

# AT&T and Others Building Open Source AI Marketplace for Businesses

AT&T wants to make artificial intelligence accessible to everyone. Collaborating with [Tech Mahindra](#), we are building an open source artificial intelligence (AI) platform, Acumos, hosted by [The Linux Foundation](#) that makes it easy to build, share and deploy AI applications. The platform will provide a marketplace for accessing, using and enhancing those applications.

AI has evolved from a sci-fi concept. It's now integrated into our data-driven world. But creating new AI apps is a complex and expensive undertaking. The industry needs a way to make those apps reusable and accessible to those beyond the company that created them, and simplify deployments to lower the barrier to entry. That's the only way to keep up with customer demand.

“ Our goal with open sourcing the Acumos platform is to make building and deploying AI applications as easy as creating a website... We're collaborating with Tech Mahindra to establish an industry standard for AI in the networking space. We invite others to join us to create a global harmonization in AI and set the stage for all future AI network applications and services. ”

**Mazin Gilbert,**  
VP of Advanced Technology at AT&T Labs

Enter the Acumos platform. It's an extensible framework for machine learning solutions. It provides the capability to edit, integrate, compose, package, train and deploy AI microservices. **Simply put, it's an AI marketplace where applications can be chained to create complex and sophisticated AI services.**



Content curation, autonomous cars, drones, and augmented reality/virtual reality are other areas where AI models could be used with the Acumos platform.

The Acumos platform is built on open source technologies and can federate across the various AI tools available today, enabling easy access for developers and businesses.

And it's all powered by [AT&T Indigo](#), our next-generation platform for delivering a seamless network experience. We previously used this model to launch ONAP, the operating system for virtualized networks. We are enhancing that approach with the Acumos Project. We're getting the initial framework into open source as quickly as possible so that the developer community can accelerate the development of the platform.

AI is quickly becoming a vital tool for businesses in almost every industry. There's no time to waste in establishing a common platform for everyone to use and evolve.

For details on timing and availability of the Acumos platform, go to [www.linuxfoundation.org/press-release/linux-foundation-host-acumos-project](http://www.linuxfoundation.org/press-release/linux-foundation-host-acumos-project).

