## What is Sqoop?

* A tool designed for efficiently transferring bulk data between Hadoop and JDBC compliant structured data stores such as RDBMS.
* Its written in Java
* It supports incremental loads of single table or a free form SQL query
* It also used to import updates made to a database. Imports can be used to populate tables is Hive or HBase
* Informatica supports both Sqoop import and export which is often used in data integration uses cases on Hadoop
* Pentaho provides open source Sqoop connectors for import & export
* Microsoft user Sqoop to transfer data from SQL Server database to Hadoop