# LF AI & Data

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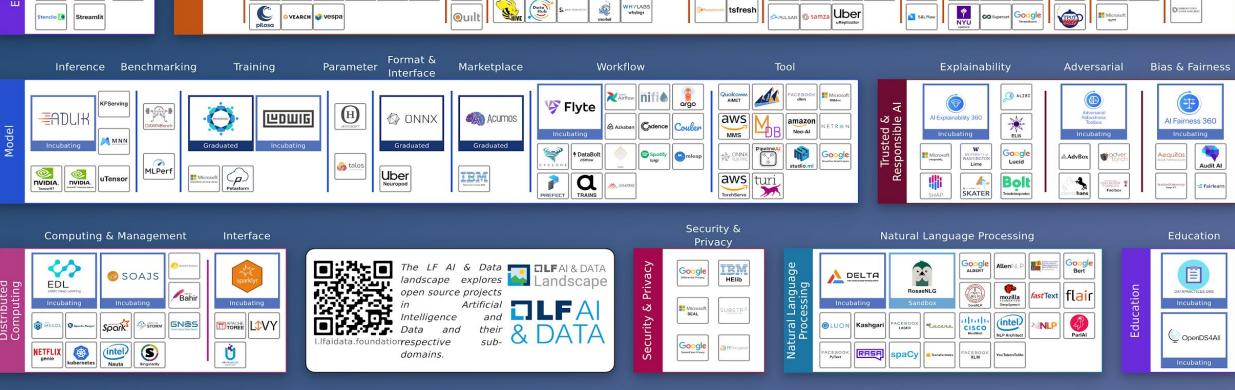
Collaborating to support an open and growing ecosystem of open source AI, data and analytics projects, by accelerating innovation, enabling collaboration and the creation of new opportunities for all the members of the community

https://lfaidata.foundation



# Ecosystem Overview





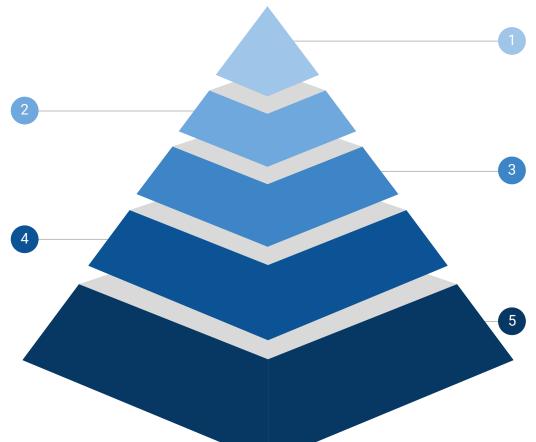
# Open Source Al & Data - Ecosystem Challenges

### 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 for a specific product needs

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 across
projects



# Enter LF AI & Data

**TLF**AI & DATA

## What is LF AI & Data?

- Non-profit
- Open source collaborative effort focused on AI & Data
- Hosted at the Linux Foundation
- Focused on supporting open source AI & data projects and accelerating innovation and their trajectory to adoption



## 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 and 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**

Methods to clean, sort, tagg and track provenance and a governance structure for doing these things

## Goals of LF AI & Data

Improve interoperability and capabilities across hosted projects, reduce fragmentation

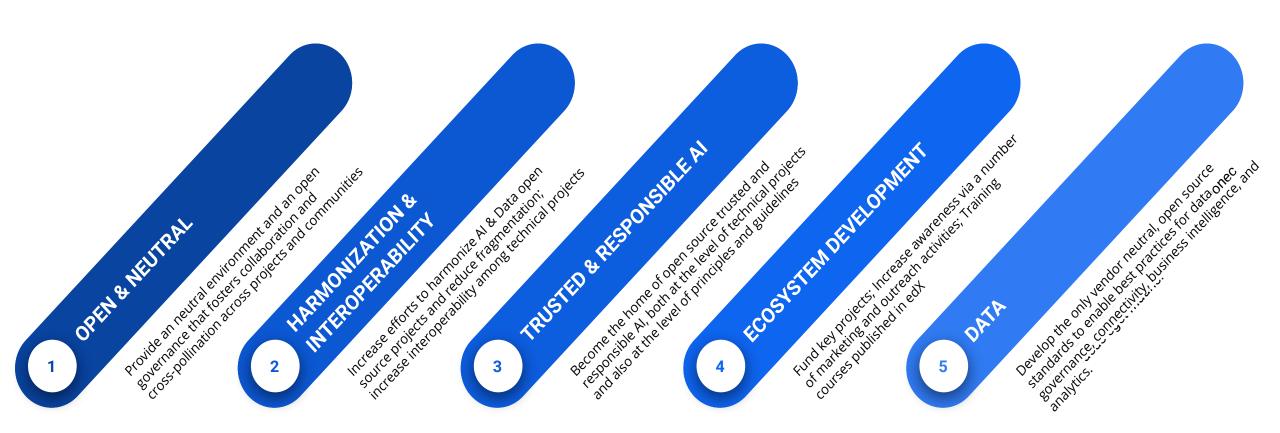
Enable closer collaboration and integration, and the support of a single Technical Advisory Council Provide unified guidance to end users on tools, interoperability, integration, and standards

Develop an ecosystem of developers, users, expertise adopting and relying on the same projects

Build a strong open source AI and Data ecosystem



# Why is LF AI & Data important?





## LF AI & Data Growth

- Launched in 03/2018 with 9 members and 1 hosted project
- +3 projects in 2018
- +5 projects in 2019
- > +15 projects, +16 members in 2020
- Currently supported by 46 member companies
- > >2000 subscribers to our main mailing list



# Very active and growing developer community Jan 1- Dec 31, 2020

8.92K

**Contributors** 

217K

Contributions

100.03K

**Commits** 

358

Repositories

6.93K

**Emails** 

34.65K

PRs/Changesets

2.08K

Slack messages

22.54K

**Total issues** 



## Structure and Governance

#### **Foundation Governance**

Funding effort to support hosted technical projects

# Technical Coordination, New Initiatives

**Governing Board** 

Outreach

Strategy

Budget

Legal



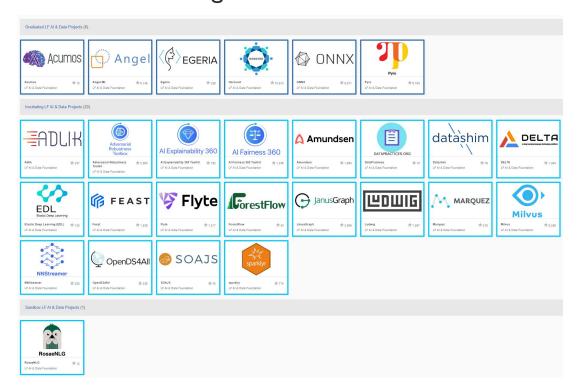
Workflow & Interop

Trusted AI

BI & AI

### **Hosted Projects**

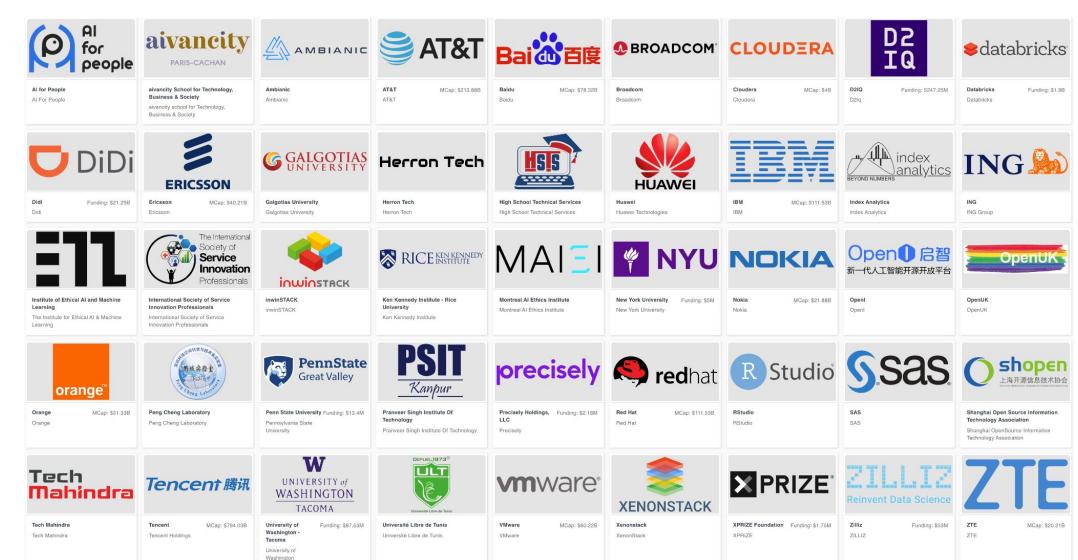
Projects have their own independent technical governance





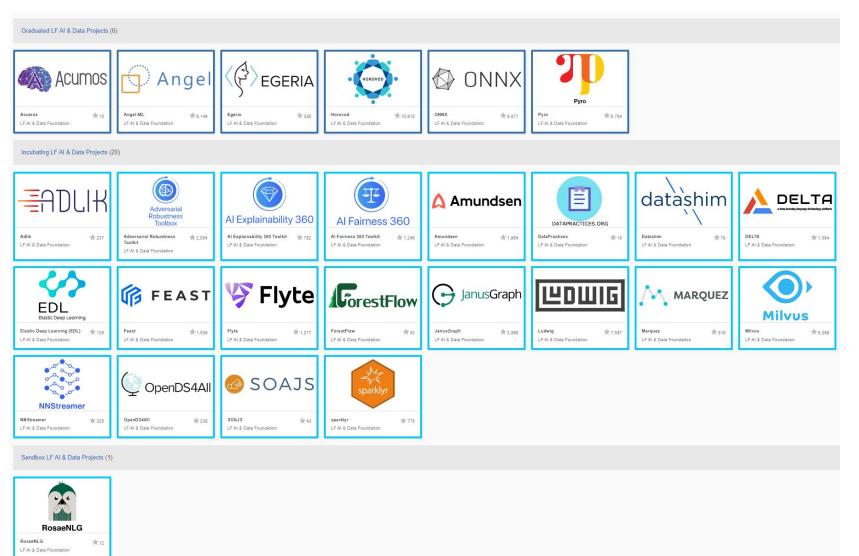
## Members

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



## Projects

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



# **Incubating Projects**

- TAC committee is responsible to voting in new incubation projects.
- The TAC meets bi-weekly and generally booked 4-6 weeks in advance.

Proposing projects for incubation



# Companies hosting projects in LF Al & Data <a href="https://landscape.lfai.foundation/format=hosting">https://landscape.lfai.foundation/format=hosting</a>











































# Why incubate with us?

Building large, sustainable ecosystems requires collective resources



**Events** - We gathered over 45,000 attendees from over 12,000 organizations across 113 countries in 2019.



Legal - We manage IP for the world's most important tech and have one of the world's top open source legal teams in house.



**Training** - We trained millions of students (free and paid online), online skills certification, and on-site e-learning.



**Certification** - We designed and executed software and hardware testing and certification programs.



**Developer Marketing** - We have the largest share of voice of any open source foundation and a proven method to build large scale developer programs.



**Developer Operations** - We host the infrastructure that develops the world's largest software communities and provide release management, IT ops, and support.



**Application Security**- our projects are regularly audited and pen tested. We offer bug bounties, dependency analysis, and code scanning.



# What does it mean to be a Foundation project?

- A neutral home for the project increases the willingness of developers from organizations to collaborate, contribute, and become committers
- Endorsement by members of the LF
   Al & Data Technical Advisory
   Committee (TAC) is an independent
   signal of the quality of your project
- Open and neutral governance model
- Program and project management services
- Access to full-time staff who are eager to assist your project

- Access to marketing and communications services to support community and ecosystem engagement
- Access to a full range of events services to help the project build and grow a community around it
- Legal support ranging from hosting the trademark in a neutral organization to CLA and DCO system integration with GitHub, regular compliance scans, etc.
- Presence across multiple geographies including China and Japan



# Strong Marketing/PR/Community Effort

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

37 announcements in 2019

61 announcements in 2020

- Events announcements and promotion
- Project release
- Project incubation
- New members joining
- Project cross collaboration
- Invited posts

LF AI provides event and community ecosystem building services.









# Joining LF Al & Data is Easy!













General Inquiries:

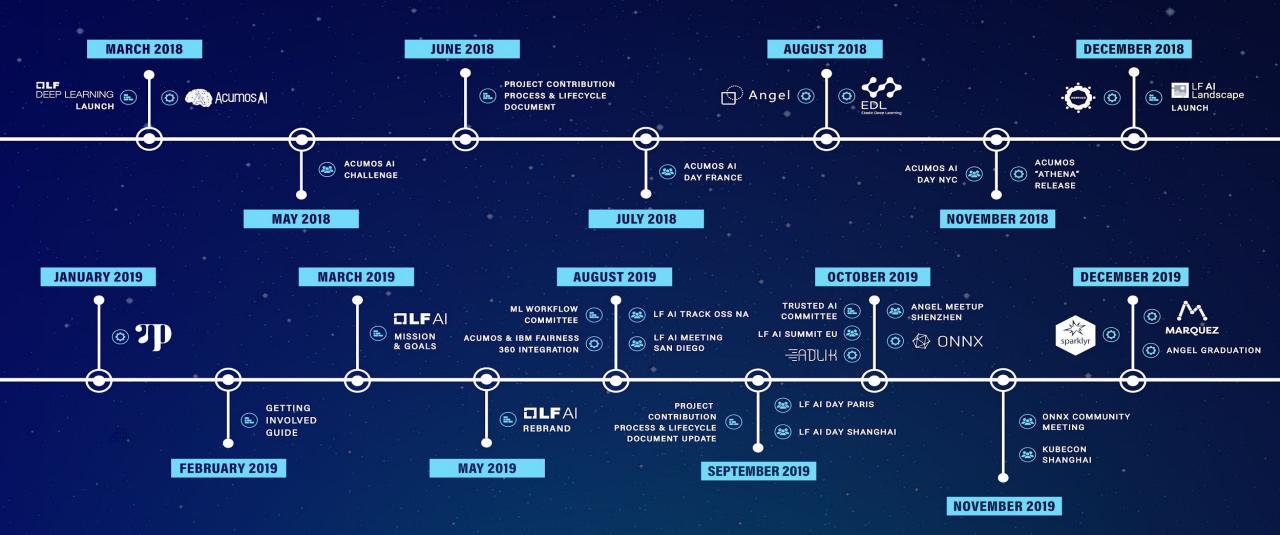
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# Backup



# TILFAITIMELINE 2018-2019





# TILFAI & DATA TIMELINE 2020-2021

