### LF AI & Data

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### Ecosystem Overview



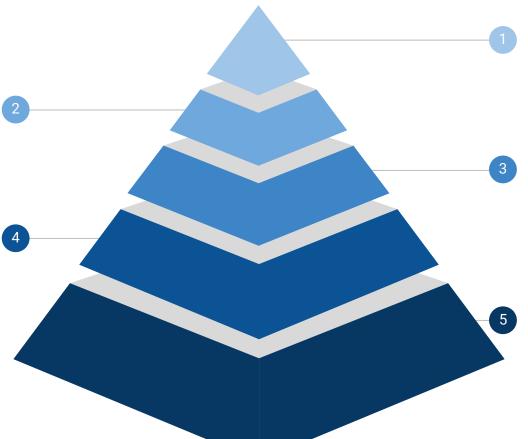
### Open Source Al & Data - Ecosystem Challenges

#### 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



### We all are aware of the advantages of open source ...

Access to source code

Ability to customize

Rapid development

**Peer review** 

Improved quality and security

Reduce dev time and TTM

Flexible licensing model

Community driven innovation

Influence roadmap via participation

Transparent technical discussions



### But, 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

### Enter LF AI & Data

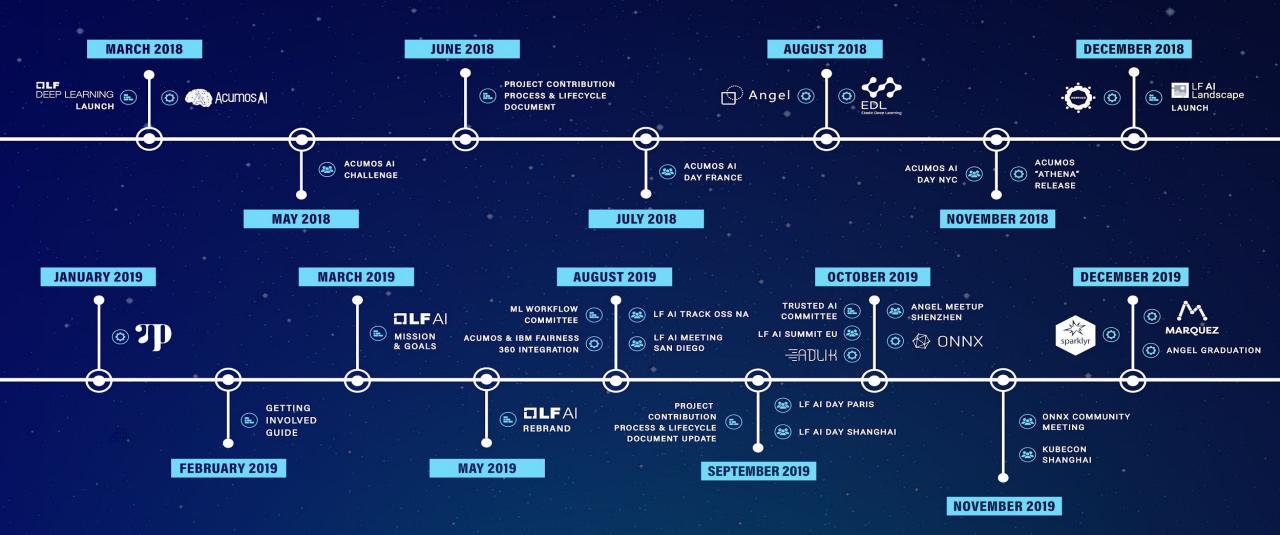
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#### LF AI & Data - Mission

To build and support an open community and a growing ecosystem of open source Al, data and analytics projects, by accelerating innovation, enabling collaboration and the creation of new opportunities for all the members of the community

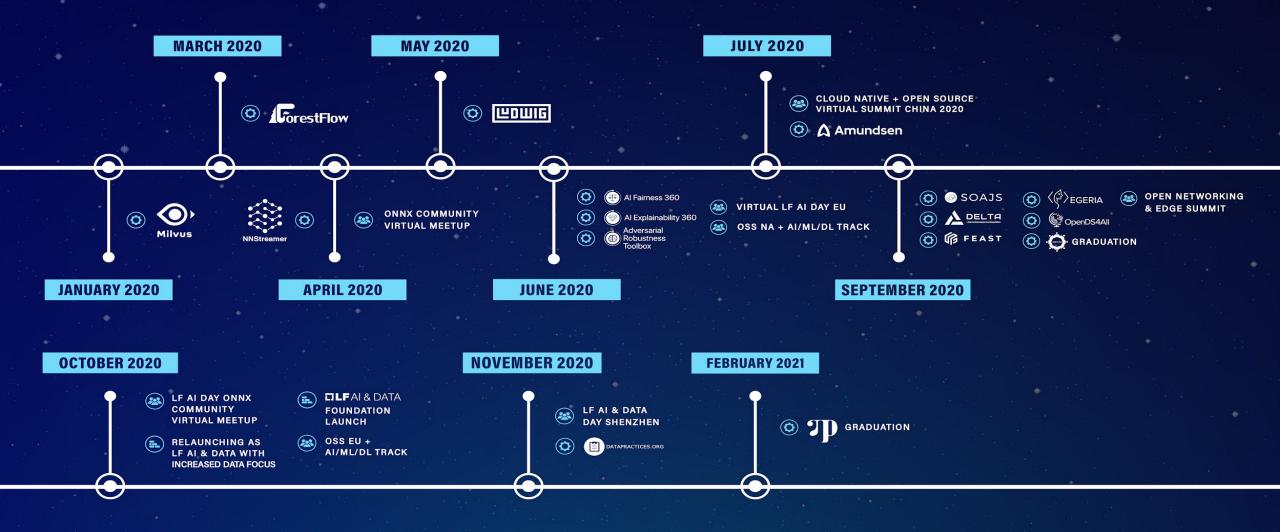


# TILFAITIMELINE 2018-2019





### TILFAI & DATA TIMELINE 2020/2021





### Motivations for Harmonization

Improving interoperability and capabilities across hosted projects

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

Achieve greater efficiencies in support services for a growing number of hosted projects

Build a strong open source AI and Data ecosystem



### Structure and Governance

#### **Foundation Governance**

Funding effort to support hosted technical projects

#### **Technical** Coordination, **New Initiatives**

**Governing Board** 

Committees

**Outreach** 

**Strategy** 

**Budget** 

Legal

**Technical Advisory** Council

ML Workflow & Interop

Trusted Al

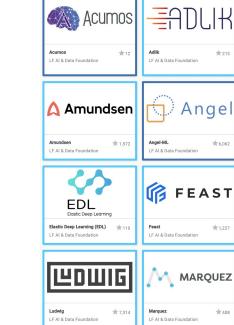
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#### **Hosted Projects**

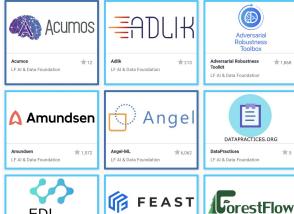
Projects have their own independent technical governance

**SOAJS** 

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OpenDS4AII



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### Major Efforts

#### Neutral Environment

Provide an neutral environment and an open governance that fosters collaboration and cross-pollination across projects and communities

#### Harmonization, Interoperability

Increase efforts to harmonize AI/ML/DL open source projects and reduce fragmentation; increase interoperability among technical projects

### Trusted and Responsible Al

Become the home of open source trusted and responsible AI, both at the level of technical projects and also at the level of principles and guidelines

#### Data

Develop the only vendor neutral, open source standards to enable best practices for data governance, connectivity, business intelligence, and analytics.

#### Model Marketplace

Host open source models and provide supporting tools; publish best practices; offer a marketplace for AI/ML/DL models

#### Funding and Awareness

Provide a funding model for key projects

Increase awareness via a number of marketing and outreach activities

Training courses published in edX



Vendol neutral

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Not-for profit

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Open governance

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**IP** clarity



TAC
ML Workflow &
Interop

**Cross Foundation Collaboration** 

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**Integration efforts** 



Trusted Al Committee

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**3 Core Projects** 

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edX Training



**BI & AI Committee** 

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Large number of Data hosted projects



Open Source Model marketplace



Funding model

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LF AI & Data Days, LF AI & Data Summit



Services: Marketing, Legal, Events and PM

### Members





### 2020 in numbers





### Projects

Not listed yet: Data Lifecycle Framework















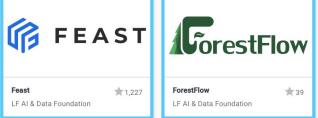




































### Very active community Jan 1 - Nov 24

8.01K

**Contributors** 

205.89K

**Contributions** 

97.60K

**Commits** 

232

Repositories

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



### 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



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











































### Why these top companies host with LF AI & Data?

#### The Linux Foundation is the leading commons for community assets

- The Linux Foundation (LF) is a recognized and respected brand and can activate communications across tech, business, and social media channels.
- The LF is the largest open source foundation, providing management of community assets for over 400 projects:
  - Over 3,400 source code repositories.
  - Over 700 trademark registrations and applications, plus hundreds of unregistered marks.
  - Over 700 project domains and DNS records.
  - Over 12,000 Contributor License Agreements signed for project communities that decide to require one.
- The LF offers neutral sponsorship for managing fundraising.
  - Over 1,600 unique member company relationships.
- Our communities raised over \$100 million in 2019 via 6,500+ invoices.
  - Our communities spent funds in 180,000+ separate transactions in 2019.
  - The LF reports its audited financials to its board.



### 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.



### Strong LF AI & Data Marketing/PR Effort

### 37 announcements between LF Al and ODPi in 2019

### 27 announcements between LF Al and ODPi in 1H 2020

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

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

- Content ranging from the LF AI blog, white papers, posters, presentations, and more
- Oversee blog editorial calendars and writing, editing, and/or identifying and funding freelancers to develop content
- Help develop the project website and other required creative work



### **Events and Community**

- LF Al & Data Summit co-located event with major LF conferences + Booth
- LF Al & Data Track at Open Source Summit (NA, EU, China) - Supporting 18-20 talks over 3 days + Booth
- LF AI & Data Days a whole day (in person and virtual) hosted in collaboration with an LF AI & Data member with audience ranging from 50-250. Multiple/year.
- Talks at other leading industry events and regional events (All Things Open, Data Con LA, Big Data Conference Europe)
- Project specific events
- Sponsorship and booth at KubeCon
- Strong presence & event participation in China









### **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



### Joining LF Al & Data is Easy!













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