LF Al & Data: Accelerating Development and Innovation

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Ecosystem Overview





309 projects
2.2M+ GitHub Stars

450M+ LoC 40K+ developers

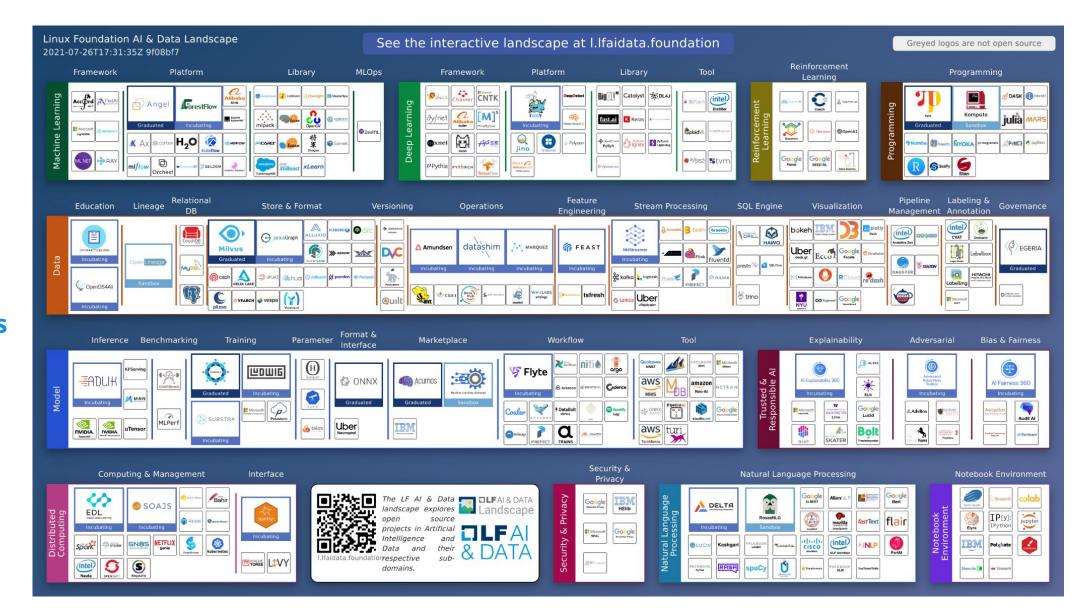
140+ founding orgs

10+ universities

13 licenses

>450M LoC

>1M new LoC weekly



Help us improve the landscape:

https://github.com/lfai/lfai-landscape/

The barrier to entry in AI is lower than ever before, thanks to open source software.



Open source libraries, frameworks, platforms, tools, are a two-way street: they make Al accessible to everyone, and companies benefit from a community of other contributors helping accelerate open Al applied research.



Open source software is a market accelerant

Standardization on open technologies

Neutral environment for collaboration & cross-pollination

Innovation multiplier community driven

Better interoperability

Minimizes fragmentation

Qualifies reference architectures

Lowers barriers to enter a new domain Enables business opportunities supported by a flexible licensing model

Leads to better products, improved quality and security

Allows fast TTM and shared cost of development



Open Source offers *unique* benefits to Al & Data

Fairness

Methods to detect and mitigate bias in datasets and models, including bias against known protected populations

Robustness

Methods to detect alterations/tampering with datasets and models, including alterations from known adversarial attacks

Explainability

Methods to enhance understandability and interpretability by persona/roles in process of Al model outcomes/decision recommendations, incl ranking & debating results and decision options

Lineage

Methods to ensure provenance of datasets and Al models, including reproducibility of generated datasets and Al models

Open Data

Data licensed under an open source data specific license making it freely available for use without mechanisms of control

Data Manipulation Tools

Tools to clean, sort, tagg, track provenance, etc., and a governance structure for doing these thing

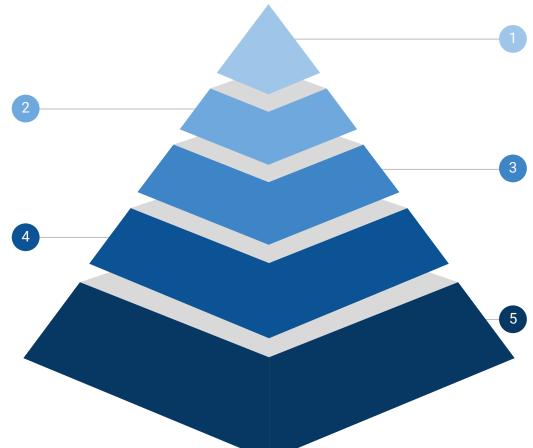
Ecosystem Challenges

Managing projects assets

As project grows, it is unclear who should own legal and administrative tasks that are essential to the health of the project

Governance challenges

No formal governance, governance favors the creators of the project, project backer dominating dev and governance



Glass ceiling for project investment and adoption

in the absence of a fair governance and safe haven for the project's assets

Developed internally for specific product requirements, highly specialized

The open source spinoff is a result of wanting to build an ecosystem and collaborate on building a platform

Fragmentation
Lack of integration
Lack of cross pollination



Enter LF AI & Data

TLFAI & DATA

What is LF AI & Data?

- Non-profit
- Hosted at the Linux Foundation
- Collaborative effort
- Accelerating innovation and development in open source AI & Data
- Enabling collaboration and the creation of new opportunities for all the members of the community



History & Growth

- Launched in 03/2018 with 9 members and 1 hosted project
- +3 projects in 2018
- +5 projects in 2019
- +15 projects in in 2020
- > +9 projects (Jan July) 2022
- Supported by 49 member companies (all geos)
- Focused on building an ecosystem around high value and critical projects, accelerate the adoption and ensure sustainability



Structure and Governance

Foundation Governance

Technical Coordination

Funding effort

Governing Board

Outreach

Legal

Strategy

Budget

Technical Advisory
Council

ML Workflow & Interop

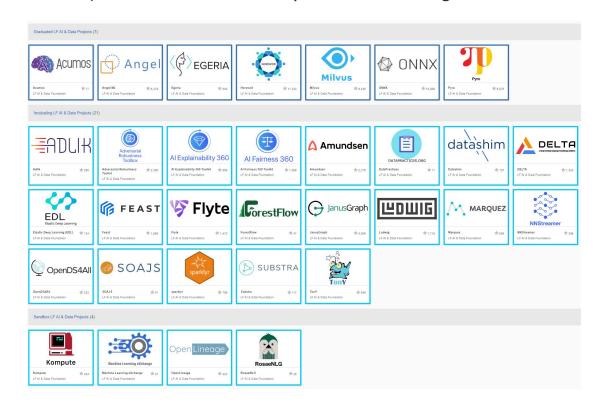
Trusted AI

BI & AI

MLOps

Hosted Projects

Projects have their own independent technical governance





Members

https://landscape.lfai.foundation/card-mode?project=company



High Participation by Academia and Other Foundations

- Visibility
- Practical experience working with open source foundations
- Internships opportunities
- Collaboration opportunities
- Publication opportunities
- Open source working experience
- Access to events



Projects

Graduated LF AI & Data Projects (7)















Incubating LF AI & Data Projects (21)























































Major Ongoing Efforts

Develop and grow an ecosystem of developers, users, expertise adopting and relying on the same projects Enable collaboration with the support of a single Technical Advisory Council across all technical efforts

Provide unified guidance to end users on open source software solutions, tools, interoperability, integration, and standards Harmonize
Al/Data open
source projects,
reduce
fragmentation;
Rally the industry
to adopt
Foundation hosted
projects

Provide a funding model for projects; Increase awareness via a number of marketing and outreach activities;

Trusted Al

Become the home of open source trusted and responsible AI:
Policies, guidelines, tools and use cases (by industry) to ensure the development of trustworthy AI systems and processes to develop and improve them over time

MLOps

Get community exposed to how MLOps tools work together and where to use in the pipeline; Create template architecture for managing ML project lifecycle; Provide R&D collaboration opps; Fill in the gaps in use case implementation

ML Workflow & Interop

Improve interoperability and integration capabilities across hosted and external projects



Active and growing developer community Jan 1- Dec 31, 2020





Active and growing developer community

Cumm. Jan 1- Dec 31, 2020 vs. Jan 1, 2021 to June 7, 2021

8.92K

Contributors

34.65K

PRs/Changesets

100.03K

Commits

22.54K

Total issues

358

Repositories

9.66K

Contributors

37.15K

PRs/Changesets

128.01K

Commits

23.71K

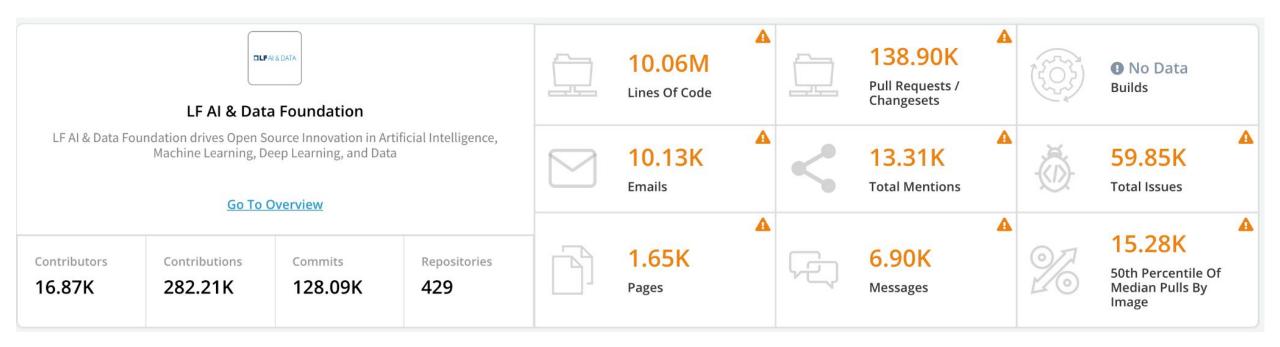
Total issues

420

Repositories



Source: https://insights.lfx.linuxfoundation.org/projects/lfai





Strong Developer/Community Marketing Effort

LF AI provides marketing services to support community and ecosystem engagement.

LF AI provides event and community ecosystem building services.

37 announcements in 2019

61 announcements in 2020

30 announcements in 2021 (Jan - May)

- Events announcements and promotion
- Project release
- Project incubation
- Project cross collaboration

Al & Data Track, Open Source Summit

Al Track, Open Source Summit

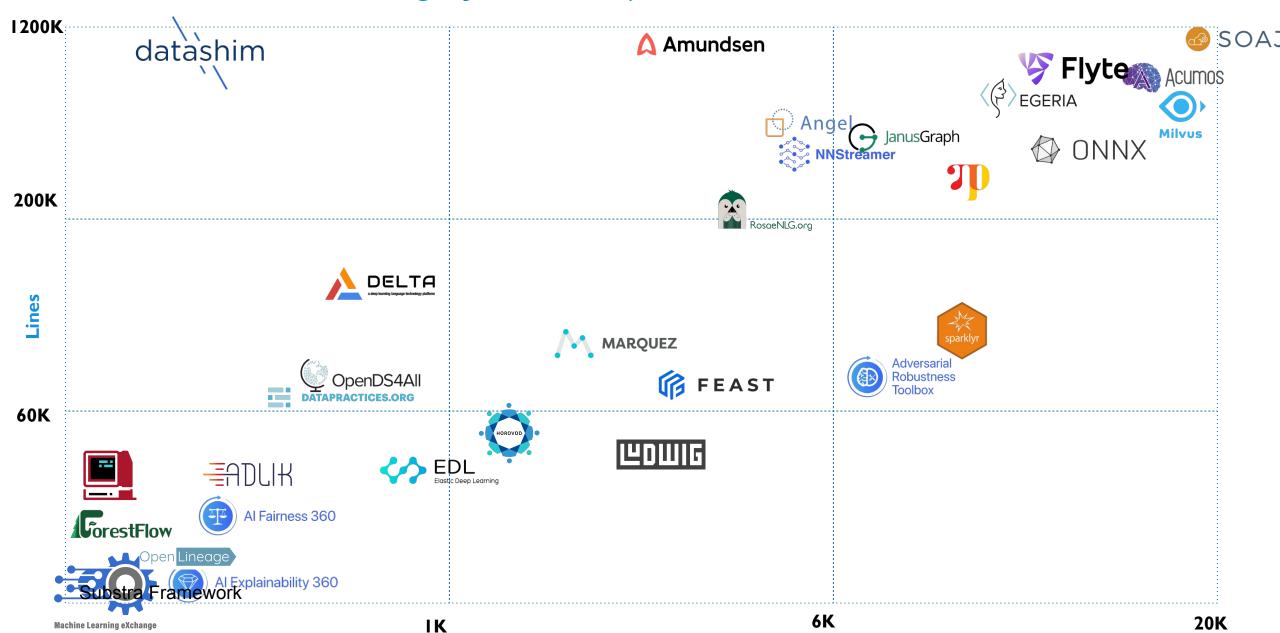
Kubernetes + Al

Open Networking & Edge Summit

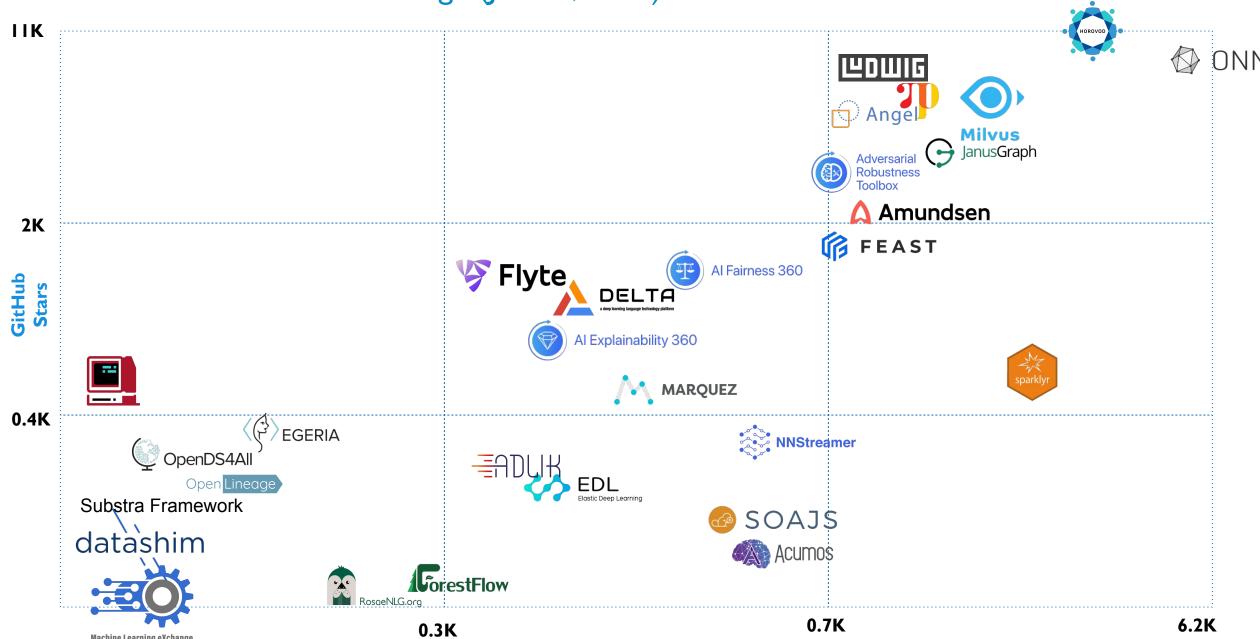
LF AI & Data Day (multiples/year



Data Coverage (June 7, 2021) - Line of Code and Commits



Data Coverage (June 7, 2021) - Stars and Contributors



Contributors

Companies hosting projects in LF AI & Data



















































Why incubate with us?

Building large, sustainable ecosystems requires collective resources



Neutral Hosting with technical open and neutral governance model



Dedicated staff - Access to full-time staff (ED, PM, Tech) with program and project management services



Training & Certification -

We build training classes, design and execute and testing and certification programs in support of hosted projects



Events team - Access to a full range of events services to help the project build and grow a community around it



Developer Operations -

LFX platform, IT infrastructure, release management, IT ops, support, security audits, etc.



Endorsement & mentorship by members
of the LF AI & Data
Technical Advisory
Committee



Marketing and communications services to support community and ecosystem engagement



Legal support - including hosting the trademark, CLA and DCO integration with GitHub, compliance scans, export control filings, etc.



Organizations join LF AI & Data to take an active role in supporting the growth and evolution of the Open Source AI & Data ecosystem

Support our mission, programs, and the community by helping fund services that hosted projects rely on

Demonstrate thought leadership by participating in a wide reaching networking and marketing programs

Be part of defining and maintaining the technologies that are at the forefront of the industry

Host projects with us and benefit from the services & support we offer our hosted projects to increase their adoption and footprint in the ecosystem

Provide technical leadership to the open source Al community via the TAC Receive greater insight into the foundation's strategy, efforts, projects and initiatives through increased engagement with the ED, staff and committees' leads



Join us!

Incubate your project with LF AI & Data

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