



LF AI & Data Foundation

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Who is LF AI & Data?

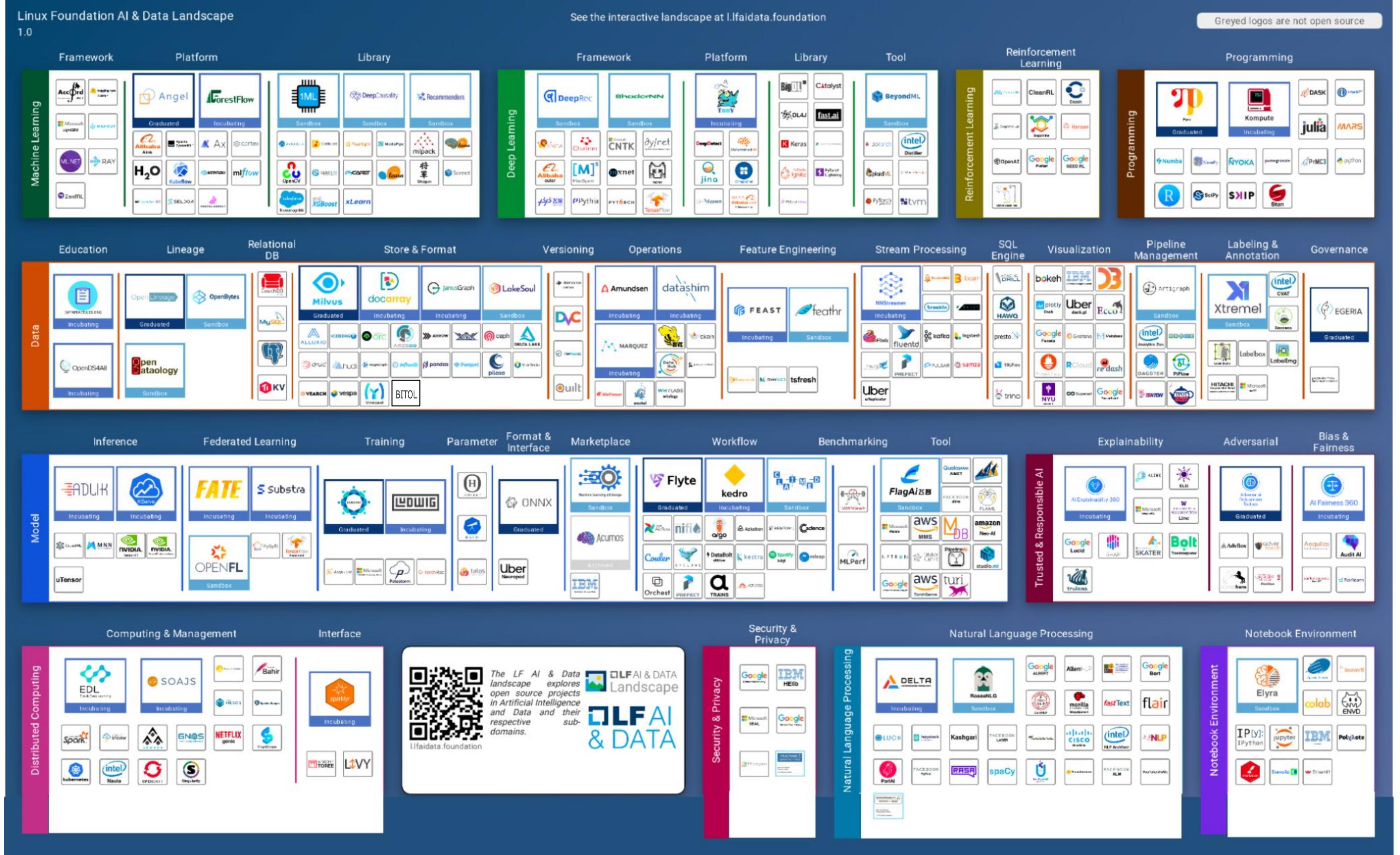
The LF AI & Data is a global not for profit foundation that hosts critical components of the global AI & Data technology infrastructure. It brings together the world's top developers, end users, and vendors to identify and contribute to the projects and initiatives that address industry challenges for the benefit of all participants.

Evolution & Mission



Our mission is to build and support an open AI community, and drive open source innovation in the AI, ML, DL and Data domains by enabling collaboration, sharing best practices, supporting development efforts, and the creation of new opportunities for all the members of the community.

A growing ecosystem: 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 AI accessible to everyone, and companies benefit from a community of other contributors helping accelerate open AI applied research.

Cost

TTM

Interoperability

Value

Access to talent

Integration

Open Source Opportunities for AI Development

Research and Innovation: Open source provide researchers with valuable resources for exploring new techniques, developing novel technologies and applications, and advancing the field of AI.

Collaboration and knowledge sharing: Open source promote collaboration by allowing developers to build on top of existing technologies and models. share improvements, and collectively advance the field.

Transparency: Open source encourage transparency and accountability by allowing researchers to inspect the source code, and in the example of Gen AI, inspect and study the models and data used for training.

Democratize access : Open source help democratize access to state-of-the-art AI/ML technology enabling developers and organizations with limited resources to leverage and use state-of-the-art AI technologies for their applications.

Federated LLMs: Open source generative AI support the emergence of decentralized and federated LLMs, allowing for increased privacy and data control.

Minimize fragmentation: Working collaboratively on open source solution contributes to minimizing fragmentation and rallying organizations to contribute collectively toward open building blocks.

Why are companies working on AI/ML in open source?

1. Access to state of the art open source libraries and frameworks backed and supported by top tier AI organizations
2. Minimize cost of creating baseline, non-differentiating software components
3. Interoperability - Many customers want interoperability and working on a common implementation in open source delivers higher quality interoperability and integration
4. Time to market - Use open source software to build a solution faster than building it all in your one company
5. Necessary to build higher value solutions - Collaborate on common technologies and innovate above the value line
6. Access to great specialized talent - The best engineers in the world on a technology won't work for you- Engineers working in open source are often some of the most talented in the world
7. Incorporate development best practices - Open source developers have refined software development at scale and companies are trying to replicate open source development practices in their company ("innersource")

Open source benefits for AI & Data

FAIRNESS

Methods to detect and mitigate bias in datasets and models, e.g., bias against known protected populations

ROBUSTNESS

Methods to detect alterations and tampering with datasets and models, e.g., modifications from known adversarial attacks

EXPLAINABILITY

Methods to enhance persona's or role's ability to understand and interpret AI model outcomes, decisions, and recommendations, e.g., ranking and debating results and options

LINEAGE

Methods to ensure the provenance of datasets and AI models, e.g., reproducibility of generated datasets and AI models

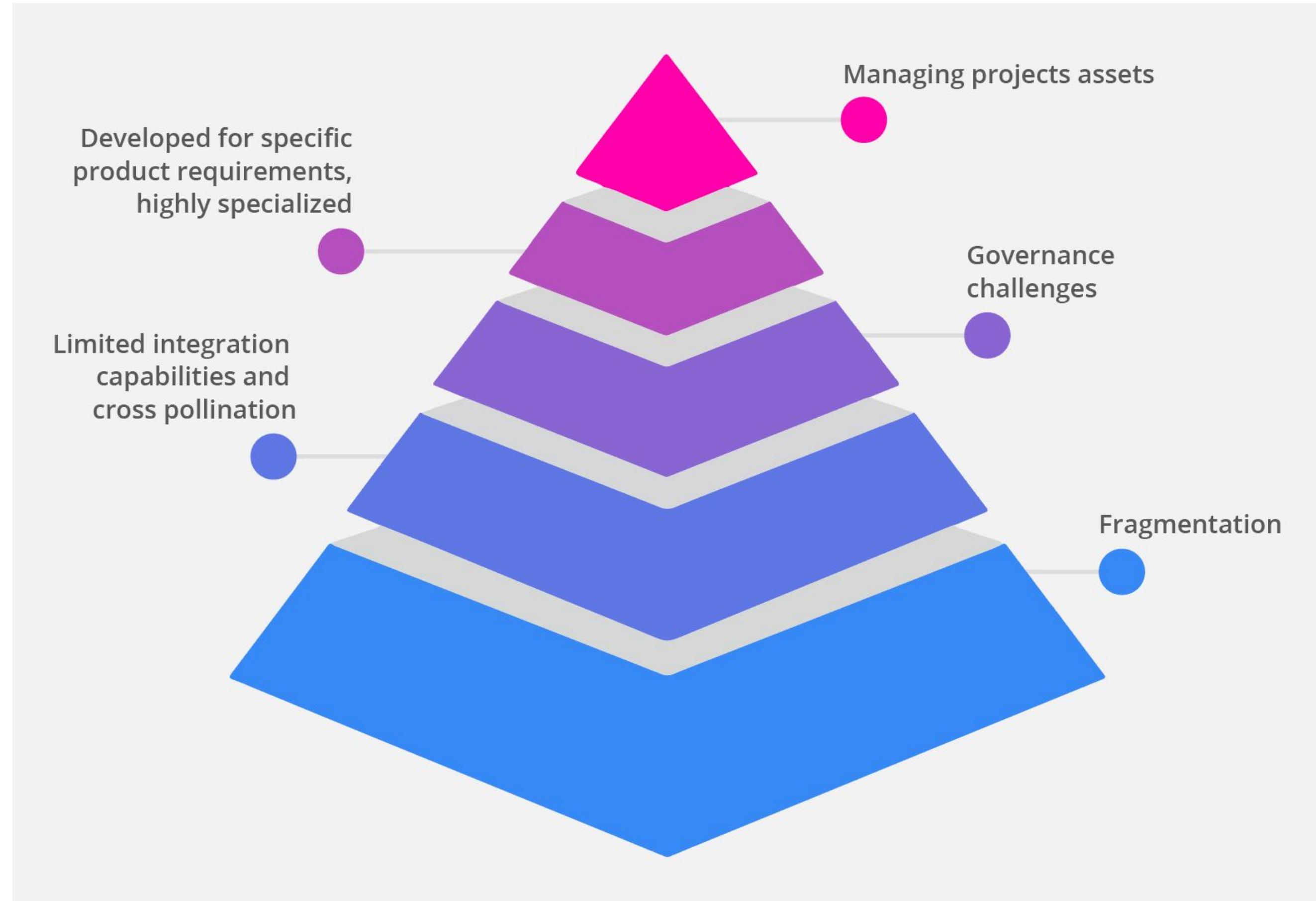
AVAILABILITY

Open source data-specific licenses make data freely accessible for use without mechanisms of control

GOVERNABILITY

A governance structure and tools to clean, sort, tag, trace, and govern data and datasets

But with challenges...



Members

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Foundation Structure and Governance

Foundation Governance

(Funding effort)

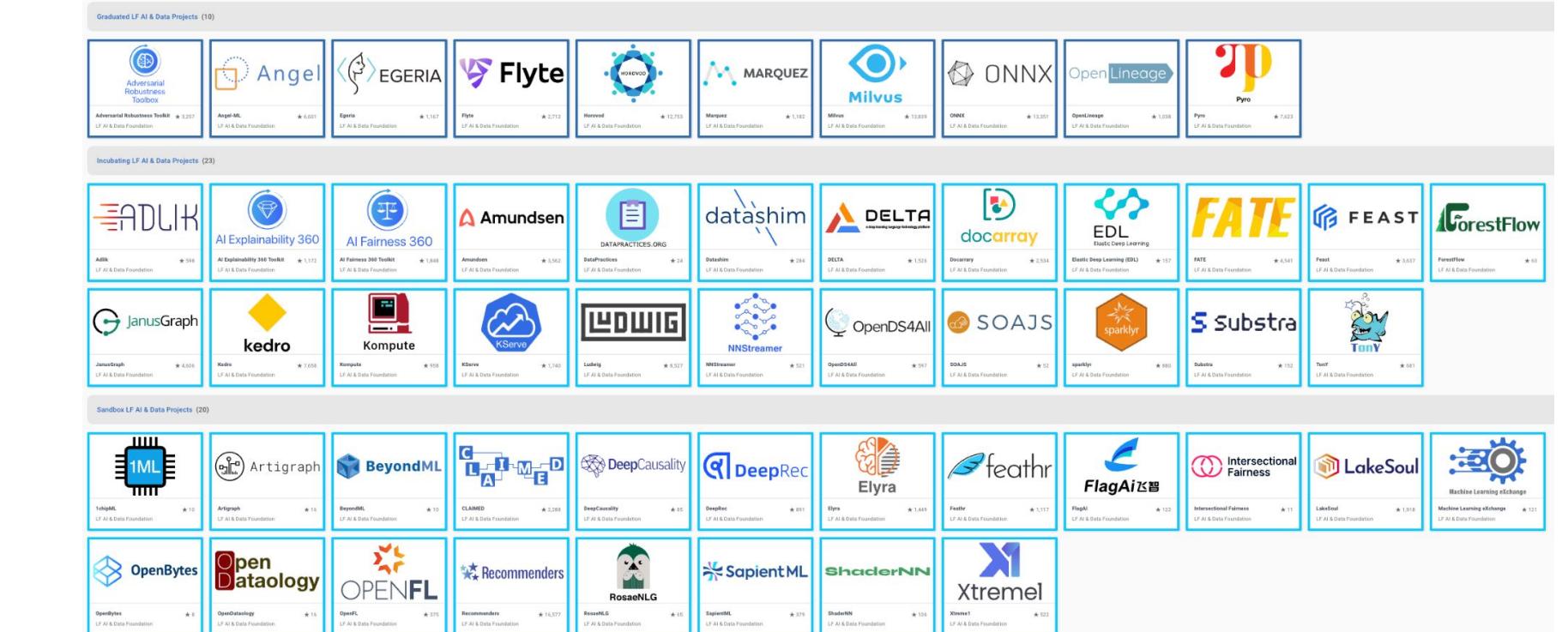


Technical Coordination

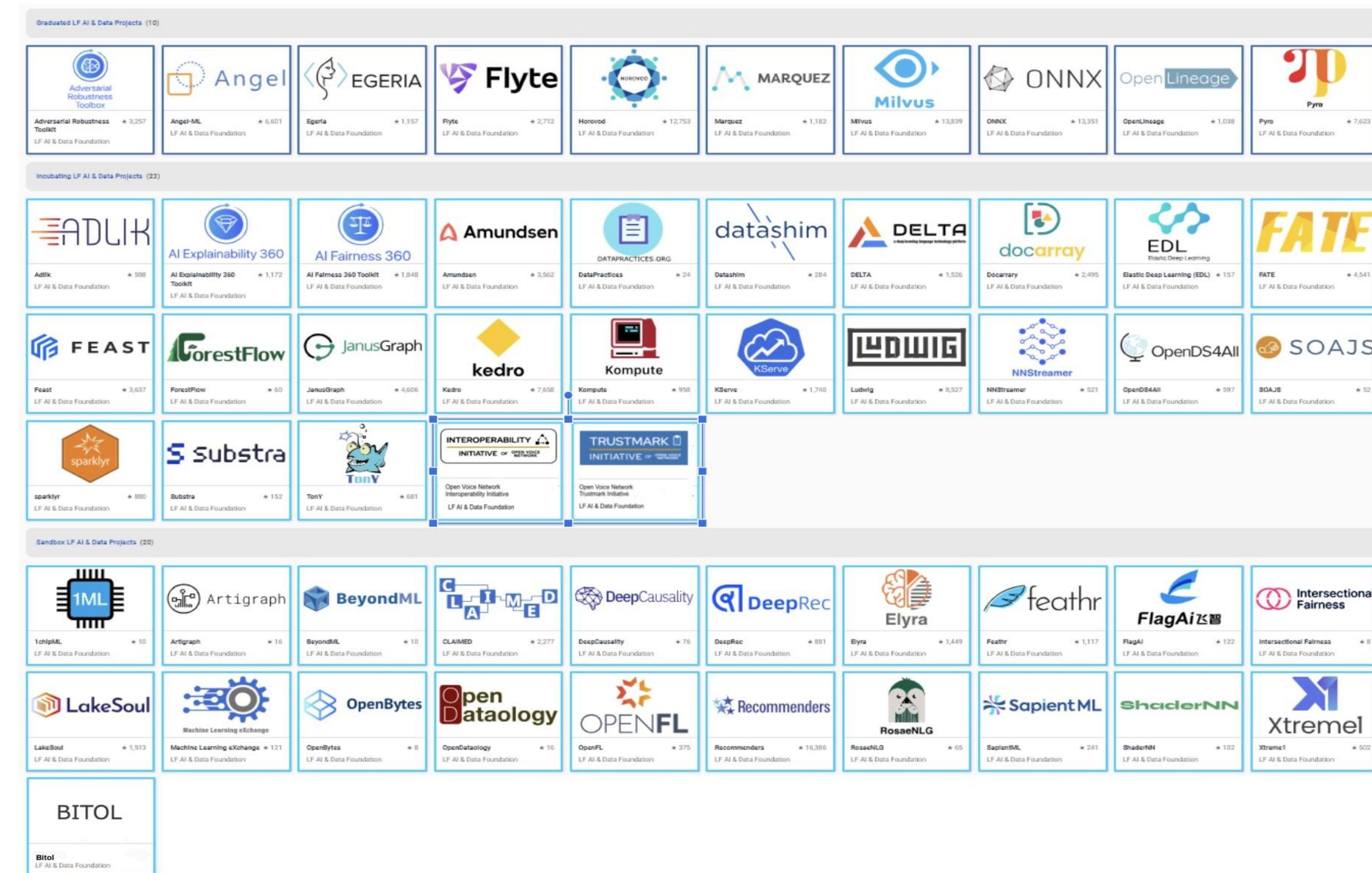
Technical Advisory Council



Hosted Projects



Projects Hosted in LF AI & Data



Hallmarks of a successful open source project

- **Well-tested:** Users should be confident that ecosystem projects will work well with PyTorch, and include support for CI to ensure that testing is occurring on a continuous basis and the project can run on the latest version of PyTorch.
- **Clear utility:** Users should understand where each project fits within the PyTorch ecosystem and the value it brings.
- **Permissive licensing:** Users must be able to utilize ecosystem projects without licensing concerns. e.g. BSD-3, Apache-2 and MIT licenses
- **Easy onboarding:** Projects need to have support for binary installation options, clear documentation and a rich set of tutorials.
- **Ongoing maintenance:** Project authors need to be committed to supporting and maintaining their projects.
- **Community:** Projects should have (or be on track to building) an active, broad-based community.

Why should you participate in open source AI development?

- Alignment with upstream development for projects you rely on
- Minimize technical debt and reduce development costs
- Product enablement (features, security, performance, etc.)
- Influence and shape technology direction via active participation in the projects
- Faster innovation and development
- Access to specialized and diverse talent pool
- Enhanced Interoperability and Compatibility: Open source software tends to adhere to standards, which can lead to better interoperability with other systems and reduce the risk of vendor lock-in.
- Faster innovation and development: Active participation in open source communities will enable you to tap into a global pool of talent and resources, accelerating the development cycle of its own software products.
- Actively participating in open source communities can boost your reputation, demonstrating a commitment to collaboration and innovation
- Long-term sustainability of the projects you depend on
- Engaging with open source communities can lead to unlock valuable partnerships and collaborations with other organizations, potentially opening new business opportunities.

Key Stats

63

Member
Organizations

53

Active Technical
Projects

9

Active
Committees

650+

Contributing
Organizations

22.58 M

Lines of Code

250,000+

GitHub PRs

29,000+

Active Contributors
(>69K total contributors)

20+

Technical
Integrations

Code Stats

May 19, 2023, Source: [LFX Insights](#)

Across 297 total repositories, an average of 35.64K LOC were added per repository on a weekly basis.

An average of 275.20M LOC were added in the last 5 years.

Total Number of Contributor

Total Contributors

The count of the total number of technical contributors across commits, pull requests/changesets, issues and documentation aggregated since the start of the project.



Our programs are enabling our projects to increase the contributions from existing developers and welcome new developers into projects at an unprecedented rate.

Commit Growth

Commits

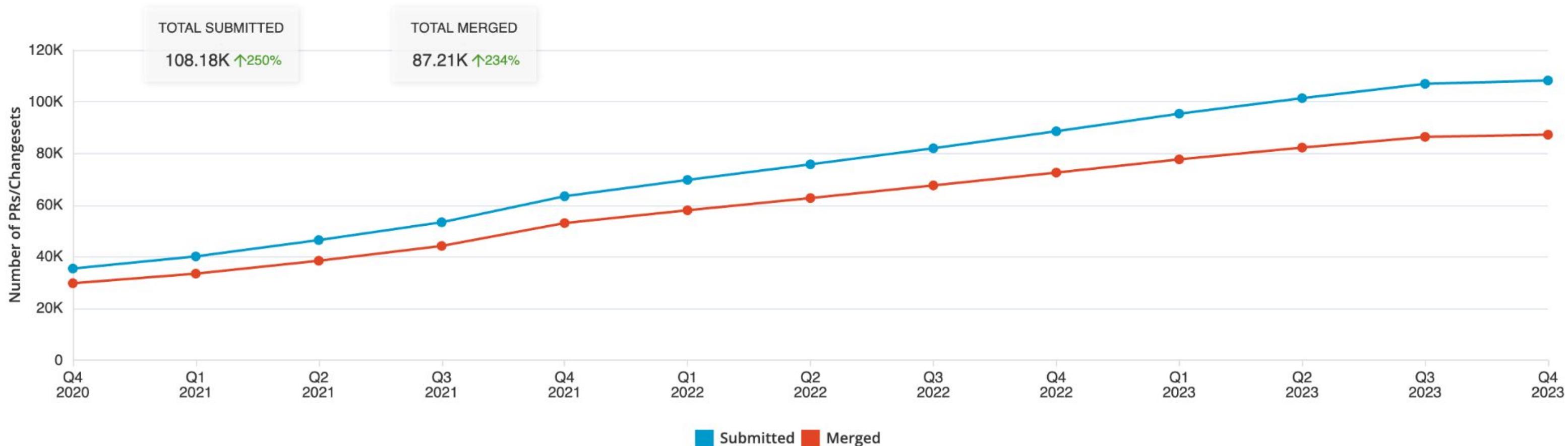
The aggregate number of commits to the project across all repositories or selected repositories.



PR / Changeset History

Pull Request/Changeset History

The total number of pull requests/changesets submitted and merged.



Organization Engagement



Key Insights:

1. A total of **658 organizations participated in the code commits** during the past 5 years.
2. An average of 234 commits were contributed by individual contributors during the last 5 years.
3. An average of 364 commits were contributed by unaffiliated contributors during the last 5 years.

Over 14% of the ecosystem's key projects depend on LF AI & Data

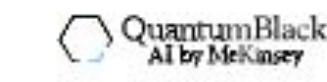
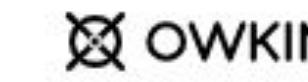
for their open governance, safe haven for their assets, infrastructure, and enabling marketing, legal and event services, and staff that is eager to help and support the communities of these various projects



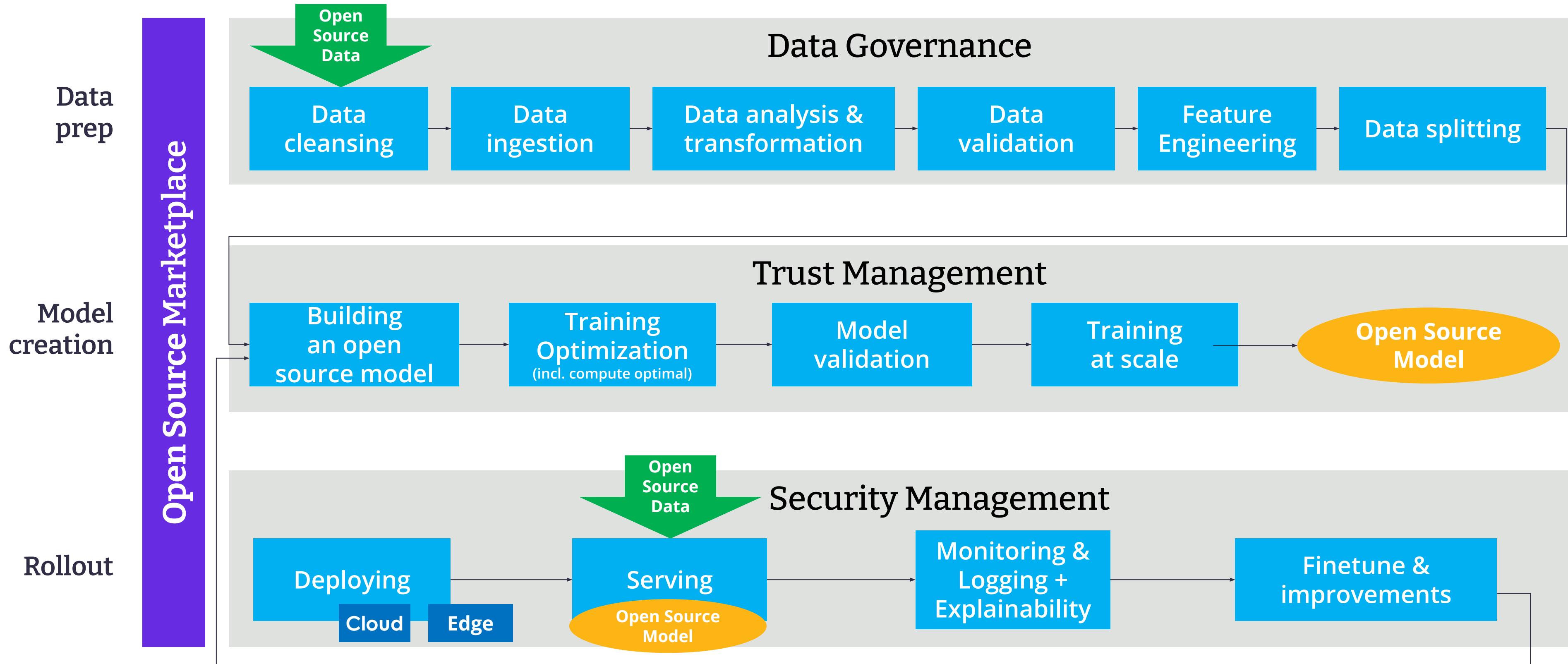
Industry Leaders Host Projects in LF AI & Data



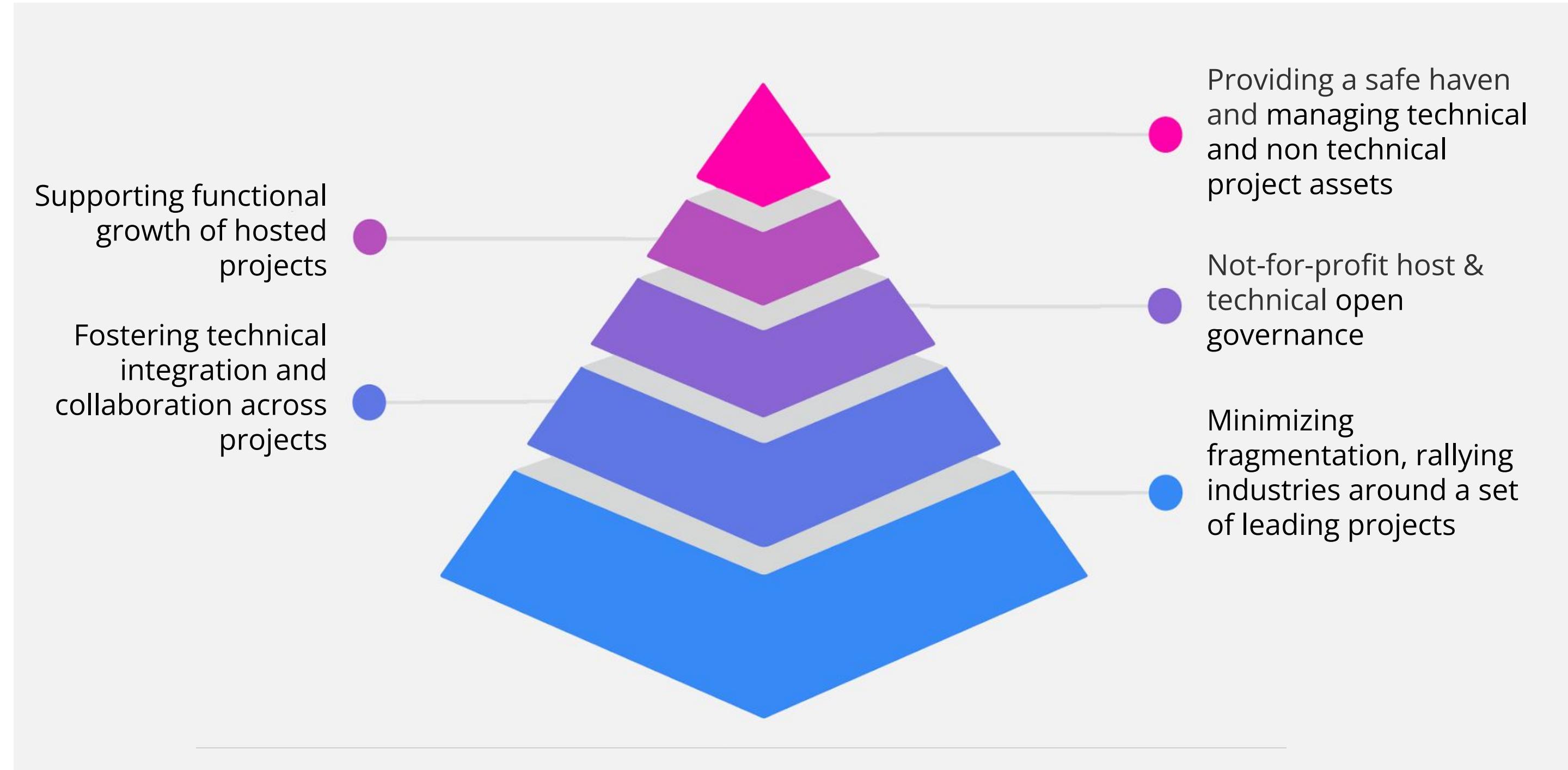
Herron Tech



With 50 Hosted Technical Projects, LF AI & Data offers all required open source software and elements required to build and manage an end-to-end ML Workflow



LF AI & Data is addressing key ecosystem challenges



Support Programs Available to Hosted Projects

NEUTRAL HOSTING <p>A neutral home for an open source project increases the willingness of developers from software companies, startups, academia, and elsewhere to collaborate, contribute, and become committers.</p>	DEDICATED STAFF <p>Projects have access to full-time staff (executive director, program manager, project coordinator) who cultivate the maturity and adoption of open source AI and data projects</p>	TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION <p>We develop training classes and, through the Linux Foundation, can execute and launch certification programs in support of hosted projects.</p>
EVENTS MANAGEMENT <p>Events are part of LF AI & Data's core strategy to help projects build a community and accelerate knowledge-sharing and integration. Many LF AI & Data projects have their own events.</p>	DEV-FOCUSED OPERATION <p>Services include IT infrastructure, release management, IT ops, support, security audits, and a host of tools (FOSSA, LastPass, Slack, Synk, Zoom, etc.).</p>	MENTORSHIP <p>Members of the LF AI & Data technical advisory committee and leaders of graduated projects are available to support and mentor new projects.</p>
MARKET SERVICES <p>We offer a wide range of marketing services to increase project awareness, project adoption, and the number of contributors.</p>	DESIGN AND AESTHETICS <p>Our in-house team provides graphic design resources for new logos, websites, and website refreshes or enhancements.</p>	PROGRAM MANAGEMENT <p>We have decades of experience in program management of open source projects. We bring best practices to all LF AI & Data hosted projects.</p>
LFX PLATFORM EXPERIENCE <p>This Linux Foundation product offers a set of integrated tools for project insights, security, easy contributor license agreements, crowdfunding, member engagement, and more.</p>		

Strong Project Participation from China

Hosted Projects



Organizations Hosting Projects



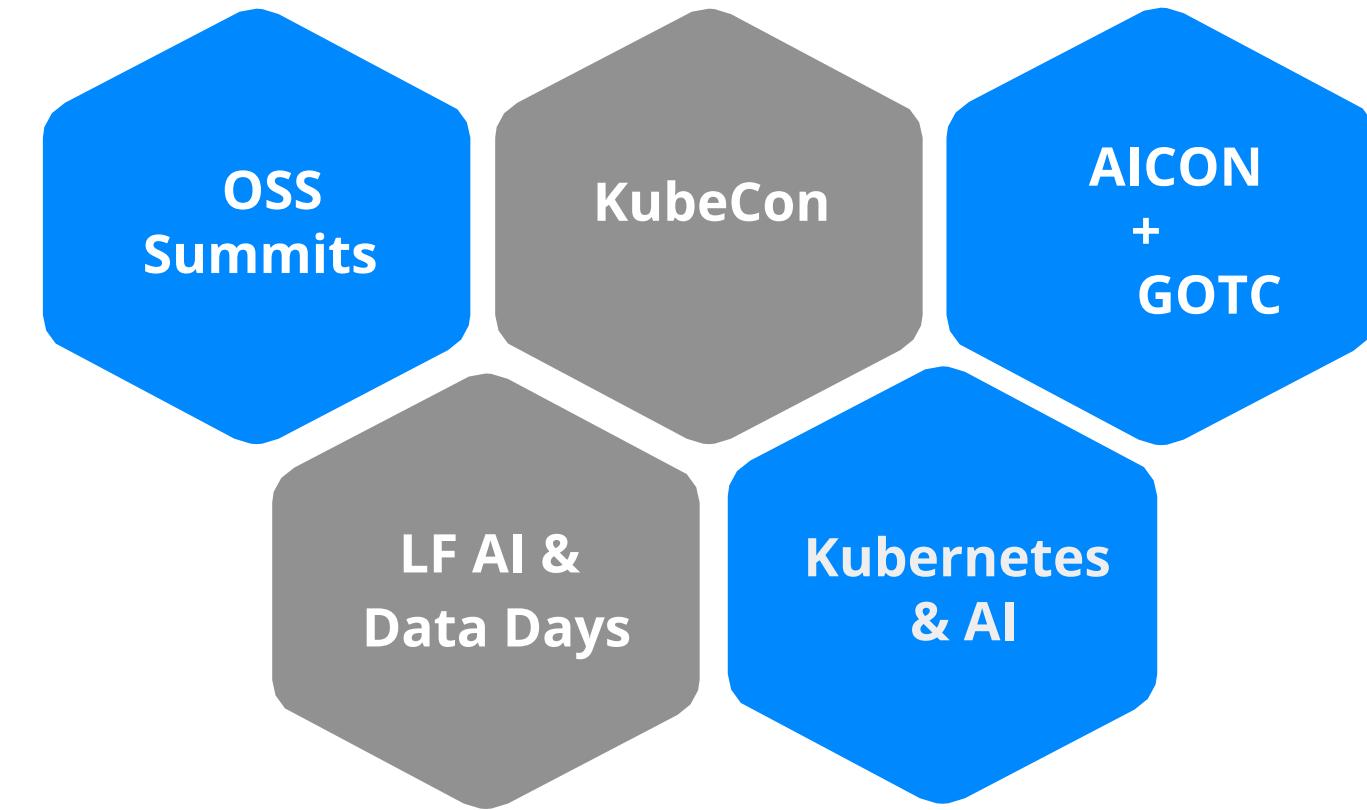
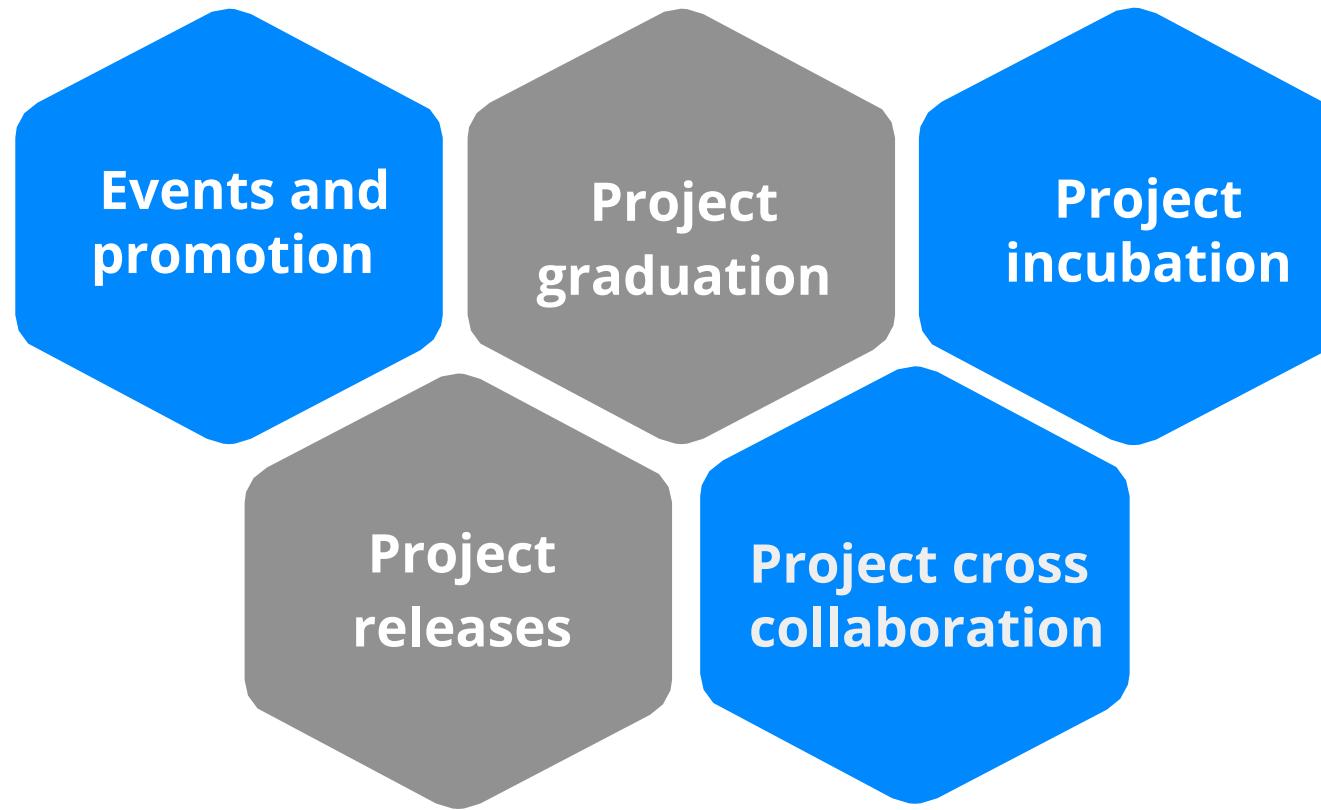
Focused Developer & Community Marketing Effort



MarComm services to support community and ecosystem engagement



Events and community ecosystem building services



Ongoing Threads

- 1. Expanding Membership**
- 2. Expanding Scope**
 - a. Increased focus on Data tooling (data processing, pipeline management, validation, data storage, visualization)
 - b. New focus on Gen AI tooling and Models
 - c. New focus on hosting Data Sets
- 3. Announcing Generative AI Commons**
 - a. Collaborating with industry leaders and academia to establish, promote, and support the development and innovation of open science generative AI technologies
 - b. Hosting and supporting a wide range of generative AI projects and tools that drive innovation and democratization of AI .
 - c. Ensuring ethical, transparent, and accessible AI that benefit all of humanity.
- 4. Kicking off Effort on ML Openness Framework**
 - a. Support the open sourcing of model elements required for a true open source experience
 - b. Create comprehensive licensing evaluation framework to help rate the openness level of an ML model by measure of how many of its elements are made available under an open source license
- 5. Policy Activities**
 - a. Work to share knowledge and expertise to develop responsible and informed AI legislation
 - b. Provide thought leadership and expertise as members embark upon their generative AI journeys

Why Launch Generative AI Commons in the LF?

Not-for-profit

A non-profit that hosts and promotes the collaborative development of open source projects (sw, hw, standards)

Neutral

Trusted neutral foundation hosting projects and their IP, increasing the willingness of organizations to collaborate & contribute

Credible

3000+ members, 1000+ open source projects, launching cross industry efforts, leading oss technologies in all industry sectors

Open Governance

Open, transparent and fair governance model across all efforts and projects in the Linux Foundation and its umbrella foundations

Available Support Programs

Growth

Build momentum within the LF community of thousands members

Financial Support

Raise and manage funds for the projects or launched efforts

Experience

A team of professional dedicated staff who share deep open source experience

Asset Manager

Manage project/community assets with deep expertise at large scale

Ecosystem Builder

Building ecosystems across oss, open hw, standards, and data sharing

Credible Entity

In launching cross industry efforts, leading oss technologies in all sectors

Resources

Events, PM support, community, LFX Platform, marketing, training & cert, IT, Creative, market services

Legal Services

Trademark management, license compliance, export control filings, DCOs, CLAs, etc.

Generative AI Commons - Initial Workstreams

Emerging LLM Architectures

- Curation of oss projects
- Security
- Privacy
- Trusted & responsible AI

Model-Centric

- Hosting models
- Collaborating on building foundational models
- Hosting Gen AI tools
- Application framework tools

Data-Centric

- Hosting and curating open source datasets
- Hosting Data supporting tools (db, annotation, labeling, workflow, etc.)

Education & Outreach

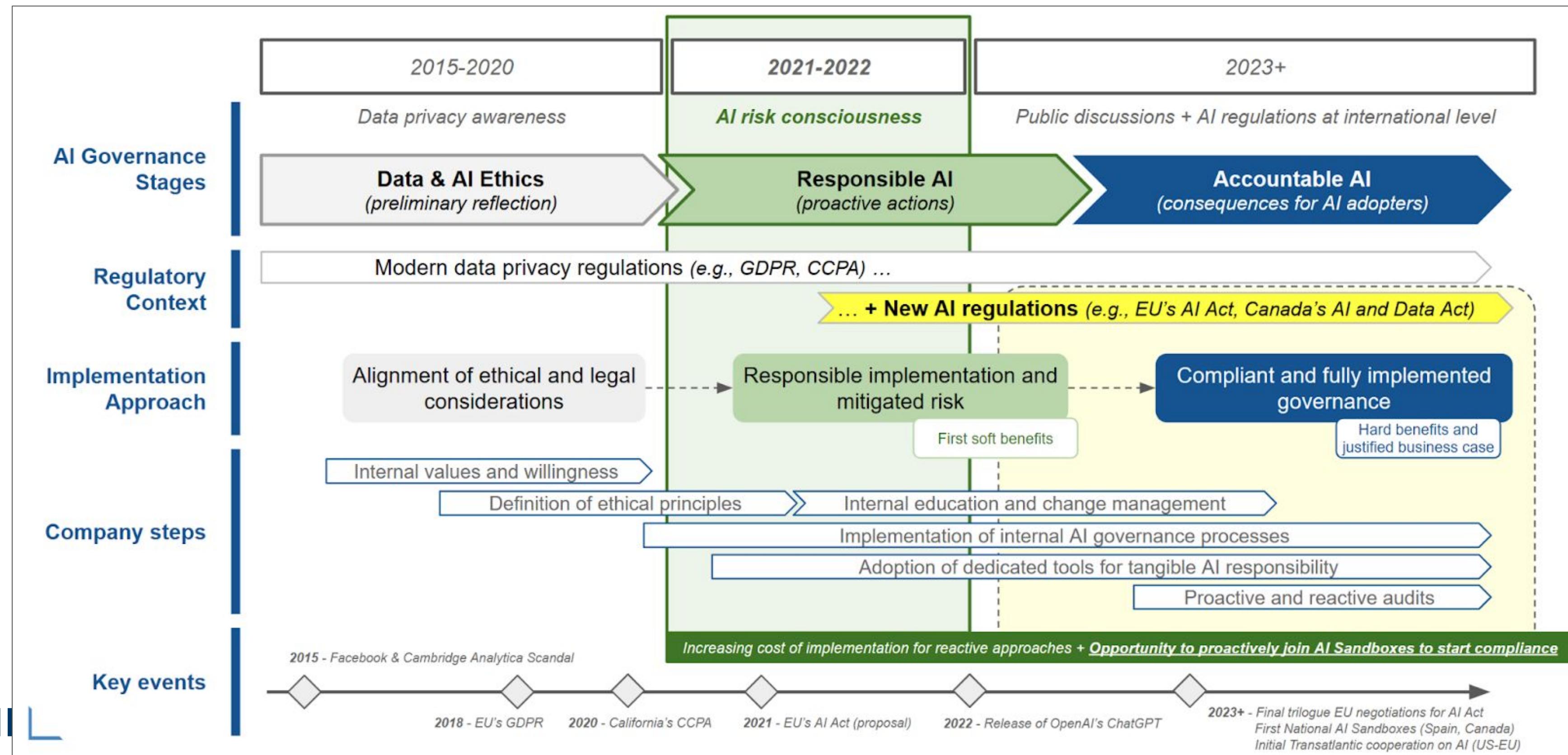
- Share knowledge and expertise
- Provide thought leadership
- Training and certification
- Share best practices

Openness Framework

A framework to evaluate the openness of ML models by measure of how many of its elements are made available under an open source license

The Time for Accountable AI is NOW ([blog post](#))

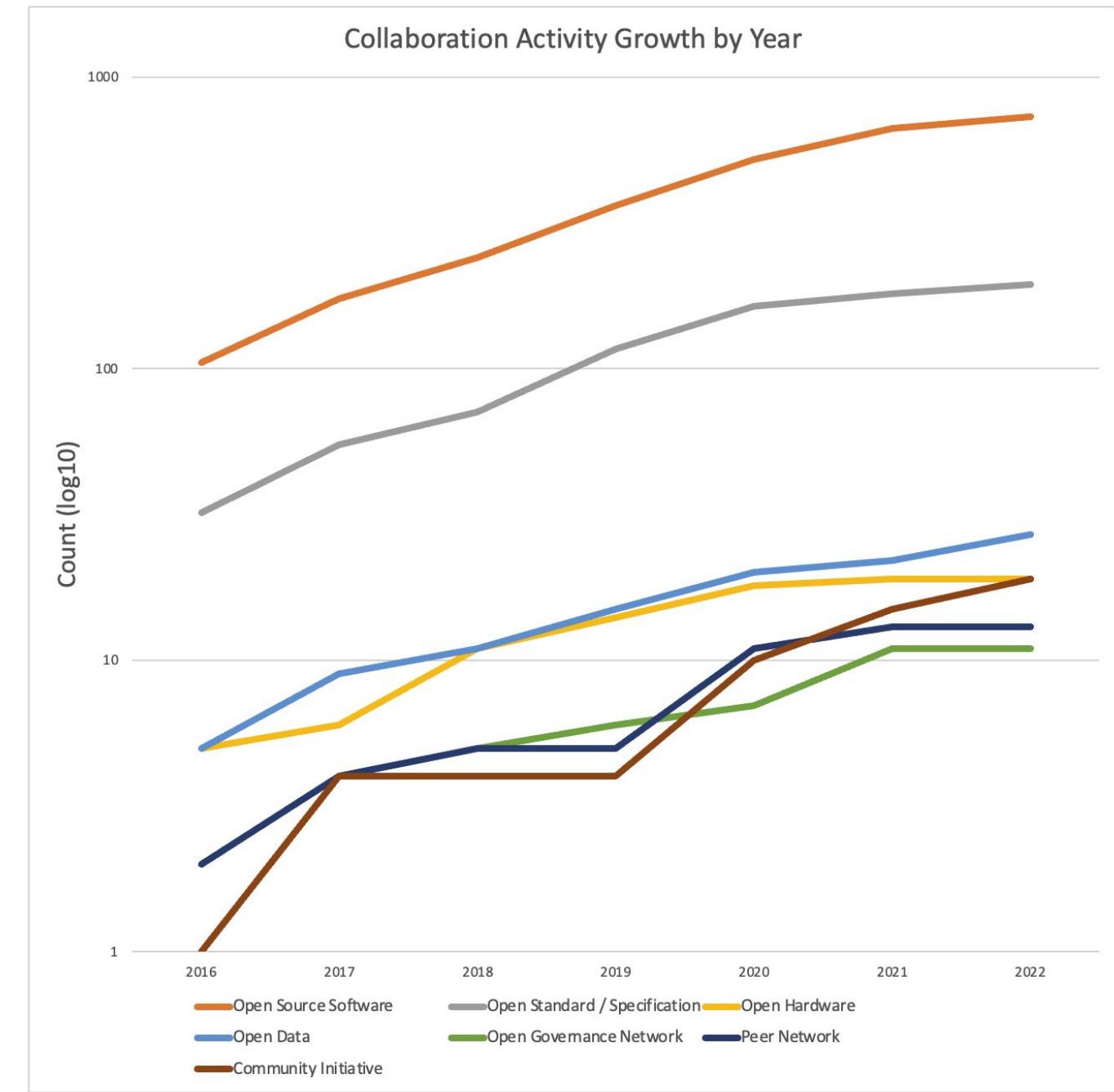
Similarly to GDPR for data privacy, organizations need to proactively define and adopt a responsible AI approach before it's too late



The growth in AI, deep learning, and ML led to a rise in Open Data projects

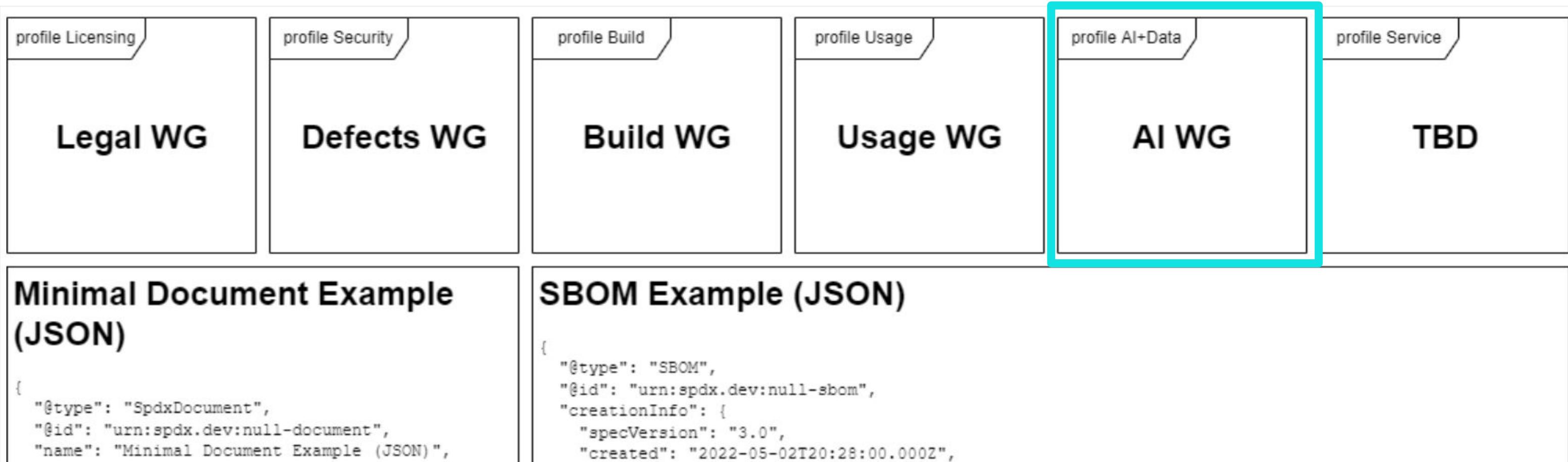
Activity Type	2022	2019	Change	CAGR
Open Source Software	733	362	371	27%
Open Standard / Specification	194	117	77	18%
Open Hardware	19	14	5	11%
Open Data	27	15	12	22%
Open Governance Network	11	6	5	22%
Peer Network	13	5	8	38%
Community Initiative	19	4	15	68%

Notes: 1) excludes any archived or formation stage projects, 2) 2022 Project Total = 858, 2019 Project = 416, a single project may include multiple collaboration activity types (e.g. Open Container Initiative includes both software and specification collaborations), 3) a Peer Network is a community of individuals working in common roles and exchanging best practices (e.g. TODO Group), 4) Community Initiative is a chartered non-technical working group or special interest group, 5) Collaboration Activity Growth By Year in the line chart is based on a log10 normalization of the same data by year.



There is a need to capture AI model information, and we can use familiar SBOM standards and tools to do this

- SPDX 3.0 includes
 - AI profile to convey key properties about AI applications and models.
 - dataset profile to convey relevant metadata about training datasets for AI models and other applications.



<https://github.com/spdx/spdx-3-model/blob/main/model.png>

Don't believe calls to “pause” or “restrict” open source AI

- It didn't work with cryptography it won't work here
- Security through obscurity doesn't work
- Regulatory capture of open source is anti-innovation and anti-competitive
- The market is already addressing AI concerns this with responsible AI market solutions

Hosting Process

Technical Advisory Committee

- The TAC serves a coordination role:
 - Votes on new projects joining LF AI & Data, as well as on promoting projects across incubation stages
 - Facilitates communication and fosters collaboration across hosted technical projects
 - Communicates needs and requirements of the projects to the Governing Board
 - Onboards new projects, assists in progression of existing projects, and reviews projects annually
 - Defines and maintains the technical vision for the LF AI & Data Foundation
 - Creates a conceptual architecture for the projects, aligning projects, promoting, removing or archiving projects
 - Defines common practices to be implemented across LF AI & Data projects
- Meetings via conference calls take place every 2 weeks, are recorded and open to the general public
 - <https://wiki.lfai.foundation/pages/viewpage.action?pageId=7733341>

Project Incubation levels

Sandbox

- Any project that intends to join LF AI & Data Incubation in the future and wishes to lay the foundations for that.
- New projects that are designed to extend one or more LF AI & Data projects with functionality or interoperability libraries.
- Independent projects that fit the LF AI & Data mission and provide the potential for a novel approach to existing functional areas (or are an attempt to meet an unfulfilled need).

Incubation

Sandbox requirements plus:

- Have 2+ organizations actively contributing to the project.
- Have a defined Technical Steering Committee (TSC) with a chairperson identified, with open and transparent communication.
- Have a sponsor who is an existing LF AI & Data member.
- Have at least 300 stars on GitHub.
- Have achieved and maintained a Core Infrastructure Initiative Best Practices Silver Badge.
- Have the affirmative vote of the TAC.

Graduate

Incubation requirements plus:

- Have a healthy number of code contributions coming from at least five organizations.
- Have reached a minimum of 1000 stars on GH.
- Have achieved and maintained a Core Infrastructure Initiative Best Practices Gold Badge.
- Have demonstrated a substantial ongoing flow of commits and merged contributions for the past 12 months.
- Receive the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the TAC and the affirmative vote of the Governing Board.
- Have completed at least one collaboration with another LF AI & Data hosted project
- Have a technical lead appointed for representation of the project on the LF AI & Data TAC

Incubation Requirements

Sandbox

- Fit the scope and mission of LF AI & Data
- Have an OSI-approved license.
- Have a sponsor who is an existing LF AI & Data member.
Alternatively, a new organization would join LF AI & Data and sponsor the project's incubation application.
- Have an open and documented technical governance. The LF team can help set this up.
- The project's founders adopt an open governance model documented in a Technical Charter for the project, and execute the Project Contribution Agreement transferring the project's assets to the LF.

Incubation

- Have at least three organizations actively contributing to the project.
- Have a defined Technical Steering Committee (TSC) with a chairperson identified, with open and transparent communication.
- Have reached a minimum of 500 stars on GitHub.
- Have achieved and maintained an [OpenSSF Best Practices Badge Program](#) (Silver).

Graduate

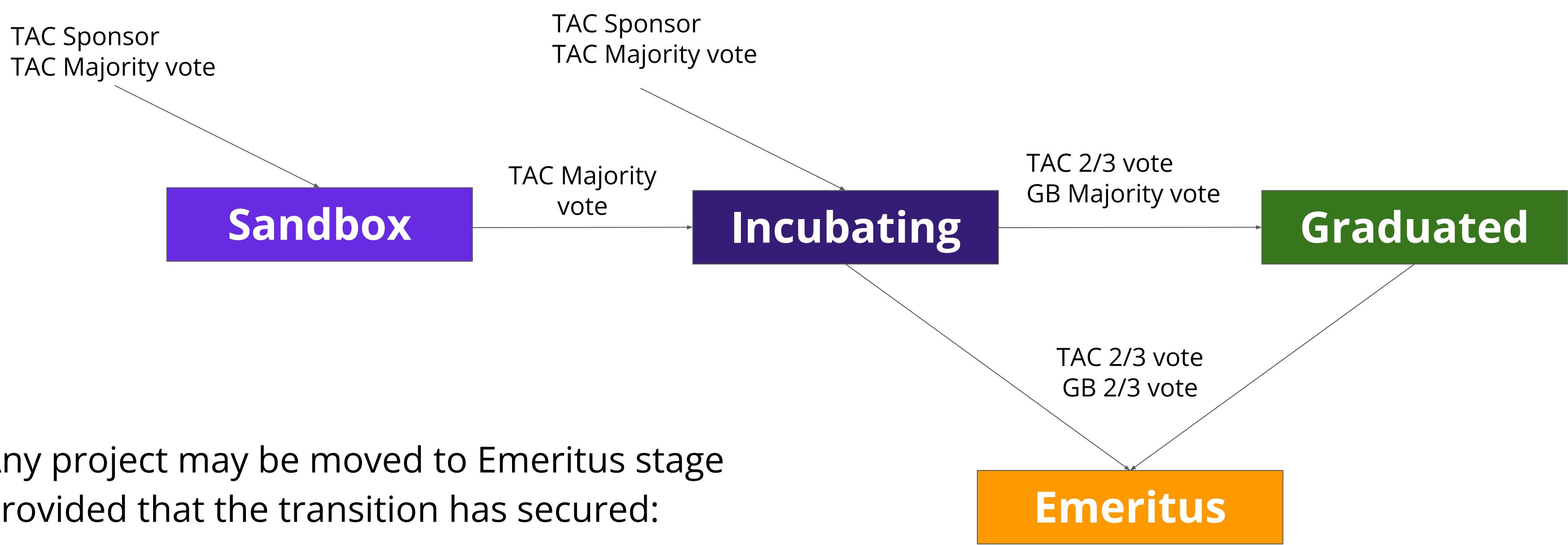
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- Have achieved and maintained an [OpenSSF Best Practices Badge Program](#) (Gold).
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- Have completed at least one collaboration with another LF AI & Data hosted project

Transitioning from Incubation to Graduation

- The TAC will undertake an annual review of all projects
- Projects in the Sandbox Stage are generally expected to move to Incubation within 12 months from joining the Foundation following an evaluation by the TAC committee
- Projects in the Incubation Stage are generally expected to move to Graduation within 12-18 months from joining the Foundation following an evaluation by the TAC committee

Projects can be provided with an extension of time in their stage (up to the discretion of the TAC)

Project Lifecycle



Process for proposing a project for hosting in LF AI & Data

1. Decide on a date to present to the TAC and request incubation
2. Ensure that your project implements these [recommendations](#)
3. Submit a formal request to incubate the project via a [GH](#) PR
4. Prepare deck and share with ED about 10 days prior to the presentation
5. Present to the TAC and get approval
6. Onboard the project with the LF AI & Data team and integrate the project with our service
7. Announce the project becoming hosted in LF AI & Data

Incubation Benefits by Levels

Sandbox

- Neutral hosting of the project's trademark and assets by LF AI & Data.
- Appointment of a TAC member as a project sponsor
- LF AI & Data blog post or similar announcing the project's hosting in the Foundation
- Right to refer to the project as an "[LF AI & Data Sandbox Project](#)," and to display the LF AI & Data logo on the project's code repository and web properties
- An initial and regularly scheduled license scan of the project's codebase
- Ongoing source code security scans and reports
- Infrastructure support includes mailing lists, wiki space, slack channel, etc.
- Marketing, communication, and PR support are limited to significant announcements.
- Access to the [LFX](#) platform.
- Support of the Foundation staff who are eager to help with the project.

Incubation

Sandbox benefits plus:

- Right to refer to the project as an "[LF AI & Data Incubation Project](#)," and to display the LF AI & Data logo on the project's code repository.
- Creative and artwork support covering website, logo, and other required creative work.
- Marketing, communication, and PR support, including project promotion via blog posts, social media, and LF AI & Data website.
- Access to the Bevy platform for community-hosted events.

Graduate

Incubation benefits plus:

- LF AI & Data blog announcement or similar announcing the project graduation, including promotion activities.
- Graduation stage projects may receive support as determined by the Governing Board.
- Right to refer to the project as an "[LF AI & Data Graduation Project](#)," and to display the LF AI & Data logo on the project's code repository.
- Voting seat on the TAC.
- Advanced IT infrastructure support (pending board approval).
- Additional ecosystem development opportunities include training courses, certification development, and conformance programs (pending board approval).

LF AI & Data Membership Benefits

LF AI & Data is positioned to bolster cross-company collaboration and interoperability with our neutral IP zone, rich contributor programs, and most importantly, the trust end users place in us.

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

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

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

Provide technical leadership to the community via the TAC, its various sub-committees and efforts

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

Receive greater insight into the foundation's strategy, efforts, projects and initiatives through increased engagement with the ED, staff and committees' leads

LF AI & Data Membership Benefits



Marketing
Amplification &
Brand Awareness



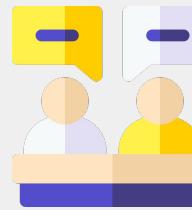
Community
Engagement



Thought & Tech
Leadership Across
Key Technologies

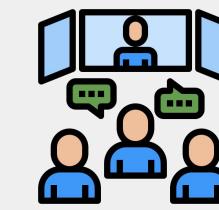
Marketing amplification and brand awareness

Broaden your reach and awareness in the community with LF AI & Data marketing programs.
As a member you can participate in:



LF AI & Data Outreach Committee

Participate in the marketing committee monthly to engage with your peers in the cloud native space.



LF AI & Data Summit

LF AI & Data organizes its own community's open source developer summits focused on open source AI and Data technologies.



LF AI & Data Online Programs

Showcase your organization's open source technology by educating new and existing community members about best practices, trends, and new technologies



Public Relations & Analyst Relations Support

LF AI & Data supports members with analyst reports and research highlights.

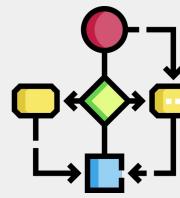


LF AI & Data Blog

Showcase your thought-leadership and industry commentary, as well as share technical walkthroughs for LF AI & Data projects here.

Community Engagement

LF AI & Data is a constellation of open source projects. Our members leverage many efforts to engage with our project's ecosystems and share their stories. As a member you can participate in:



ML Workflow and Interoperability

Design a reference architecture for end-to-end ML Workflow, provide a reference implementation using hosted projects, and facilitate integration and interop across projects.



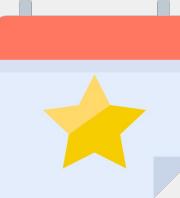
BI & AI

Integrate the power of AI and BI to make it CI (Cognitive Intelligence) by combining the speed machines accelerate (AI) with the direction intuited by human insight (BI).



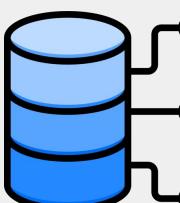
Trusted AI

A global group working on policies, guidelines, tools and use cases by industry to ensure the development of trustworthy AI systems and processes to develop them continue to improve over time.



LF AI & Data Day

A 1-day event organized multiple times per year focused on specific technical projects and collaboration ongoing in LF AI & Data



DataOps

Share best practices, and bring technology awareness around DataOps across industries and enable collaboration across LF AI & Data member companies, projects, and external participants.

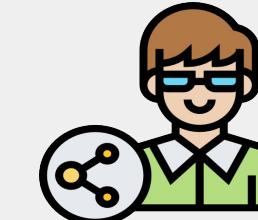
Thought leadership

Members of the LF AI & Data can network and help shape the open source AI and Data market.
As a member you can participate in:



Governing Board Participation

Participate in elections to serve on the Governing Board to oversee the vision of LF AI & Data and work with the TAC.



Technical Advisory Council Leadership

LF AI & Data TAC provides technical leadership to the open source AI and Data community, accepts projects into incubation, graduates projects and launches new efforts and collaborations.



Engagement with other Foundations and Industry Consortia

Participate in establishing collaborations with other umbrella foundations under the LF and broadly with other industry consortia organizations.



Interactive Landscape Placement

Our landscape is a comprehensive view of all open source AI and Data critical projects in the ecosystem. Anyone looking to adopt open source AI and Data projects comes here to review what technologies they should assess and adopt.

LF AI & Data Annual Dues

	Not Yet a Linux Foundation Member	Existing Linux Foundation Member
Premier Member	\$120,000	\$100,000
General Member	5,000 employees +: \$45,000 2,000 - 4,999: \$30,000 500 - 1,999: \$25,000 Up to 499 employees: \$10,000	5,000 employees +: \$25,000 2,000 - 4,999: \$15,000 500 - 1,999: \$10,000 Up to 499 employees: \$5,000
Associate Member		Free <small>Limited to academic and nonprofit institutions respectively and requires approval by the Governing Board</small>

Premier Membership

 **LF AI & DATA**
PREMIER MEMBER

Highest tier of membership – For organizations contributing heavily to open source AI and Data, and bringing their own projects to be hosted at the Foundation. They work in concert with the Foundation team members. These companies want to take the most active role in enabling the open source AI and Data ecosystem.

Premier members are eligible to:

(Enjoy all the benefits of General level, plus;)

- **Hold one (1) guaranteed seat** on the LF AI & Data Governing Board + one alternate (1) representative
- **Appoint one (1) voting representative in any subcommittees** or activities of the LF AI & Data Governing Board
- Receive greater **insight into LF AI & Data strategy and projects** through engagement with the LF AI & Data leadership team. Premier level members have the unique opportunity to **customize their experience** with LF AI & Data. The team will make themselves available to help achieve your strategic goals. We can help with guidance in open source contributions, new market creation, and/or open source project donation. **Have ideas? Just ask!**
- Enjoy most prominent placement in displays of membership including website, landscape and marketing materials.
- Create an individualized press release upon membership announcement with the LF AI PR team.

General Membership

Targeted for organizations that want to support of LF AI & Data and our mission. Organizations that join at the General level are deeply committed to using open source technology, helping LF AI & Data grow, voicing the opinions of their customers, and giving back to the community.

General members are eligible to:

- **Participate in elections** between **other General members** to appoint one (1) representative to the **LF AI & Data Governing Board**. Three (3) total General representatives will be elected to represent all General members. Voice your opinions amongst the leaders in the industry and help determine the strategic direction of LF AI & Data.
- Receive **greater insight into LF AI & Data strategy and project roadmaps** through increased engagement with the LF AI & Data Executive Director and staff.
- Create an announcement upon membership announcement with the LF AI & Data PR team.
- Participate in all Marketing, Community, Thought Leadership opportunities.
- Opportunity to **host “LF AI & Data Day”**, including on-demand webinars and livestream.
- Receive **discounts** on LF AI & Data event sponsorships.
- Demonstrate your support for LF AI & Data by displaying your logo on the LF AI & Data website, landscape and in marketing materials.

Associate Membership

The Associate membership is a free complimentary membership limited to academic and non-profit institutions.

Associate members are eligible to:

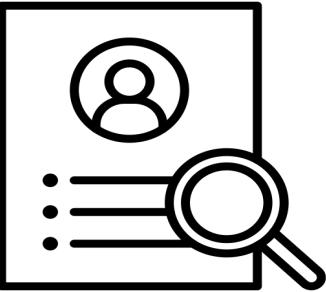
- Participate in all Marketing, Community, and Thought Leadership opportunities.
- Identify your organization as a member and display your logo on the LF AI & Data website, landscape and in marketing materials.
- Feature your organization in the quarterly new members announcement.
- Receive discounts on LF AI & Data events' sponsorship.

Specific opportunities for associate members:

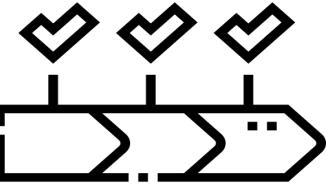
- Practical experience working with open source foundations
- Visibility into and within the ecosystem
- Internships opportunities with commercial members
- Collaboration opportunities
- Publication opportunities based on R&D conducted with projects
- Open source working experience for all participants
- Access to LF AI & Data events

Challenges and Trends

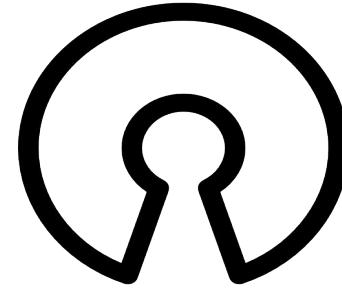
Global Open Source Trends



**Training & Cert,
Talent Shortage**



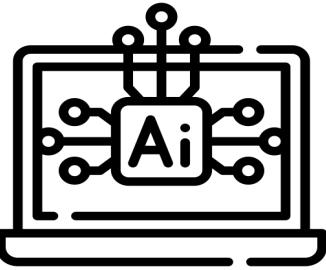
**Emphasis on SW
Supply Chain**



**Rise of Adoption
of OSPOs**



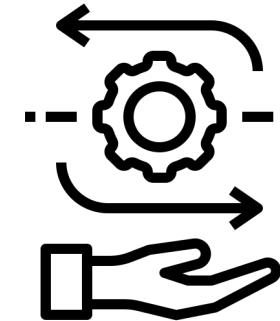
**Importance of
Software
Security**



**Infusing AI and
ML in products
and services**



**Focused Efforts
on Ethical AI
Practices**



**Criticality of OSS
to Digital
Transformation**

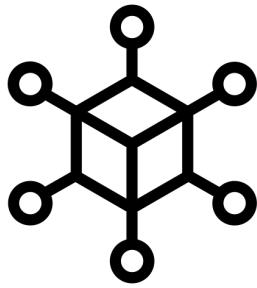


**Accelerated OSS
Adoption in
Governments**

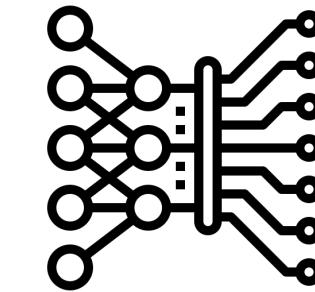
AI Challenges and Opportunities



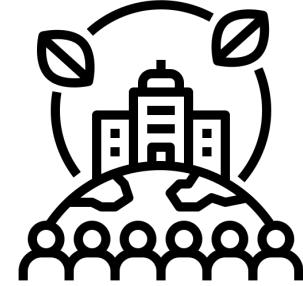
**Trusted and
Responsible AI**



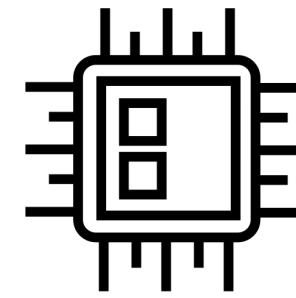
**AI on edge
devices**



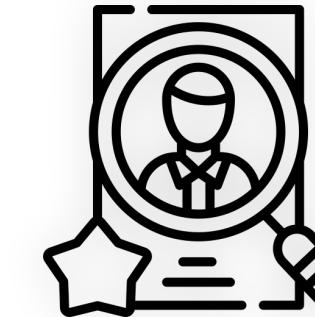
**Federated
learning**



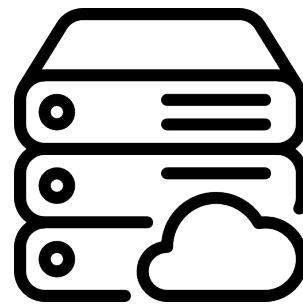
Social Impact



**Specialized
Hardware**



**Availability of
Skilled Talent**



**Scalability,
Efficiency**

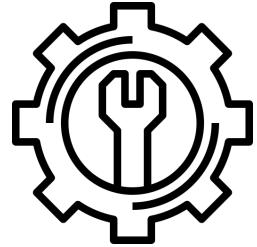


**Policies,
Regulations &
Standards**

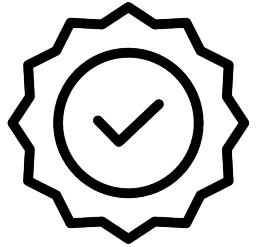


**User
Acceptance,
Building Trust**

Data Challenges and Opportunities



Security



Quality



Lineage



Deriving value

Integration

Ethical

Licensing

Labeling

Diversity

Governance

Privacy

Accessibility

Regulations

Storage

Bias

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Quantity

Legislations

Compliance

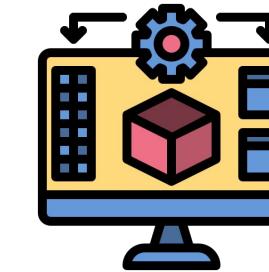
Next Frontier

**Open Source
Generative AI, Open
Source Models and
LLMs**

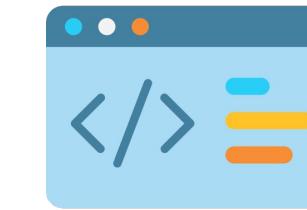
Core LLM elements to contribute to the open source AI community's collective knowledge to foster collaboration, and accelerate progress



Datasets



Model
Architecture



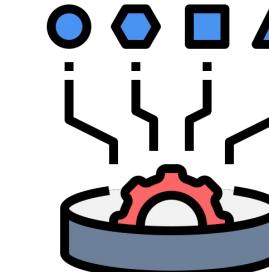
Preprocessing
Code



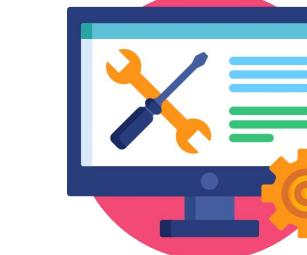
Training Code



Evaluation Metrics
& Benchmark



Model Weights
and Parameters



Supporting
Libraries & Tools

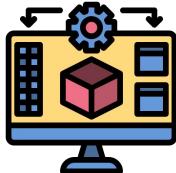


Documentation

Breaking it down



Open sourcing high-quality datasets allows others to reproduce and validate research, compare models, and develop new approaches.



Open sourcing the architecture of the model (structure, layers, and connections) will help others understand and build upon your work, leading to advancements and innovation in the field.



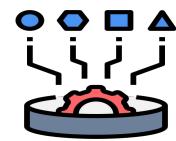
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Open sourcing evaluation metrics and benchmarks (including the implementation of the optimization algorithms, hyperparameter tuning) will allow others to replicate your experiments, compare results, and further refine the model.



Open sourcing the trained weights and parameters of your AI model will enable others to use your pre-trained model for inference or fine-tuning on their own datasets, saving them the computational resources required for training from scratch.



Open sourcing custom libraries, frameworks, or tools that facilitate AI model creation, training, or deployment, can be immensely valuable to enable the community to benefit from your codebase, contribute improvements, and build upon your work.



Open sourcing documentation and user guides can help others understand and use your AI model effectively and will encourage adoption and facilitate collaboration.

Trends

1. Model Size

LLMs have been steadily increasing in size and complexity. The shift from GPT-2 to GPT-3 saw a 100x increase in model parameters, and 6x increase from GPT-3 to GPT-4, enabling more nuanced language processing and higher-quality outputs.

2. Pre-training and Fine-Tuning

Pre-training on large-scale datasets followed by fine-tuning on specific tasks has become a common approach in LLM development. This two-step process enhances model performance and allows for transfer learning across domains.

3. Few-shot and Zero-shot Learning

LLMs have shown promising capabilities in few-shot and zero-shot learning, where they can perform tasks with minimal or no task-specific training examples. This trend has implications for rapid prototyping and reducing data requirements.

4. Multimodal LLMs

There is an increasing focus on developing multimodal LLMs that can process and generate text in conjunction with other media types, such as images, audio and video. These models enable more comprehensive and interactive AI experiences.

Challenges

1. Ethical Concerns

LLMs raise ethical concerns related to biases, misinformation amplification, and malicious use. Ensuring fairness, transparency, and responsible deployment of these models is crucial.

2. Data Privacy

LLMs require large amounts of data for training, raising concerns about user privacy and data protection. Striking a balance between data access and privacy is an ongoing challenge.

3. Dataset Limitations

Open source models rely on publicly available datasets, which may be limited in terms of diversity, quality, and potential biases. The availability of diverse and representative datasets is essential for training robust and unbiased models.

4. Resource Intensiveness

Training and deploying large-scale LLMs demand significant computational resources and energy consumption, hindering accessibility and sustainability.

5. Reproducibility and Benchmarking

Comparing and reproducing results across different open source LLMs can be challenging due to differences in architectures, training data, and evaluation metrics. Establishing standardized benchmarks and reproducibility guidelines are essential for transparent evaluation and advancement in the field.

Closed LLMs

- **Lack of Accessibility**

Closed source models are developed and owned by specific company, and access to these models may be restricted or available only through licensing agreements. This limited accessibility can restrict the ability of researchers and developers to utilize and modify the models.

- **Lack of Transparency**

Closed source models often lack transparency in terms of their architecture, training data, and fine-tuning techniques. The inner workings and details of these models are not openly shared, making it challenging to understand how they make predictions or generate outputs. This lack of transparency can limit researchers' ability to analyze and improve the models.

- **Lack of Customizability**

Closed source models may offer limited customization options. The ability to fine-tune or modify the models for specific tasks or domains may be restricted or entirely unavailable. This can limit the flexibility and adaptability of the models to specific use cases.

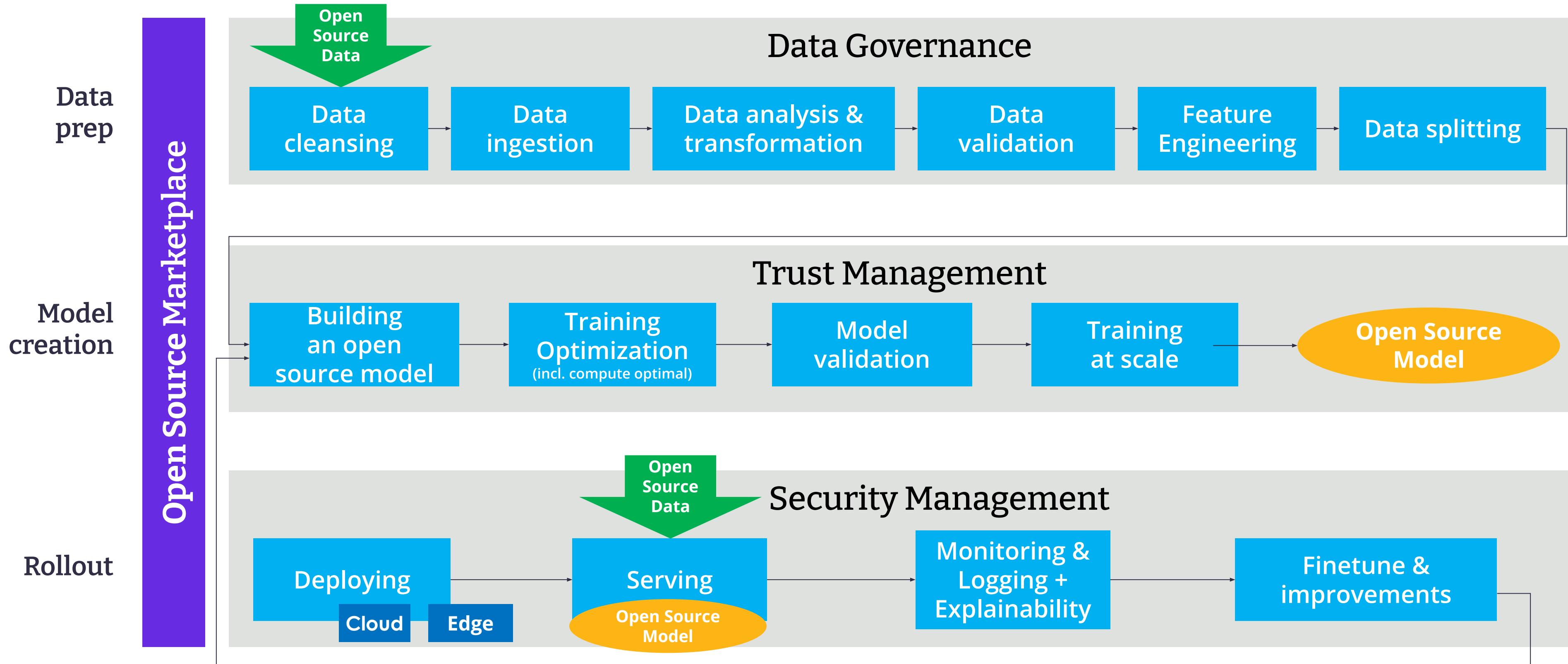
- **Intellectual Property Rights**

Closed source models are typically protected by intellectual property rights, such as copyrights or patents. This means that using or distributing these models without proper authorization may infringe on these rights. This can limit the freedom to use and distribute the models for various purposes.

Opportunities – Benefits Open Source LLMs

- **Research and Innovation**
Open source LLMs provide researchers with valuable resources for exploring new techniques, developing novel applications, and advancing the field of natural language processing.
- **Collaboration and knowledge sharing**
Open source LLMs promote collaboration by allowing developers to build on top of existing models. Researchers and developers can build upon existing models, share improvements, and collectively advance the field.
- **Transparency**
Open source LLMs encourage transparency and accountability by allowing researchers to inspect the models and data used for training.
- **Democratize access**
Open source LLMs help to democratize access to state-of-the-art natural language processing technology enabling developers and organizations with limited resources to leverage state-of-the-art models for their applications.
- **Federated LLMs**
Open source LLMs support the emergence of decentralized and federated LLMs, allowing for increased privacy and data control.

With 48 Hosted Technical Projects, LF AI & Data offers all required open source software and elements required to build and manage an end-to-end ML Workflow



LF AI & Data Role

1. Host open source LLMs
2. Harmonize the existing separated open source LLMs, build bridges, foster collaborations
3. Support the open sourcing of model elements required for a true open source experience
4. Present a framework to classify the openness of a given LLM based on the number of its elements that are made available under an open source license

The Linux Foundation and its umbrella LF AI & Data will be the vendor neutral, not-for-profit organization to host open source models and LLMs and all their associated building blocks.

We will continue supporting the AI and open source communities in new capacities, fostering collaboration, and accelerating development and innovation.

Join us, become a member!

Incubate your project

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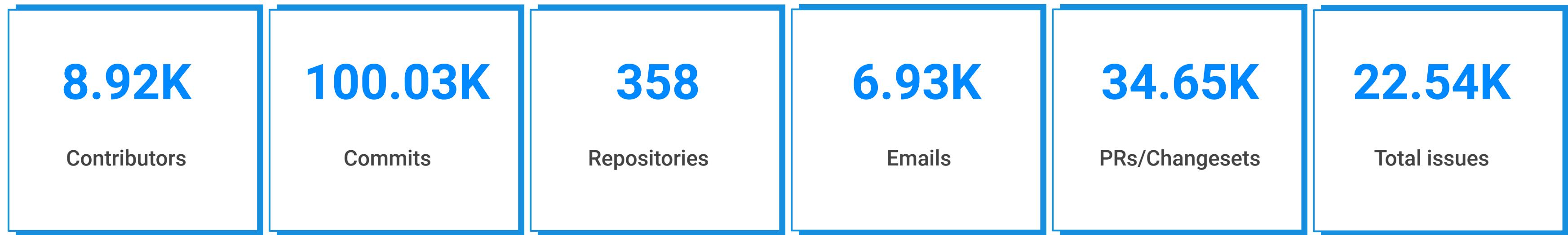


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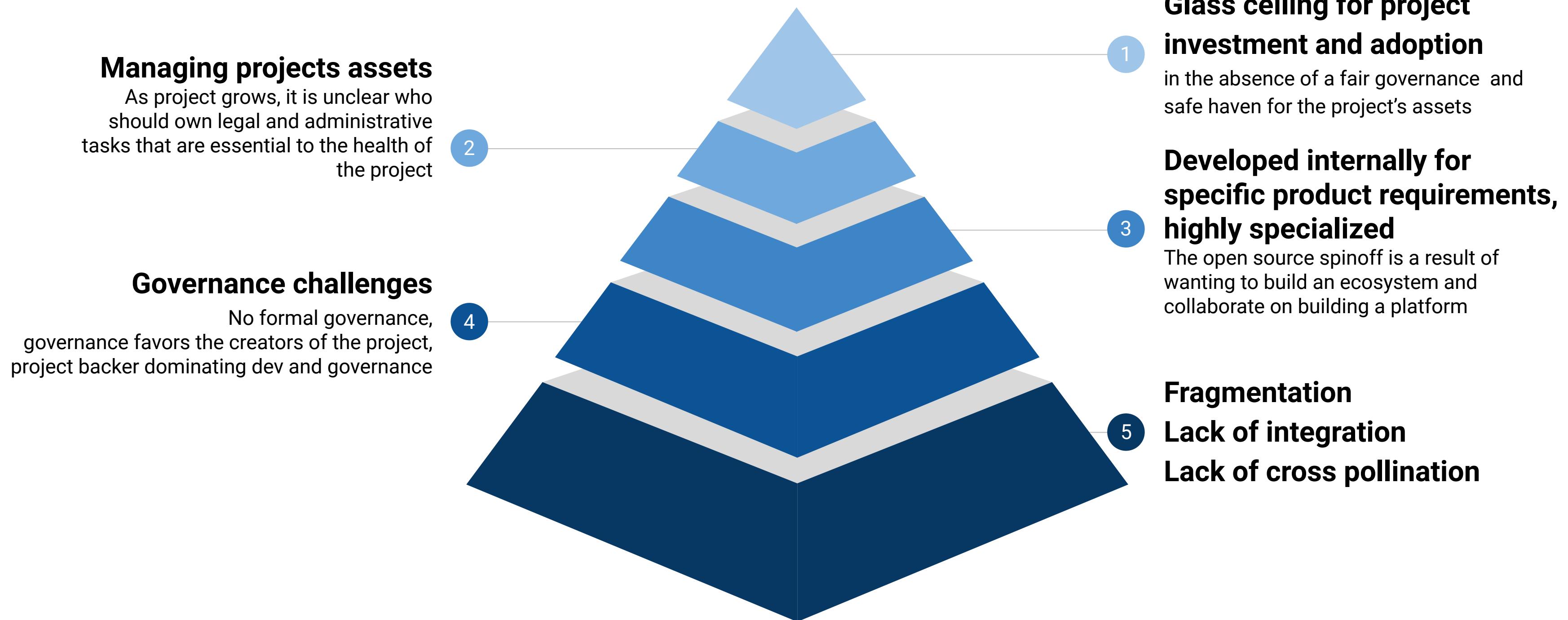
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Active and growing developer community

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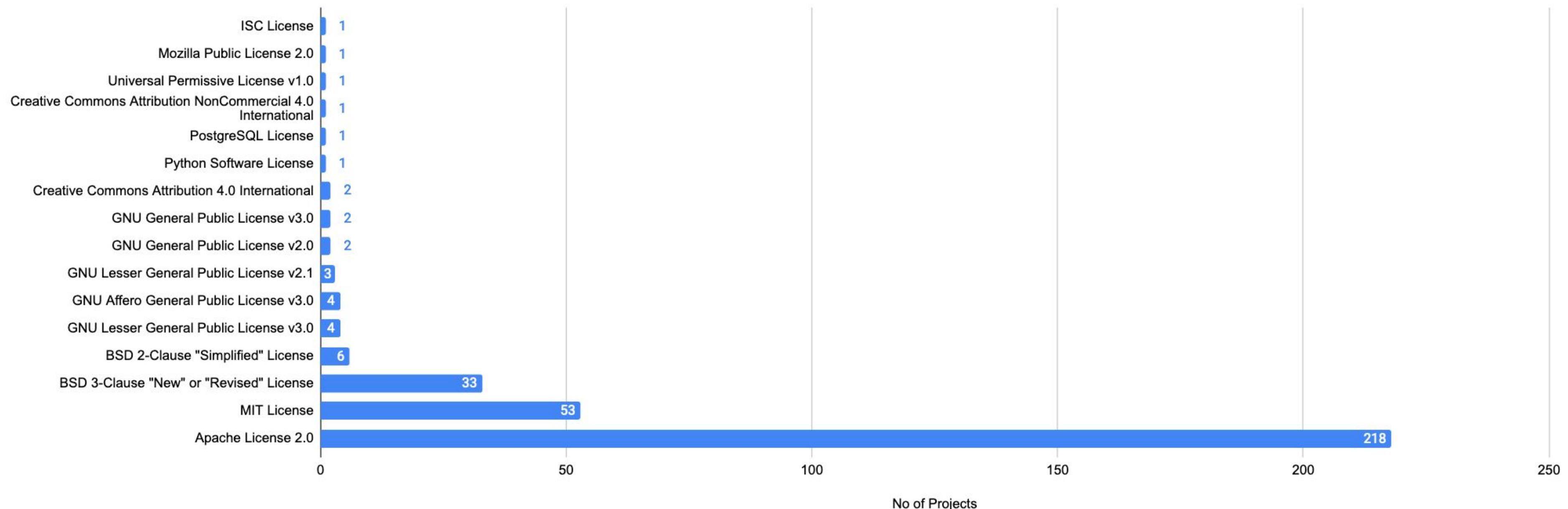
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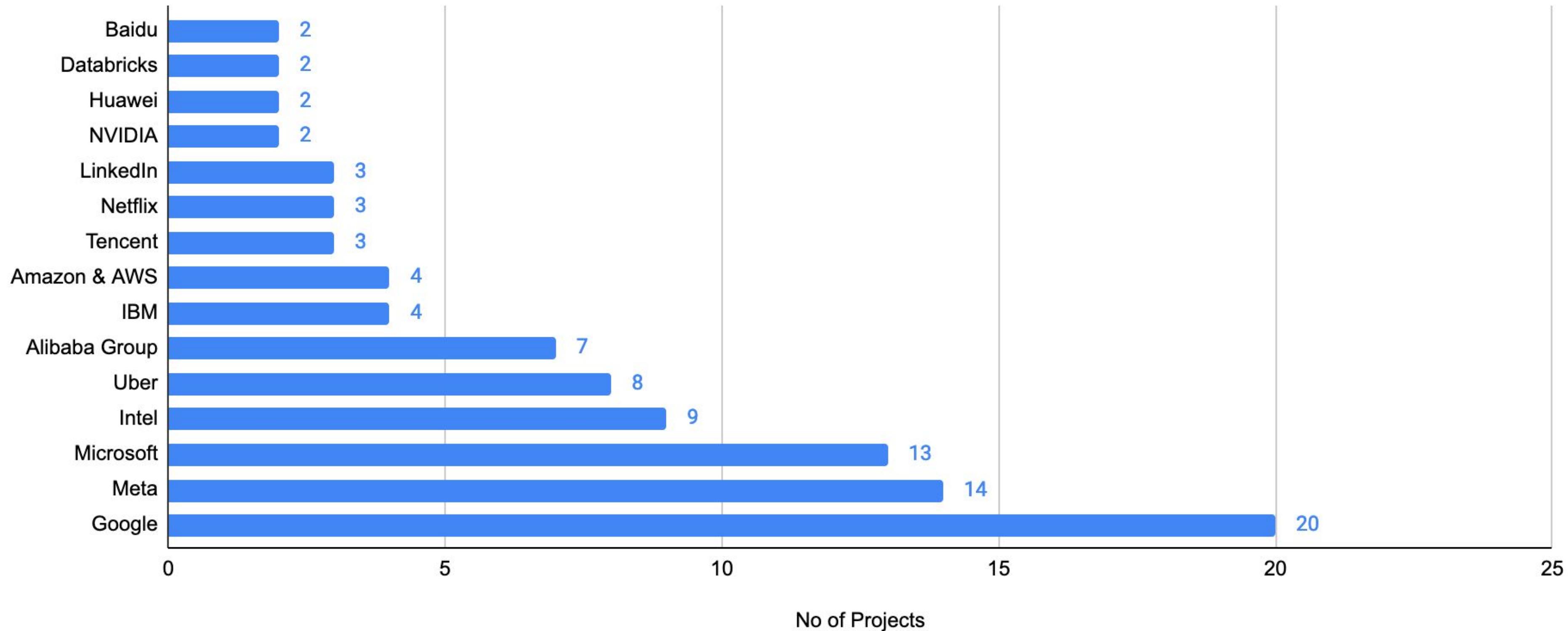
Why host your project in LF AI & Data?

Neutral hosting <p>A neutral home for an open source project increases the willingness of developers from software companies, startups, academia, and elsewhere to collaborate, contribute, and become committers.</p>	Dedicated staff <p>Projects have access to full-time staff (executive director, program manager, project coordinator) who cultivate the maturity and adoption of open source AI and data projects.</p>	Training and certification <p>We develop training classes and, through the Linux Foundation, can execute and launch certification programs in support of hosted projects.</p>	Events management <p>Events are part of LF AI & Data's core strategy, to help projects build a community and accelerate knowledge-sharing and integration. Many LF AI & Data projects have their own events.</p>
Dev-focused operation <p>Services include IT infrastructure, release management, IT ops, support, security audits, and a host of tools (FOSSA, LastPass, Slack, Synk, Zoom, etc.).</p>	Mentorship <p>Members of the LF AI & Data technical advisory committee and leaders of graduated projects are available to support and mentor new projects.</p>	Market services <p>We offer a wide range of marketing services to increase project awareness, project adoption, and number of contributors.</p>	Legal services <p>We help projects navigate licensing requirements, IP regimes, trademark management, compliance scans, export control filings, and developer certificate of origin or contributor license agreement integration with GitHub, etc.</p>
Design and aesthetics <p>Our in-house team provides graphic design resources for new logos, websites, and website refreshes or enhancements.</p>	Program management <p>We have collectively decades of experience in program management of open source projects. We bring best practices to all LF AI & Data hosted projects.</p>	LFX platform experience <p>This Linux Foundation product offers a set of integrated tools for project insights, security, easy collaborator license agreements, crowdfunding, member engagement, and more.</p>	

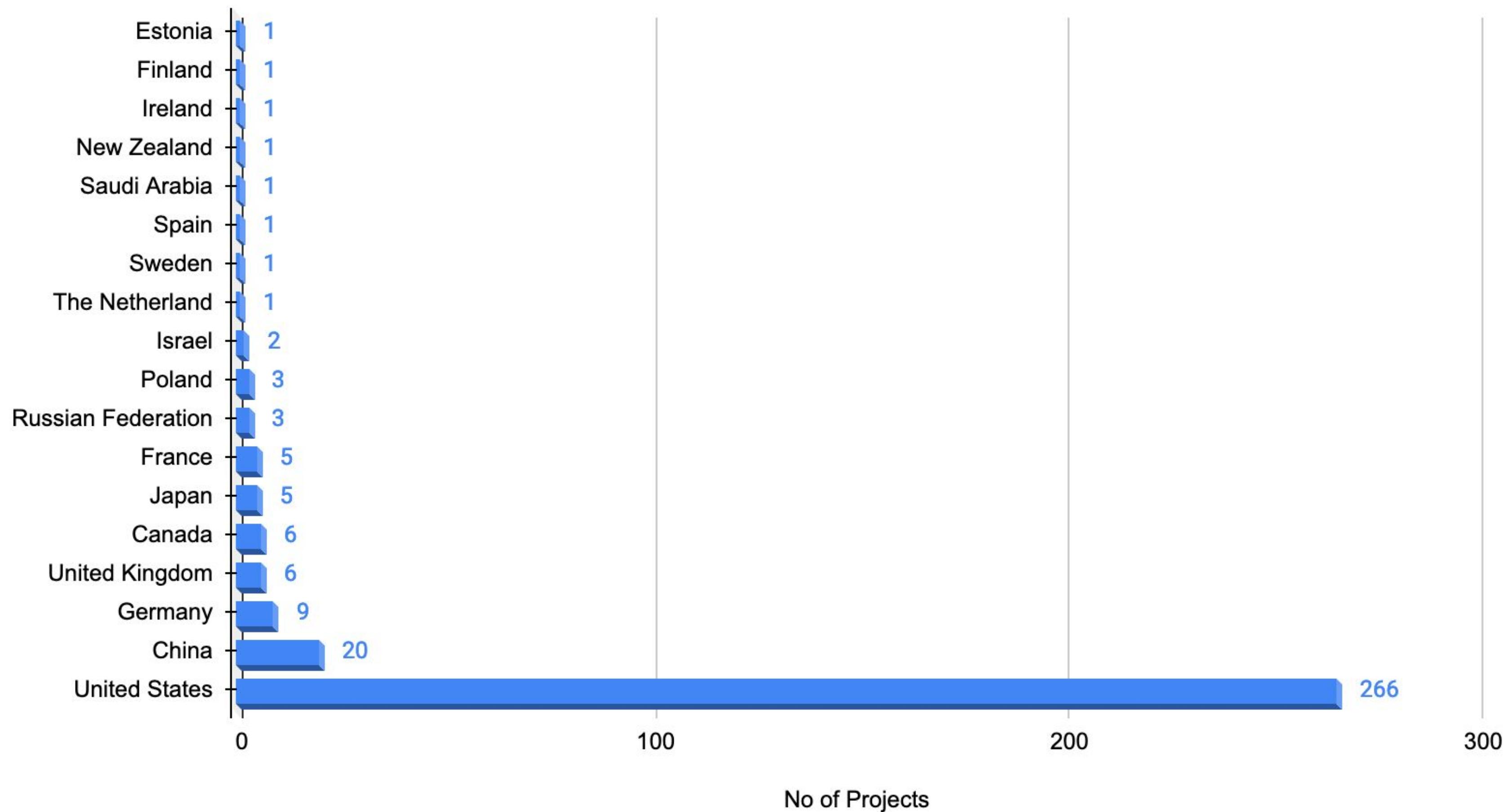
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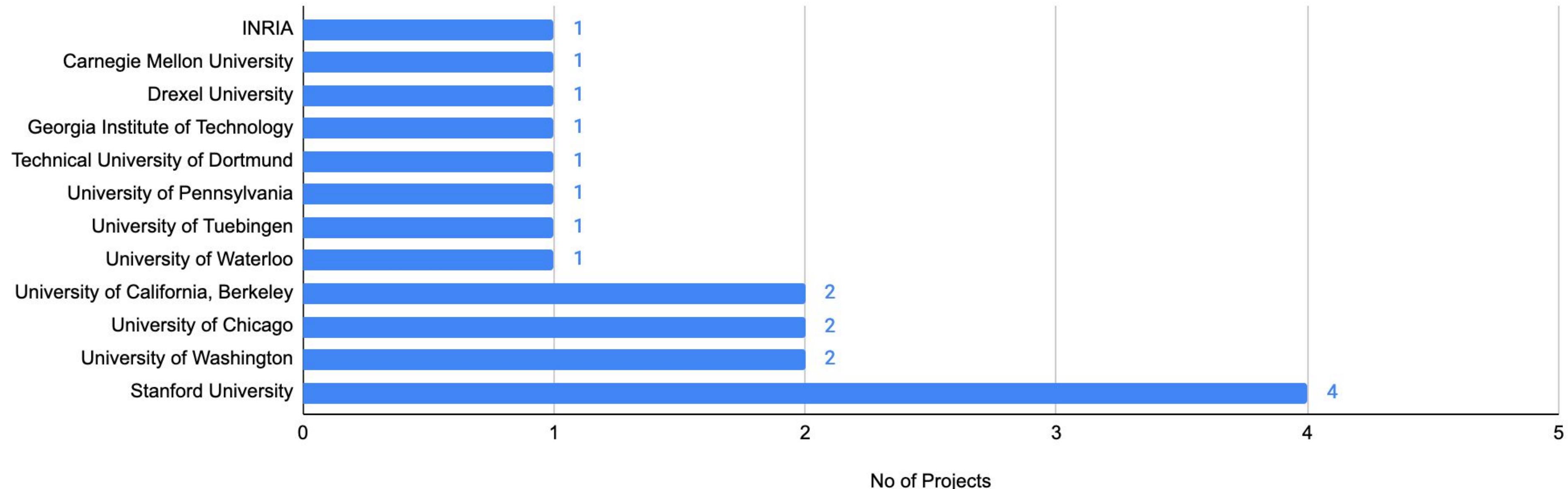
No of Projects per Company



No of Projects per Originating Country



Founding Universities



Getting Involved in LF AI & Data

Getting involved with technical projects

Participate in the development: Review and submit patches, report bugs, request features, test, etc.

Contribute to project documentation

Join the projects' mailing lists and participate in the discussions

Attend developer events for LF AI & Data projects

Provide your testing and deployment feedback via appropriate project channel

Start a local User Group Meetup

Getting involved with the Technical Advisory Council

Support TAC leadership in inviting speakers to present for the LF AI & Data technical community

Share success stories, opportunities and challenges in relation to open source AI with the broader technical community

Support technical leadership for integration and harmonization efforts with other open source projects

Support TAC in evaluating new projects for incubating; recommend new projects

Participate in the ML Workflow effort aiming to provide a reference workflow and support integration across LF AI & Data projects

Attend TAC Bi-weekly calls, participate in the discussions

Identify opportunities for collaboration on common interests and initiatives, seek input from peers

Support TAC in hosting and sponsoring intra-project and inter-project developer events

Support TAC Chair working with the GB to highlight opportunities and needed resources in support of hosted projects

Participate in the effort to enable collaboration with other LF umbrella foundations and external communities

Getting involved with the Outreach Committee

Promotion of project updates, releases, and news via LF AI & Data social media accounts

Marketing and PR support for demos at meetups and events

Contribute to the LF AI & Data landscape, promote in talks

Identify speaking opportunities and help secure speakers from the LF AI & Data community

Attend Outreach Committee meetings and participate in ongoing activities

Host vendor neutral content via LF AI blog site

Coordination at events, speaking proposals, booth attendance, demos, etc.

Help secure user stories about LF AI & Data based deployments

Publish use cases, case studies, white papers, and deployment insights

Get support for artwork, web site, content creation, etc., for LF AI & Data projects

Volunteer to host an LF AI & Data Day and developer events

Support LF AI & Data marketing and PR staff

Getting involved with the LF AI & Data Committees: BI & AI, DataOps, ML Workflow & Interop

Join the committee as a representative of your company

Contribute to the landscape, promote in talks

Host your related projects in the LF AI & Data Foundation

Join the conference calls and contribute to ongoing efforts

Coordination at events, speaking proposals, booth attendance, demos, etc.

Help secure user stories about LF AI & Data based deployments

Promote the work of the committee, invite your collaborators to participate

Subscribe to the mailing list and participate in discussions

Invite prominent researchers and developers in the space to speak to the community