013-03-14T23:00:00.000Z --period 3600 --statistics "Average, Minimum, Maximum" --namespace "AWS/EC2"
```

### **Example Request**

This example returns the average, minimum, and maximum request count made to the test stack of MyService for a particular user, at 1 hour resolution.

```
mon-get-stats RequestCount --start-time 2013-11-24T23:00:00.000Z --end-time 2013-11-25T23:00:00.000Z --period 3600 --statistics "Average,Minimum,Maximum" --namespace "MyService" --dimensions "User=SomeUser,Stack=Test"
```

### **Example Request**

This example shows RequestCount statistics across all of "MyService".

#### Amazon CloudWatch Command Line Reference Related Topics

mon-get-stats RequestCount --start-time 2013-11-24T23:00:00.000Z --end-time 2013-11-25T23:00:00.000Z --period 3600 --statistics "Average,Minimum,Maximum,SampleCount" --namespace "MyService"

## **Related Topics**

#### Download

• Set Up the Command Line Interface (p. 2)

#### **Related Action**

GetMetricStatistics

#### **Related Commands**

- mon-list-metrics (p. 43)
- mon-describe-alarms (p. 14)

### mon-list-metrics

## Description

Lists the names, namespaces, and dimensions of the metrics associated with your AWS account. You can filter metrics using any combination of metric name, namespace, or dimensions. If you do not specify a filter, all possible matches for the attribute are returned.

#### Note

The mon-list-metrics command can take up to fifteen minutes to report new metric names, namespaces, and dimensions added by calls to mon-put-data. The data points put by mon-put-data, or other methods will be available by mon-get-statistics in less than five minutes.

## **Syntax**

mon-list-metrics [--dimensions "key1=value1, key2=value2..."] [--metric-name value] [--namespace value] [Common Options]

## **Options**

Description
The dimensions of the metric to retrieve. You can specify dimensions two ways and the formats can be combined or used interchangeably:  One option per dimension:dimensions "key1=value1"
<ul><li>dimensions "key2=value2"</li><li>All in one option:dimensions "key1=value1,key2=value2"</li></ul>

Name	Description
	If no dimensions are specified, no filtering of dimensions will be done. Any other requested filters will still be applied. To be included in the result a metric must contain all specified dimensions, although the metric may contain additional dimensions beyond the requested metrics.
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	Valid values: A string of the format name=value, where the key is the name of the dimension, and the value is the dimension's value. The dimension names, and values must be an ANSI string between 1 and 250 characters long. A maximum of 10 dimensions are allowed.
	Default: n/a
	Required: No
-m,metric-name VALUE	The name of the metric. To be included in the results, the metric name must match the requested metric name exactly. If no metric name is specified no filtering is done. Any other requested filters are applied.
	Type: Simple
	Valid values: Any valid metric name between 1 and 250 characters in length.
	Default: n/a
	Required: No
-n,namespace VALUE	The namespace to use to filter metrics. For more information about namespaces, see AWS Namespaces.
	Type: String
	Valid values: A valid namespace between 1 and 250 characters in length.
	Default: n/a
	Required: No

# **Common Options**

Name	Description
aws-credential-file VALUE	The location of the file with your AWS credentials. You can set this value using the environment variable AWS_CREDENTIAL_FILE. If you define the environment variable or you provide the path to the credential file, the file must exist or the request fails. All CloudWatch requests must be signed using your access key ID and secret access key.

Name	Description
	Type: String
	Valid values: A valid path to a file containing your access key ID and secret access key.
	Default: Uses the environment variable AWS_CREDENTIAL_FILE, if set.
-C,ec2-cert-file-path VALUE	The location of your EC2 certificate file for signing requests. You can use the environment variable EC2_CERT to specify this value.
	Type: String
	Valid values: A valid file path to the PEM file provided by Amazon EC2 or AWS Identity and Access Management.
	Default: Uses the environment variable EC2_CERT, if set.
connection-timeout VALUE	The connection timeout value, in seconds.
	Type: Integer
	Valid values: Any positive number.
	Default: 30
delimiter VALUE	The delimiter to use when displaying delimited (long) results.
	Type: String
	Valid values: Any string.
	Default: Comma (,)
headers	If you are displaying tabular or delimited results, include the column headers. If you are showing XML results, return the HTTP headers from the service request, if applicable.
	Type: Flag
	Valid values: When present, shows headers.
	Default: Theheaders option is off by default.
-I,access-key-id VALUE	The access key ID that will be used, in conjunction with the secret key, to sign the request. This must be used in conjunction withsecret-key, otherwise the option is ignored. All requests to CloudWatch must be signed, otherwise the request is rejected.
	Type: String
	Valid values: A valid access key ID.
	Default: None

Name	Description
-K,ec2-private-key-file-path VALUE	The private key that will be used to sign the request. Using public/private keys causes the CLI to use SOAP. The request is signed with a public certificate and private key. This parameter must be used in conjunction with EC2_CERT, otherwise the value is ignored. The value of the environment variable EC2_PRIVATE_KEY will be used if it is set, and this option is not specified. This option is ignored if the environment variable AWS_CREDENTIAL_FILE is set, oraws-credentials-file is used. All requests to CloudWatch must be signed, otherwise the request is rejected.  Type: String Valid values: The path to a valid ASN.1 private key. Default: None
region VALUE	The region requests are directed to. You can use the environment variable EC2_REGION to specify the value. The region is used to create the URL used to call CloudWatch, and must be a valid Amazon Web Services (AWS) region.  Type: String  Valid values: Any AWS region, for example, us-east-1.  Default: us-east-1, unless the EC2_REGION environment variable is set.
S,secret-key VALUE	The secret access key that will be used to sign the request, in conjunction with an access key ID. This parameter must be used in conjunction withaccess-key-id, otherwise this option is ignored.  Type: String  Valid values: Your access key ID.  Default: None
show-empty-fields	Shows empty fields using (nil) as a placeholder to indicate that this data was not requested.  Type: Flag  Valid values: None  Default: Empty fields are not shown by default.
show-request	Displays the URL the CLI uses to call AWS.  Type: Flag  Valid values: None  Default: false

Name	Description
show-table,show-long,show-xml,quiet	Specifies how the results are displayed: in a table, delimited (long), XML, or no output (quiet). Theshow-table display shows a subset of the data in fixed columnwidth form;show-long shows all of the returned values delimited by a character;show-xml is the raw return from the service; andquiet suppresses all standard output. All options are mutually exclusive, with the priorityshow-table,show-long,show-xml, andquiet.
	Type: Flag
	Valid values: None
	Default:show-table
-U,url VALUE	The URL used to contact CloudWatch. You can set this value using the environment variable AWS_CLOUDWATCH_URL. This value is used in conjunction withregion to create the expected URL. This option overrides the URL for the service call.
	Type: String
	Valid values: A valid HTTP or HTTPS URL.
	Default: Uses the value specified in AWS_CLOUDWATCH_URL, if set.

## Output

This command returns a table that contains the following:

- Metric Name The name of the metric attached to this metric.
- Namespace The namespace associated with this metric.
- Dimensions The dimension names and values associated with this metric.

The Amazon CloudWatch CLI displays errors on stderr.

## **Examples**

### **Example Request**

This example returns a list of all your metrics.

```
mon-list-metrics
```

This is an example of an output of a call to 'mon-list-metrics'.

Metric Name	Namespace	Dimensions
CPUUtilization	AWS/EC2	{InstanceId=i-e7e48a8e}
CPUUtilization	AWS/EC2	{InstanceId=i-231d744a}
CPUUtilization	AWS/EC2	{InstanceId=i-22016e4b}

#### Amazon CloudWatch Command Line Reference Related Topics

CPUUtilization CPUUtilization	AWS/EC2 AWS/EC2	{InstanceId=i-b0345cd9} {InstanceId=i-539dff3a}	
CPUUtilization	AWS/EC2	{InstanceId=i-af3544c6}	
CPUUtilization	AWS/EC2	{InstanceId=i-d4f29ebd}	
CPUUtilization	AWS/EC2	{ImageId=ami-de4daab7}	
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### **Example Request**

This example lists your metrics with the specified name.

```
mon-list-metrics --metric-name RequestCount
```

### **Example Request**

This example lists your metrics that belong to the specified namespace.

```
mon-list-metrics --namespace MyService
```

### **Example Request**

This example lists your metrics with the specified dimension names and values.

```
mon-list-metrics --dimensions "User=SomeUser,Stack=Test"
```

## **Related Topics**

#### **Download**

• Set Up the Command Line Interface (p. 2)

#### **Related Action**

ListMetrics

#### **Related Command**

· mon-describe-alarms (p. 14)

## mon-put-data

## Description

Adds metric data points to the specified metric. This call will put time-series data, for either the raw value or valid statistic values of a given metric name. It supports the input of a single data point at a time.

#### Note

When you create a new metric using the mon-put-data command, it can take up to two minutes before you can retrieve statistics on the new metric using the mon-get-stats

command. However, it can take up to fifteen minutes before the new metric appears in the list of metrics retrieved using the mon-list-metrics command.

## **Syntax**

```
mon-put-data --metric-name value[--namespace value [--dimensions
"key1=value1,key2=value2..."] [--statisticValues "key1=value1,key2=value2..."]
[--timestamp value] [--unit value] [--value value] [Common Options]
```

## **Options**

Name	Description
-d,dimensions "key1=value1,key2=value2"	The dimensions that uniquely identify the metric data. You can specify dimensions two ways and the formats can be combined or used interchangeably:
	• One option per dimension:dimensions "key1=value1"dimensions "key2=value2"
	All in one option:dimensions "key1=value1,key2=value2"
	Type: Map
	Valid values: A string of the format name=value, where the key is the name of the dimension, and the value is the dimension's value. The dimension names, and values must be an ANSI string between 1 and 250 characters long. A maximum of 10 dimensions are allowed.
	Default: n/a
	Required: No
-m,metric-name	The name of the metric.
VALUE1, VALUE2, VALUE3	Type: String
	Valid values: Any valid metric name between 1 and 250 characters.
	Default: n/a
	Required: Yes
n,namespace VALUE	The namespace of the metric. For more information about namespaces, see AWS Namespaces.
	Type: String
	Valid values: An ANSI string between 1 and 250 characters in length.
	Default: n/a
	Required: Yes

Name	Description
-s,statistic Values "key1=value1,key2=value2"	The statistics to store for the specified timestamp and metric. This option is exclusive withvalue. At least one ofstatisticValue orvalue must be specified.
	Type: Map
	Valid values: A string containing all double values for all statistic names: SampleCount, Sum, Maximum, and Minimum. All these values must be a value between 1E-130 and 1E130.
	Default: n/a
	Required: Yes
-t,timestamp VALUE	The timestamp of the data point or observation for the metric to record. Timestamps are specified using ISO8601 combined format. For example the date and time July 30th, 2013 at 12:30:00 PST would be represented as 2013-07-30T12:30:00-07:00, or in UTC: 2013-07-30T19:30:00Z.
	Type: Simple
	Valid values: A valid timestamp represented in ISO8601 format with time zone offset, or UTC indicator.
	Default: The current UTC time.
	Required: No

Name	Description
-u,unit VALUE	The unit for the metric.
	Type: Enumeration
	Valid values: One of the following:
	• Seconds
	<ul> <li>Microseconds</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Milliseconds</li> </ul>
	• Bytes
	• Kilobytes
	• Megabytes
	• Gigabytes
	• Terabytes
	• Bits
	• Kilobits
	Megabits
	Gigabits
	• Terabits
	Percent
	• Count
	Bytes/Second
	Kilobytes/Second
	Megabytes/Second
	Gigabytes/Second
	Terabytes/Second
	Bits/Second
	Kilobits/Second
	Megabits/Second
	Gigabits/Second
	Terabits/Second
	Count/Second
	• None
	Default: n/a
	Required: No

Name	Description
-v,value VALUE	A single value to be recorded. The value is translated to a statistic set of the form: SampleCount=1, Sum=VALUE, Minimum=VALUE, Maximum=VALUE. This option is exclusive ofstatisticValues.
	Type: Simple
	Valid values: All values must be a number between 1E-130 and 1E130.
	Default: n/a
	Required: Yes

# **Common Options**

Name	Description
aws-credential-file VALUE	The location of the file with your AWS credentials. You can set this value using the environment variable AWS_CREDENTIAL_FILE. If you define the environment variable or you provide the path to the credential file, the file must exist or the request fails. All CloudWatch requests must be signed using your access key ID and secret access key.
	Type: String
	Valid values: A valid path to a file containing your access key ID and secret access key.
	Default: Uses the environment variable AWS_CREDENTIAL_FILE, if set.
-C,ec2-cert-file-path VALUE	The location of your EC2 certificate file for signing requests. You can use the environment variable EC2_CERT to specify this value.
	Type: String
	Valid values: A valid file path to the PEM file provided by Amazon EC2 or AWS Identity and Access Management.
	Default: Uses the environment variable EC2_CERT, if set.
connection-timeout VALUE	The connection timeout value, in seconds.
	Type: Integer
	Valid values: Any positive number.
	Default: 30
delimiter VALUE	The delimiter to use when displaying delimited (long) results.

Name	Description
	Type: String
	Valid values: Any string.
	Default: Comma (,)
headers	If you are displaying tabular or delimited results, include the column headers. If you are showing XML results, return the HTTP headers from the service request, if applicable.
	Type: Flag
	Valid values: When present, shows headers.
	Default: Theheaders option is off by default.
-I,access-key-id VALUE	The access key ID that will be used, in conjunction with the secret key, to sign the request. This must be used in conjunction withsecret-key, otherwise the option is ignored. All requests to CloudWatch must be signed, otherwise the request is rejected.
	Type: String
	Valid values: A valid access key ID.
	Default: None
-K,ec2-private-key-file-path VALUE	The private key that will be used to sign the request. Using public/private keys causes the CLI to use SOAP. The request is signed with a public certificate and private key. This parameter must be used in conjunction with EC2_CERT, otherwise the value is ignored. The value of the environment variable EC2_PRIVATE_KEY will be used if it is set, and this option is not specified. This option is ignored if the environment variable AWS_CREDENTIAL_FILE is set, oraws-credentials-file is used. All requests to CloudWatch must be signed, otherwise the request is rejected.
	Type: String
	Valid values: The path to a valid ASN.1 private key.
	Default: None
region VALUE	The region requests are directed to. You can use the environment variable EC2_REGION to specify the value. The region is used to create the URL used to call CloudWatch, and must be a valid Amazon Web Services (AWS) region.
	Type: String
	Valid values: Any AWS region, for example, us-east-1.
	Default: us-east-1, unless the EC2_REGION environment variable is set.

Name	Description
S,secret-key VALUE	The secret access key that will be used to sign the request, in conjunction with an access key ID. This parameter must be used in conjunction withaccess-key-id, otherwise this option is ignored.
	Type: String
	Valid values: Your access key ID.
	Default: None
show-empty-fields	Shows empty fields using (nil) as a placeholder to indicate that this data was not requested.
	Type: Flag
	Valid values: None
	Default: Empty fields are not shown by default.
show-request	Displays the URL the CLI uses to call AWS.
	Type: Flag
	Valid values: None
	Default: false
show-table,show-long,show-xml,quiet	Specifies how the results are displayed: in a table, delimited (long), XML, or no output (quiet). Theshow-table display shows a subset of the data in fixed columnwidth form;show-long shows all of the returned values delimited by a character;show-xml is the raw return from the service; andquiet suppresses all standard output. All options are mutually exclusive, with the priorityshow-table,show-long,show-xml, andquiet.
	Type: Flag
	Valid values: None
	Default:show-table
-U,url VALUE	The URL used to contact CloudWatch. You can set this value using the environment variable AWS_CLOUDWATCH_URL. This value is used in conjunction withregion to create the expected URL. This option overrides the URL for the service call.
	Type: String
	Valid values: A valid HTTP or HTTPS URL.
	Default: Uses the value specified in AWS_CLOUDWATCH_URL, if set.

### Output

This command adds metric data points to a metric.

The Amazon CloudWatch CLI displays errors on stderr.

## **Examples**

### **Example Request**

This example puts statistic data for RequestCount in the MyService namespace. The metric contains no dimensions and so represents the overall RequestCount across the entire service. The measurement is a pre-aggregated statisticValue representing five earlier measurements whose maximum was 70, whose minimum was 30, and whose sum was 250.

```
mon-put-data --metric-name RequestCount --namespace "MyService" --timestamp
2013-11-25T00:00:00:00.000Z --statisticValues "Sum=250,Minimum=30,Maximum=70,SampleCount=5"
```

### **Example Request**

This example puts user-specific RequestCount test data in the MyService namespace. The user and stack name are stored as dimensions in order to distinguish this metric from the service-wide metric in the example above.

```
mon-put-data --metric-name RequestCount --namespace "MyService" --dimensions "User=SomeUser,Stack=Test" --timestamp 2013-11-25T00:00:00.000Z --value 50
```

## **Related Topics**

#### Download

• Set Up the Command Line Interface (p. 2)

#### **Related Action**

PutMetricData

#### **Related Command**

• mon-put-metric-alarm (p. 55)

## mon-put-metric-alarm

## Description

Creates or updates an alarm and associates it with the specified CloudWatch metric. You can also use this command to associate one or more Amazon Simple Notification Service (Amazon SNS) resources with an alarm.

#### Amazon CloudWatch Command Line Reference Syntax

When this operation creates an alarm, the alarm state is immediately set to INSUFFICIENT\_DATA. The alarm is evaluated and its StateValue is set appropriately. Any actions associated with the StateValue is then executed.

#### Note

When updating an existing alarm, StateValue is left unchanged.

## **Syntax**

mon-put-metric-alarm AlarmName --comparison-operator value --evaluation-periods value --metric-name value --namespace value --period value [--statistic value] [--extendedstatistic value] --threshold value [--actions-enabled value] [--alarm-actions value[,value...] ] [--alarm-description value] [--dimensions "key1=value1,key2=value2..."] [--ok-actions value[,value...] ] [--unit value] [--insufficient-data-actions value[,value...]] [Common Options]

## **Options**

Name	Description
AlarmName	The name of the alarm to update or create. The name must be unique within your AWS account. You can also set this value usingalarm-name.
	Type: Argument
	Valid values: A UTF-8 string.
	Default: n/a
	Required: Yes
actions-enabled VALUE	Indicates whether actions should be executed when the alarm changes state.
	Type: Boolean
	Valid values: True or False
	Default: True
	Required: No
alarm-actions VALUE1,VALUE2,VALUE3	The actions (up to five) to execute when this alarm transitions into an ALARM state from any other state. Each action is specified as an Amazon Resource Name (ARN). Using alarm actions, you can publish to an Amazon SNS topic, activate an Amazon EC2 Auto Scaling policy, or stop, terminate, or recover an Amazon EC2 instance.
	Note If you are using an AWS Identity and Access Management (IAM) account to create or modify an alarm, you must have the following Amazon EC2 permissions:
	<ul> <li>ec2:DescribeInstanceStatus and ec2:DescribeInstances for all alarms on Amazon EC2 instance status metrics.</li> </ul>

Name	Description
	<ul> <li>ec2:StopInstances for alarms with stop actions.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>ec2:TerminateInstances for alarms with terminate actions.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>ec2:DescribeInstanceRecoveryAttribute, and ec2:RecoverInstances for alarms with recover actions.</li> </ul>
	If you have read/write permissions for Amazon CloudWatch but not for Amazon EC2, you can still create an alarm but the stop or terminate actions won't be performed on the Amazon EC2 instance. However, if you are later granted permission to use the associated Amazon EC2 APIs, the alarm actions you created earlier will be performed. For more information about IAM permissions, see Permissions and Policies in IAM User Guide. If you are using an IAM role (for example, an Amazon EC2 instance profile), you cannot stop or terminate the instance using alarm actions. However, you can still see the alarm state and perform any other actions such as Amazon SNS notifications or Amazon EC2 Auto Scaling policies. If you are using temporary security credentials granted using the AWS Security Token Service (AWS STS), you cannot stop or terminate an Amazon EC2 instance using alarm actions.
	Type: String
	Valid values: An ARN for an Amazon SNS topic, an Auto Scaling policy, or an ARN to stop, terminate, or recover an Amazon EC2 instance.
	Default: n/a
	Required: No
alarm-description VALUE	The description of the alarm.
	Type: String
	Valid values: Any Unicode string between 1 and 255 characters in length.
	Default: n/a
	Required: No

Name	Description
comparison-operator VALUE	The comparison operator used to compare a data point to the threshold.
	Type: Enumeration
	Valid values: one of GreaterThanOrEqualToThreshold, GreaterThanThreshold, LessThanThreshold, or LessThanOrEqualToThreshold
	Default: n/a
	Required: Yes
dimensions "key1=value1,key2=value2"	The dimensions of the metric to create that you want to create an alarm for. You can specify dimensions two ways and the formats can be combined or used interchangeably:
	One option per dimension:dimensions "key1=value1"dimensions "key2=value2"
	All in one option:dimensions "key1=value1,key2=value2"
	Type: Map
	Valid values: A string of the format name=value, where the key is the name of the dimension, and the value is the dimension's value. The dimension names, and values must be an ANSI string between 1 and 250 characters long. A maximum of 10 dimensions are allowed.
	Default: n/a
	Required: No
evaluation-periods VALUE	The number of consecutive periods for which the value of the metric is compared to the threshold to determine alarm status.
	Type: Integer
	Valid values: A number greater than zero.
	Default: n/a
	Required: Yes
metric-name VALUE	The name of the metric on which to alarm.
	Type: Argument
	Valid values: An ANSI string between 1 and 250 characters in length.
	Default: n/a
	Required: Yes

Name	Description
namespace VALUE	The namespace of the metric on which to alarm. For more information about namespaces, see AWS Namespaces.
	Type: String
	Valid values: An ANSI string between 1 and 250 characters in length.
	Default: n/a
	Required: Yes
ok-actions VALUE1, VALUE2, VALUE3	The actions (up to five) to execute when this alarm transitions into an OK state from any other state. Each action is specified as an Amazon Resource Name (ARN).
	Type: String
	Valid values: A valid ARN identifier.
	Default: n/a
	Required: No
period VALUE	The period of metric on which to alarm (in seconds).
	Type: Argument
	Valid values: A number, in seconds that is a multiple of 60 seconds.
	Default: n/a
	Required: Yes
statistic VALUE	The statistic of the metric on which to alarm.
	Type: Enumeration
	Valid values: SampleCount, Average, Sum, Minimum, or Maximum
	Default: n/a
	Required: You must specifystatistic or extendedstatistic.
extendedstatistic VALUE	The percentile statistic of the metric on which to alarm.
	Type: String
	Valid values: Any percentile, with up to two decimal places (for example, p95.45).
	Default: n/a
	Required: You must specifystatistic or extendedstatistic.

Name	Description
threshold VALUE	The threshold that data points are compared with to determine the alarm state.
	Type: Double
	Valid values: A double value. All values must be a number between 1E-130 and 1E130.
	Default: n/a
	Required: Yes
unit VALUE	The unit of the metric on which to alarm.
	Type: Enumeration
	Valid values: One of the following:
	Seconds
	Microseconds
	Milliseconds
	• Bytes
	Kilobytes
	Megabytes
	• Gigabytes
	Terabytes
	• Bits
	• Kilobits
	Megabits
	• Gigabits
	Terabits
	• Percent
	• Count
	<ul><li>Bytes/Second</li><li>Kilobytes/Second</li></ul>
	Megabytes/Second
	Gigabytes/Second
	Terabytes/Second
	Bits/Second
	Kilobits/Second
	Megabits/Second
	Gigabits/Second
	Terabits/Second
	Count/Second
	• None
	Default: n/a
	Required: No

Name	Description
insufficient-data-actions VALUE1, VALUE2, VALUE3	The actions (up to five) to execute when this alarm transitions into an INSUFFICIENT_DATA state from any other state. Each action is specified as an Amazon Resource Name (ARN).
	Type: String
	Valid values: A valid ARN identifier.
	Default: n/a
	Required: No

## **Common Options**

Name	Description
aws-credential-file VALUE	The location of the file with your AWS credentials. You can set this value using the environment variable AWS_CREDENTIAL_FILE. If you define the environment variable or you provide the path to the credential file, the file must exist or the request fails. All CloudWatch requests must be signed using your access key ID and secret access key.
	Type: String
	Valid values: A valid path to a file containing your access key ID and secret access key.
	Default: Uses the environment variable AWS_CREDENTIAL_FILE, if set.
-C,ec2-cert-file-path VALUE	The location of your EC2 certificate file for signing requests. You can use the environment variable EC2_CERT to specify this value.
	Type: String
	Valid values: A valid file path to the PEM file provided by Amazon EC2 or AWS Identity and Access Management.
	Default: Uses the environment variable EC2_CERT, if set.
connection-timeout VALUE	The connection timeout value, in seconds.
	Type: Integer
	Valid values: Any positive number.
	Default: 30
delimiter VALUE	The delimiter to use when displaying delimited (long) results.
	Type: String

Name	Description
	Valid values: Any string.
	Default: Comma (,)
headers	If you are displaying tabular or delimited results, include the column headers. If you are showing XML results, return the HTTP headers from the service request, if applicable.  Type: Flag
	Valid values: When present, shows headers.
	Default: Theheaders option is off by default.
-I,access-key-id VALUE	The access key ID that will be used, in conjunction with the secret key, to sign the request. This must be used in conjunction withsecret-key, otherwise the option is ignored. All requests to CloudWatch must be signed, otherwise the request is rejected.
	Type: String
	Valid values: A valid access key ID.
	Default: None
-K,ec2-private-key-file-path VALUE	The private key that will be used to sign the request. Using public/private keys causes the CLI to use SOAP. The request is signed with a public certificate and private key. This parameter must be used in conjunction with EC2_CERT, otherwise the value is ignored. The value of the environment variable EC2_PRIVATE_KEY will be used if it is set, and this option is not specified. This option is ignored if the environment variable AWS_CREDENTIAL_FILE is set, oraws-credentials-file is used. All requests to CloudWatch must be signed, otherwise the request is rejected.
	Type: String
	Valid values: The path to a valid ASN.1 private key.
	Default: None
region VALUE	The region requests are directed to. You can use the environment variable EC2_REGION to specify the value. The region is used to create the URL used to call CloudWatch, and must be a valid Amazon Web Services (AWS) region.
	Type: String
	Valid values: Any AWS region, for example, us-east-1.
	Default: us-east-1, unless the EC2_REGION environment variable is set.

Name	Description
S,secret-key VALUE	The secret access key that will be used to sign the request, in conjunction with an access key ID. This parameter must be used in conjunction withaccess-key-id, otherwise this option is ignored.
	Type: String
	Valid values: Your access key ID.
	Default: None
show-empty-fields	Shows empty fields using (nil) as a placeholder to indicate that this data was not requested.
	Type: Flag
	Valid values: None
	Default: Empty fields are not shown by default.
show-request	Displays the URL the CLI uses to call AWS.
	Type: Flag
	Valid values: None
	Default: false
show-table,show-long,show-xml,quiet	Specifies how the results are displayed: in a table, delimited (long), XML, or no output (quiet). Theshow-table display shows a subset of the data in fixed columnwidth form;show-long shows all of the returned values delimited by a character;show-xml is the raw return from the service; andquiet suppresses all standard output. All options are mutually exclusive, with the priorityshow-table,show-long,show-xml, andquiet.
	Type: Flag
	Valid values: None
	Default:show-table
-U,url VALUE	The URL used to contact CloudWatch. You can set this value using the environment variable AWS_CLOUDWATCH_URL. This value is used in conjunction withregion to create the expected URL. This option overrides the URL for the service call.
	Type: String
	Valid values: A valid HTTP or HTTPS URL.
	Default: Uses the value specified in AWS_CLOUDWATCH_URL, if set.

## Output

This command creates or updates an alarm associated with the specified metric.

The Amazon CloudWatch CLI displays errors on stderr.

## **Examples**

### **Example Request**

This example creates an alarm that publishes a message to a topic when CPU utilization of an EC2 instances exceeds 90 percent for three consecutive one minute periods.

```
mon-put-metric-alarm --alarm-name my-alarm --alarm-description "some desc" \
--metric-name CPUUtilization --namespace AWS/EC2 --statistic Average --period 60 --
threshold 90 \
--comparison-operator GreaterThanThreshold --dimensions InstanceId=i-abcdef --evaluation-
periods 3 \
--unit Percent --alarm-actions arn:aws:sns:us-east-1:1234567890:my-topic
```

## **Related Topics**

#### **Download**

• Set Up the Command Line Interface (p. 2)

#### **Related Action**

PutMetricAlarm

#### **Related Command**

• mon-put-data (p. 48)

### mon-set-alarm-state

## Description

Temporarily changes the alarm state of the specified alarm. On the next period, the alarm is set to its true state.

### **Syntax**

```
mon-set-alarm-state AlarmName --state-reason value --state-value value [--state-reason-data value] [Common Options]
```

## **Options**

Name	Description
AlarmName	The name of the alarm. You can also set this value using alarm-name.
	Type: Argument
	Valid values: A UTF-8 string.
	Default: n/a
	Required: Yes
state-reason VALUE	The reason why this alarm was set to this state (human readable).
	Type: String
	Valid values: A UTF-8 string between 1 and 1023 characters.
	Default: n/a
	Required: Yes
state-reason-data VALUE	The reason why this alarm was set to this state. This data is intended to be machine-readable JSON.
	Type: String
	Valid values: A valid machine-readable JSON string between 1 and 4000 characters.
	Default: n/a
	Required: No
state-value VALUE	The state the alarm should be set to.
	Type: Enumeration
	Valid values: ALARM, OK or INSUFFICIENT_DATA
	Default: n/a
	Required: Yes

# **Common Options**

Name	Description
aws-credential-file VALUE	The location of the file with your AWS credentials. You can set this value using the environment variable AWS_CREDENTIAL_FILE. If you define the environment variable or you provide the path to the credential file, the

Name	Description
	file must exist or the request fails. All CloudWatch requests must be signed using your access key ID and secret access key.
	Type: String
	Valid values: A valid path to a file containing your access key ID and secret access key.
	Default: Uses the environment variable AWS_CREDENTIAL_FILE, if set.
-C,ec2-cert-file-path VALUE	The location of your EC2 certificate file for signing requests. You can use the environment variable EC2_CERT to specify this value.
	Type: String
	Valid values: A valid file path to the PEM file provided by Amazon EC2 or AWS Identity and Access Management.
	Default: Uses the environment variable EC2_CERT, if set.
connection-timeout VALUE	The connection timeout value, in seconds.
	Type: Integer
	Valid values: Any positive number.
	Default: 30
delimiter VALUE	The delimiter to use when displaying delimited (long) results.
	Type: String
	Valid values: Any string.
	Default: Comma (,)
headers	If you are displaying tabular or delimited results, include the column headers. If you are showing XML results, return the HTTP headers from the service request, if applicable.
	Type: Flag
	Valid values: When present, shows headers.
	Default: Theheaders option is off by default.

Name	Description	
-I,access-key-id VALUE	The access key ID that will be used, in conjunction with the secret key, to sign the request. This must be used in conjunction withsecret-key, otherwise the option is ignored. All requests to CloudWatch must be signed, otherwise the request is rejected.	
	Type: String	
	Valid values: A valid access key ID.	
	Default: None	
-K,ec2-private-key-file-path VALUE	The private key that will be used to sign the request.  Using public/private keys causes the CLI to use SOAP.  The request is signed with a public certificate and private key. This parameter must be used in conjunction with EC2_CERT, otherwise the value is ignored. The value of the environment variable EC2_PRIVATE_KEY will be used if it is set, and this option is not specified.  This option is ignored if the environment variable AWS_CREDENTIAL_FILE is set, oraws-credentials-file is used. All requests to CloudWatch must be signed, otherwise the request is rejected.  Type: String	
	Valid values: The path to a valid ASN.1 private key.	
	Default: None	
region VALUE	The region requests are directed to. You can use the environment variable EC2_REGION to specify the value. The region is used to create the URL used to call CloudWatch, and must be a valid Amazon Web Services (AWS) region.	
	Type: String	
	Valid values: Any AWS region, for example, us-east-1.	
	Default: us-east-1, unless the EC2_REGION environment variable is set.	
S,secret-key VALUE	The secret access key that will be used to sign the request, in conjunction with an access key ID. This parameter must be used in conjunction withaccess-key-id, otherwise this option is ignored.	
	Type: String	
	Valid values: Your access key ID.	
	Default: None	

Name	Description	
show-empty-fields	Shows empty fields using (nil) as a placeholder to indicate that this data was not requested.	
	Type: Flag	
	Valid values: None	
	Default: Empty fields are not shown by default.	
show-request	Displays the URL the CLI uses to call AWS.	
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-U,url VALUE	The URL used to contact CloudWatch. You can set this value using the environment variable AWS_CLOUDWATCH_URL. This value is used in conjunction withregion to create the expected URL. This option overrides the URL for the service call.	
	Type: String	
	Valid values: A valid HTTP or HTTPS URL.	
	Default: Uses the value specified in AWS_CLOUDWATCH_URL, if set.	

## Output

This command temporarily changes an alarm's state and displays OK-Set alarm state value when the request is successful.

The Amazon CloudWatch CLI displays errors on stderr.

## **Examples**

### **Example Request**

This example sets the state of the alarm named my-alarm to OK.

mon-set-alarm-state --alarm-name my-alarm --state OK

## **Related Topics**

### **Download**

• Set Up the Command Line Interface (p. 2)

### **Related Action**

SetAlarmState

#### **Related Command**

• mon-describe-alarms (p. 14)

## mon-version

## Description

Prints the version number of the CLI and API for CloudWatch.

## **Syntax**

mon-version

## Output

This command displays the version of the CloudWatch CLI and API.

The Amazon CloudWatch CLI displays errors on stderr.

## **Examples**

### **Example Request**

This example shows the CLI and API version.

mon-version

The following is example output.

#### Amazon CloudWatch Command Line Reference Related Topics

Amazon CloudWatch CLI version 1.0.12.1 (API 2010-08-01)

## **Related Topics**

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• Set Up the Command Line Interface (p. 2)

## Rel(see --extendedstatistic parameter)ated Command

• mon-cmd (p. 3)

# **Document History**

The following table describes the important changes to the Amazon CloudWatch CLI Reference. This documentation is associated with the 2010-08-01 release of CloudWatch. This guide was last updated on 7 November 2017.

Change	Description	Release Date
Moved the Amazon CloudWatch CLI content from the Amazon CloudWatch User Guide to this new guide	Moved the Amazon CloudWatch CLI content from the Amazon CloudWatch User Guide to this new guide. Updated the examples in the Amazon CloudSearch Developer Guide to use the AWS CLI, which is a cross-service CLI with a simplified installation, unified configuration, and consistent command line syntax. The AWS CLI is supported on Linux/Unix, Windows, and Mac. The CLI examples in this guide have been updated to use the new AWS CLI.  For information about how to install and configure the new AWS CLI, see Getting Set Up with the AWS Command Line Interface in the AWS Command Line Interface User Guide.	28 February 2014
The CloudWatch CLI is being retired.	As of November 7, 2017, we are no longer supporting the CloudWatch command line interface with new functionality. It is not available for download.	7 November 2017