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# Study of different types of network cables

Aim: Study different types of network cables

a) Understand different types of network cable

Different kinds of cables in networking are:

- 1) Unshielded Twisted Pair (UTP) cable
- 2) Shielded Twisted Pair (STP) cable
- 3) Coaxial Cable
- 4) Fibre optic cable

Cable Type	Category	Maximum Data Transfer Rate	Advantages/Disadvantages	Applications
UTP	Category 3	10 Mbps	<u>Advantages</u> : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Cheaper in cost</li> <li>* Easy to install as they have a smaller overall diameter</li> </ul> <u>Disadvantages</u> : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* More prone to EMI interference and noise</li> </ul>	10-base T Ethernet
	Category 5	Up to 100 Mbps		Fast Ethernet
	Category 5e	1 Gbps		Fast Ethernet
STP	Category 6, 6a	10 Gbps	<u>Advantages</u> : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Shielded</li> <li>* Faster than UTP</li> <li>* Less susceptible to noise and interference</li> </ul>	Gigabit Ethernet 10 G Ethernet Widely used in data centers
SSTP	Category 7	10 Gbps	<u>Disadvantages</u> : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Expensive</li> <li>* Greater installation effort</li> </ul>	Gigabit Ethernet 10 G Ethernet (100m)

copper cable	Rn-6	10-100 Mbps	<u>Advantages</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High bandwidth</li> <li>Immune to interference</li> <li>low loss</li> <li>terrestrial</li> </ul>
	Rn-59		<u>Disadvantages</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Limited jitter</li> <li>cost</li> </ul>
fibre optic cable	Single-mode	100 Gbps	<u>Advantages</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High speed</li> <li>High bandwidth</li> <li>High Security</li> <li>long distance</li> </ul>
	Multimode		<u>Disadvantages</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Expansion</li> <li>* Requires skilled</li> </ul>

### Students Observation!

- 1) difference b/w Cross cable and Straight Cable?
- 2) A Straight Cable connects different devices while Cross cable connects similar devices by swapping transmit and receive pins.
- 3) Which type of Cable is used to connect two PC?
- 4) Cross Cable
- 5) Which Cable is used to connect Router to PC?
- 6) Straight Cable.

4) Find the Category of twisted pair  
Cables used to connect PC to the network  
socket?

A) Category 5e or category 6

5) write down understanding challenges  
faced and output received?

- Learnt color coding and wiring standards
- Difficult in arranging wires in  
correct order
- Successfully made wiring cables that  
connected devices and enabled proper  
communication.

Result

Hence the different type of network  
Cables have been successfully studied.