

The peculiarities of computer slang as a specific subsystem of the English language



- The *topicality* is supported by:
 - huge popularity of computer technologies among all groups of people in our society
 - popularity of some words connected with the sphere of computers especially among young generation and their gradual transition into everyday speech
- The *object* is:
 - the non-literary and unstable layer of the English vocabulary



- The *subject* is:
 - computer slang as a subsystem of the English language.

- The *goal* is:
 - To study the role and functions of computer slang as a subsystem of the English language by means of investigating its structural, stylistic and functional features



- The *objectives* are:
 - to define slang and state the interrelations between such notions as slang, jargon and argot;
 - to establish the place and functions fulfilled by slang in different layers of the society;
 - to study existing classifications of slang and define the place of computer slang within them;
 - to follow the timeline of computer slang development;
 - to reveal computer slang as a language subsystem relying upon its functions and peculiarities.

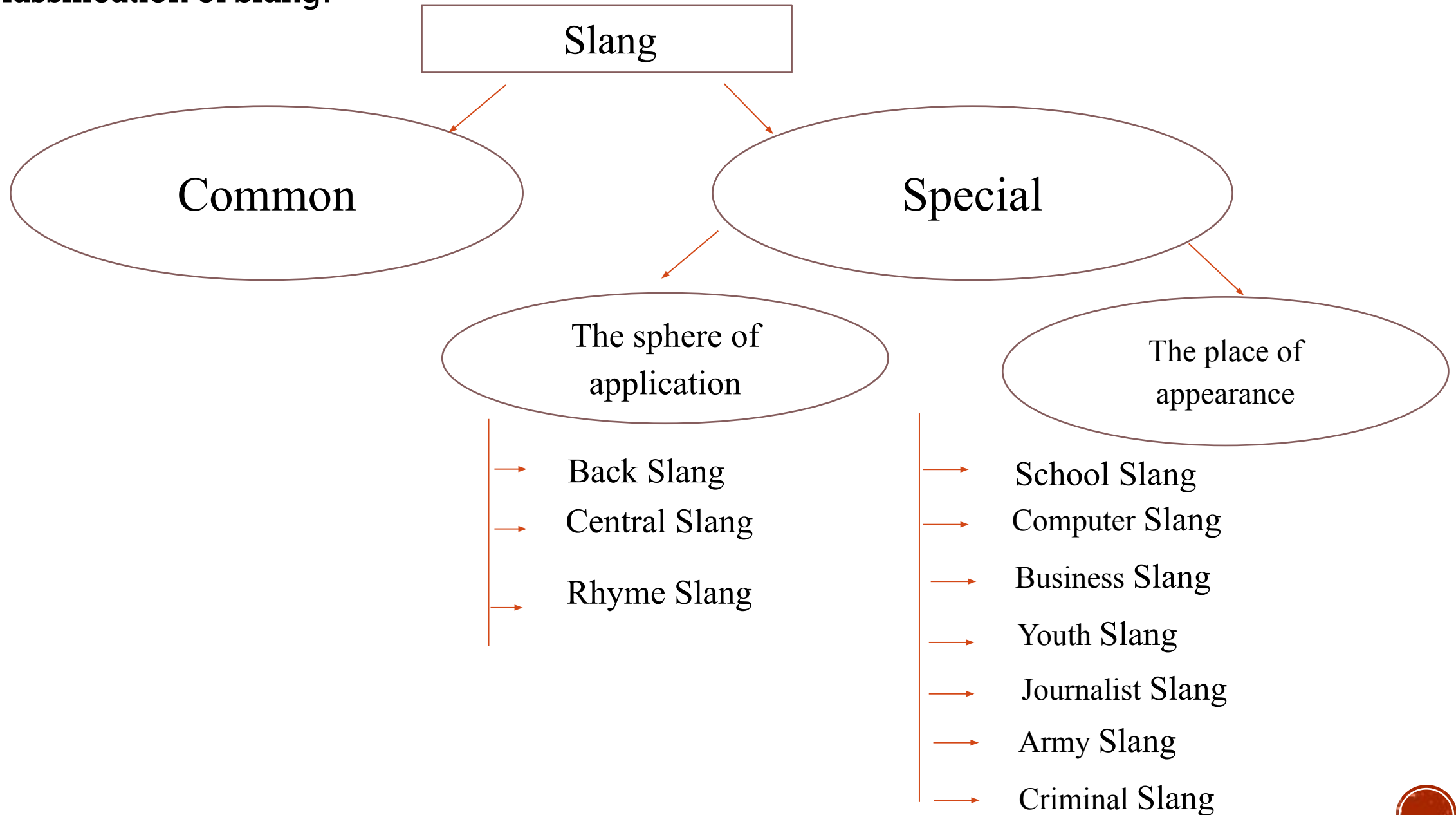


■ *Slang (first recorded in the XVI century)* is:

- an independent language subsystem possessing some grammatical, phonetic and lexical standards, which includes both foreignisms and peculiarities typical of the language under discussion particularly.



▪ The classification of Slang:



- Slang by *Soviet School* (narrower meaning):
 - Part of common everyday language emotionally coloured
- Slang by *Foreign School* (*wider meaning*):
 - Language typical of a particular group of people mainly



Jargon

Slang

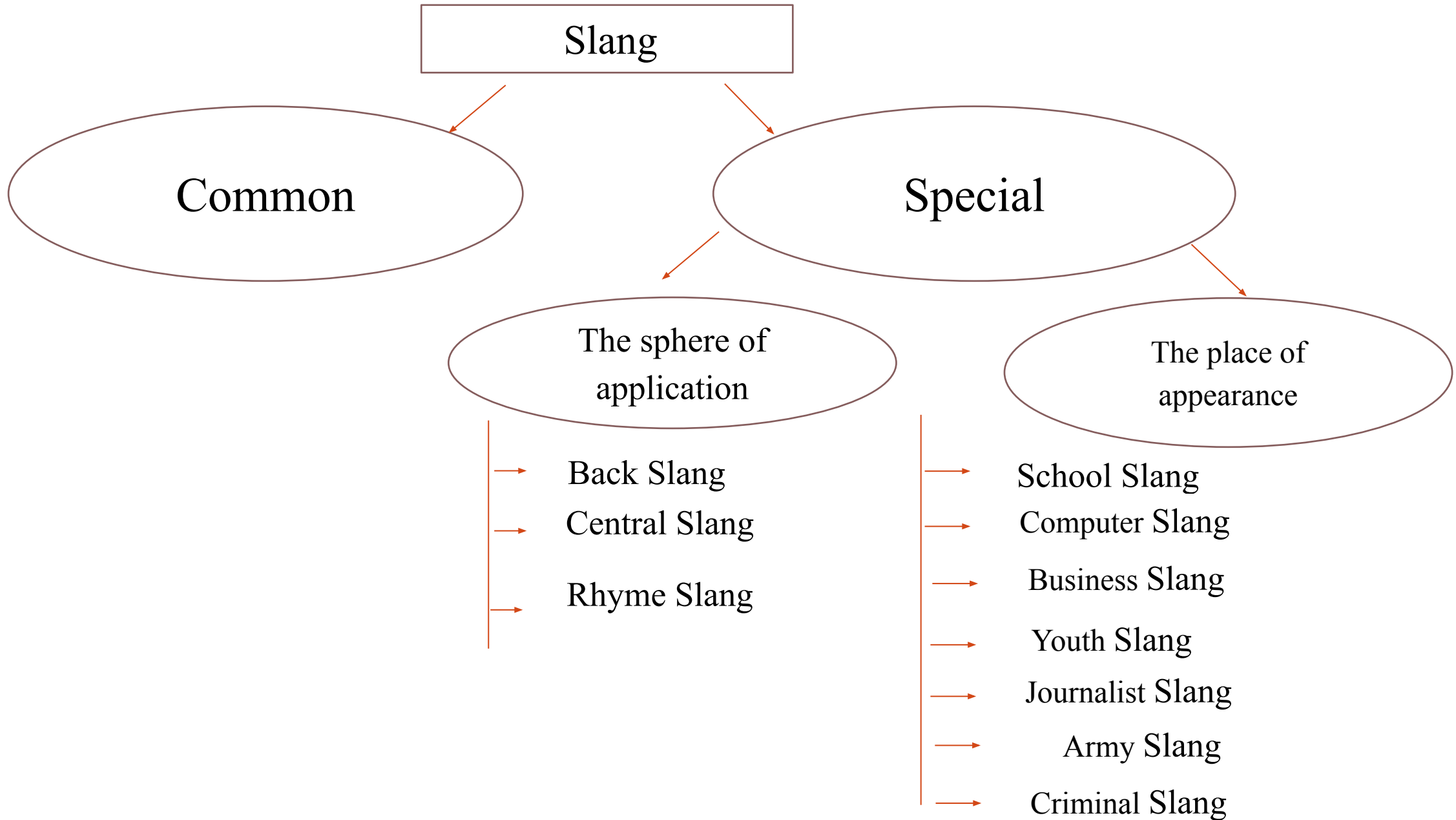
*Belonging to a definite
social-group*

*Emotionally-coloured
character*

Argot

Vulgarisms





Slang functions

Communicative

Expressive

Nominative

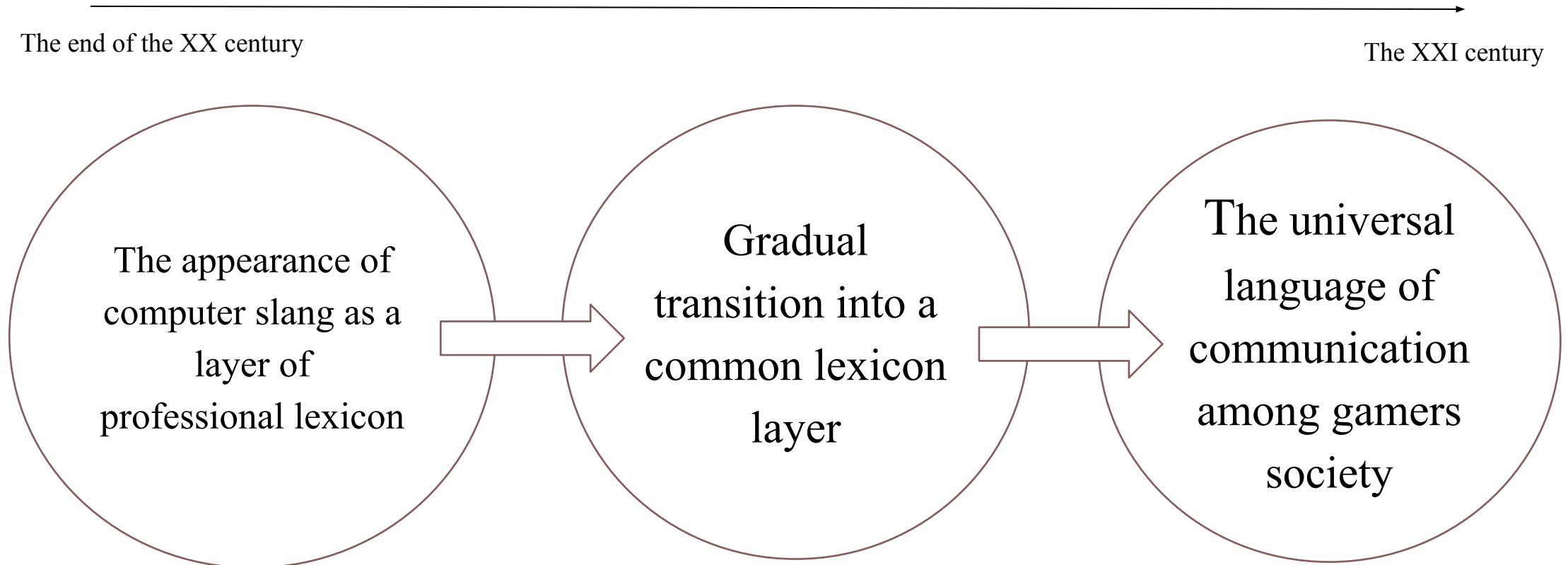
Cognitive

Identification

Time saving



Computer Slang Development



■ NO CARRIER → «НО КАРЬЕР»
= the absence of Internet connection

■ Attach → «АТТАЧ» = an attached
file to an e-mail message



Computer Slang functions

Slang functions	Computer Slang functions	Examples
Communicative	+	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ROFL• AFK
Expressive	+	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Smurfing• Noob
Nominative	+	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Utility• Shareware
Identification	+	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nerd / gamer• Spammer• Camper
Time saving	+	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mobo – mother board• F2P - Free to play
Cognitive	+	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Easter egg• Surf• Hung



Computer Slang Classification

By the method of word- formation	Simple words	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Guru• scrog• barf	
	Derivatives	Affixation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Authorization• Encryption• Typo• Superuser
		Composition	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Backdoor• Renderfarm• Downloadaphobia
		Abbreviation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• KDA – kill-death ratio• H/A – help and advice• DISPID - dispatcher identifier
	Composed terms	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dancing baloney• Open-world• Angry garden salad	

Computer Slang Classification

By the method of translation into Russian	Calque	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Device – девайс• Damage – дамаг• Screen shot – скрин шот
	Semi-calque	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• User's manual – мануалка• Menu – менюшка• To connect - коннектиться
	Translation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Disk – болванка• Patch file – заплатка• System unit – системный блок
	Phonetic mimicry	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Button – батон• Adobe Acrobat – Акробат• Storage – сторож



Computer Slang Classification

By the thematic features

According to the names of details	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Duster• Comptar• Mac
According to the support programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• E – crack• Vrrv.rr• Tcl
According to the operations and individual actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Farming• Flaming• Nerf
According to the people involved in a particular type of activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Geek• Dave• Scuh
According to the names of companies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• AOL – America Online• DIFS - division of iPod & family services



■ *Subsystem* is:

- an integration of relatively homogeneous language elements possessing a definite hierarchy between its own elements and also between the elements of higher and lower levels



Subsystem features	Computer having features	Slang subsystem	Argument
The combination of relatively homogeneous elements.	+		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Words are closely connected with the computer sphere and united in small groups • :^D and ROFL as a substitution for laugh • a raw of synonyms for existing words: zombie - zomb, zomboid, zombieman or iZombie
The limited number of users	+		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Programmers • Players • Users of computer technology
The set of special functions	+		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communicative • Expressive • Nominative • Time Saving
The hierarchy of its elements	+		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phonemes in the image of graphemes – >word -> phrase or word combination – > sentence
The special factors of appearance and development	+		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stability • Variability • Interaction with internal and external linguistic units.



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