

# Welcome to Apache™ Hadoop™!

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## 1. What Is Apache Hadoop?

The Apache™ Hadoop™ project develops open-source software for reliable, scalable, distributed computing.

The Apache Hadoop software library is a framework that allows for the distributed processing of large data sets across clusters of computers using a simple programming model. It is designed to scale up from single servers to thousands of machines, each offering local computation and storage. Rather than rely on hardware to deliver high-availability, the library itself is designed to detect and handle failures at the application layer, so delivering a highly-available service on top of a cluster of computers, each of which may be prone to failures.

The project includes these subprojects:

- [Hadoop Common](#): The common utilities that support the other Hadoop subprojects.
- [Hadoop Distributed File System \(HDFS™\)](#): A distributed file system that provides high-throughput access to application data.
- [Hadoop MapReduce](#): A software framework for distributed processing of large data sets on compute clusters.

Other Hadoop-related projects at Apache include:

- [Avro™](#): A data serialization system.
- [Cassandra™](#): A scalable multi-master database with no single points of failure.
- [Chukwa™](#): A data collection system for managing large distributed systems.
- [HBase™](#): A scalable, distributed database that supports structured data storage for large tables.
- [Hive™](#): A data warehouse infrastructure that provides data summarization and ad hoc querying.
- [Mahout™](#): A Scalable machine learning and data mining library.
- [Pig™](#): A high-level data-flow language and execution framework for parallel computation.
- [ZooKeeper™](#): A high-performance coordination service for distributed applications.

## 2. Download Hadoop

Please head to the [releases](#) page to download a release of Apache Hadoop.

## 3. Who Uses Hadoop?

A wide variety of companies and organizations use Hadoop for both research and production.

Users are encouraged to add themselves to the Hadoop [PoweredBy](#) wiki page.

## 4. News

### 4.1. 27 December, 2011: release 1.0.0 available

Hadoop reaches 1.0.0! Full information about this milestone release is available at [Hadoop Common Releases](#).

### 4.2. March 2011 - Apache Hadoop takes top prize at Media Guardian Innovation Awards

Described by the judging panel as a "Swiss army knife of the 21st century", Apache Hadoop picked up the *innovator of the year* award for having the potential to change the face of media innovations.

See [The Guardian web site](#)

### 4.3. January 2011 - ZooKeeper Graduates

Hadoop's ZooKeeper subproject has graduated to become a top-level Apache project.

Apache ZooKeeper can now be found at <http://zookeeper.apache.org/>

### 4.4. September 2010 - Hive and Pig Graduate

Hadoop's Hive and Pig subprojects have graduated to become top-level Apache projects.

Apache Hive can now be found at <http://hive.apache.org/>

Pig can now be found at <http://pig.apache.org/>

### 4.5. May 2010 - Avro and HBase Graduate

Hadoop's Avro and HBase subprojects have graduated to become top-level Apache projects.

Apache Avro can now be found at <http://avro.apache.org/>

Apache HBase can now be found at <http://hbase.apache.org/>

### 4.6. July 2009 - New Hadoop Subprojects

Hadoop is getting bigger!

- Hadoop Core is renamed Hadoop Common.
- MapReduce and the Hadoop Distributed File System (HDFS) are now separate subprojects.
- Avro and Chukwa are new Hadoop subprojects.

See the summary descriptions for all subprojects above. Visit the individual sites for more detailed information.

#### **4.7. March 2009 - ApacheCon EU**

In case you missed it.... [ApacheCon Europe 2009](#)

#### **4.8. November 2008 - ApacheCon US**

In case you missed it.... [ApacheCon US 2008](#)

#### **4.9. July 2008 - Hadoop Wins Terabyte Sort Benchmark**

[Hadoop Wins Terabyte Sort Benchmark](#): One of Yahoo's Hadoop clusters sorted 1 terabyte of data in 209 seconds, which beat the previous record of 297 seconds in the annual general purpose (Daytona) [terabyte sort benchmark](#). This is the first time that either a Java or an open source program has won.