Training Course on Federated Learning in Geospatial Data Analysis

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	GIS	**Duration**	5 Days
Base Fee	$1,500 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

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Course Objectives

1. Comprehend the fundamental principles and architectures of Federated Learning.
2. Identify the unique challenges and opportunities of applying FL to Geospatial Big Data.
3. Implement privacy-preserving machine learning techniques in spatial analysis workflows.
4. Design and develop decentralized AI models for various geospatial applications.
5. Utilize open-source FL frameworks like TensorFlow Federated and Flower for geospatial tasks.
6. Evaluate the performance and robustness of federated geospatial models.
7. Apply differential privacy and secure aggregation methods to protect sensitive spatial data.
8. Address issues of data heterogeneity and non-IID data in federated geospatial settings.
9. Develop strategies for edge computing and on-device AI in geographic contexts.
10. Integrate remote sensing imagery and IoT sensor data into federated learning pipelines.
11. Analyze spatial-temporal patterns using federated deep learning techniques.
12. Mitigate security threats and privacy attacks in federated geospatial systems.
13. Contribute to the development of ethical AI solutions for location-aware applications.

Organizational Benefits

- Train AI models on sensitive geospatial data without centralized data collection, ensuring compliance with regulations like GDPR and HIPAA.
- Reduce the need for expensive data transfer and centralized storage infrastructure by processing data locally at the source.
- Leverage diverse, distributed geospatial datasets to train more generalized and resilient AI models.
- Foster collaborative AI development across different departments or partner organizations while maintaining data sovereignty.
- Stay at the forefront of AI and geospatial technology by adopting cutting-edge privacy-preserving machine learning paradigms.
- Build trust with stakeholders by implementing AI solutions that prioritize data confidentiality and user privacy.
- Distribute computational load across edge devices, leading to more efficient use of resources and reduced latency for real-time geospatial analytics.

Target Audience

1. GIS Professionals & Analysts.
2. Data Scientists & Machine Learning Engineers.
3. Remote Sensing Specialists.
4. Urban Planners & Smart City Developers.
5. Environmental Scientists & Climate Change Researchers.
6. IoT and Edge Computing Developers.
7. Researchers & Academics.
8. Defense & Intelligence Analysts.

Course Modules

Module 1: Introduction to Federated Learning and Geospatial Data

- Fundamentals of Federated Learning: Definition, history, core principles (local training, global aggregation).
- Overview of Geospatial Data Types: Vector, raster, point clouds, and their unique characteristics.
- Why Federated Learning for Geospatial: Addressing data silos, privacy concerns, and bandwidth limitations in spatial contexts.
- Key Concepts: Centralized vs. Decentralized FL, horizontal and vertical FL, cross-device vs. cross-silo FL.
- Challenges in Geospatial FL: Data heterogeneity, statistical non-IIDness, communication overhead.
- **Case Study**: **Privacy-Preserving Urban Traffic Prediction**: Using FL to train models on vehicle GPS data from multiple transport agencies without centralizing individual vehicle movements.

Module 2: Core Components and Architectures of Federated Learning

- Federated Learning Ecosystem: Clients, central server, aggregation strategies
- Communication Protocols: Secure and efficient data transfer of model updates.
- Model Architectures for FL: Compatibility of deep learning models (CNNs, RNNs) with federated paradigms.
- Simulation Environments: Setting up and running FL experiments using PySyft or OpenFL.
- Performance Metrics: Evaluating FL models for convergence, accuracy, and privacy
- **Case Study**: **Collaborative Land Cover Mapping**: Multiple NGOs sharing local land satellite imagery model updates to create a global, more accurate land cover map.

Module 3: Privacy-Preserving Techniques in Geospatial FL

- Differential Privacy (DP): Adding noise to model updates to protect individual data points.
- Secure Multi-Party Computation (SMC): Collaboratively computing functions on private data without revealing inputs.
- Homomorphic Encryption (HE): Performing computations on encrypted data.
- Anonymization and De-identification: Best practices for preparing geospatial datasets for FL.
- Regulatory Compliance: Navigating GDPR, CCPA, and other data privacy regulations in geospatial FL.
- **Case Study**: **Healthcare Hotspot Analysis**: Hospitals collaboratively identifying disease hotspots using patient location data with DP, without revealing individual patient addresses.

Module 4: Geospatial Data Preprocessing for Federated Learning

- Spatial Data Acquisition: Sources like satellite imagery, LiDAR, GPS, IoT sensors.

- Data Harmonization & Alignment: Addressing differences in coordinate systems, resolutions, and formats across distributed datasets.
- Feature Engineering for Spatial Data: Extracting meaningful features from raw geospatial inputs for FL models.
- Handling Missing Data & Outliers: Strategies for robust FL in imperfect geospatial datasets.
- Data Partitioning for FL: Creating realistic non-IID data distributions for federated training.
- **Case Study**: **Precision Agriculture Yield Prediction**: Farms sharing localized crop health and soil data for a federated model to predict yield, accounting for diverse farming practices.

Module 5: Federated Deep Learning for Geospatial Applications

- Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) in FL: Image classification and segmentation on distributed imagery.
- Recurrent Neural Networks (RNNs) for Spatial-Temporal FL: Analyzing time-series geospatial data (e.g., weather patterns).
- Generative Adversarial Networks (GANs) in FL: Synthesizing privacy-preserving geospatial data.
- Transfer Learning in Federated Settings: Leveraging pre-trained models for efficient geospatial FL.
- Reinforcement Learning for Spatial Decision Making: Applying FL to optimize dynamic geospatial processes.
- **Case Study**: **Disaster Response and Damage Assessment**: Emergency services collaboratively training models on drone imagery for damage assessment after a natural disaster, without centralizing sensitive disaster site photos.

Module 6: Geospatial Federated Learning Frameworks and Tools

- TensorFlow Federated (TFF): Hands-on implementation of FL for geospatial tasks.
- Flower: A flexible framework for building federated learning systems.
- PySyft: Secure and private AI with differential privacy and secure multi-party computation.
- Integration with GIS Software: Bridging FL models with ArcGIS, QGIS, and other GIS platforms.
- Deployment Considerations: Edge devices, cloud environments, and hybrid FL architectures.
- **Case Study**: **Smart City Infrastructure Monitoring**: Municipalities using TFF to collectively train models on sensor data from distributed infrastructure (e.g., bridge sensors, road cameras) for predictive maintenance.

Module 7: Advanced Topics in Federated Geospatial Analytics

- Personalized Federated Learning: Adapting global models to local client data distributions.
- Fairness in Federated Learning: Addressing bias and ensuring equitable model performance across diverse geographic regions.
- Byzantine Robustness: Defending against malicious clients and data poisoning attacks in FL.
- Federated Reinforcement Learning (FRL): Sequential decision-making in distributed geospatial environments.
- Federated Analytics (FA): Deriving aggregate insights from distributed geospatial data without sharing raw information.
- **Case Study**: **Environmental Pollution Monitoring**: Industrial facilities collaboratively analyze air quality sensor data through federated analytics to identify regional pollution patterns without revealing proprietary emission data.

Module 8: Real-World Applications and Future of Geospatial FL

- Urban Planning and Development: Optimizing resource allocation and growth modeling.
- Environmental Conservation: Biodiversity monitoring, deforestation detection, and climate modeling.
- Public Health and Epidemiology: Tracking disease spread and identifying health disparities.
- Autonomous Systems and Navigation: Enhancing vehicle perception and mapping with distributed sensor data.
- Ethical Considerations and Future Trends: Explainable FL, quantum FL, and regulatory landscapes.
- **Case Study**: **Autonomous Vehicle Fleet Mapping**: Multiple autonomous vehicle fleets incrementally improving their global map models by sharing local sensor data updates, enhancing safety and navigation while preserving individual vehicle routes.

Training Methodology

- Interactive Lectures
- Hands-on Labs & Coding
- Case Study Analysis.
- Collaborative Projects
- Expert-Led Demonstrations
- Q&A and Discussion Forums.
- Pre-recorded Videos & Readings
- Assessments.

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a. The participant must be conversant with English.

b. Upon completion of training the participant will be issued with an Authorized Training Certificate

c. Course duration is flexible and the contents can be modified to fit any number of days.

d. The course fee includes facilitation training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch and A Certificate upon successful completion of Training.

e. One-year post-training support Consultation and Coaching provided after the course.

f. Payment should be done at least a week before commence of the training, to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice so as to enable us prepare better for you.

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Online	$1,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$1,500
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$4,500
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000
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