**MapReduce** is a programming model and associated implementation for processing and generating large data sets in a parallel, distributed manner on a cluster. It consists of a **map procedure** for filtering and sorting data and a **reduce method** for summary operations. [The **MapReduce System** orchestrates the processing, managing communication, data transfers, and fault tolerance1](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/MapReduce).

Here are **five free reference links** where you can learn more about MapReduce:

1. [**Wikipedia - MapReduce**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/MapReduce): Provides an overview of MapReduce, its components, and its role in big data processing.
2. [**IBM - What Is Apache MapReduce?**](https://www.ibm.com/topics/mapreduce): Explains how MapReduce enables massive scalability across Hadoop clusters.
3. [**Guru99 - Introduction to MapReduce in Hadoop**](https://www.guru99.com/introduction-to-mapreduce.html): Details the two phases of MapReduce (Map and Reduce) and their tasks.
4. [**GeeksforGeeks - MapReduce Architecture**](https://www.geeksforgeeks.org/mapreduce-architecture/): Discusses the efficient parallel processing of large data sets using MapReduce.
5. [**MapReduce - Wikipedia**: A comprehensive resource covering the framework, its history, and its applications1](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/MapReduce)[2](https://www.ibm.com/topics/mapreduce)[3](https://www.guru99.com/introduction-to-mapreduce.html)[4](https://www.geeksforgeeks.org/mapreduce-architecture/).