

**LF AI Foundation Technical Advisory Council (TAC) Meeting Minutes  
February 11th, 2021 (6:00am - 7:00am PT)  
via Zoom**

TAC Meetings are bi-weekly and open to all in the LF AI & Data community and visitors as well

Need 9/17 voting members in attendance for quorum (50%) requirement for voting

Member Company	TAC Voting Rep	Attendance
AT&T	Anwar Aftab	Yes
Baidu	Ti Zhou	
Ericsson	Rani Yadav-Ranjan	
Huawei	Huang Zhipeng	Yes
IBM	Susan Malaika	Yes
Nokia	Jonne Soininen	
SAS	Nancy Rausch	
Tech Mahindra	Nikunj Nirmal (Nat S.)	Yes
Tencent	Bruce Tao	Yes
Zilliz	Jun Gu	Yes
ZTE	Wei Meng	Yes
Acumos AI Project	Nat Subramanian	Yes
Angel Project	Bruce Tao	Yes
Egeria Project	Mandy Chessell	Yes
Horovod Project	Travis Addair	
ONNX Project	* Jim Spohrer	Yes
Pyro Project	Fritz Obermeyer	

\*Chairperson

**LF Attendees:** Ibrahim Haddad, Jacqueline Serafin, John Mertic, Carly Driggers, Eric Ball

**Guests:** Andre de Waal, Ron Doyle, Jamil Chawki, Nigel Jones, huaxioman, Charlotte Hu

**Presenters:** Ludan Stoeckle, Luciano Resende

**Guests During 2021:** Aarush Kumar (1), Alejandro Saucedo (2), Anand (1), Andre de Waal (5), Arun Nair (1), chad serino (2), Charlotte Hu (1), Dan Mennell (2), Eric Ball (LF) (1), George Snelling (1), Gleb Knerov (1), Han Ziao (1), honnix (1), huaxioman(1), katrina (1), , Ivelin Ivanov (1), Jamil Chawki(1), Joaquin Digrazia (LF) (1), Justin DiGrazia (Salesforce) (1), Karen Ottoni (1), Kevin Wang (1), Ludan Stoeckle – BNP Paribas CIB (1), Luis Quintanilla (MSFT) (1), nelson (1), Nigel Jones (4), Ofer Hermoni (4), ouzhenguang (1), Patrick McGarry (2), Philippe Dooze (Orange), Ron Doyle (2), Shamim Reza (2), Thor Chin (3), Vishnu (3), Youkim Badr (1), ytong (1).

**Agenda: Minutes Vote, RosaeNLG, Elyra**

Roll Call (5 mins)  
Approval of Minutes from Feb 25 (5 mins)  
Sandbox proposal (25 minutes)  
    RosaeNLG (Ketan Umare)  
Invited Presentation (15 minutes)  
    Elyra/Jupyter Ecosystem (Luciano Resende)  
LF AI General Updates (5 minutes)  
Open Discussion (5 minutes)

### **Minutes Proposal – 2/25**

First motion Susan M., Second motion Mandy C.  
    results: Approved, and no abstains or objections

### **RosaeNLG Sandbox Vote**

First motion Mandy C., Second motion Howard H.  
    results: Approved, and no abstains or objections

### **Note on Quorum**

As LF AI is growing, we now have 17 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 cannot make it.  
We need to ensure quorum on the calls especially when we have items to vote on.

### **Upcoming TACs**

Mar 25: Tentative: Substra  
April 8: Tentative: Adlik (ZTE)  
April 22: Tentative: Whylogs  
May 6: All project updates

### **Upcoming Events**

March 24, 2021 – ONNX Community Meeting  
Aug 4-6, 2021 – OSS NA, Vancouver  
Sept 29-Oct 1, 2021 – OSS Europe, Dublin

### **Open Discussion**

Annual Project Review – templated and Egeria and OpenDS4All volunteered to go first in a couple weeks... follow up email from John Mertic (LF AI & Data)

*LF AI and Data technical project leads,*

*As discussed in today's TAC meeting, we are looking to kick off the Annual Review process. The goals of the Annual Review are...*

- Help projects showcase the progress over the past year.*
- Let projects raise any areas where they need help.*
- Have projects share their experiences of being part of the LF AI & Data ecosystem.*
- Let the TAC evaluate the project to determine if it is ready to move to the next stage in the project lifecycle.*

I've put together this deck which can be used to frame the annual review presentation to the TAC.

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1CcEf7DyXoobLMtt7Tdbu7f9L6xSUw6seBB0KbGvoqy0/edit?usp=sharing>

We've had both Egeria and OpenDS4All ( thank you Mandy and Andre! ) volunteer to be the first projects reviewed during the TAC meeting on April 22, 2021. We are looking for more projects that would like to come after that - if interested please let me know.

Thank you,

John Mertic  
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Schedule a meeting with me at <https://meetings.hubspot.com/jmertic>

## Reminders to TAC Chair:

Get backups for TAC members

Send invitation to TAC members who do not have TAC call on their calendar

## Chat:

00:19:08 Mandy Chessell: The Zoom link on the wiki (<https://zoom.us/j/430697670>) requires a meeting password. It is necessary to use this link (<https://zoom.us/j/430697670?pwd=Q213QnlCNE5zdUw0SWFN0xXROJ6dz09>)

00:31:30 Jim Spohrer (TAC Chair, ONNX, IBM): nice logo :-)

00:33:33 Jim Spohrer (TAC Chair, ONNX, IBM): <https://rosaeNLG.org/>

00:34:14 Jim Spohrer (TAC Chair, ONNX, IBM): <https://github.com/RosaeNLG/rosaeNLG>

00:35:08 Jim Spohrer (TAC Chair, ONNX, IBM): feel free to put questions/comments here, or come off mute

00:40:36 Susan Malaika - IBM: I plan to connect with Ludan on behalf of the Principles WG - re: ideas around Explainability & Fairness

00:42:05 Jamil Chawki: I would like to add that Orange is now working on the implementation of RoseaNLG for event news generation

00:45:17 Nat - TechM: + 1 Ludan

00:45:38 Susan Malaika - IBM: Congrats - Ludan - This is the 2nd time I hear about the project - Love it!

00:45:43 Ibrahim Haddad: Welcome Ludan and RosaeNLG - we will reach out for next steps to onboard the project

00:45:50 Mandy Chessell: Congratulations

00:48:20 Jim Spohrer (TAC Chair, ONNX, IBM): Congrats Ludan and RosaeNLG community - first sandbox project for LF AI & Data

00:48:40 Jim Spohrer (TAC Chair, ONNX, IBM): please add questions/comments for Luciano here -

00:54:02 Jim Spohrer (TAC Chair, ONNX, IBM): Elyra - <https://github.com/elyra-ai/elyra>

00:54:08 Jim Spohrer (TAC Chair, ONNX, IBM): 823 stars

00:55:04 Jim Spohrer (TAC Chair, ONNX, IBM): Elyra is included in LF AI & Data Landscape - <https://landscape.lfaifoundation.org/card-mode?selected=elyra>

00:56:14 Jim Spohrer (TAC Chair, ONNX, IBM): If your project or projects use notebooks, please consider collaborating with Luciano and the Elyra team

00:58:06 Mandy Chessell: Egeria makes extensive use of notebooks for our labs - we also manually run these labs as part of the release verification process. It seems that automating this validation could be done with Elyra?

01:04:01 John Mertic:  
<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1CcEf7DyXoobLMtt7Tdbu7f9L6xSUw6seBB0KbGvoqy0/edit?usp=sharing>

01:04:21 Jim Spohrer (TAC Chair, ONNX, IBM): will add to notes - thanks John!

01:06:58 Jim Spohrer (TAC Chair, ONNX, IBM): Thanks Mandy and Andre for volunteering

01:07:10 Jim Spohrer (TAC Chair, ONNX, IBM): ONNX Event Website: <https://events.linuxfoundation.org/lf-ai-data-day-onnx-community-virtual-meetup-spring/>

## LF AI & Data General Updates

Contact: Jim Spohrer (TAC Chair) and Ibrahim Haddad (ED, LF AI) to present

Project Updates

LF AI & Data Landscape reviewed

List of current projects noted, available here:

<https://landscape.lfaidata.foundation/format=card-mode>

Growing developer community

List of companies hosting projects in LF AI & Data

How to host a project in 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/>

Upcoming Releases

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

Project releases will be announced via a blog post and promoted on LF

Project Graduation Opportunities: TBD

### **AI Twitter and/or LinkedIn social channels**

If you are an LF AI hosted project and would like LF AI to promote your release, reach out to [pr@lfaidata.foundation](mailto:pr@lfaidata.foundation) to coordinate in advance (min 2 wks) of your expected release date. Please email [pr@lfaidata.foundation](mailto:pr@lfaidata.foundation) for more details and/or questions.

### **GB Committees: Outreach Committee Updates**

LF AI Events

Upcoming Events

Visit the LF AI Events Calendar or the LF AI 2020 Events wiki for a list of all events

To participate visit the LF AI 2020 Events wiki page or email [info@lfaidata.foundation](mailto:info@lfaidata.foundation)

Please consider holding virtual events

To discuss participation, please email [events@lfaidata.foundation](mailto:events@lfaidata.foundation)

Upcoming Events - <https://lfaidata.foundation/events/>

PR/Comms Updates

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](mailto:pr@lfaidata.foundation)

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### **TAC Committees: Call to Participate in Ongoing TAC Committee Efforts**

[ML Workflow and InterOp](#)

Slack conversation channel: #ml-workflow

<https://lfaifoundation.slack.com/archives/C011V9VSMQR>

Wiki: <https://wiki.lfaidata.foundation/display/DL/ML+Workflow+Committee>

To participate by email: <https://lists.lfaidata.foundation/g/mlworkflow-committee>

[Trusted AI Committee](#)

Slack conversation channel: #trusted-ai-committee

<https://lfaifoundation.slack.com/archives/CPS6Q1E8G>

Wiki: <https://wiki.lfaidata.foundation/display/DL/Trusted+AI+Committee>

To participate by email: [https://lists.lfaidata.foundation/g/trustedai-committee/BI & AI Committee](https://lists.lfaidata.foundation/g/trustedai-committee/BI+AI+Committee)

Slack conversation channel: #bi-ai-committee

<https://lfaifoundation.slack.com/archives/C01EK5ND073>

Wiki: <https://wiki.lfaidata.foundation/pages/viewpage.action?pageId=35160417>

To participate by email: <https://lists.lfaidata.foundation/g/biai-discussion>

### **Working Group: Ongoing Effort to Create AI Ethics Training – two hour video**

To join conversation on Slack:

#edx\_project <https://lfaifoundation.slack.com/archives/C015NJUMR3M>

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

The LF would cover the cost of the production and promotion

The course would be offered for free

The credit of the course will go to content creator and their organizations

Initial interested parties: IBM, AI for People, Montreal AI Ethics Institute, Ethical ML Institute

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

### **Working Group: CI efforts**

Contact: John Mertic and Eric Ball

Slack #ci-wg

<https://lfaifoundation.slack.com/archives/C01KXK9Q142>

### **TAC meeting details reminders**

To subscribe to the TAC Group Calendar, visit the wiki: <https://wiki.lfaidata.foundation/x/XQB2>

Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android: <https://zoom.us/j/430697670>

Please send agenda topic requests to [tac-general@lists.lfaidata.foundation](mailto:tac-general@lists.lfaidata.foundation)