

Acumos AI Challenge, Sponsored by AT&T and Tech Mahindra, to Speed AI Adoption and Innovation

Contest Launching Today Will Offer \$100,000 in Prizes to Recognize Developers Paving the Future of AI Development

DALLAS, June 1, 2018: AT&T* and Tech Mahindra are sponsoring the Acumos AI Challenge. The open source developer competition seeks innovative artificial intelligence (AI) solutions.

Working with The Linux Foundation, the companies encourage students, developers and data scientists to submit their groundbreaking AI solutions for the chance to win prize money and industry recognition. All eligible AI solutions will be available as open source in the Acumos Marketplace.

AT&T and Tech Mahindra will award \$100,000 in prizes, and the finalists will have the chance to travel to San Francisco to pitch their solutions on Sept. 11. Finalists could also have their models featured in the Acumos Marketplace and win meetings with AT&T and Tech Mahindra executives.

Acumos AI is a Linux Foundation platform and open source framework that makes it easy to build, share and use AI applications. The platform, hosted by The Linux Foundation's LF Deep Learning Foundation, simplifies development, and provides a marketplace for accessing, using and enhancing AI apps.

AT&T and Tech Mahindra created the Acumos AI Challenge to enable and speed AI adoption and innovation. It also recognizes developers who are paving the future of AI. The Acumos AI Challenge is seeking AI solutions across:

- **5G & SDN** – Apps that improve the overall performance and efficiencies of 5G networks and software-defined networking.
- **Media & Entertainment** – AI models targeting use in media or entertainment. Examples include solutions for broadcast media, internet, film, social media, ad campaign analysis, video and image recognition, speech and sound recognition, video insight tools and more.
- **Security** – AI apps around network security like advanced threat protection, cyber security, IoT security, etc.
- **Enterprise Solutions** – AI models targeting enterprise use, like solutions for automotive, home automation, infrastructure and IoT.

"We're thrilled to host this challenge. This is an opportunity to recognize those who are leading the way in AI development," said Mazin Gilbert, vice president of Advanced Technology, AT&T Labs. "We can't wait to see what inventive solutions come from cross-collaboration and ultimately enable us to create global harmony in AI."

"The Acumos AI Challenge is an exciting forum for bright minds to come together and co-create cutting-edge solutions for the future," said Ashish Julka, senior vice president at Tech Mahindra. "This initiative will yield innovative ideas to speed AI adoption across businesses and help address large problems in the marketplace."

“The Acumos AI Challenge provides a great incentive for developers and data scientists to look at new and creative ways to use and share AI applications and models across industries,” said Linux Foundation Executive Director Jim Zemlin. “This is what the Acumos AI project was first created to do, and we applaud AT&T and Tech Mahindra for stepping up to encourage and accelerate adoption, collaboration and sharing.”

This challenge underscores AT&T’s commitment to open source. At the root of AT&T’s open source strategy is Network AI, the company’s framework of open source projects, including Acumos AI, Akraino, ONAP and DANOS, and fueled and accelerated by Airship.

The Acumos AI Challenge showcases how a focus on open source will help drive innovation and deploy new solutions faster and more efficiently.

We will accept submissions May 31–Aug. 5. Learn more about the challenge and how to enter at acumosaichallenge.devpost.com/.

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