FATE Dev Team Meeting

Agenda

- FATE OSS Development Team
- FATE open source project development process
- FATE security handling process
- Working groups of FATE
- FATE 1.8 and 1.7.2 update
- Planning for FATE 1.9

FATE OSS Development Team (开发工作组)

- Lead:
 - Henry Zhang,张海宁
- Members:
 - Junxue Zhang, 张骏雪
 - Yongkai Zhou, 周雍恺
 - Dylan Fan, 范涛
 - Jarvis Zeng,曾纪策
 - Layne Peng, 彭麟
 - Xiaolin Li, 李小林

Missions of FATE OSS Project

- Create an open OSS community (participation, contribution and collaboration)
- Democratize the development process
- Attract more contributors and users
- Build FATE as a common platform of FML.

FATE open source development guidelines

- Development cadence: 3 major releases per year
- Major / minor release: new features / bug fixes ?
 - Major releases: 1.6, 1.7, 1.8
 - Minor releases: 1.6.x, 1.7.x, 1.8.x
- Maintaining latest 2 major releases (bug fixes, backports)
 - Each major release, only maintain the latest minor release
 - Users are recommended to upgrade to the latest releases
 - Need to provide upgrade mechanism for users
- FATE 1.5 LTS support
 - 2 years (Nov 13, 2020 Nov 13, 2022)
 - May extend the support depending on user feedback.
 - Will announce in advance to leave enough time for migration

FATE open source development process

Process

- Gather requirements and issues
- Discuss and create development plan (features, effort estimate, priority)
- Dev plan reviewed and approved by more than half of Dev Team members, and must be approved by Dev Team Lead
- Bi-weekly meeting (public) for monitoring project progress (on Github)
- Create Release Notes
- Before releasing a new version, approval from more than half of Dev Team members, and must be approved by Dev Team Lead, followed by the approval of TSC Board
- Monitoring feedback and respond (Github issues)
- Minor release may use a simplified process to reduce workload
- When possible, all processes are publicly visible through Github
 - Potential issues: Cl resources

Quick Walkthrough on Github process

- Dev Team members require Github account
- Reduce meeting time and improve efficiency

- Requirement gathering
- Project dashboard
- Review and approval process

FATE Releases

- Main release:
 - FATE, FATE-Board, FATE-Flow, AnsibleFATE,
 - KubeFATE
- Other release:
 - FATE-Serving
- Archived releases?
 - FATE-Cloud, FedVision, FedRec, etc
- Potential multiple ongoing releases

FATE Security Handling Process

- Handle the security issues or vulnerabilities
- After receiving security information, need to confirm and evaluate the severity.
- Come up with a remedy plan in a timely manner
- Report and get approval from TSC Board of releasing a patch.

- ToDo
 - Severity evaluation criteria
 - Remedy process

Working Groups of FATE

- To focus on a specific development topics of FATE
- Security WG: Junxue Zhang
- Process WG: Dylan Fan, Layne Peng
- Interoperability WG
- Others...

Feature list of FATE 1.8.0 (Target date: Apr 15)

- FederatedML
 - * Add SecureBoost-MO algorithm to speed up multi-class classification of Hetero & Homo SecureBoost
 - * Merge Hetero FastSecureBoost into Hetero SecureBoost as a boosting strategy option
 - * Add non-coordinated-version Hetero Linear Regression, based on integrated Hetero GLM framework, with mixed protocol of HE and SPDZ
 - * Support weighted training in non-coordinated Hetero Logistic Regression & Linear Regression
 - * Homo LR support one-vs-rest
- ➤ * Speed up DH Intersection implementation, 30%+ faster
 - * Optimized Quantile Binning gk-summary structure & split point query
 - > FATE-ARCH
 - * Adjustable task_cores for standalone FATE
 - > FATE-Test
 - * Optimized testsuite printout table colorization
 - * Optimized testsuite printout summary status
 - * Include Paillier encryption performance evaluation
 - * Include examples data upload and mnist download
 - * Provide pipeline to dsl convert tools.

- > FATE-Flow
- * Optimize the model migration function to reduce user operation steps
- * Add version compatibility check in component center to support multiple parties to use different versions
- * Add batch disable table interface, and clean up tables based on filter fields
- > FATE-Board
- * Supports GBDTMO mode in SBT.
- * Add SSHE linr component.
- * Add Writer component.

Features of FATE 1.7.2 (target date: Feb 28)

- > FederatedML
- * New batch strategy in coordinated Hetero LR: support masked batch data and batch shuffle
- * Model inference protection enhancement for Hetero SecureBoost with FED-EINI algorithm
- * Hetero SecureBoost supports split feature importance on host side, disables gain feature importance.
- > FATE-Flow
- * Separate the base connection address of the data storage table from the data table information, and compatible with historical versions;
- * Optimize the component output data download interface;
- > FATE-Board
- * Support FATE-Board v1.7.2.1
- > Bug-Fix
- * Fixed Bug for HeteroPearson with changing default q_field value for spdz
- * Fix Data Transform's schema label name setting problem when `with_label` is False

Planning for FATE 1.9

- Full development cycle on Github
- Estimate development cycle.
- Community promotion

• Todo: determine members to work on tasks