
EDITORIAL

Have you heard of metaverse? Everyone knows what is the universe, but what is the metaverse? As we can see, the metaverse comprises two parts: meta and universe. Being a prefix, meta means transcending or more comprehensive. Meta also has a meaning of something about something, like metaprogramming which means writing programs that write programs. It's a kind of iteration. Now let's come back to the metaverse. This term originated in the 1992 science fiction novel *Snow Crash*. Metaverse is a hypothetical iteration of the Internet as a universal and immersive virtual world that is facilitated using virtual reality (VR) and augmented reality (AR). It is three-dimensional, beyond reality and also an online multiuser environment. The world continues to exist even when you're not playing. It is a virtual world where augmented reality combines aspects of the digital and physical worlds.

In the first issue of our new magazine Metaverse, we collected three articles showing real cases of the metaverse involving several industries such as film and education. We are so grateful that José Bernardo Peña Arcila, Diego Bonilla, and Liliana Vanessa Espinoza-Guzmán publish their articles in our new magazine's first issue.

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