Subject matter: Abbreviations in Computer Slang

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ABSTRACT

As we know, a computer is considered to be one of the greatest inventions of the XX century. It has created the new terminology which develops according to general semantic laws and at the same time has a set of specific features. One of such traits is humor. It’s connected with the fact that the forming of the terminological system falls behind the development of the theory and practice of this science. That’s why the free lexical area is filled with humorous terms. Besides, hackers who work in the sphere of programming have a high intellect and, as a rule, a great sense of humor. So, computer slang is a special phenomenon and must be well studied.

The object of this research is informal English of Internet users. The study of computer slang is important because its knowledge has a real influence on common understanding between the participants of communication and is a significant problem of modern linguistics.

The aim of this work is the study, description of word-formative models in computer slang.

This qualification work includes an introduction, two chapters, a conclusion, and a bibliography. The first part of the research deals with the theoretical base of the problem; we give a definition to a term "slang", discuss the difference between slang, jargon, argot, and consider some special features of computer slang. In the second chapter we carry out the study of peculiarities of abbreviations, acronyms, clippings, and blending in computer slang. The conclusion contains the basic results of the performed investigation.

The present research is very important because its results can be used in some problems concerning the general theory of the text and considering some aspects of the theory of language. It can really attract students’ attention.