## **About Apache HCatalog**

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## 1 What is Apache HCatalog?

**Apache HCatalog** is a table and storage management service for data created using Apache Hadoop. It provides

- a shared schema and data type mechanism
- a table abstraction so that users need not be concerned with where or how their data is stored
- interoperability across data processing tools such as Pig, Map Reduce, Streaming, and Hive