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# IF OUR FUTURE IS DIGITAL, HOW WILL IT CHANGE THE WORLD?



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By 2050 there will be 9 billion people to feed, clothe, transport, employ and educate. We're committed to a growth-driven world economy that must inflate for centuries, supplying limitless consumption to everyone. With new tech, could we add a digital world that helps everyone succeed and prosper while working together? Could we become a successful world where greatness is normal?

The Preface from my new book, *Imagine A New Future: Creating Greatness for All*, asks: How could we build a positive and successful Digital Earth now?

One day greatness will be in our grasp. But rather than waiting, can we reach it now?

Here's the good news: digital devices have made your life better. Here's the bad news: although incredibly cool, devices are still in early stages of development. Maybe that's not

really bad, when you think of what's coming next.

Until now, the devices you've had in your hands and on your desks have offered quite both usefulness and fun. But you couldn't call it a fully digital world yet. It's not even close.

There are limitations. You switch on your gadgets and wait. Or you have to find the app you want and wait for it. They might have an operating system whose principles you have to follow. They allow you a little creativity, but only a little.

Then your apps or data might not work with another device that you bought, say, last week, or last year. The last time you saw a friend with a new device you don't have, could theirs be better? Maybe!

Clearly, there is room to dream about new technology.

There's room to dream about building the world we want, instead of the one we're turning into.

### **Powerful Problems Drive Powerful Dreams**

We have reached greatness, but the magnificent size of our successes will be matched by the size of our growing Crisis of Success. By 2050 there will be 9 billion people to feed, clothe, transport, employ, educate and entertain.

Billions are committed to a growth-driven world economy they expect to inflate for centuries to come. As we pursue unlimited growth, our limitless consumption threatens to crowd out everything else on Earth. We are warming the climate, overspending our financial resources, requiring more fresh water than we have, increasing income inequality, diminishing other species and triggering shockwaves whenever we can't cope with a problem.

Billions of people are at the "bottom" of the economy. The middle class is declining in advanced societies. Youth underemployment is epidemic in many countries. The forecast is for billions to remain stuck for their whole lives.

Many no longer believe today's leaders can improve this, though today's leaders are increasing their power and digital surveillance. Leaders want new options as much as everyone else.

Clearly, there is room to dream about a more successful world along with new technology.

## **Can a New Digital Window Display a New Future?**

This new option started in 2007 with big questions: Can we envision a world where tech helps everyone succeed and prosper? Can that world be designed and built now, without waiting for “the future” to arrive?

The Expandiverse grew steadily through years of private and confidential tech and IP (Intellectual Property) development.

Our world is full of screens. We keep them in our hands, purses and pockets, next to our beds while we sleep, and surround ourselves with screens on our desks and counter tops. Our TV sets are morphing into interactive screens as we put them online so they display everything for free.

What if all our screens, everywhere, were a two-way networked system that turns the Earth into a digital room with everyone in it? What if that networked system brought everyone the world’s best services, resources and knowledge based on what we do, as a normal part of everyday life?

Billions of us. Together. All of us succeeding as much as we choose. All the time.

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Let’s dream a little. Let’s dream about technology we could build, about a world we could enjoy.

## **Turn On a You-Centered Digital World**

If your future devices were continuous, your control over all your devices, and the continuous digital world they could open for you, could Expand exponentially.

You switch between multiple screens. When you leave your old screen it stores “where” and “who” you are, then turns off. Your new screen recognizes you, turns on, retrieves “where” and “who” you are, puts you “there.” It is truly automatic.

All sorts of things are in front of you — with you. They could be people, services or places. They could be apps or software, digital content (books, TV shows, movies, music, recorded videos and more), games or live video from events worldwide. They could even be other devices and sources you control remotely.

Your digital life will always be on, always open, always yours. You’ll live in your “Shared Planetary Life Spaces.”

You combine anything into the digital “shared space” you want to inhabit, until you switch to a different one. Then switch again.

In fact, it’s so real that your “shared spaces” move with you across your screens, and become one of your realities. It’s the digital world you choose, where you can live. Always ready for you to use in whatever ways you want.

Technology is about to move much faster and converge with entertainment, until life is entertainment and entertainment is life. (Or dare I say it, your lives.)

In the Expandiverse, you will become used to your chosen digital realities being displayed and processed without effort. Multiple screens, multiple identities and multiple transformed video, audio and music feeds will simply appear and you will appear in them.

In your digital life you can walk through a beautiful new dawn. Or your own action movie sequel.

With you as both one of the directors and one of the stars.

Much of your life is already you-centered. Next your digital life will let you become the person (and people) you’ve always dreamed of becoming.

You can make any or all of your digital world's outputs visible to anyone you want. What is still called "publishing" or "broadcasting" can be accomplished in a multitude of ways with a multitude of outcomes.

You are the publisher. You are the broadcaster. You are the digital reality creator.

You choose your private or public audiences. They can use your creation, or appear in it. Or you decide to be the audience and appear inside your digital world.

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For example, Expandiverse technology includes a workaround to death. Since medical science can't extend our lifetimes to hundreds and thousands of years, the Expandiverse offers multiple identities. Would you consider enjoying multiple lives in parallel? This won't be for everyone, but for those who can't get enough out of one short life, it could be their ticket to more lives and a better way to be alive.

In the Expandiverse your life is truly yours. Construct reality to enjoy what makes you truly happy for your fleeting moment, or create an identity and enjoy it for a "life" time.

And tomorrow... which dreams will you want next? How many? Who will you want in them?



The pyramid of scarcity: Scarce knowledge, scarce resources, scarce opportunities, and scarce education have kept society as a pyramid.

The pyramid of digital abundance: If the best tools, resources, knowledge and opportunities to succeed are pushed out to everyone as part of everyday living, what happens to society's pyramid?

Your digital life is a real life. Wherever you really are.

For billions of people all across the Earth, yesterday's world isn't succeeding well enough or fixing problems fast enough. Too many are stuck, educated, aware, capable and connected

— yet locked in a limited future instead of free to soar.

Isn't it about time that your reality was yours, continuous and under your control? We don't have this now. But in the Expandiverse, all bets are off and all your digital lives are on.

Something else Expandiverse technology offers is called Active Knowledge. Could we surpass the physical world's limits on our personal futures? What if the best knowledge, tools, resources and opportunities to succeed could be delivered as part of what we do every day, as we use our screens? Everyone could become able to perform as well as the best in the world.

Then, with a universal interface, everyone could run their entire Expandiverse from everywhere. It won't matter whether you're in Silicon Valley or a small village in Africa.

Yes, you will be a global person who connects everywhere. And yes, the whole world and its best knowledge and resources will be local to you, at your fingertips, under your control.

Everyone could rise to the top.

Is it time to Expand today's limited devices, and Expand today's limited world? Should we begin the journey into a digital world where everyone could choose to be their best, where greatness could be normal? It's a road with a destination beyond buying the newest cool device, then straining against its limits.

As our digital world grows, devices will have to Expand until your devices can serve you totally. This won't happen overnight. But it's time to start realizing that it will happen.

Unlike any generation before in history, we know how to design and build our dreams. Expand your mind, and expand your future.

Are you ready to take your first step?

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