# The AI Alliance

# Trust and Safety Evaluations Initiative

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## Focus Areas & Mission

Represents the investment priorities for the AI Alliance

## 1. Skills & Education

Support global AI skills building, education, and exploratory research.

Member organizations have the choice to take part in one or more of these six focus areas and the agility to shift participation based on their interest and priorities.

## 4. HW Enablement

Foster a vibrant AI hardware accelerator ecosystem through SW.





## 2. Trust & Safety

Create benchmarks, tools, and methodologies to ensure and evaluate high-quality and safe AI.

## 3. Applications & Tools

Build and advance efficient and capable software frameworks for model builders and developers.

## 5. Foundation Models & Data

Enable an ecosystem of open foundation models and datasets for diverse modalities.

6. Advocacy

Advocate for regulatory policies that create a healthy open ecosystem for AI.





### **Problem Statement**

AI builders need to evaluate models and apps for various concerns.

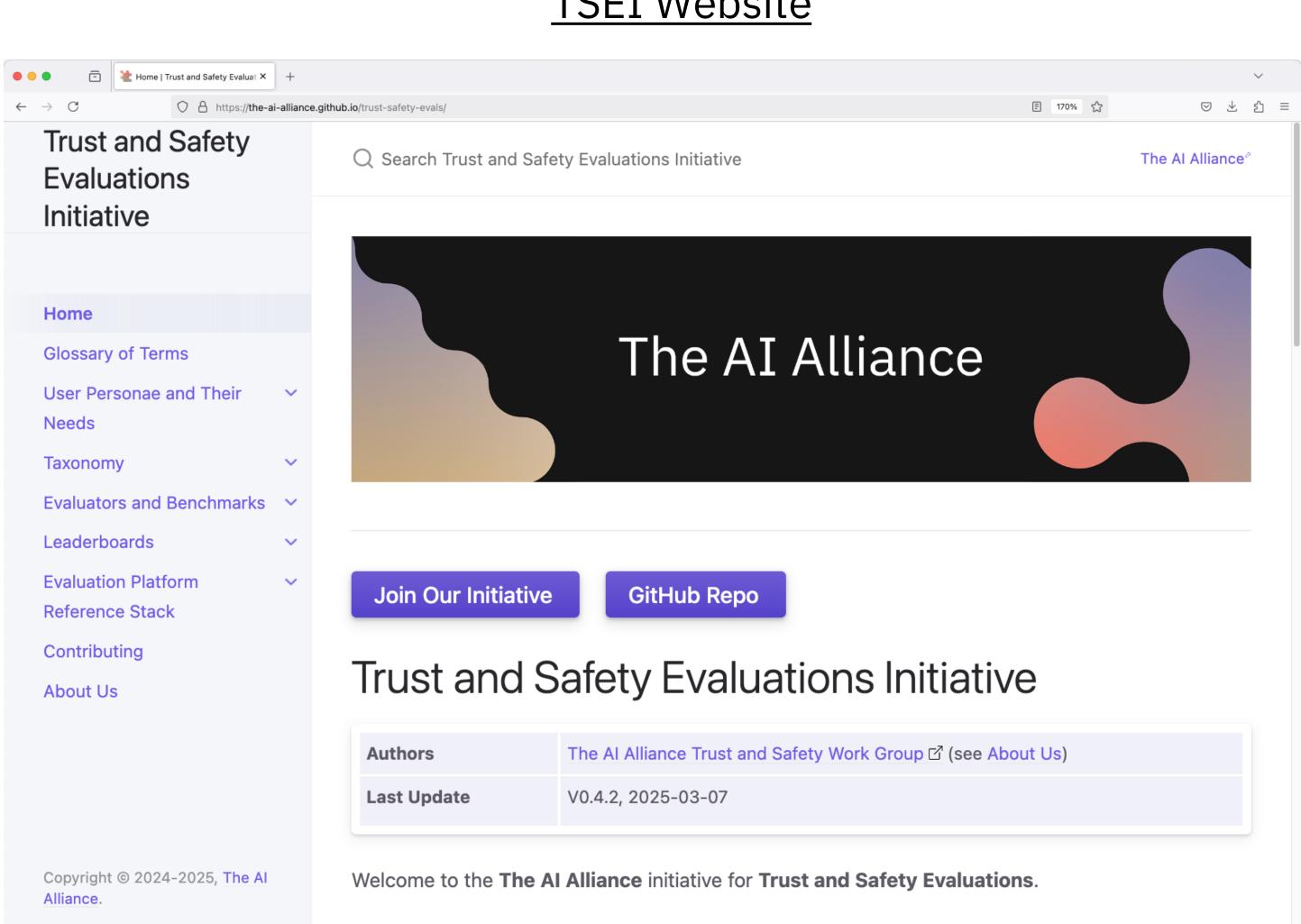
- I am not an expert; where do I start?
- What are the most important concerns for my domain and use cases? 0
- For those concerns, are there evaluations defined for them?
- How do different open models score for those evaluations?
- How can I run those evaluations on my private tuned models and apps?

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### What We Are Building

- Taxonomy of evaluations: Safety, alignment, performance, etc.
- **Evaluators and Benchmarks:** Implementations of *evaluations*
- **Leaderboards:** Find the evaluations for your domains and use-cases.
- **Reference Stack:** Run evaluators offline, during R&D, and online, during inference.



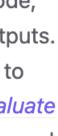
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Unlike traditional software systems that rely on prescribed specifications and application code, Al systems based on machine learning models depend on training data to map inputs to outputs. Consequently, these systems are inherently non-deterministic and may produce errors due to variability in the training data or the probabilistic nature of the underlying algorithms. To evaluate



## **Taxonomy of Evaluations**

Unify the work of industry leaders:

- E.g., MLCommons AILuminte, IBM Risk Atlas and Granite Guardian, Meta Llama Guard, ...
- Not just safety, but alignment, performance, domain-specific concerns, and user customization
- Clarify known gaps

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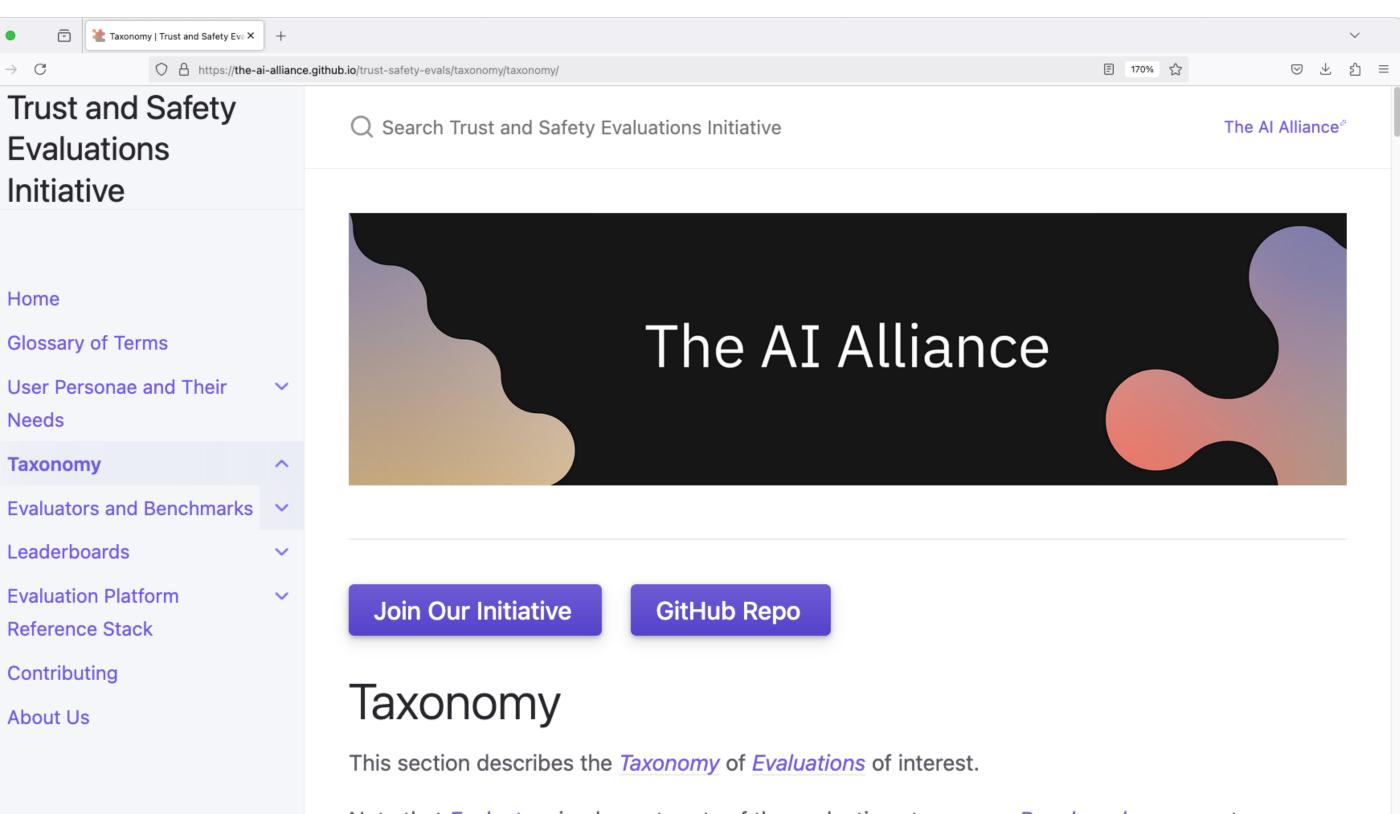
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Note that *Evaluators* implement parts of the evaluations taxonomy. *Benchmarks* aggregate one or more evaluators for particular concerns.

#### What Are Evaluations?

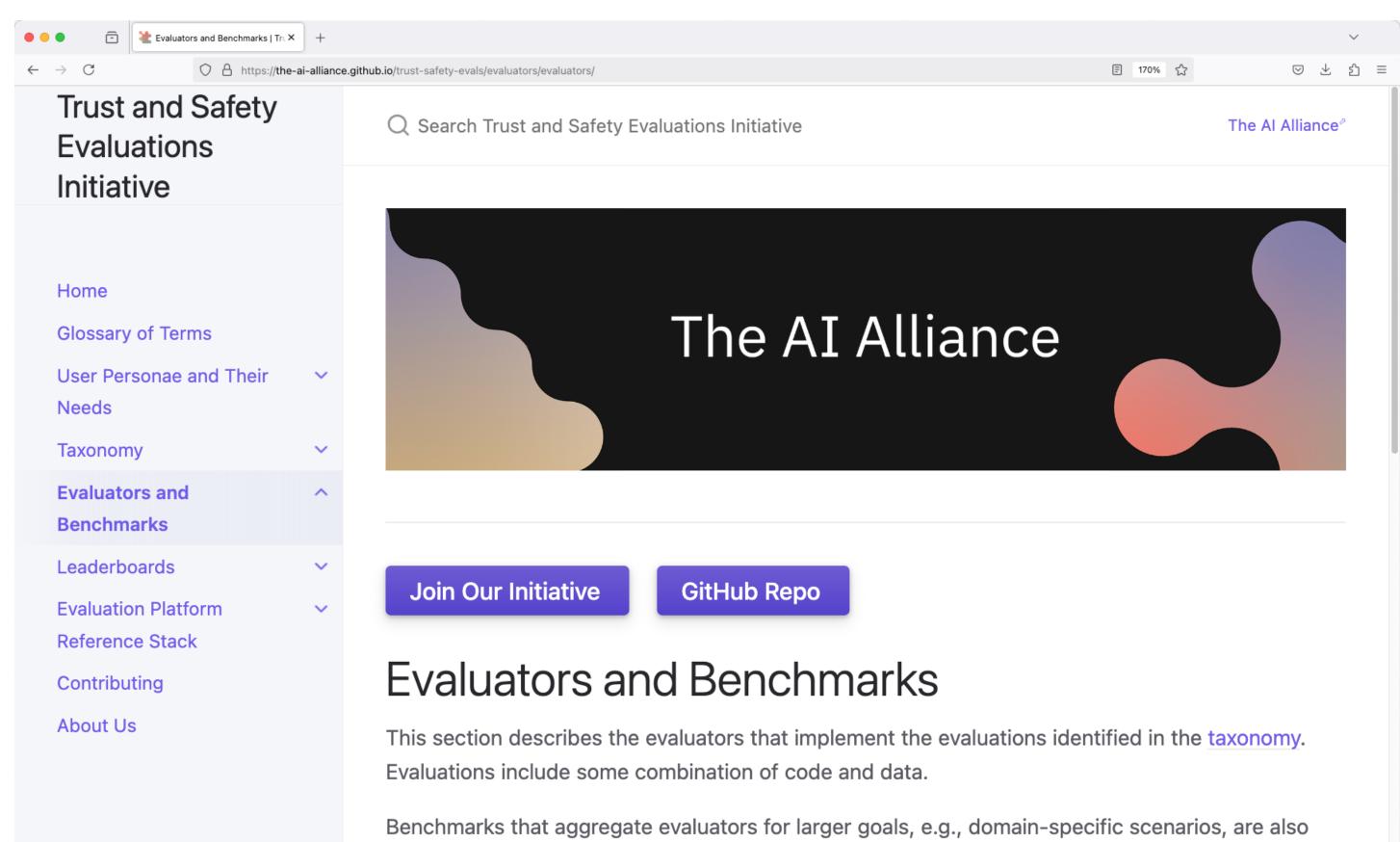
Here is a quote from the Glossary entry for evaluation:

Evaluations can cover functional and nonfunctional dimensions of models, and are applicable throughout the model development and deployment lifecycle. Functional evaluation dimensions include alignment to use cases accuracy in responses

### **Evaluators and Benchmarks**

Implementations of the *evaluations*:

- Aggregate the tools used by MLCommons, IBM, Llama Guard, Meta, and others
- Implement missing evaluators for defined evaluations.
- Make is easy for users to define custom evaluators!



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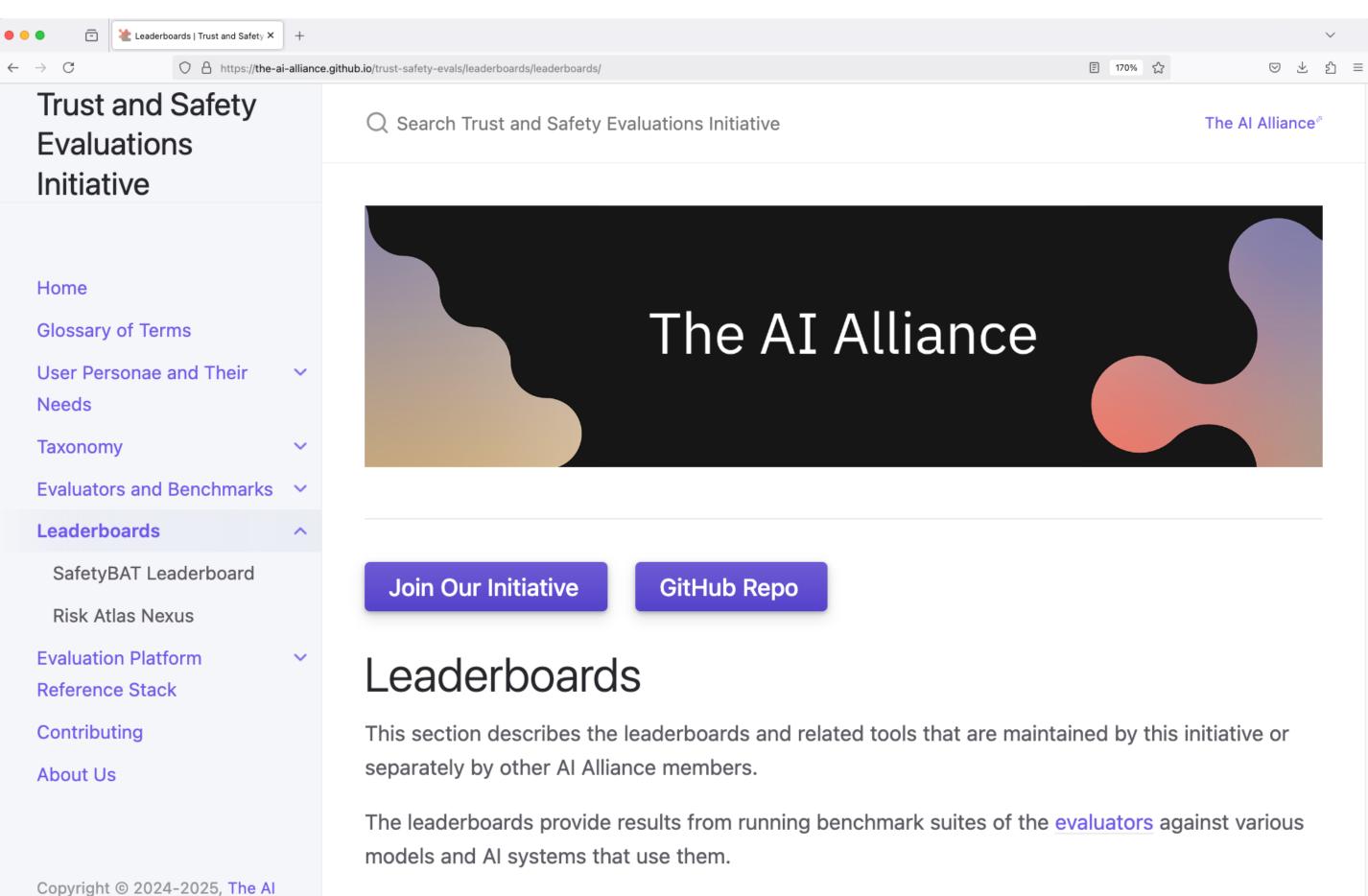
- unitxt catalog 2: a set of evaluators implemented using unitxt 2.
- lm-evaluation-harness tasks 2: a set of evaluators implemented directly on lm-evaluationharness, including examples that use unitxt, too.
- Lloma Cuard 57: Motola avetam for apfoguarding human Al appyarations



## Leaderboards

Discovery for users:

- Find evaluations (with corresponding evaluators and benchmarks) for their domain, use cases, etc.?
- See how popular, open models perform
- Download deployable configurations



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The other tools assist software engineers in identifying important risks for their use cases and finding the evaluators and benchmarks that support testing for those risks.

#### Plans for Leaderboards and Other Tools

Planned leaderboards will include the leading open-source models to serve as evaluation targets

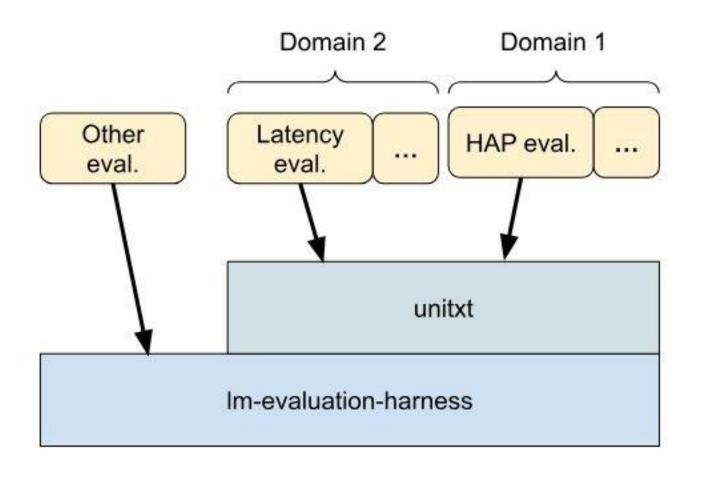


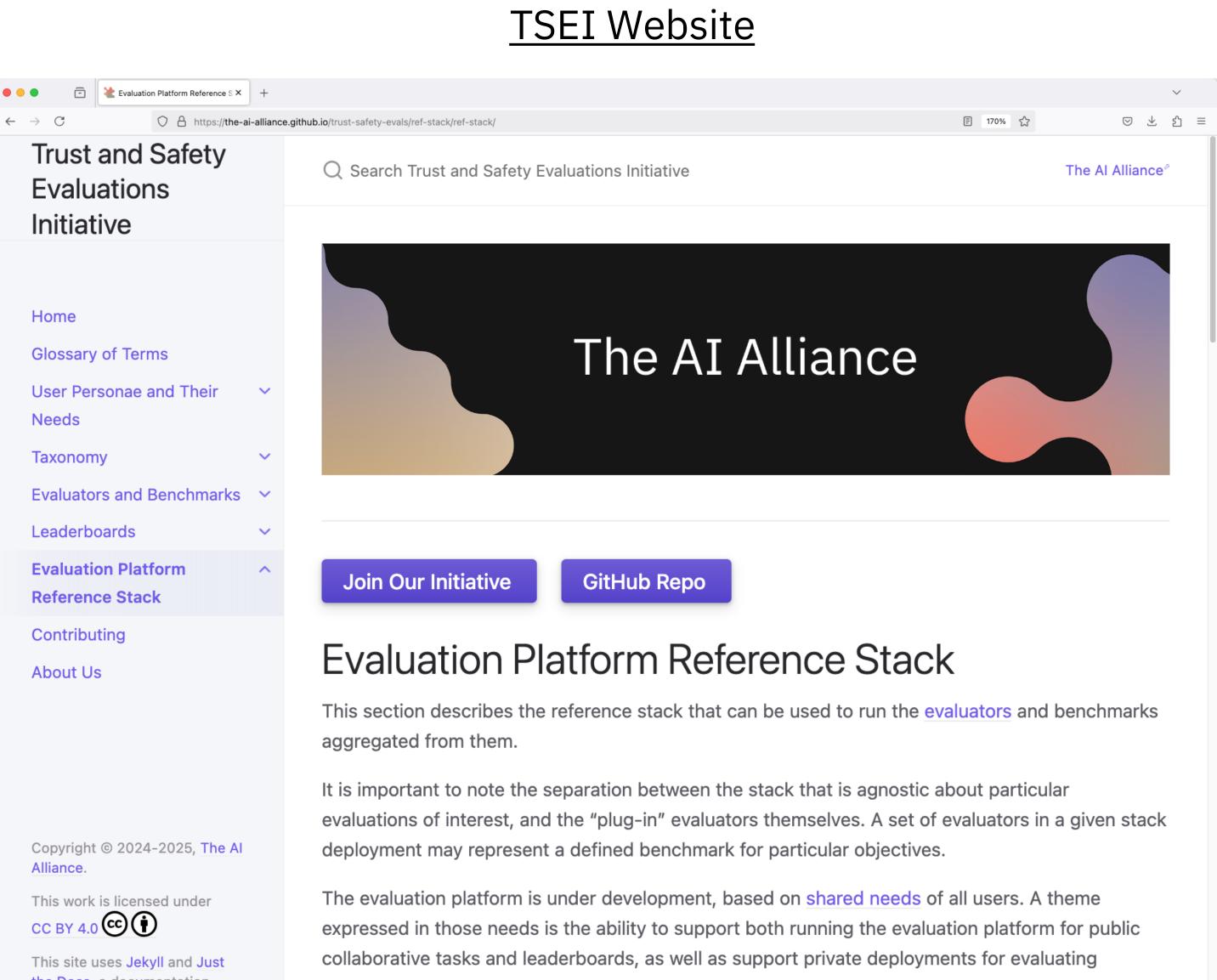


### **Reference Stack**

How to run the evaluators and benchmarks

- Industry-leading stack: <u>lm-</u> evaluation-harness, unitxt, ...
- Download and deploy configurations from the leaderboards





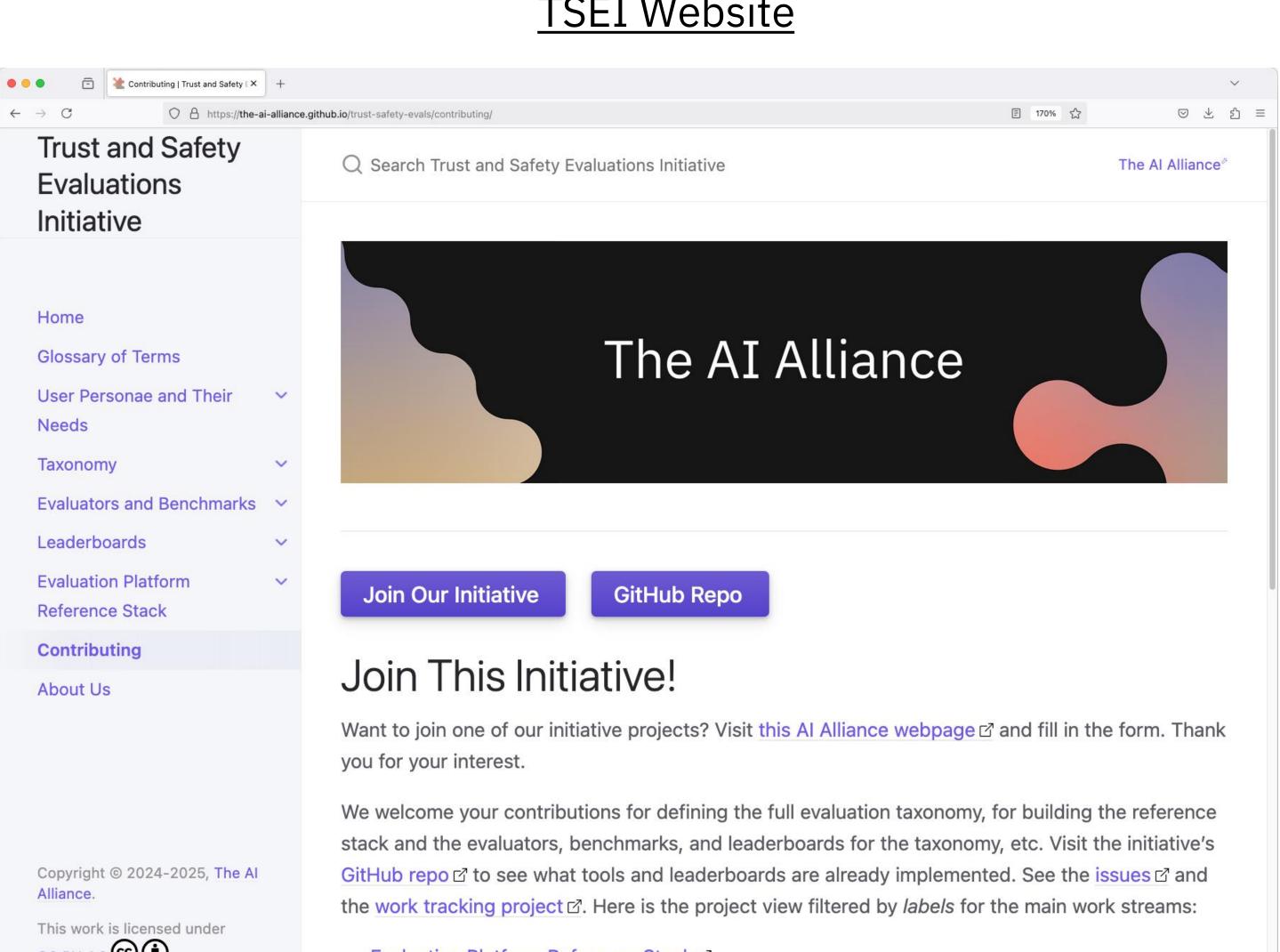
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proprietary models and systems. Both offline evaluation, such as for leaderboards and research

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Help us help you...

- Contribute your evaluation expertise
- Contribute your domain expertise
- Help us implement the reference stack, evaluators, and leaderboards



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- Evaluation Platform Reference Stack
- Evaluation Taxonomy
- Evaluators 2 (which implement the taxonomy...)