PyTorch Foundation ("PTF") Principles

The Linux Foundation

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1. Mission of the PyTorch Foundation

The Foundation's mission is to drive adoption of AI tooling by fostering and sustaining an ecosystem of open source, vendor-neutral projects with PyTorch. We democratize state-of-the-art tools, libraries and other components to make these innovations accessible to everyone.

2. Role of the PyTorch Foundation

The PTF will serve a role in the open source community responsible for:

(a) Stewardship of the projects

    i. Ensuring that the technologies are available to the community and free of partisan influence

    ii. Ensure that the technologies' brand (trademark and logo) is being cared for and used appropriately by members of the community

(b) Promotion of the underlying technologies, libraries and other artifacts through: events and conferences, marketing, training courses and developer certification

3. Values

The PTF will strive to adhere to the following principles:

(a) Open. The foundation is open and accessible, and operates independently of specific partisan interests. The foundation accepts all contributors based on the merit of their contributions, and the foundation's technology must be available to all according to open source values. The technical community and its decisions shall be transparent.

(b) Neutral branding. The foundation will not allow itself or the PyTorch brand to be used to unduly advantage or disadvantage companies or other open source projects. PyTorch needs to be seen as a neutral brand, giving first-class participation to every stakeholder that invests in the ecosystem.

(c) Fair. The foundation will avoid undue influence, bad behavior or "pay-to-play" decision-making. Part of this is through a clear separation between business and technical governance, focused on the best maintainers for the project independent of company or location.

(d) Strong technical identity. The foundation will achieve and maintain a high degree of its own technical identity that is shared across the projects it supports. The foundation aims to be a home for projects only with this technical identity.

(e) Clear boundaries. The foundation shall establish clear goals, and in some cases, what the non-goals of the foundation are to allow projects to effectively co-exist, and to help the ecosystem understand where to focus for new innovation.

4. Code of Conduct (CoC)

All participants agree to abide by the PyTorch Foundation Code of Conduct available at: https://events.linuxfoundation.org/code-of-conduct.