

What is Hive? Hive is a data warehousing infrastructure based on Apache Hadoop which provides SQL like language for querying and analyzing Big Data. Hive provides a mechanism to project structure onto the data and query the data using SQL-like language called HiveQL. Hive uses MapReduce and HDFS for processing and storage/retrieval of data. Hive is used for analyzing structured and semi-structured data. SQL commands in Hive are called as HiveQL. HiveQL gets converted to map reduce jobs by the Hive compiler. Apache Hive supports Data Definition Language (DDL), Data Manipulation Language (DML) and User Defined Functions (UDF). Hive is not designed for online transaction processing. It is best used for traditional data warehousing tasks.