

“A *User* (animal, plant or mineral) would occupy its unique position and, from there, activate an *Interface* to manipulate things with particular *Addresses*, which are integrated with the land, sea and air of urban surfaces on the *City* layer, all of which can process, store and deliver data according to the computational capacity and legal prescriptions of a *Cloud* platform, which itself feeds off the *Earth* layer’s energy reserves drawn from its data centers.

The paths between the layers are sutured by specific protocols for sending and receiving information to and from each other, from top to bottom, which take care of the translation between the different technologies brought together in each platform”.

Benjamin H. Bratton, *The Stack: On Software and Sovereignty*,  
MIT press, 2015.