

Overview

The HDFS Documentation provides the information you need to get started using the Hadoop Distributed File System. Begin with the [HDFS Users Guide](#) to obtain an overview of the system and then move on to the [HDFS Architecture Guide](#) for more detailed information.

HDFS commonly works in tandem with a cluster environment and MapReduce applications. For information about Hadoop clusters (single or multi node) see the [Hadoop Common Documentation](#). For information about MapReduce see the [MapReduce Documentation](#).

If you have more questions, you can ask on the [HDFS Mailing Lists](#) or browse the [Mailing List Archives](#).