

# Welcome to Hive!

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Hive is a data warehouse system for Hadoop that facilitates easy data summarization, ad-hoc queries, and the analysis of large datasets stored in Hadoop compatible file systems. Hive provides a mechanism to project structure onto this data and query the data using a SQL-like language called HiveQL. At the same time this language also allows traditional map/reduce programmers to plug in their custom mappers and reducers when it is inconvenient or inefficient to express this logic in HiveQL.

## 1 Getting Started

Check out the [Getting Started Guide](#) on the [Hive wiki](#).

## 2 Getting Involved

Hive is an open source volunteer project under the Apache Software Foundation. Previously it was a subproject of [Hadoop](#), but has now graduated to become a top-level project of its own. We encourage you to learn about the project and contribute your expertise. Here are some starter links:

1. Give us [feedback](#): What can we do better?
2. Join the [mailing list](#): Meet the community.
3. Become a [Hive Fan](#) on Facebook.