# The soul is just a function\* - 28/01/2020

Putman talks about the contribution of Computer Science to Philosophy of Mind  
in terms of thinking the mind as a kind of function rather than physical or  
chemistry.  
  
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He says that the rise of computers could result in everything being explained  
in terms of machines but the paradox is that it didn´t contribute for this  
kind of \*\*reductionism\*\*.  
  
Generally, according to Putman, when we work with computer we think in its  
programs, instructions, rules, etc., and we ignore the hardware.  
  
Ironically, he says that there is an \*\*emergency\*\* (not violating the laws of  
physics) where we work in a high level of the organization, in the program  
level. So we can think in the mind the same way: instead of thinking we are  
spirit inboded would be better think in the relation between the mind and the  
body in terms of functions.  
  
   
  
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\* Short digest of short interisting vídeo: <https://youtu.be/m0YIm8p30aU>. Acessed in Jan, 28th. Hilary Putnam on Functionalism.