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Weaving a Web of Augmented Intelligencet

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From its inception, the Web was quickly perceived as a vast source of knowledge for people all over the world and it took some time to understand that its potential goes far beyond. Not only did it become the most popular architecture for developing Internet applications it also became a place for all sorts of programs to interact and exchange knowledge. This is also confirmed by the latest evolutions of AI that produce and consume a lot of information and data on the Web. In fact, using examples from several projects, we will see that the Web is now providing a universal hypermedia linking all forms of intelligence and knowledge, and supporting their evolutions on public and private networks. For this reason, we will show that the Web and its extensions must be designed to be human-centered in order to enable the futures we want and to avoid the futures we fear.

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