

HTC Co-Founder Takes on VR With XRspace

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The next project of former HTC CEO and co-founder Peter Chou involves virtual reality-- with the venture, dubbed XRspace, planning to launch a standalone headset and virtual space for users to explore.



"Our mission is to bring people together through the power of 5G XR (mixed reality), surpassing the limited experience of smartphones today," Chou says. "The singular goal of XRspace, is to take XR to the masses by redefining how people connect, socialise, and collaborate by simplifying the hardware and user experience. When XRspace started 3 years ago, we have been laser-focused at putting regular customers in everything we do. Today we are here to announce a new platform which will take human interaction to a new level through 5G XR."

The Mova headset is a self-contained number powered by a Qualcomm Snapdragon 845 processor. It looks similar to the Oculus Quest or HTC Vive Focus, and uses two cameras to track user movements. Connectivity comes through 5G and wifi, and XRspace claims the

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built-in sensors are capable of tracking hand movements without need for external controllers. However the company fails to provide the specifications of the displays handling the actual VR visuals.

What XRSpace does detail is Manova-- a virtual world providing an array of interactive and social content across education, gaming, health and entertainment. It appears to be similar to a VR version of online games such as Second Life, and offers users both private and public spaces to explore and meet up with friends and strangers.

The Mova and Manova should ship as a package deal, meaning owners of other headsets will not be able to access the virtual world. It will be available in Q3 2020.

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