

THE *OED* TEXTUAL PROTOTYPES AS A MEDIUM FOR SUFFIX RIVALRY RECONSTRUCTION: THE CASE OF ADJECTYIVIZATION FROM ENGLISH DERIVED VERBS

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Deverbal families constitute diachronically expanding shared-root patterns which are capable of revealing constituent versatility and intermediate stages in the overall evolution of the morphological-lexical resources. A novel component in the study of these issues is that of the diachronic speed of complementation strategies.

The first quotations of verbs and their derivatives in the *Oxford English Dictionary* can be conducive to the tackling of the issues of suffix ordering in diachronic word-formation. For the history of English the criteria of suffix ordering through parsing are rather specific owing to a massive influx of ready-made derived (verb-motivated) words from Latin and/or French. At the same time a part of such seeming penetrations are genuinely English coinages.

We will concentrate on chains of double suffixation with the formatives' rivalry where the suffixes are consecutively added to the verb that already has a suffix of its own and juxtapose the intermediate and ultimate results of these processes with those of similar ones without suffix rivalry in the non-closing adjectives and participles. The contribution will seek to address the problem whether the rivalry of the opening and/or intermediate suffixes in such chains is a factor of versatility of the closing suffix. Selectional restrictions included in the (closing) suffix and/or suffixed (intermediate) base at the ultimate derivation of secondary nouns/adverbs via (rival) **adjectival** suffixation from suffixed verbs in the entire lexical history of English proves to be a promising testing-ground for the adoption of research interests that were not empirically accessible in the pre-electronic lexicology.

The contribution will be based on multiple corpus-induced graphs-supported queries to the developed interactive software concerning the diachronic ontology of the complete OED-selected body of chains of three suffixes that could have experienced suffix rivalry in the stormy lexical history of English. The interplay of same- and different-timeness prompted by suffix rivalry proves to be a factor of paradigmatic variation and change in the compiled historical word-forming dictionary of English deverbatives.