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Editorial

Dear Reader,

I along with countless other lecturers, researchers and professors are now engaging fully with the new students who have recently joined our ranks at university. This is the first year when many of the incoming cohort were born in this millennium. They have grown up in an era where computers and their interconnectivity have changed the way we both work and play. It seems a long time ago and a very different world since my student days when the World Wide Web was very much in its infancy, mobile technology was a futuristic dream, and the doomsday prophesies of what would unfold when the Millennium bug hit were rife amongst both computer scientists and the wider population.

As I have read the papers included in this issue, my mind thinks back over the many advances in computing witnessed in my lifetime. Some of the papers reflect the positive developments, such as the use of AI technologies within internet-enabled software and the emerging Internet of Things, while others reflect the more negative impact such developments have had, including ever-increasing issues associated with the detection and amelioration of computer security breaches.

As I reflect on this journal issue, my own experience of computing, and the new students joining the ranks, my conclusion is that it is without doubt an amazing time to be involved with a technology, which, despite its many advancements, is still very much emerging.

With best wishes.

Professor Andrew Ware, On behalf of the Editorial Board, Annals of Emerging Technologies in Computing (AETiC).