Powered by People, Part 2: Where You Fit in with Ceph

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Where We Left Off

At Cephalocon 2025 in Vancouver, Part 1 made the argument: **Ceph grows because of the people who use it, run it and build it.**

2025

Listen

Survey the community, hear user stories, find out what gets in the way.

2026

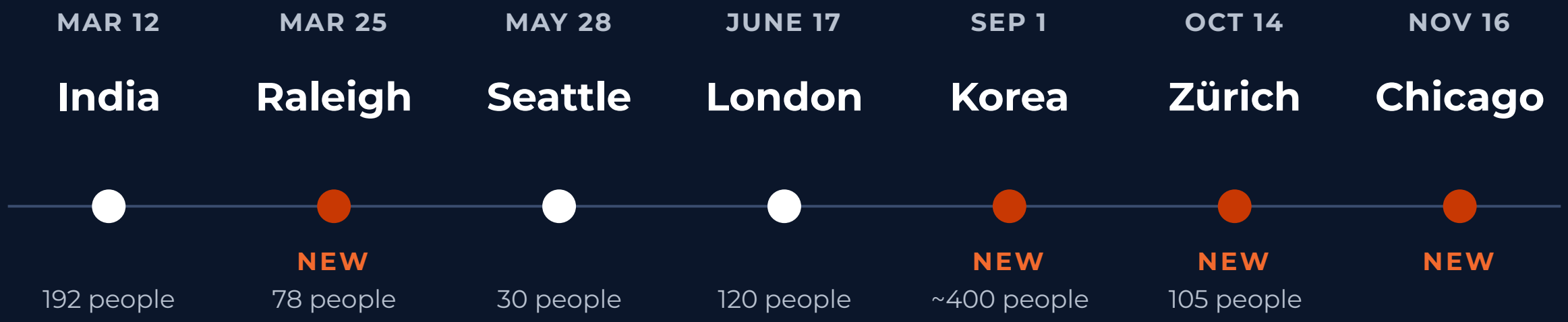
Act

Fix what people told us: governance, events, the website, learning material.

What the Community Did in 2026

- Ceph Tech Talks relaunched as a monthly online program, featuring community members, leaders, Ambassadors and former contributors
- The Ambassador program added two new members: Joshua Blanch (North America) and Wannes Smet (Germany)

More Ceph Days, in More Cities



- In-person meetups in Frankfurt and Berlin, plus monthly online User and Developer Meetups.
- **Regional first:** the Foundation now favors Ceph Days and meetups over a single large conference. A 2027 conference is under discussion.

Updates from the Ceph Foundation

Governance and Foundation Support

BOARD AND CSC

Joint meetings every quarter

- Agendas for each meeting

FUNDING

Request forms for the community

- Community funding requests
- Project requests
- One place to ask for support

REPORTING

Newsletters and reports

- Q1, Q2 and Q3 Foundation newsletters
- Quarterly reports to the Linux Foundation

Members

Three new Foundation members

- Slac National Accelerator Laboratory (Associate Member)
- Long Van (Silver Member)
- Godaddy (Platinum Member)

Meet Our New Technical Writer

Emmanuel Ameh

Ceph Foundation staff, working across the docs and ceph.io

WHAT HE'S WORKING ON

- Better documentation quality
- Easier onboarding for new users and contributors
- The ceph.io website revamp

HOW YOU CAN HELP

- Report doc gaps and confusing pages
- Tell us where getting started was hard

A Stronger Base for the Project

GOVERNANCE

Clear rules, in the open

- Foundation and Technical Charters approved
- Ceph trademark moved to the Linux Foundation
- New: shortened Board meeting recordings on the Ceph Foundation YouTube channel.

INFRASTRUCTURE

A leaner test lab

- OVHcloud lab costs is going down to each month

Making It Easier to Get Involved in 2027

Community Engagement

SURVEY

More voices in the 2026 survey

We expanded the Ceph Community Survey, and more people took part than in 2025.

CALENDAR

Updating the Community Calendar

We've using to the LFX hosted calendar platform. The platform gives us Zoom access, AI meeting recording, and participants recording.

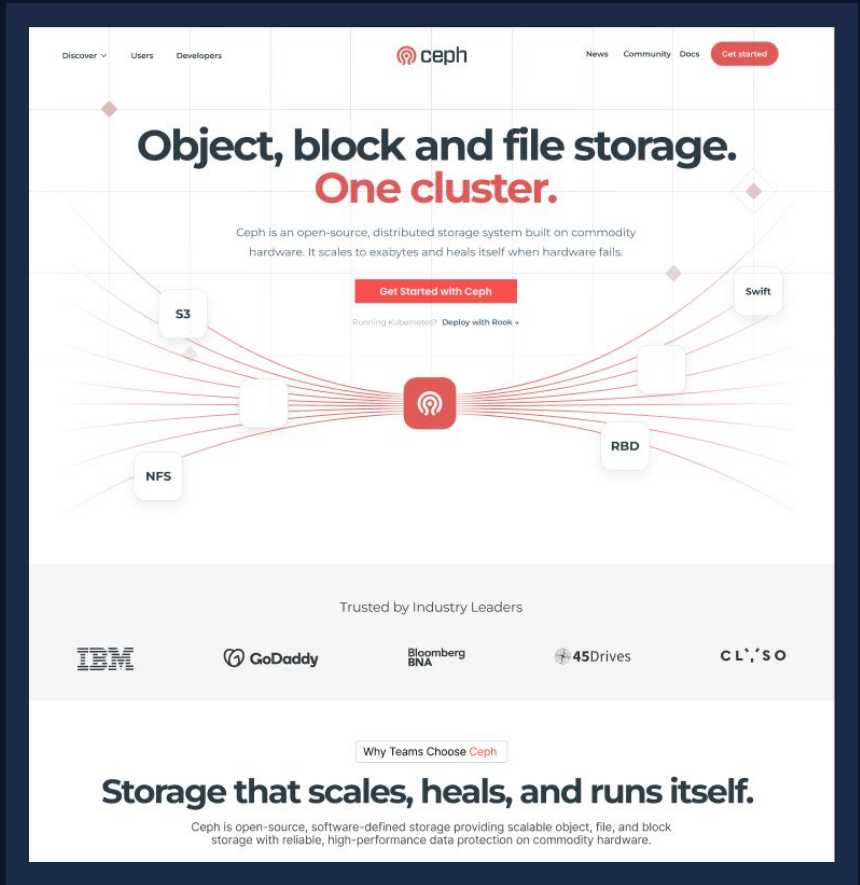
CHANNELS

Mailing lists, social and Ambassadors

Supported the Ambassador program and moderated the mailing lists and every Ceph social channel.

A New Front Door: ceph.io

- Says what Ceph is in one line: object, block and file storage, one cluster
- Separate paths for Users, Developers and Community
- Built with community volunteers, Board feedback and the LF web team



More Ceph Events

We're aiming for more Ceph Days and Ceph Meetups, in more cities. If you want one near you, here's how to start.

STEP 1

Read the how-to guide

Find the Ceph Events Planning Guide on the Events page of ceph.io.

STEP 2

Ask in #ceph-events

Get answers from organizers and Foundation staff on the Ceph Slack.

STEP 3

Request support

Submit a Community Work Request for help with a meetup, Ceph Day, speaking or travel.

Ceph Fundamentals Learning Series

A free video series for anyone new to Ceph, rebuilt from Sage Weil's 2019 talks and updated for today's releases.

PART 1	PART 2	PART 3	PART 4	PART 5
Intro to Ceph	**RADOS**	**RBD**	**RGW**	**CephFS**
What Ceph is and how the pieces fit	The object store underneath it all	Block storage for VMs and containers	S3 and Swift object storage	The distributed file system

PART 6: Join the Ceph Community

Where You Fit

Two Ways In

PATH 1

Contribute code, docs and tests

- Fix a bug or add a feature in ceph/ceph
- Improve the documentation
- File clear, reproducible bug reports

PATH 2

Support the community

- Answer questions on ceph-users, Slack and Reddit
- Speak at a Tech Talk or Ceph Day
- Become an Ambassador or host a meetup

Your First 30 Days

1. **Join** Slack and the ceph-users list
2. **Show up** One Developer Monthly session or Tech Talk
3. **Fix** One docs issue, or file one good bug report
4. **Answer** One question on the list or Slack

Thank You

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Code: **github.com/ceph/ceph**

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