# **Welcome to Thrift!**

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**Thrift** is cross-language serialization and RPC framework. It combines a powerful software stack with a code generation engine to build services that work efficiently and seamlessly between C++, Java, Python, PHP, Ruby, C#, Erlang, Perl, and several other languages. Thrift was originally developed at Facebook and open-sourced in April, 2007. Thrift entered the Apache Incubator in May, 2008.

#### 1. Overview

Thrift allows you to define data types and service interfaces in a simple definition file. Taking that file as input, the compiler generates code to be used to easily build RPC clients and servers that communicate seamlessly across programming languages.

## 2. Getting Started

Currently, the best way to get started is to dig into the Thrift Wiki.

#### 3. News

## 3.1. May 9, 2008 - Thrift is incubating

Thrift incubation status can be found from <a href="http://incubator.apache.org/projects/thrift.html">http://incubator.apache.org/projects/thrift.html</a>.