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Yann Diener's study accurately pinpoints how the computer jargon slipping into daily conversation makes our thought processes more black-and-white.

Psychoanalyst Yann Diener has noticed words and expressions from computing jargon in our everyday speech: "For my entire childhood, I was the interface between my parents" or "I'm disconnected from my family." Just a few years ago, such terms were only used in IT, but the ubiquity of devices in our daily lives has caused them to slip into our lives as we identify with their efficiency and performance. In this perspicacious and incisive short essay, Diener analyzes the individual and collective consequences of the shift in speech toward a machine language which, we must always remember, is fundamentally binary.

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