Apache Mahout is an open source project that is primarily used in producing scalable machine learning algorithms. This brief tutorial provides a quick introduction to Apache Mahout and explains how it can be applied to make recommendations and organize documents in more useable clusters.

**AUDIENCE**

This tutorial has been prepared for professionals aspiring to learn the basics of Mahout and develop applications involving machine learning techniques such as recommendation, classification, and clustering.

**PREREQUISITES**

Before you start proceeding with this tutorial, we assume that you have prior exposure to Core Java, Hadoop, and any of the Linux operating system flavors.