

Meeting of the Technical Advisory Council (TAC)

March 11, 2021

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- › Web site: lfaidata.foundation
- › Wiki: wiki.lfaidata.foundation
- › GitHub: github.com/lfaidata
- › Landscape: <https://landscape.lfaidata.foundation> or <https://l.lfaidata.foundation>
- › Mail Lists: <https://lists.lfaidata.foundation>
- › Slack: <https://slack.lfaidata.foundation>
- ›
- › LF AI Logos: <https://github.com/lfaidata/artwork/tree/master/lfaidata>
- › LF AI Presentation Template:
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1eiDNJvXCqSZHT4Zk_-czASlz2GTBRZk2/view?usp=sharing
- ›
- › Events Page on LF AI Website: <https://lfaidata.foundation/events/>
- › Events Calendar on LF AI Wiki (subscribe available):
<https://wiki.lfaidata.foundation/pages/viewpage.action?pageId=12091544>
- › Event Wiki Pages: <https://wiki.lfaidata.foundation/display/DL/LF+AI+Data+Foundation+Events>

Agenda

- › Roll Call (5 mins)
- › Approval of Minutes from Feb 25 (5 mins)
- › Sandbox Proposal (25 minutes)
 - › RosaeNLG (Ludan Stoeckle)
- › Invited Presentation (15 minutes)
 - › Elyra/Jupyter Ecosystem (Luciano Resende)
- › LFAI General Updates (5 minutes)
- › Open Discussion (5 minutes)

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Approval of February 25th, 2021 Minutes

Draft minutes from the February 25th TAC call were previously distributed to the TAC members via the mailing list

Proposed Resolution:

- › That the minutes of the February 25th meeting of the Technical Advisory Council of the LF AI & Data Foundation are hereby approved.

Sandbox Proposal - RosaeNLG

Ludan Stoecklé <ludan.stoeckle@gmail.com>

Project Contribution Proposal Review & Discussion: RosaeNLG

RosaeNLG is a [Natural Language Generation](#) library for node.js or client side (browser) execution, based on the [Pug](#) template engine. Based on Pug-like textual templates and on input data, RosaeNLG will generate high quality texts. Fully supported languages (with grammar, gender etc.) are *English, French, German, Italian* and *Spanish* but you can generate texts in any other language with less features. RosaeNLG is complete enough to write production grade real life NLG applications.

Presenter: Ludan Stoecklé" <ludan.stoeckle@gmail.com>

Resources:

Github: <https://github.com/RosaeNLG/rosaenlg>

Project Level: Sandbox

Proposal: <https://github.com/lfai/proposing-projects/blob/master/proposals/RosaeNLG.adoc>

Project Contribution Proposal: RosaeNLG

RosaeNLG is an open source Natural Language Generation (NLG) project. It aims to offer the same NLG features as product NLG solutions, to be **developer and IT friendly** for configuration, and to provide NLG on both server-side and browser-side.

RosaeNLG is implemented using TypeScript and JavaScript under Apache 2.0 license.

- › GitHub: <https://github.com/RosaeNLG/rosaenlg>
- › Presenter: Ludan Stoecklé ludan.stoeckle@rosaenlg.org
- › Supporter: Jamil CHAWKI, Chair of LF AI Outreach Committee
- › Contributors: Ludan Stoecklé (original author), Marco Riva (Italian), [RedLab Paris](#) (5 PhDs engagement)
- › 60 000 lines of code, 100+ commits since first public version in Sept. 2019



History & Context

- › **In France we love written language and literature!** Albert Camus, Jean-Paul Sartre, Marcel Proust, Victor Hugo, George Sand, Émile Zola, Jules Verne, Simone de Beauvoir...
- › Strong tradition of academic codification of the language
- › Early French NLG ecosystem:
 - Fundamental research on NLG: *Génération automatique de textes en langues naturelles*, Laurence Danlos 1985
 - Yseop founded in 2007 (Arria 2013, Narrative Science 2010, Automated Insights 2007)
 - Strong adoption by the French banks
 - Specialized NLG service companies like Addventa, P-Val
- › Europe is a linguistic playground: 24 official languages, 60 regional languages

Two NLG Techniques

Machine Learning **NLG**: GPT-2, GPT-3, Pegasus etc.

- › input is most often text (sometimes data)
- › models have an out-of-the box knowledge about language and the world
- › good at producing the text, but cannot (yet) learn intermediate steps of a reasoning (like calculations)
- › hard to specialize on specific use cases
- › texts are riddled with false information: the model invents facts

Template-based **NLG**: vendors Narrative Science, Arria NLG, Automated Insights, Yseop...

- › input is always data
- › automates the production of relatively repetitive texts
- › requires a significant setup effort, defining explicitly what to say and how to say it, using text templates
- › makes no errors
- › used widely in production (Société Générale, BNP Paribas, Moodys)
- › requires a **NLG engine** (like RosaeNLG)

What are the Use Cases for NLG

- › describe a product based on its features for SEO (Search Engine Optimization)
- › **produce structured reports: risk reports, fund performance in the financial industry**
- › **enrich dashboards with intelligible comments**
- › describe a situation: client summary before a meeting
- › generate well formed chatbot answers

Tires Description for SEO (Lizeo)

- › generate unique original tire descriptions for 10.000 tire references

838 MT #1	Dueler H/P Sport #1
<p>Le 838 MT est destiné à des véhicules 4 roues motrices, il est développé pour un usage en tout-chemin.</p> <p>Le 838 MT inséré par la marque Achilles est un pneumatique "été" prévu pour des véhicules de franchissement. Cette enveloppe est spécifiquement dédiée à être utilisée en dehors des sentiers battus.</p> <p>Ce produit comporte des dimensions allant du 14 au 16 pouces. Il est disponible en 5 versions dimensionnelles. Ce pneu ne dispose pas de version spécifique pour un constructeur et est donc adapté à toutes les marques.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pneumatique au bon rapport performances/prix pour véhicules 4 roues motrices• Économie mise en avant• Robustesse en conditions off-road <p>random seed : 671</p>	<p>Le pneumatique Dueler H/P Sport est un produit "été" du manufacturier Bridgestone. Ce pneumatique est prévu pour des véhicules de type SUV. Cette enveloppe est principalement dédiée à être utilisée en tout-chemin mais peut cependant s'adapter pour un usage routier.</p> <p>Destiné à des véhicules de type SUV, le pneu "été" Dueler H/P Sport de la marque Bridgestone est spécifiquement développé pour une finalité sur routes et chemins cassants. Il peut malgré tout s'apprêter pour un usage routier.</p> <p>Ce pneu bénéficie de diamètres qui vont du 16 au 21 pouces. Il possède dans sa gamme 123 dimensions. Ce pneu est disponible en versions spécifiques Porsche, Audi (AO), Mercedes (Mo), Maserati et BMW (*).</p> <p>En cas de crevaison, la technologie "Roulage à plat" (autrement dit "Runflat") vous permettra de continuer à rouler de manière modérée sur une courte distance.</p> <p>Ce pneumatique dispose de performances optimales pour une conduite familiale. Il bénéficie d'aptitudes importantes en termes de confort de conduite et de sécurité. C'est un produit fiable, ses capacités en matière de longévité sont excellentes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• La Dueler H/P Sport haut de gamme appropriée aux SUV• Prestations globales élevées pour une conduite familiale• Freinage haute-performance sur sols secs et mouillés <p>random seed : 205</p>

Financial Fund Performance

- › comment the monthly performance of financial funds
- › performance in general and compared to the benchmark
- › contributors and detractors per sector, per country

Uni-Global - Equities Emerging Markets - AA-USD

Fund performance

The fund returned +3.0% (gross of fees, in USD terms) in July, strongly outperforming its benchmark by 80bp (gross of fees, in USD terms), which increased by 2.2%. From a country point of view, our stock selection was a positive contributor to relative performance while country allocation was a positive contributor to excess returns.

Largest contributors of the month

China (CHINA TELECOM CORP LTD-H and AGRICULTURAL BANK OF CHINA-H) and Brazil stocks selected for the portfolio added the most to the fund's performance.

In terms of absolute performance our positions in WALMART DE MEXICO SAB DE CV, INDIAN OIL CORP LTD and SOUTHERN COPPER CORP --- US were the standout gainers rising by 0.0%, 0.0% and 0.0%, respectively.

With a rise of 0.0%, ZHEN DING TECHNOLOGY HOLDING (Taiwan, Technology) was the top contributor to excess returns.

With a rise of 0.0%, WALMART DE MEXICO SAB DE CV (Food Retailing in Mexico) was also a solid contributor.

Finally, with a rise of 0.0%, INFOSYS LTD (India, Software) was also a solid contributor.

At sectorial level, our selection of Materials, Software and Banks sectors produced gains.

Automated comments of company financial statements data (Exane BNP Paribas)

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label

- › build a core knowledge base of financial analysis rules and apply them over a large set of industrial firms
- › use a multilingual corpus of financial texts, rather than translating each document

Accor =

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Per Share data (EUR)	Dec. 17	Dec. 18	Dec. 19	Dec. 20e	Dec. 21e	Dec. 22e
EPS restated, fully diluted	150	127	0.89	(179)	(0.33)	0.70
% change	+46.4%	-15.3%	-30.3%	NC	+61.6%	NC
Book value (BVPS)	18.8	22.4	25.2	22.4	22.0	22.8
Net dividend	1.05	1.05	1.05	0.00	0.00	0.49
Pay out	70.1%	82.7%	118.6%	0.0%	0.0%	70.0%
Valuation metrics	Dec. 17	Dec. 18	Dec. 19	Dec. 20e	Dec. 21e	Dec. 22e
P/E (x)	27.0	34.2	42.9	NC	NC	43.2
Net yield (%)	2.6%	2.4%	2.8%	0.0%	0.0%	1.6%
FCF yield (%)	6.2%	1.1%	3.6%	-0.7%	-1.8%	2.2%
EV/Sales (x)	3.20	3.81	2.91	4.65	3.16	2.63
EV/EBITDA (x)	14.3	19.3	14.3	NC	41.9	15.4
EV/EBITA (x)	17.9	25.0	23.7	NC	NC	29.4
Income statement (EURm)	Dec. 17	Dec. 18	Dec. 19	Dec. 20e	Dec. 21e	Dec. 22e
Sales	2,773	3,610	4,049	2,146	3,193	3,759
Organic sales growth	+7.9%	+8.8%	+3.8%	-52.0%	+64.5%	+28.7%
Restated EBITDA	622	711	825	(347)	241	640
Restated EBITDA margin	22.4%	19.7%	20.4%	-16.2%	7.5%	17.0%
Restated EBITA	496	549	497	(521)	(18)	335
Restated EBITA margin	17.9%	15.2%	12.3%	-24.3%	-0.6%	8.9%
Net Profit (restated)	432	367	241	(485)	(89)	191
ROE	7.9%	5.8%	3.5%	-8.0%	-1.5%	3.1%
ROCE	10.6%	6.9%	5.9%	-9.4%	-0.3%	4.3%
Cash Flow (EURm)	Dec. 17	Dec. 18	Dec. 19	Dec. 20e	Dec. 21e	Dec. 22e
Operating cash flow	1,110	621	749	(390)	204	698
Capex	(189)	(308)	(209)	(140)	(140)	(200)
Free cash flow	762	147	389	(753)	(155)	190
Dividends paid	(163)	(323)	(294)	(282)	0	0
Net debt (EURm)	Dec. 17	Dec. 18	Dec. 19	Dec. 20e	Dec. 21e	Dec. 22e
Adjusted net debt	2,776	2,040	1,912	2,183	2,305	2,083
Net financial debt (cash)	1,809	1,153	785	1,089	1,244	1,055
Gearing	48%	32%	35%	44%	46%	41%
Adj. financial debt / EBITDA	4.5x	2.9x	3.0x	NC	11.9x	4.1x

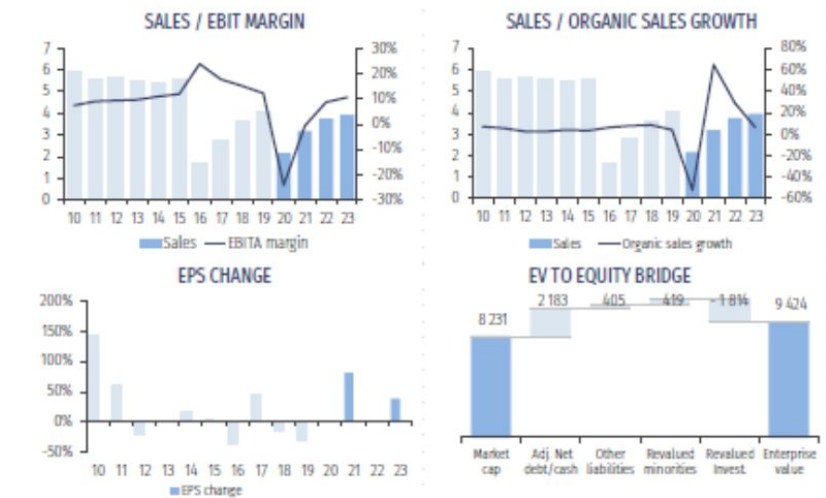
COMMENTS

Valuation

The company uses limited financial leverage.

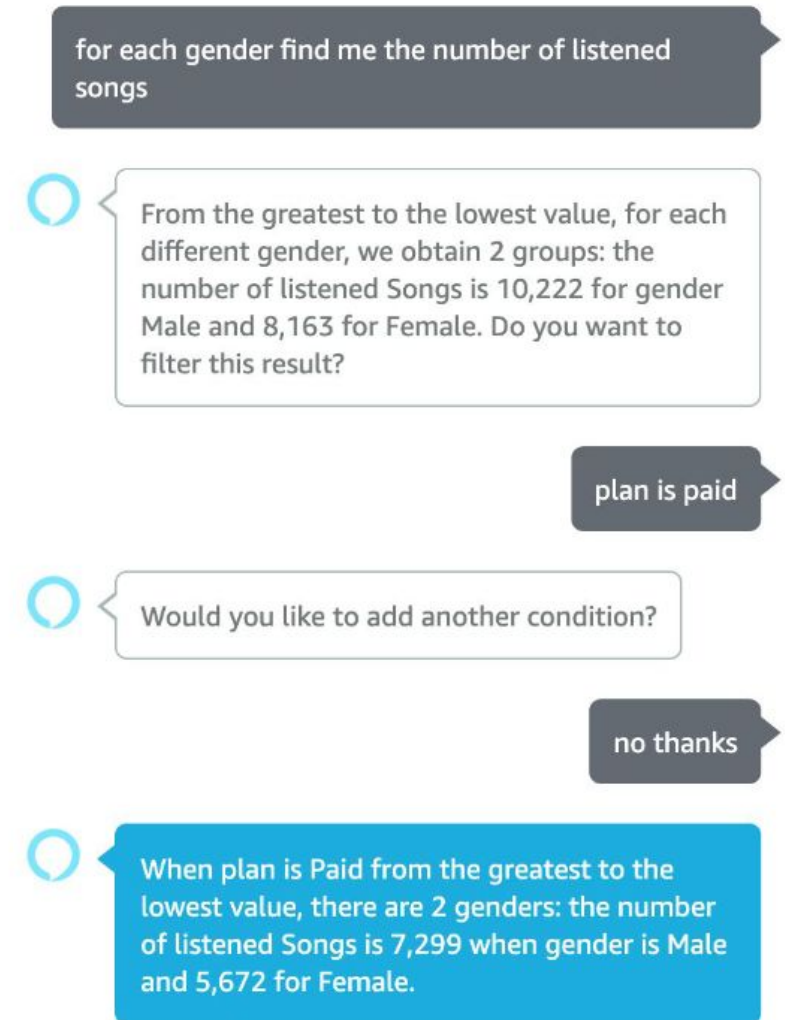
Growth & Returns

The company delivered 8.5 % sales growth in the past 5 years on average, mainly driven by organic growth. Free Cash Flow was fairly volatile over the last 10 years ranging between a minimum of -753 in 2020 and a maximum of 762 in 2017. The group has not created value for the past recent years and ROCE of -9.4 % in 2020 should stay significantly lower than the cost of capital of 6.2 %. Group profitability is low, with an ROE reaching -8 %, close to the average 5 past years.



Chatbot Answers (Radicalbit)

- › querying database using natural language
- › query result is transformed into text using RosaeNLG



NLG Software Landscape

Main pain point of NLG products is **proprietary languages**: hard to learn, favor lock-in, not compatible with standard development tools like VSCode or Git.

Open source alternatives are scarce:

- › [SimpleNLG](#) (Mozilla Public License 2.0) focuses on a specific part of the NLG pipeline, and requires low-level Java coding (no templates)
- › [CoreNLG](#) (Apache 2.0) requires coding in Python (no templates) and does not contain linguistic resources

There is a need for a **template-based, open source** NLG engine using pre packaged **linguistic resources**.

RosaeNLG

RosaeNLG is an open source NLG project with main developer Ludan Stoecklé (13 years in NLG):

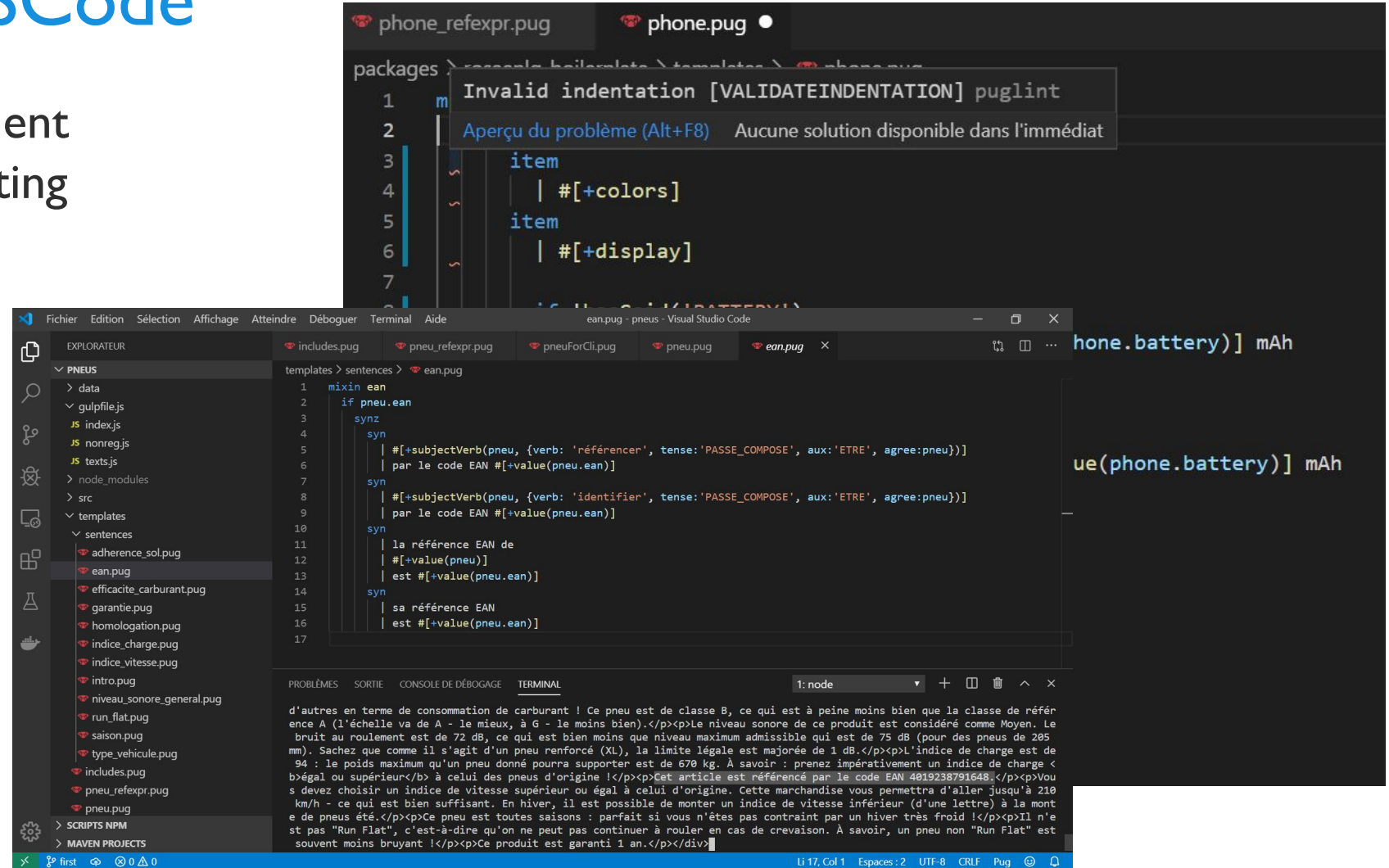
- › Designed to be **developer and IT friendly**: templates development on VSCode with a friendly syntax, easy to integrate
- › Supports multiple languages with linguistic resources: currently English, French, German, Italian and Spanish
- › Provides NLG on **both server-side** (using node.js REST API) **and browser-side**
- › Extensive documentation
- › and an awesome logo!



RosaeNLG.org

Develop using VSCode

- › templates development with syntax highlighting and linting
- › render texts
- › regression testing



Reference Documentation

- › extensive
- › versioned
- › search engine
- › test snippets of code directly in the browser

The screenshot shows the RosaeNLG documentation website. The left sidebar contains a navigation menu with categories like 'RosaeNLG', 'Tutorials', 'Integration', 'Reference Documentation', and 'Value'. The main content area is titled 'Value on a Number' and explains how to use the 'value' function to format numbers. It lists several options: default locale formatting, AS-IS flag, TEXTUAL flag for text, ORDINAL_NUMBER flag for ordinals, ORDINAL_TEXTUAL flag for ordinal text, and the FORMAT flag for direct formatting. Below the text is a 'Try it!' section with a code editor and a 'Test =>' button. The output shows the formatted results for each example code line.

RosaeNLG // Docs

RosaeNLG / Reference Documentation / Value / Numbers

Value on a Number

Using `value` on a number is the proper way to format and output a number.

You have various options for formatting:

- by default it will format the number accordingly to the locale: `562407` will output `562,407` in `en_US`, `562 407` in `fr_FR` (thanks to `numeral` lib)
- set `AS_IS` flag to `true` to avoid this formatting
- set `TEXTUAL` flag to `true` to transform the number into text: `#[+value(5500, {'TEXTUAL':true})]` will output *five thousand five hundred*
- set `ORDINAL_NUMBER` flag to `true` to transform the number into an ordinal number: `#[+value(21, {'ORDINAL_NUMBER':true})]` will output *21st*
- set `ORDINAL_TEXTUAL` flag to `true` to transform the number into an ordinal text: `#[+value(20, {'ORDINAL_TEXTUAL':true})]` will output *twentieth*
- use `FORMAT` to set a format directly used by `numeral`. See [numeral.js formats](#). This is very practical for currencies, %, etc.
- use `agree` for `ORDINAL_TEXTUAL` in `it_IT` and `es_ES`, for instance to have *prima* and not *primo* (default agreement is `M`)

Try it! (*en_US*)

```
1 p
2 | #[+value(562407)] /
3 | #[+value(5500, {'TEXTUAL':true})] /
4 | #[+value(21, {'ORDINAL_NUMBER':true})] /
5 | #[+value(20, {'ORDINAL_TEXTUAL':true})] /
6 | #[+value(104000, {'FORMAT': '0a$'})]
7
```

Test =>

<p>562,407 / five thousand five hundred / 21st / twentieth / 104k\$</p>

RosaeNLG node.js API

- › REST API: load a template, then render using data
- › templates can be stored either on disk or S3
- › ideal for a NLG micro service
- › packaged in a Docker image

Search...

- GET Health check.
- GET Get the IDs of the templates for a user.
- PUT** Creates a new template.
- DEL Deletes an existing template for a user.
- GET Gets information on a template: sha1 and the original content.
- POST Renders an existing template using data.
- POST Renders a template in the request using data also in the request.
- PUT Reloads a specific template from the disk or S3.

Documentation Powered by ReDoc

Creates a new template.

Creates a template from a JSON containing a packaged template. The template is validated, loaded, autotested (if configured so), and saved on disk or S3 if persistent storage is set.

HEADER PARAMETERS

X-RapidAPI-User string
ID of the user

REQUEST BODY SCHEMA: application/json

format string
version of the format

templateId string
required ID of the template

src > object
required source of the template

comp > object
the pre compiled template

PUT /templates

Request samples

Payload

Content type
application/json

Copy Expand all Collapse all

```
{
  "templateId": "chanson",
  "src": {
    "entryTemplate": "chanson.pug",
    "compileInfo": { ... },
    "templates": { ... },
    "autotest": { ... }
  }
}
```

Response samples

201

Content type

there is also a Java version

Possible Collaborations with LF AI Projects

RosaeNLG currently runs on Acumos for Orange AI Marketplace.

RosaeNLG can be used at the end of the AI pipeline, to **explain a decision** to non-experts:

- › **AI Explainability 360**: provide a clear, readable, summarized explanation for an end user (e.g. Bank Customer) asking for explanations
- › **AI Fairness 360**: generate comprehensive compliance reports on fairness (initial situation, what was done, final situation)

RosaeNLG is positioned at the same level as LF AI Delta: use data to create a business service.

Potential usage of MLflow, especially Model Registry, to manage templates lifecycle.

RosaeNLG Burgeoning Ecosystem

Corporate:

- › [Addventa](#) (company specialized in NLG, based in Paris) provides commercial support on RosaeNLG (support with SLA and Professional Services)
- › RosaeNLG is available for commercial usage on [Orange AI marketplace](#)
- › Specialized technology companies: [Lizeo](#) (tires descriptions), [Radicalbit](#) (natural language querying of databases)
- › Financial corporations for POC and production: [Exane](#), [BNP Paribas](#)



Academic:

- › Used in thesis (Marco Riva, *Making a Time-Series Database "smart": human and machine communication towards conversational analytics*, Laurea in Informatica, [Università degli Studi di Milano](#), 2020), also **contributor on Italian version** of RosaeNLG
- › Official commitment from [RedLab Paris](#) to dedicate 5 PhD to contribute to the open source version of RosaeNLG

Ambition & Roadmap

Ambition

- › **To become the widely used NLG open source project:**
 - in corporate custom NLG projects
 - to power NLG features of any software
 - be embedded in dashboarding software
 - power NLG products
- › Have a strong community of users and contributors
- › **Support more than 50 commonly spoken languages**
- › In the long term: standardize NLG templating language (whatever the underlying implementation)

Roadmap

- › **More languages:** Arabic, Chinese, Indian languages, Finnish, etc. - depending on contributors
- › **Dedicated VSCode plugin**, with syntax highlight, linter, template debug support
- › Collaborate with current LF AI projects (AI Explainability 360 & AI Fairness 360)
- › Create a real **Power BI plugin**
- › NLG library to ease number analysis
- › Onboard contributors like [Redlab Paris](#)

Alignment with LFAI's mission

NLG is a brick to **build business services directly aimed at final users**. It is widely used in the industry.

NLG concurs to **democratization and understandability of AI**:

- › Non-expert users don't understand figures and dashboards and **prefer textual explanations**
- › Computer-generated texts can be superior (from the reader's perspective) to human-written texts
- › At the end of an AI pipeline, to **automate and convey expertise, explain and summarize situations**, and communicate with end users

Why sandbox RosaeNLG in the LF AI?

- › Allow to **build business services** directly aimed at users: first service oriented project in the "Natural Language Processing" category of the landscape
- › **Address new verticals:** banking, insurance, financial industry who could become LF AI members
- › Concur to **democratization, understandability and trusted AI**, typically in collaboration with **AI Explainability 360** and **AI Fairness 360**
- › **Increase diversity:** first **French originated** project
- › Foster usage, contributions and diversity in **NLG domain**, supporting languages presently not covered by any NLG system

Questions

Monthly community meeting every first Thursday of the month.

The time of the meeting changes every month:

- › 18:00 CET April / June etc. - which is friendly for Europe and the US.
- › 9:00 CET May / July etc. - which is friendlier for Russia and Asia.

Appendix

NLG Engine - Features

The main features of a NLG engine are:

1. the ability to properly enumerate (xxx, yyy and zzz)
2. the proper agreement of verbs, nouns, adjectives
3. the use of synonyms and referring expression to avoid repetitions
4. proper punctuation, spacing, capitalization and contractions

Some features depend of the output language and require linguistic resources.

String concatenation or standard template engines can be used to generate texts. But a NLG project without a NLG engine is a nightmare.

NLG Text Templates

NLG templates combine:

- › static texts
- › structures (e.g. conditions, loops, lists)
- › NLG functions (e.g. agreements, conjugations)
- › local processing using code (e.g. filtering, sorting)

These templates are run by a specific template engine: the **NLG engine**.

Edit your RosaeNLG template: *based on "fruits" fr_FR*

```
1 | ils #[+verb(getAnonMP(), {verb:'vouloir', tense:'PASSE_COMPOSE'})]
2 itemz {begin_with_general: 'à la fois', separator: ',', last_separator:'et', end:'.', mix:true}
3   item
4     | #[+value('oiseau', {det:'DEFINITE', adj:'blanc'})]
5   item
6     | #[+value('caillou', {det:'DEFINITE', adj:'beau', adjPos:'BEFORE', number:'P'})]
7   item
8     | #[+value('plage', {det:'DEFINITE', adj:'beau', adjPos:'BEFORE', number:'P'})]
```

Render automatically

done!

Rendered texts: [show as html](#)

Ils ont voulu à la fois les belles plages, les beaux cailloux et l'oiseau blanc.

Example of recent changes

ability to follow the rendering path in the html output

```
templates/phoneForHtml.pug: 3
templates/phoneForHtml.pug: 4
templates/phoneForHtml.pug: 4
templates\phone.pug: 17
templates\phone.pug: 20
templates\phone.pug: 20
templates\sentences\intro.pug: 2
templates\sentences\intro.pug: 6
```

I really love the new

```
templates\sentences\intro.pug: 6
templates\phone_refexpr.pug: 2
```

OnePlus 5T

```
templates\sentences\intro.pug: 6
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```
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templates\phone.pug: 20
templates\phone.pug: 21
templates\phone.pug: 21
templates\phone.pug: 21
templates\phone.pug: 2
templates\phone.pug: 12
templates\phone.pug: 13
templates\phone.pug: 13
templates\phone_refexpr.pug: 5
templates\phone_refexpr.pug: 7
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The phone

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templates\phone.pug: 13
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has a battery of

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templates\phone.pug: 13
```

3,300

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templates\phone.pug: 13
```

mAh

```
templates\phone.pug: 14
```

```
.
```


Example of recent changes

new organisation of language specific code:

- before: switch/case per language everywhere, which is not scalable
- now: classes for each language
- will ease the addition of new languages and keep language specific packages small
- developer doc to add new languages

```
TS LanguageEnglish.ts 9+ 33 export class LanguageEnglish extends LanguageImpl {
TS LanguageFrench.ts 34   iso2 = 'en';
TS LanguageGerman.ts 35   langForNumeral = 'en';
TS languageHelper.ts 36   langForDateFns = dataFnsEnUs;
TS LanguageImpl.ts 37   n2wordsLang = 'en';
TS LanguageItalian.ts 38   n2wordsLib = n2words;
TS LanguageOther.ts 39   floatingPointWord = 'point';
TS LanguageSpanish.ts 40   table0to9 = ['zero', 'one', 'two', 'three', 'four', 'five', 'six', 'seven', 'eight', 'nine'];
TS NlgLib.ts 41   hasGender = false;
TS PossessiveManager.ts 42   hasNeutral = true;
TS RandomManager.ts 43   defaultAdjPos = 'BEFORE';
TS RefsManager.ts 44   defaultTense = 'PRESENT';
45   defaultLastSeparatorForAdjectives = 'and';
46
```

TAC Vote on Project Proposal: RosaeNLG

Proposed Resolution:

The TAC approves the RosaeNLG as a Sandbox project of the LF AI & Data Foundation

Next Steps

LF AI & Data staff will work with RosaeNLG to onboard the project leading to the announcement of the project joining LF AI & Data

Explore potential integrations between the sandbox project and other LF AI & Data projects

Integrate the sandbox project with LF AI & Data operations

Invited Presentation:
Elyra/Jupyter Ecosystem
Luciano Resende <lresende@us.ibm.com>

Elyra - Extending JupyterLab for AI



Luciano Resende
IBM - CODAIT

Jupyter Notebooks

Notebooks are interactive computational environments, in which you can combine code execution, rich text, mathematics, plots and rich media.

The screenshot shows a Jupyter Notebook with the following content:

- Files:** A sidebar on the left shows a file explorer with 'transit-zurich' containing 'transit.ipynb' (2 minutes ago), 'passenger.csv' (2 hours ago), 'routes.json' (2 hours ago), and 'stops.json' (2 hours ago).
- Code Cell [93]:**

```
We plot the number of passengers at the Rosengartenstrasse stop.  
In [93]: load = df[df.stopNameShort=='ROSE'].passengerLoadStop  
sns.distplot(load, kde=False)  
plt.axvline(load.median())  
plt.title('Passenger Load at Rosengartenstrasse stop')  
plt.xlabel('Number of passengers');plt.ylabel('Frequency');
```
- Figure:** A histogram titled "Passenger Load at Rosengartenstrasse stop" showing the frequency distribution of passenger loads. The x-axis is "Number of passengers" (0-100) and the y-axis is "Frequency" (0-70). A vertical blue line indicates the median load at approximately 25.
- Code Cell [94]:**

```
Compare the median load at this stop with the medians of all stops.  
In [94]: sns.distplot(df.groupby('stopNameShort')  
.passengerLoadStop.median(), kde=False)  
plt.axvline(load.median())  
plt.title('Passenger load medians across all stops');  
plt.xlabel('Median passenger load');  
plt.ylabel('Frequency');
```
- Map:** A map of the Rosengartenstrasse stop area in Zurich.
- JSON View:** A view of the 'stops.json' file showing details for stop 564: `{ "type": "Feature", "properties": { "stopId": 2749, "stopNumber": 2104, "stopNameShort": "ROSE", "stopName": "Zürich, Rosengartenstrasse" }, "geometry": { ... } }`
- Table:** A table view of 'passenger.csv' with columns: stopSequencer, stopId, stopNameShort, stopName. It lists stops 5 through 9.

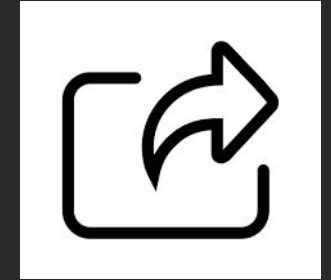
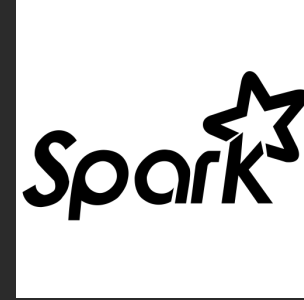
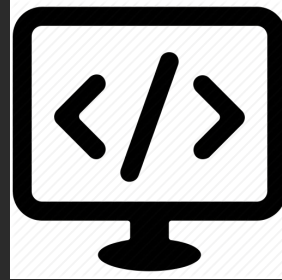
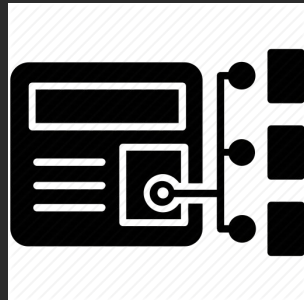
The screenshot shows a Jupyter Notebook with the following content:

- Section Header:** "Simple spectral analysis"
- Text:** "An illustration of the Discrete Fourier Transform"
- Equation-Block:**
$$X_k = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x_n e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{N} kn} \quad k = 0, \dots, N-1$$
- Text:** "using windowing, to reveal the frequency content of a sound signal."
- Text:** "We begin by loading a datafile using SciPy's audio file support:"
- Code Cell [1]:**

```
from scipy.io import wavfile  
rate, x = wavfile.read('test_mono.wav')
```
- Text:** "And we can easily view its spectral structure using matplotlib's builtin specgram routine:"
- Code Cell [2]:**

```
fig, (ax1, ax2) = plt.subplots(1, 2, figsize=(12, 4))  
ax1.plot(x); ax1.set_title('Raw audio signal')  
ax2.specgram(x); ax2.set_title('Spectrogram');
```
- Figure:** Two plots side-by-side. The left plot, titled "Raw audio signal", shows a blue waveform of the audio signal over time (0 to 50,000 samples). The right plot, titled "Spectrogram", shows a heatmap of the signal's frequency content over time (0 to 25,000 samples).

Languages, tools & Industry trends



Simple, but Powerful

As simple as opening a web page, with the capabilities of a powerful, multilingual, development environment.

Interactive widgets

Code can produce rich outputs such as images, videos, markdown, LaTeX and JavaScript. Interactive widgets can be used to manipulate and visualize data in real-time.

Language of choice

Jupyter Notebooks have support for over 50 programming languages, including those popular in Data Science, Data Engineer, and AI such as Python, R, Julia and Scala.

Big Data Integration

Leverage Big Data platforms such as Apache Spark from Python, R and Scala. Explore the same data with pandas, scikit-learn, ggplot2, dplyr, etc.

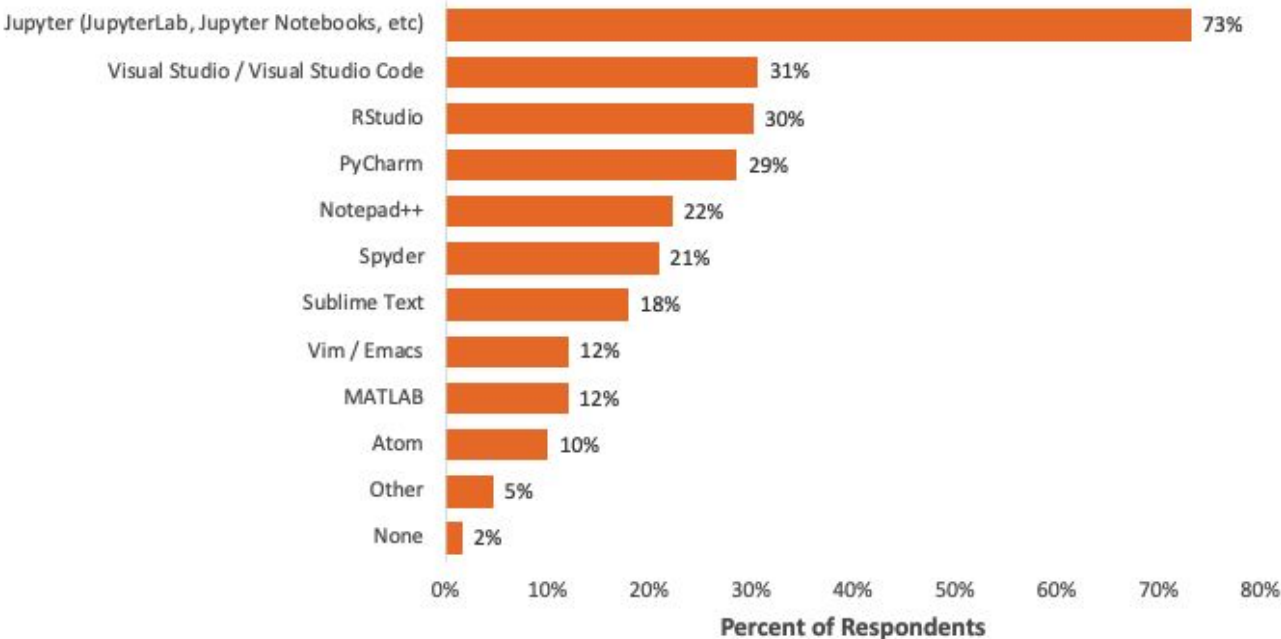
Share Notebooks

Notebooks can be shared with others using e-mail, Dropbox, Google Drive, GitHub, etc

Jupyter Marketshare

Jupyter Ecosystem is de-facto standard tool in data science and AI

Which of the following integrated development environments (IDEs) do you use on a regular basis?



Note: Data are from the 2019 Kaggle ML and Data Science Survey. You can learn more about the study here: <https://www.kaggle.com/c/kaggle-survey-2019>.

A total of 19717 respondents completed the survey; the percentages in the graph are based on a total of 14762 respondents who were asked and who answered the question.



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Jupyter in the Industry

Currently in use at





AI Pipelines editor

Elyra provides a visual editor for building AI pipelines, enabling the conversion of multiple notebooks and/or Python scripts into batch jobs or workflows.

Notebook as batch job

Elyra extends the notebook UI to simplify the submission of notebooks as a batch job for model training

Python script execution

Exposes Python Scripts as first-class citizens allowing users to edit their scripts and execute them against local or cloud-based resources seamlessly.

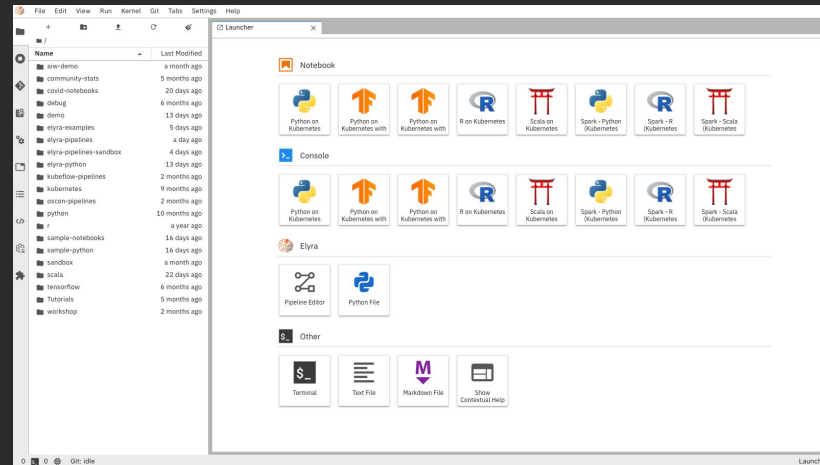
Reusable Code Snippets

Code Snippets enables easy manipulation of reusable code snippets for various programming languages

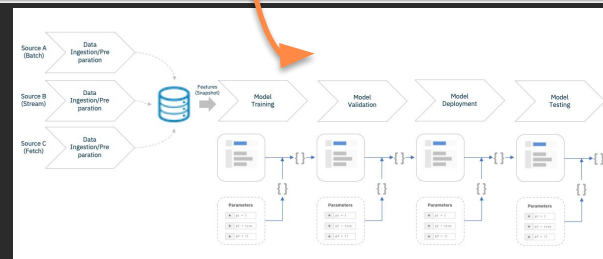
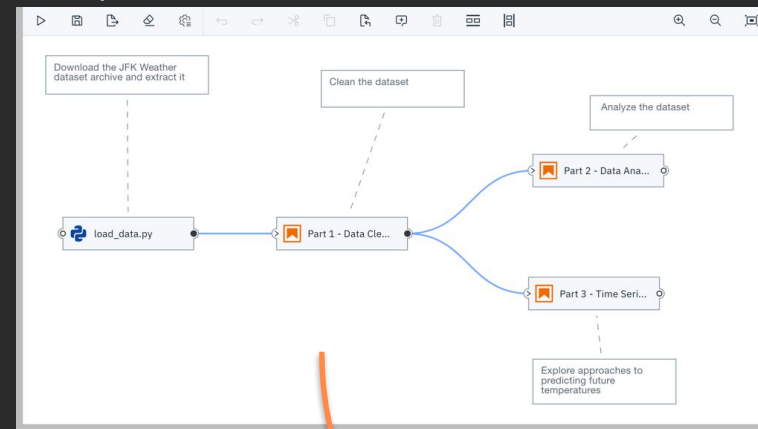
Versioning using git

Simplify tracking changes, sharing contents among teammates

JupyterLab Extensions



AI Pipelines Editor



Python Script Editor

```

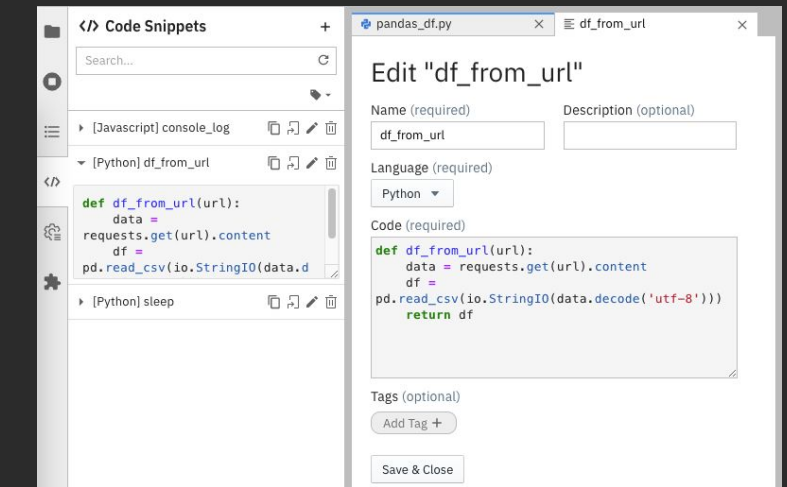
1 # Add sample panda code to manipulate the generated df
2 import io
3 import requests
4 import pandas as pd
5 import time
6
7 def delay(seconds):
8     time.sleep(seconds)
9
10 def df_from_url(url):
11     data = requests.get(url).content
12     df = pd.read_csv(io.StringIO(data.decode('utf-8')))
13     return df
14
15 # Uncomment the lines below to sleep for a bit
16 # useful to demonstrate kernel startup on container environments
17 # delay(3)
18
19 url="https://raw.githubusercontent.com/cs109/2014_data/master/countries.csv"
20 df=df_from_url(url)
21 print(df)
    
```

Python Console Output

	Country	Region
0	Algeria	AFRICA
1	Angola	AFRICA
2	Benin	AFRICA
3	Botswana	AFRICA
4	Burkina	AFRICA
...
189	Paraguay	SOUTH AMERICA
190	Peru	SOUTH AMERICA
191	Suriname	SOUTH AMERICA
192	Uruguay	SOUTH AMERICA
193	Venezuela	SOUTH AMERICA

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Code Snippets



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github.com/elyra-ai
elyra.readthedocs.io
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github.com/jupyterlab



Elyra 2.0 announced today ->

<https://developer.ibm.com/articles/what-is-new-in-elyra-2-0/>

JupyterLab 3.0

Enable support for JupyterLab 3.0 bringing access to all new capabilities such as Debugger, Enhanced TOC, Simple Interface mode, Globalization, etc

Language Server Protocol (LSP)

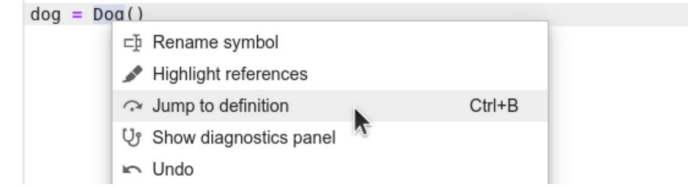
The JupyterLab Language Server Protocol (LSP) integration enhances the development experience in the notebook editor and file editors, delivering features common in IDEs such as autocompletion, code navigation, hover suggestions, code linting, and renaming.

KFP with Argo and/or Tekton

Enable pipelines to run on KFP using Argo or Tekton

Jump to Definition

Use the context menu entry, or **Alt** + **G** to jump to definitions (you can change it to **Ctrl**/***** in settings); use **Alt** + **B** to jump back

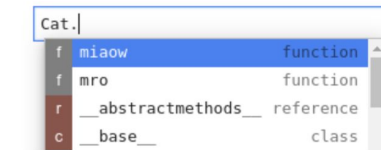


Highlight References

Place your cursor on a variable, function, etc and all the usages will be highlighted

Automatic Completion

Certain characters, for example **.** (dot) in Python, will automatically trigger completion



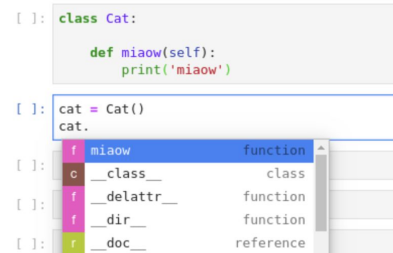
Automatic Signature Suggestions

Function signatures will automatically be displayed



Kernel-less Autocompletion

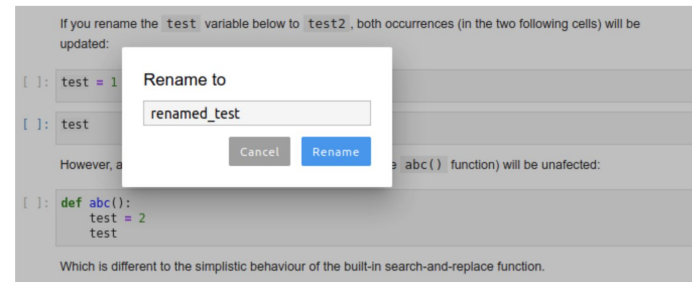
Advanced static-analysis autocompletion without a running kernel



When a kernel is available the suggestions from the kernel (such as autocompletion) are merged with the suggestions from the Language Server Protocol (LSP).

Rename

Rename variables, functions and more, in both: notebooks and the file editor. Use the context menu option or the **F2** shortcut to invoke.

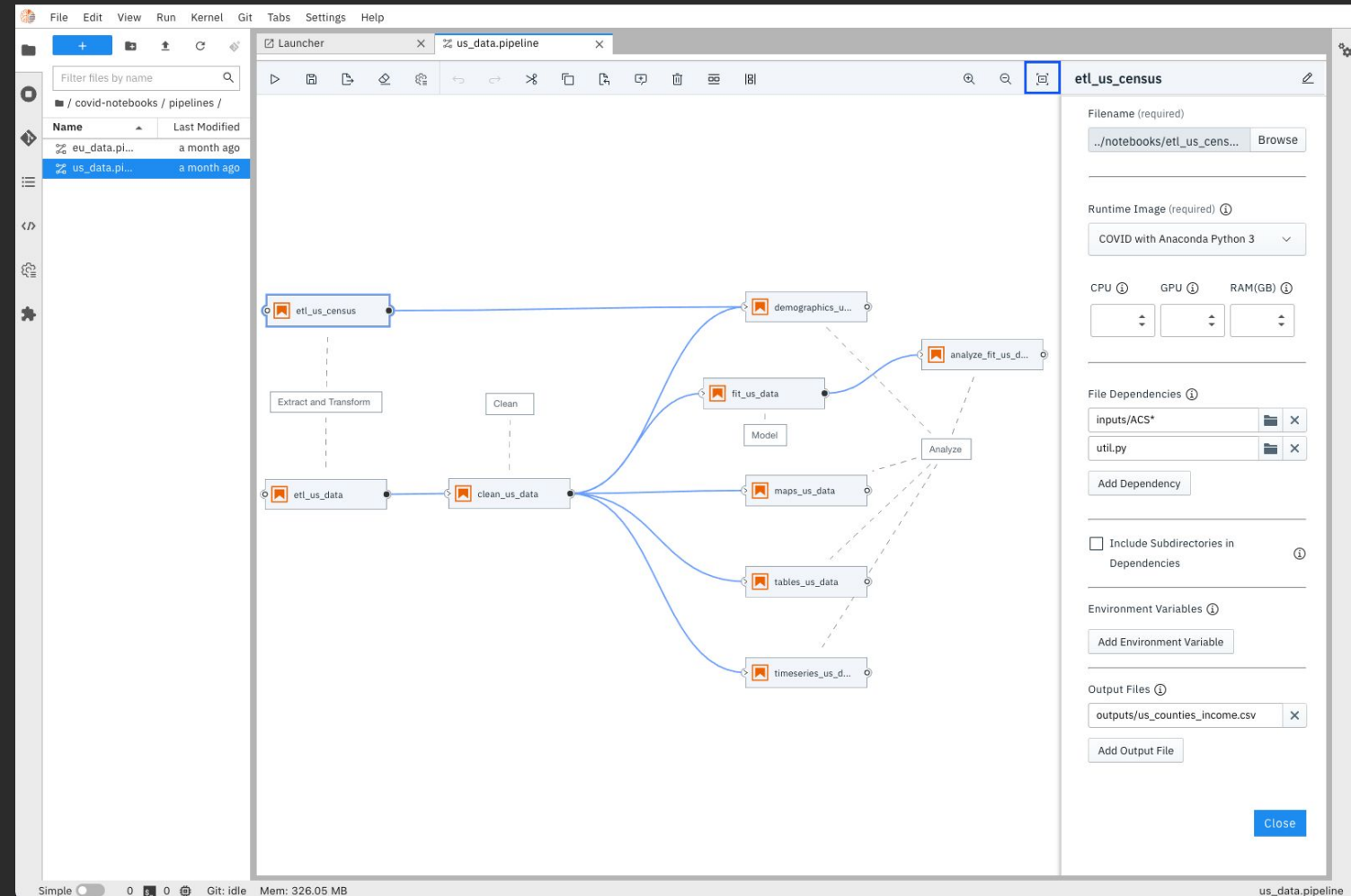


COVID Notebook Scenario

An AI Pipeline that consists of multiple notebooks helping data scientists analyze real-time COVID-19 data.

Originally developed using JupyterLab notebooks and orchestrated with AI Pipelines created with the Elyra pipeline editor extension for JupyterLab.

Shared openly in GitHub to foster reproducibility and collaboration.



<https://github.com/CODAIT/covid-notebooks>

<https://developer.ibm.com/blogs/open-source-jupyter-notebooks-analyze-covid-19-data/>

Other resources

Elyra source code at GitHub

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PuGNiikV5PQ>

Elyra source code at GitHub

<https://github.com/elyra-ai/elyra>

Elyra Documentation

<https://elyra.readthedocs.io/en/latest/>

Elyra community chat on Gitter

<https://gitter.im/elyra-ai/community>

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LF AI & Data - General Updates

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Machine Learning	Framework	Platform	Library	Framework	Platform	Library	Tool	Reinforcement Learning	Programming

Notebook Environment	Versioning	Store & Format	Operations	Stream Processing	SQL Engine	Feature Engineering	Visualization	Pipeline Management	Labeling and Annotation	Governance

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Suggested Additions

Project Key

Yellow = not in [Landscape](#), maybe should be added

Programming

[Numpy](#)
[Numba](#)
[SciPy](#)
[Dask](#)
[Julia](#) (*)
[Python](#)
[Rstudio](#)

Notebooks

[Flyra](#)
[I-python](#)
[Jupyter Notebooks](#)
[PixieDust](#)
[Rmarkdown](#)

Security & Privacy

[HE-Lib](#) (*)
[TensorFlow Privacy](#)
[TF-Encrypted](#)

Distributed Computing

Management
[OpenShift](#)
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[Storm](#)

Interface
[Sparklyr](#)
[Toree](#)
[Livy](#)
[Spark-NLP](#)

Data

Versioning
[Pachyderm](#) (*)

Store & Format
[Alluxio](#)
[Arrow](#)
[Avro](#)
[Delta Lake](#) (*)

[Druid](#)
[JanusGraph](#)
[Parquet](#)
[Ceph](#)

Stream Processing

[Flink](#)
[Kafka](#)
[Logstash](#) (*)
[FluentD](#) (*)

Relational DB

[Postgres](#)
[MySQL](#)
[CouchDB](#)

SQL Engine
[Presto](#) (*)

Visualization

[Bokeh](#)
[D3](#)
[Plotly](#)
[Facets](#)
[Grafana](#)
[Seaborn](#)
[Superset](#) (*)
[TensorBoard](#)
[Prometheus](#)

Data

Governance
[Egeria](#)
[CLDA](#)

Feature Engineering
[Tsfresh](#)

Operations
[FEAST](#) (*)
[Amundsen](#) (*)
[Hive](#) (*)
[Snorkel](#) (*)

Pipeline Management
[Beam](#)

Labeling & Annotation
[Vott](#) (*)

Exploration
[Hue](#)
[Kibana](#)

Machine Learning

Framework
[LightGBM](#)
[Mahout](#)
[Ray](#) (*)

Platform
[Kubeflow](#)
[H2O](#)
[SystemML](#)
[Mlflow](#) (*)
[Seldon](#) (*)
[Marvin-AI](#) (*)

Library
[Scikit-learn](#)
[XGBoost](#)
[cat-boost](#)
[SparkML](#)

Deep Learning

Framework
[TensorFlow](#)
[PyTorch](#)
[MX-Net](#)

Library
[Keras](#)

Reinforcement Learning

[DeepMind Lab](#) (*)
[OpenAI Gym](#) (*)

Model

Inference
[TensorRT](#)
[TensorRT Inference](#)

Benchmarking
[MLPerf](#)

Training
[Horovod](#) (*)

Parameter
[HyperOpt](#)
[Katib](#)

Format & Interface
[ONNX](#)

Marketplace
[MAX](#) (*)

Workflow
[Kubeflow Pipelines](#)
[Tekton](#)

[Airflow](#) (*)
[Nifi](#) (*)
[Argp](#) (*)
[Mleap](#) (*)
[Volcano](#) (*)

Tool
[KFServing](#)
[ONNX Runtime](#)
[TorchServe](#) (*)
[Clipper](#) (*)
[MMS](#) (*)

Trusted AI

Explainability
[AI Explainability 360](#)
[Alibi](#) (*)
[LIME](#)
[SHAP](#)

Bias & Fairness
[AI Fairness 360](#)

Adversarial Attacks
[Adversarial Robustness Toolbox](#)

Natural Language Processing

[UIMA](#)
[BERT](#)
[Core NLP](#)
[Lucene](#)
[PyText](#)
[Spacy](#)
[Transformers](#) (*)

Education
[OpenDS4All](#)

2020 TAC Meetings Summary

Jan Feb Mar	16: Milvus (Zilliz)*	13: <i>MLOps Work (LF CD)</i> 27: <i>Collective Knowledge (Coral Reef)</i>	12: NNStreamer (Samsung)* 26: ForestFlow (?)*
Apr May Jun	9: <i>Trusted AI & ML Workflow (LF)</i> 23: <i>Open Data Hub (Red Hat)</i>	7: Ludwig (Uber)* 21: <i>SnapML (IBM)</i>	4: <i>Trusted AI (AI for Good, Ambianic.ai, MAIEI)</i> 18: Fairness, Explainability, Robustness (IBM)*
Jul Aug Sep	16: <i>Mindspore (Huawei)</i> 30: Amundsen (Lyft)*	16: <i>Delta (Didi)</i> 16: Horovod (Uber/LF)** 30: <i>ModelDB (?)</i> 30: <i>Egeria, OpenDS4All, BI&AI (LF ODPI)</i>	10: SOAJS (HeronTech)* 10: Delta (Didi)* 24: FEAST (Gojek)* 24: Egeria, (LF ODPI)** 24: OpenDS4All (ODPI)* 24: BI&AI Committee (ODPI)
Oct Nov Dec	8: <i>Fairness, Explainability, Robustness (LF)</i> 22: <i>OpenLineage (DataKins)</i> 22: <i>IDA (IBM/Salesforce)</i>	5: DataPractices.Org (WorldData/LF)* 5: <i>Kubeflow-On-Prem (Google, Arrikto/Intel)</i> 19: <i>OpenDS4All, DataPractices.Org, edX Ethical AI (LF)</i>	3: TBD - JanusGraph (LF)* 3: <i>TBD - RosaeGL (?)</i> 17: TBD – Seldon Core (Seldon)* 17: TBD – Pyro (Uber/LF)**

(Entity)* = incubating vote

** **bold** = graduate vote

Italics = invited project presentation

2021 TAC Meetings Pipeline Summary

Jan Feb Mar	14: Data Lifecycle Framework (IBM)* 28: Tentative: Verse (Seldon)	11: MARS (Aliabab) 25: Flyte (Lyft)	11: Streams (IBM) 25: Tentative: Substra Framework
Apr May Jun	8: Adlik (ZTE)** 22: Kubeflow-On-Prem (Google, Arrikto, Intel)	?: Ray (Anyscale.io) ?: Pachyderm (Pachyderm) ?: DataHub (LinkedIn)	?: Common Knowledge (Code Reef) ?: Couler (Ant Financial)
Jul Aug Sep	?: KubeflowServing (Google, Arrikto, Seldon)	?: Kubeflow Pipeline (Google, Bloomberg)	?: Open Data Hub (Red Hat)
Oct Nov Dec	?: Vespa (Verizon Media)	?: Snorkle (Snorkle) ?: Plotly (DASH) ?: Mellody (Substra) ?: mloperator (Polyaxen) ?: SnapML (IBM)	?: PMML/PFA (DMG.org) ?: Mindspore, Volcano (Huawei) ?: TransmorgrifAI (Salesforce) ?: AIMET (Qualcomm) ?: Elyra-AI (IBM)

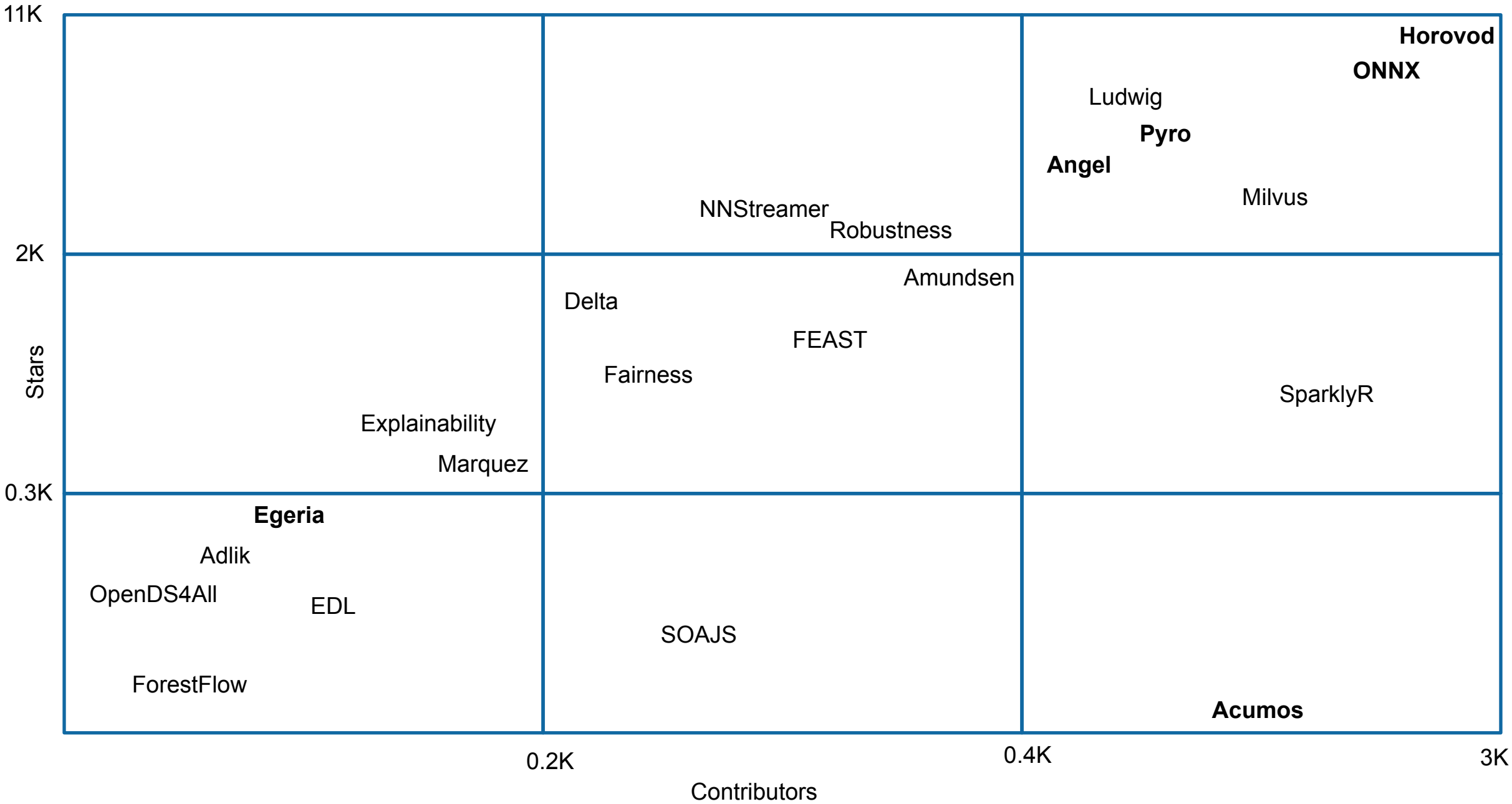
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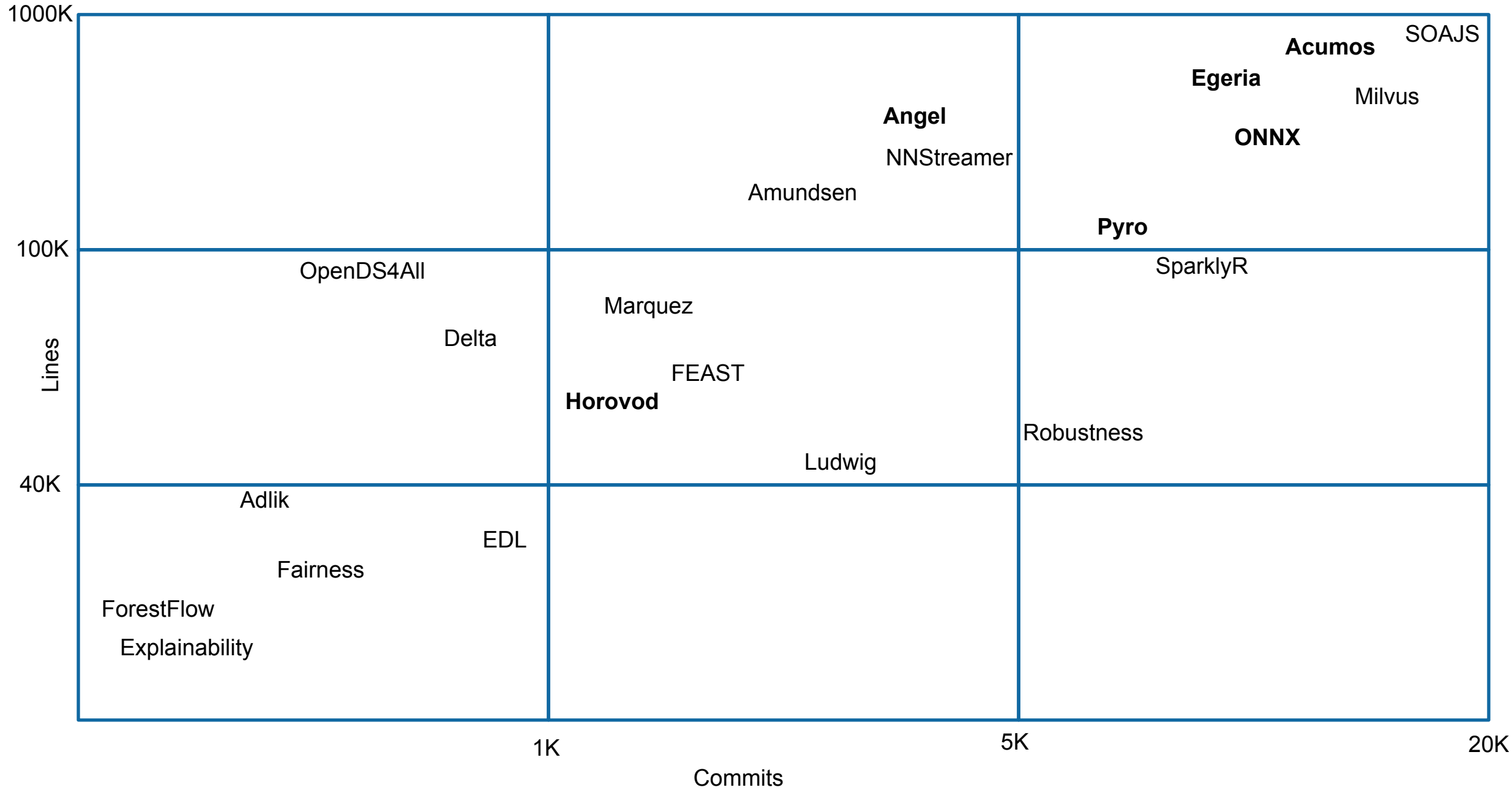
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Getting to know the projects more

Data from November 23, 2020 – Stars and Contributors



Data from November 23, 2020 – Lines of Code and Commits



Looking to host a project with LF AI & Data

- › Hosted project stages and life cycle:

<https://lfaidata.foundation/project-stages-and-lifecycle/>

- › Offered services for hosted projects:

<https://lfaidata.foundation/services-for-projects/>

- › Contact:

Jim Spohrer (TAC Chair) and Ibrahim Haddad (ED, LF AI & Data)

Promoting Upcoming Project Releases

We promote project releases via a blog post and on LF AI & Data [Twitter](#) and/or [LinkedIn](#) social channels

For links to details on upcoming releases for LF AI & Data hosted projects visit the [Technical Project Releases wiki](#)

If you are an LF AI & Data hosted project and would like LF AI & Data to promote your release, reach out to pr@lfai.foundation to coordinate in advance (min 2 wks) of your expected release date.

Note on quorum

As LF AI & Data is growing, we now have 16 voting members on the TAC.

TAC representative - please ensure you attend the bi-weekly calls or email Jacqueline/Ibrahim to designate an alternate representative when you can not make it.

We need to ensure quorum on the calls especially when we have items to vote on.

Updates from Outreach Committee

Upcoming Events

- › Upcoming Events
 - › Visit the [LF AI & Data Events Calendar](#) or the [LF AI & Data 2021 Events wiki](#) for a list of all events
 - › To participate visit the [LF AI & Data 2021 Events wiki page](#) or email info@lfaidata.foundation

- › Please consider holding virtual events

To discuss participation, please email events@lfaidata.foundation

Upcoming Events

<https://lfaidata.foundation/events/>

- **March 24, 2021 - ONNX Community Virtual Meetup**
 - a. **Wednesday @ 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm PT USA**
Thursday @ 8:00am - 11am China Time
[LF AI Day: ONNX Community Virtual Meetup – March 2021](#)
(Virtual - Free - Asia-friendly time – Host Ti Zhou - Baidu)

- **Sept 29 - Oct 1, 2021 - OSS Global**
 - a. **Mini-Summit, Booth, Track**

LF AI PR/Comms

- › Please follow LF AI & Data on [Twitter](#) & [LinkedIn](#) and help amplify news via your social networks - Please retweet and share!
 - › Also watch for news updates via the tac-general mail list
 - › View recent announcement on the [LF AI & Data Blog](#)
- › Open call to publish project/committee updates or other relevant content on the [LF AI & Data Blog](#)
- › To discuss more details on participation or upcoming announcements, please email pr@lfaidata.foundation

Call to Participate in Ongoing Efforts

 **OLF** AI & DATA

Trusted AI

- › **Leadership:**
Animesh Singh (IBM), Souad Ouali (Orange), and Jeff Cao (Tencent)
- › **Goal:** Create policies, guidelines, tooling and use cases by industry
- › **Slack conversation channel:**
#trusted-ai-committee
<https://lfaifoundation.slack.com/archives/CPS6Q1E8G>
- › **Github:**
<https://github.com/lfai/trusted-ai>
- › **Wiki:**
<https://wiki.lfai.foundation/display/DL/Trusted+AI+Committee>
- › **Email lists:**
<https://lists.lfaidata.foundation/g/trustedai-committee/>
- › **Next call:** Monthly alternating times
<https://wiki.lfai.foundation/pages/viewpage.action?pageId=12091895>

ML Workflow & Interop

- › **Leadership:**
Huang “Howard” Zhipeng (Huawei)
- › **Goal:**
Define an ML Workflow and promote cross project integration
- › **Slack conversation channel:**
#ml-workflow
<https://lfaifoundation.slack.com/archives/C011V9VSMQR>
- › **Wiki:**
<https://wiki.lfaidata.foundation/pages/viewpage.action?pageId=10518537>
- › **Email lists:**
<https://lists.lfaidata.foundation/g/mlworkflow-committee>
- › **Next call:** Monthly check calendar/slack
<https://wiki.lfai.foundation/pages/viewpage.action?pageId=18481242>

BI & AI

- › **Leadership:**
Cupid Chan (Index Analytics)
- › **Goal:** Identify and share industry best practices that combine the speed of machine learning with human insights to create a new business intelligence and better strategic direction for your organization.

- › **Slack conversations channel:**
#bi-ai-committee
<https://lfaifoundation.slack.com/archives/C01EK5ND073>
- › **Github:**
<https://github.com/odpi/bi-ai>
- Wiki:**
<https://wiki.lfaidata.foundation/pages/viewpage.action?pageId=35160417>
- Email lists:**
<https://lists.lfaidata.foundation/g/biai-discussion>
- Next call:** Monthly community call TBD

Ongoing effort to create AI Ethics Training

Initial developed course by the LF: Ethics in AI and Big Data - published on edX platform:

<https://www.edx.org/course/ethics-in-ai-and-big-data>

The goal is to build 2 more modules and package all 3 as a professional certificate - a requirement for edX

- › **To participate:**
<https://lists.lfaidata.foundation/g/aiethics-training>

Upcoming TAC Meetings

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- › Mar 11: Sandbox project proposal - RosaeNLG
- › Mar 25: Substra Foundation
- › April 8: Adlik (ZTE)
- › April 22: TBD
- › May 6: All project updates

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Please send agenda topic requests to
tac-general@lists.lfaidata.foundation

TAC Meeting Details

- › To subscribe to the TAC Group Calendar, visit the wiki: <https://wiki.lfai.foundation/x/cQB2>
- › Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android: <https://zoom.us/j/430697670>
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 - › US: +1 646 558 8656 or +1 669 900 6833 or +1 855 880 1246 (Toll Free) or +1 877 369 0926 (Toll Free)
- › Meeting ID: 430 697 670
- › International numbers available: <https://zoom.us/u/achYtcw7uN>

Open Discussion

Mission

To build and support an open community and a 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

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