## What is Apache Avro?

* A remote procedure call and data serialization framework developed within Hadoop
* It uses JASON for defining data types & protocols
* It serialize data in compact binary format
* Apache Spark can access Avro as data source
* Avro relies of schema and does not require code generation
* It stores data definition in JASON format making it easy to read & interpret
* It includes API for Java, C, C++, Python, Ruby
* Data stored using Avro can be easily passed on to programs written in a different language