

## City Mesh

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Akihabara (The Cyber City)

"We've grown up thinking: 'Over here is the Internet, over there is cellular telephony, and here are iPods.' It's not going to be like that. That stuff is all just one cloud of stuff and it works together and you can't just get a little piece of it. The kids being born today will grow up finding the quaintest thing about the past was that people had these different devices that had discrete functions."

- William Gibson (2007) in *William Gibson Hates Futurists* on [thetyee.ca](http://thetyee.ca)

The prefecture of Akihabara is a grid. But unlike Le Corbusier's geometric Cartesian enclave this grid presents a more complex navigation - an information matrix, a repetition of space both physical and virtual. Wired for data, the page of RSS feeds, semicodes and AdWords, a hive of resource and push, pull and exchange. More points than entry points - a network ecology for the Internet Imaginaire.

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