

Abstract

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Title: Secondary nomination of Computer vocabulary in the English language

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Topical Importance: This thesis deals with the main mechanisms of secondary nomination in computer lexical units. Main attention is devoted to such types of secondary nomination as metaphor and metonymy. Computer terms haven't been studied from this angle yet.

Goals: The aim of the thesis is to study second nomination mechanisms in the computer language.

Tasks: In order to accomplish this goal the following tasks can be distinguished:

- to give the definition of such a phenomenon as secondary nomination in the modern language;
- to examine the main types of secondary nomination in the modern English language;
- to describe main mechanisms of the secondary nomination – metaphor and metonymy;
- to interpret computer lexical units founded according to the principle of secondary nomination;
- to name the main functions of the secondary nomination computer terms in the English language.

Theoretical value and practical applicability: Theoretical value lies in making a contribution to studying the main mechanisms of secondary nomination in the computer sphere, to finding out functions and developing of cognitive

approach in contemporary linguistics. Practical applicability consists in using the results of the research in teaching theoretical courses in lexicology, cognitive linguistics, stylistics, and also in practical lessons.

Results: The whole corpus (300 examples of secondary nomination) was subsumed under two main groups – lexical and semantic secondary nomination. Lexical secondary nomination is represented by the abbreviations, changing the meaning of the existing word. Semantic secondary nomination is represented by the four types of cognitive metaphor and three types of metonymical concepts.

Implementation advice: the theoretical material of the thesis can be applied while studying or teaching courses on cognitive linguistics, stylistics and lexicology.