

Project Statement

the Bit

Bit-binary digit is maybe the simplest indicator of a core concept in human thought: dualism. This universal cosmology happened to appear almost every culture, from Yin Yang to Abrahamic Religions, from the table of opposites of Pythagoras to Hegelian dialectics...To be or not to be... No wonder modern computing was based on this mentality: Simplifying all data to zero-one binary numeral system then building up any kind of complex data as a unique combination of this binary system. It is striking to realize every image, sound, text and in future maybe directly feelings that we experience from a digital medium are nothing but some syntax of zero and one. Should Silicon Valley adopt a symbol, it is hard to imagine anything more befitting than 'zero and one'.

the Arch

Arch is one of the earliest subtle technique in the built environment of human. First time without help of a tensile element like a wooden branch, human could span distances simply by laying masonry. This was such a great achievement and an awe inspiring feast to the eyes that the arch began to be erected for its own sake. When a city gate was needed there was an arch over it, when there was a victory there was an arch for it, monuments, crossroads, urban focuses, intersections, tetrapylons-quadrifrons, places of confluence in other words, mostly were crowned by no other than the arch. Here, there seems to be a strong will on a timeless approach to the prospective icon. And the arch has already spanned through the ages from Taq Qasra to Gateway Arch as a virtually timeless tool of remembrance.

the Bitarch

Why not fuse the bit and the arch to a new landmark? The Bit will be the symbol of the digital age and Silicon Valley with its great archaic philosophic background while the Arch will evoke a sense of space and urbanism. Another specialty will be how the Bit and the Arch are worked architecturally. Due to its dual nature, zero and one will be experienced from different angles. So the Bitarch will be changing due to people's perspective and positions, hence, this will add dynamism to the whole concept. A unique arch will be dissolved into 'number zero' and welcome the park and city as a portal of the digital age while 'number one' will act as a dramatic and salient entrance to the Bitarch.