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ETHERNET – PROS

- ★ Ethernet is the most widely used wired LAN technology.
- ★ Ethernet is relatively inexpensive.
- ★ In Ethernet, all the node have the same privileges. It does not follow client-server architecture.
- ★ Maintenance and administration are simple.
- ★ The cable used to connect systems in ethernet is robust to noise.
- ★ As it is robust to the noise, the quality of the data transfer does not degrade. The data transfer quality is good.
- ★ With latest versions such as gigabit ethernet, the transfer speeds in Gbps have become possible.

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ETHERNET – CONS

- ★ Under heavy loads, too much of the network's capacity is wasted by collisions.
- ★ It does not hold good for real-time applications and interactive applications.
- ★ As the network cannot set priority for the packets, it is not suitable for a client-server architecture.
- ★ For interactive applications, dummy data have to be fed to make the frame size 46B which is mandatory.
- ★ After receiving a packet, the receiver doesn't send any

acknowledgement.

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ETHERNET CATS

CATEGORY	SHIELDING	MAX TRANSMISSION SPEED (AT 100 METERS)
Cat 3	Unshielded	10 Mbps
Cat 5	Unshielded	10/100 Mbps
Cat 5e	Unshielded	1000 Mbps / 1 Gbps
Cat 6	Shielded or Unshielded	1000 Mbps / 1 Gbps
Cat 6a	Shielded	10000 Mbps / 10 Gbps
Cat 7	Shielded	10000 Mbps / 10 Gbps
Cat 8	Shielded	Up to 40 Gbps