

- in the context of code as computer program (literal reading)
 - legislative power: the business owner specifies what the code does, and the programmer implements it
 - executive power: the business owner says when to execute the code, and the programmer runs it
 - judicial power: the computer interprets and runs the code
- reasons to think L, E, J powers collapse:
 - essentially the same agent holds legislative and executive powers
 - the computer carries out the instructions according to the scripted code in a strict logical manner -> no room for interpretation, no delay/suspension of judgement

- in the context of M-A-P-P-E-R:
 - a programmer wrote the code, but the code is only compiled/executed when the viewer opens M-A-P-P-E-R through a text viewer/editor (for .txt) or a browser (for .html) -> legislative doesn't coincide with executive
 - code as a publicly distributed HTML/JavaScript script:

legislative power is decentralized across the writer and the viewer
-> no singular ownership in open-source programs

- code as M-A-P-P-E-R as a text: the reader holds the judicial power