

COMPUTER VIROLOGY TERMS: THEIR SOURCES AND PARADIGMATIC SEMANTIC RELATIONS

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Summary

In the history of Lithuanian terminography the concept of computer virology and the terms that constitute its semantic field have not yet attracted the researchers' attention, neither is there a tradition of their usage. In the terminographical sources, most often in dictionaries and glossaries, *viruses* are assigned to malware, the same as *worms and Trojan horses*. The definitions of these terms allow to determine the position of the term *virus* in the system and paradigmatic semantic relations between members of this subject field. The analysis of the terms and their collocations confirm that their main sources are such subject fields as biology, medicine, law, psychology, warfare and the like; also, it reveals a metaphorical nature of the term *computer virus* as all its semantic field may be understood as a personification. This conclusion is a result of the study of the term's collocations with verbs and adjectives.