

# Meeting of the LF AI & Data Technical Advisory Council (TAC)

October 21, 2021

 LF AI & DATA

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- › Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCfasaeqXJBCAJMNO9HcHfbA>
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- › Event Wiki Pages: <https://wiki.lfaidata.foundation/display/DL/LF+AI+Data+Foundation+Events>

# Agenda

- › Roll Call (2 mins)
- › Introducing OpenBytes (new project for incubation)
- › Approval of Minutes from previous meeting (2 mins)
- › LF AI General Updates (2 min)
- › Open Discussion (2 min)

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# Introducing OpenBytes

*Apply for Incubation at the Sandbox level*

OpenBytes @ LF AI & Data

10/21/2021



# AGENDA

1

What is OpenBytes?

2

Why would we like to bring OpenBytes to LF AI & data?

3

What problems is OpenBytes trying to solve?

4

What's coming next?



What is



OpenBytes

## *Inspire AI Innovation with Open Datasets*

The mission of the OpenBytes Project is to facilitate the wider sharing of and collaboration with data in the AI community. This is accomplished through the promotion of data standards and formats, as well as enabling contributions of data.

## *Our Supporters*



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# Why would we like to bring OpenBytes to LF AI & data?

**LF** AI & DATA

 **OpenBytes**



**Community-driven**



**Open Source Solutions**



**Accelerates the  
Development of AI, ML,  
DL and Data**



**Neutral and Open  
Governance**



**Promote Unified Data  
Sharing License and  
Standards**



**Community for Data  
Sharing**

# What problems are we trying to solve?

*The value of open data has been shown in academic breakthroughs and business values...*

## ACADEMIC

The logo for ImageNet, featuring the word "IMAGENET" in a sans-serif font with a small icon of three colored squares (green, orange, red) between the 'A' and 'G'.

Raise academic interest and fuel the revolution of CNN and machine learning in general

The logo for Amazon Review, featuring the word "amazon" in its signature font with the orange arrow, followed by the word "review" in a simple sans-serif font.

Inspire scholars write papers on sentimental analysis and recommender system by using Amazon Reviews

The logo for KIT (Karlsruhe Institute of Technology), featuring the letters "KIT" in a bold, sans-serif font with a stylized green and blue graphic to the left, and the full name "Karlsruhe Institute of Technology" in smaller text below.

Apple published papers on arXiv and proposed VoxelNet: an end-to-end SOTA 3D object detection model, by applying the KITTI Dataset

## BUSINESS

The multi-colored logo for Google.

Open sourcing millions of image data with unified annotation standard fuels the development of ML

The logo for Waymo, featuring a stylized "W" made of green and blue shapes, with the word "WAYMO" in a simple sans-serif font below it.

Collaborative innovation on autonomous driving by open sourcing valuable and rare road data

The logo for IBM, consisting of the letters "IBM" in a bold, blue, sans-serif font with horizontal stripes.

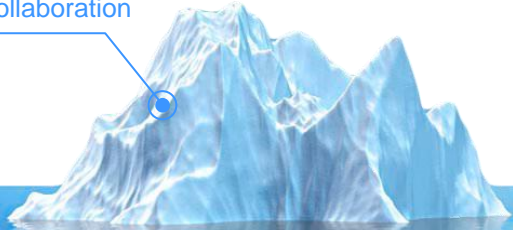
IBM releases the Finance Proposition Bank and Contracts Proposition Bank datasets, which are part of an active research program aimed at improving the natural language understanding technologies

Enable the Power of AI | Drive Science Innovation | Promote Openness and Fairness

# What problems are we trying to solve?

*...However, only a small tip of large data volume has been open to public due to standards, legal and resources limitations.*

Only a tip of data is for open collaboration



Much hidden is unknown

## What are the barriers behind it?

### Standards

*Dataset sharing policy, format and data quality*

### Legal

*Licensing, privacy and security*

### Resources

*Technical supports, funding and knowledge*

# BARRIER 1 - Standards

*The lack of standards prevent publishers and users from publishing, distributing and reusing.*

It is essential that open data fulfill certain standards and requirements in order to match the demand and expectations between potential data publishers and users.

*The guidelines should include:*

- 1 Process to publish and maintain datasets
- 2 Policy for data desensitization
- 3 Guidelines of data quality assurance
- 4 Practices of defining, standardizing, and visualizing different types of datasets

# BARRIER 1 - Standards

*Distribution of dataset needs a standardized format of dataset.*

*Different formats and classifications of datasets make users harder to understand or reuse.*



**Datasets  
Publishers**



*inconsistency in  
the data formats*



**Datasets  
Users**

**File  
Formats**

JSON

XML

YAML

**Annotation  
Formats**

Bounding  
boxes

Polygonal  
Segmentation

Semantic  
Segmentation

3D  
cuboids

Key-Point  
and  
Landmark

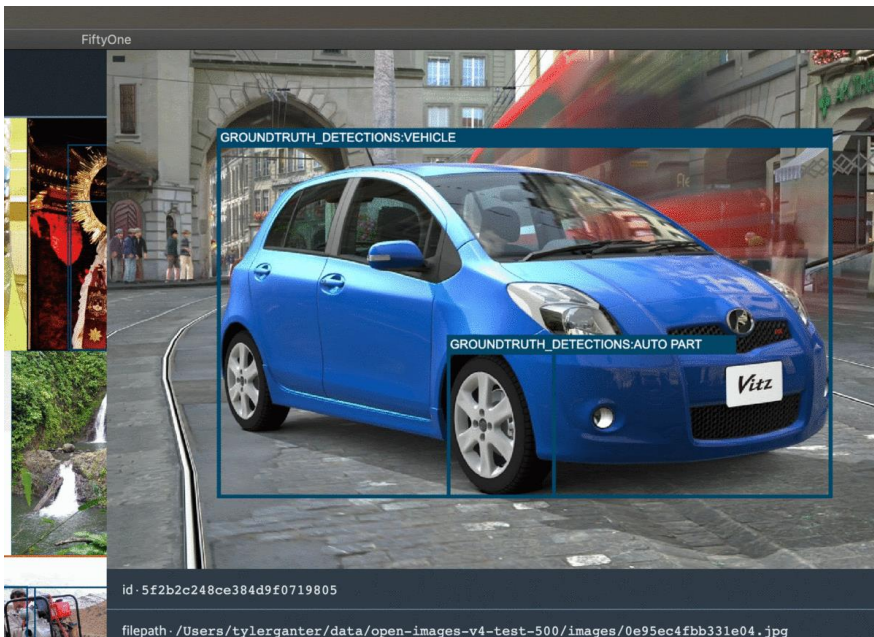
**Different ways of storing datasets, metadata and annotations**



# BARRIER 1 - Standards

*Distribution of dataset needs a standardized quality of dataset.*

*Incompleteness and inaccuracy in metadata and annotations may lead to biased model performance*



*An example image from Google's Open Images dataset: The back wheel is not annotated even though the model successfully detects it.*



About 11.5% images of the Udacity Self Driving Car Dataset have missing labels.

# BARRIER 2 - Legal

*Inappropriate licensing increases vulnerability of both publishers and users.*



## **UNCLEAR LICENSING**

- No suitable license for new generated dataset.
- No specific license for open datasets



## **COMPLEXITY**

- Hard to understand various licenses with different versions and interpretations



## **CONSTRAINTS**

- Purposes for reusing
- Threat of lawsuits from privacy and security risks



## **RIGHT FOR REUSE AND REDISTRIBUTION**

- Ownership of the datasets
- Implicit definition of some scenarios



# BARRIER 3 - Resources

*More support are needed for open datasets contributions.*



## TECHNICAL SUPPORT

modifying, publishing,  
maintaining datasets  
lack of guiding principles



## FUNDING

the whole lifecycle cost  
from publishing to maintaining



## PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

legal consulting services,  
strategic and business planning before  
publishing data

# What's Coming Next?

*Project OpenBytes is aiming to establish an open data community to enable standardized, licensed and interoperable data sharing.*

## Licensing

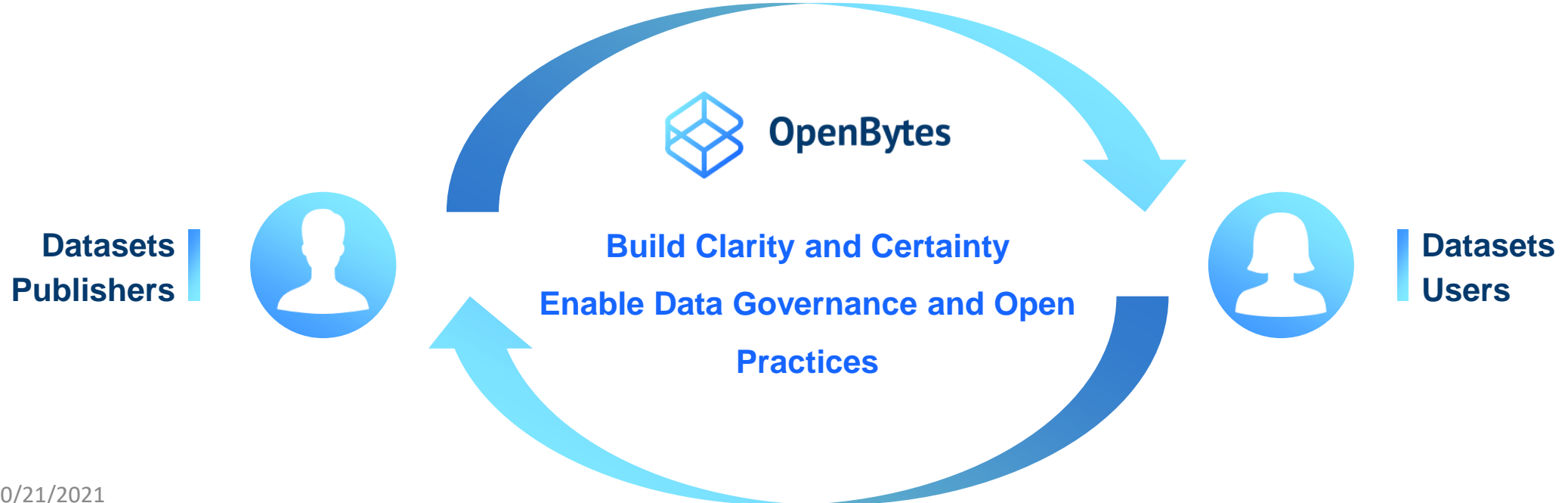
*We will market the licenses specific to open datasets that address problems of copyright and distribution, reducing contributors' liability risks, supporting legal protection of the data.*

## Standards

*We will formulate open dataset standards that specify and require how datasets should be published, shared and exchanged.*

## Resources

*We will collect the communities' efforts to provide funding, professional services, and technical supports with dataset participants.*



# Potential Integration with LF AI & Data

*Project OpenBytes aims to integrate with LF AI & Data by enriching data sharing community and connecting supports in data distribution*

## Enrich Data Sharing Community

### Datasets



*Promote collaborative innovation through opening data*

### Model



*Standardized dataset accelerate model training*

## Connect Supports in Data Distribution

### License



*Promote and Collaborate with open data license agreements*

### Data quality



*Introduce technical supports such as labelling*

# Potential Integration with LF AI & Data

*Project OpenBytes hopes to collaborate with the LF AI & Data community to jointly promote open dataset and enable faster deployment of AI.*



- Collaborative development on standardized open datasets
- Wider adoption for open datasets
- Overcome AI barriers for businesses



- Raise awareness and promoting open datasets
- Community-driven support
- Potential Partnership with members and projects

# THANK YOU

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# OpenBytes approval

# Minutes approval

# Meeting minutes approval – Voting members

September, October



# Upcoming TAC Meetings

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- › Oct 21, 2021: AI Fairness 360, AI Explainability 360, Adversarial Robustness Toolbox
- › Nov 4, 2021: Horovod, FEAST; Outreach Committee update

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Dec 16, 2021	Pyro	Fritz Obermeyer (to be asked)
Jan 6, 2021	Datashim	Yiannis Gkoufas (to be asked)
Jan 6, 2022	Flyte	Ketan Umare (to be asked)
Jan 20, 2022	RosaeNLG	Ludan Stoeckle (to be asked)
Jan 20, 2022	SubstraFramework	Camille Marini (to be asked)
	Machine Learning Exchange	Animesh Singh (to be asked)
	VulcanKompute	Alejandro Saucedo (to be asked)
	OpenLineage	Julien le Dem (to be asked)
	MARS	Chris Qin (to be asked)
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# Open Discussion

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