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Study of different types of Network Cables

Aim:

To study and understand different types of
Network cables.

Understand different types of Network cables:-

Cable type	Category	Max Data Transmission	Advantages/ Disadvantages	Application
UTP	Category 3	10 bps	Advantages <ul style="list-style-type: none">*Cheaper in Cost.*Easy to install Disadvantages <ul style="list-style-type: none">they have a smaller overall diameterMore prone to EMI and noise	No Base T Ethernet
	Category 5	Upto 100 MbPS		Fast Ethernet
	Category 5e	1 GbPS		Gigabit Ethernet
STP	Category 6, 6a	10GbPS	Advantages <ul style="list-style-type: none">*Shielded*Faster than UTP*less susceptible to noise & interference	10Gb Ethernet
	Category 7	10GbPS	Disadvantages <ul style="list-style-type: none">*Expensive*Greater Installation effort	Gigabit Ethernet 10Gb Ethernet (100m)
SSTP				

Coaxial Cable	RG-6	10-100mbPS	* High bandwidth * Immune to EMI * Low Loss Bandwidth * Versatile	Speed of signal in 500m
	RG-59			Television Network
Fibre Optics Cable	RG - 11			High Spec connection
			Disadvantages * Limited dist * Cost * Size is bulky.	
			Advantages * High speed * High bandwidth * High Security * Long dist.	Maximum dist of fibre Optics cable is 100m.
	Single mode Multi-mode	100GbPS	Disadvantages. * Expensive * Requires skilled installers.	

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i) What is the difference between cross cable and straight cable?

straight Cable (Straight-through Cable)

This type of cable connects each pin on one end to the corresponding pin on the other end (pin 1 to pin 1, pin 2 to pin 2, etc). It is used to connect different types of devices such as PC to a switch or router.

Result:

The Network cables are connected successfully

Cross Cable (Crossover Cable):

In crossover cable, the transmit & receive wires are crossed. For example, the transmit-pins on one end connect to the receive pins on the other end. It is used to connect similar devices directly such as PC to PC or switch, without an intermediary device.

2) Which type of cable is used to connect two PCs?

A crossover cable is used to directly connect PC's.

3) Which type of cable is used to connect a router / switch to your PC?

A straight through cable is used to connect router or switch to PC.

4) Find out the category of twisted pair cable used in your LAN to connect the PC to network socket.

Usually, Category 5e or category 6 twisted pair cables are used in LANs for connecting PCs to network sockets.

5) Write down your understanding challenges faced & output received while making a twisted pair cross/straight cable.

Understanding:

I learned that ethernet cables are made up of twisted pair of wires, depending on how these wires are arranged & connected the cable can be used for different network purpose.

Challenges faced:

While making the cable, I found it challenging to ensure the wires were inserted correctly & in right order according to T568A or T568B wiring standards. Gimping RJ45 connectors securely was also tricky.

Output received:

After making the cable & testing it with a cable tester, the cable showed proper continuity & pin alignment. When used the devices connected with the cable communicated correctly, confirming the connection was made properly.

Result:

Different types of network cables, such as straight through & crossover cables, serve specific purposes in connecting devices. Understanding their wiring & user help ensure proper network communication & device compatibility.