

- 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

- “meta-laws” that a computer program has to abide by determine the extent to which L, E, J powers can be collapsed, if at all:
 - open or closed source
 - governing bodies who impose regulations. e.g. lawsuit against Facebook’s Tag Suggestions for violation of biometric privacy law
- an expanded reading: code as an articulation, an ordering of human productive capacities e.g. job descriptions
 - potential alienation of man from his product and labour
 - potential hegemony (Gramsci): “hegemonic class” exercised political leadership over “subaltern classes” by “winning them over”