

# Cables and Wiring

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## Cables Cabling RJ45 RJ21 MSAN

### EIA/TIA-568A and 568B pinouts

| Pin | T568A Pair | T568B Pair | 1000BASE-T Signal ID | Wire | T568A Color         | T568B Color         | Pins on plug face (socket is reversed) |
|-----|------------|------------|----------------------|------|---------------------|---------------------|--|
| 1   | 3          | 2          | DA+                  | tip  | white/green stripe  | white/orange stripe |  |
| 2   | 3          | 2          | DA-                  | ring | green solid         | orange solid        |  |
| 3   | 2          | 3          | DB+                  | tip  | white/orange stripe | white/green stripe  |  |
| 4   | 1          | 1          | DC+                  | ring | blue solid          | blue solid          |  |
| 5   | 1          | 1          | DC-                  | tip  | white/blue stripe   | white/blue stripe   |  |
| 6   | 2          | 3          | DB-                  | ring | orange solid        | green solid         |  |
| 7   | 4          | 4          | DD+                  | tip  | white/brown stripe  | white/brown stripe  |  |
| 8   | 4          | 4          | DD-                  | ring | brown solid         | brown solid         |  |

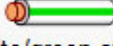
















Standard networking connectors for Ethernet connections. Bunch has it that only the "A" standard is accepted for governing networks and the B standard is being deprecated.

### Power over Ethernet, IEEE 802.3af standards A and B

| PINS on Switch | T568A Color         | T568B Color         | 10/100 DC on Spares (mode B) | 10/100 Mixed DC & Data (mode A) | 1000 (1 Gigabit) DC & Bi-Data (mode B) | 1000 (1 Gigabit) DC & Bi-Data (mode A) |
|----------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|--|
| Pin 1          | white/green stripe  | white/orange stripe | Rx +                         | Rx + DC +                       | TxRx A +                               | TxRx A + DC +                          |
| Pin 2          | green solid         | orange solid        | Rx -                         | Rx - DC +                       | TxRx A -                               | TxRx A - DC +                          |
| Pin 3          | white/orange stripe | white/green stripe  | Tx +                         | Tx + DC -                       | TxRx B +                               | TxRx B + DC -                          |
| Pin 4          | blue solid          | blue solid          | DC +                         | unused                          | TxRx C + DC +                          | TxRx C +                               |
| Pin 5          | white/blue stripe   | white/blue stripe   | DC +                         | unused                          | TxRx C - DC +                          | TxRx C -                               |
| Pin 6          | orange solid        | green solid         | Tx -                         | Tx - DC -                       | TxRx B -                               | TxRx B - DC -                          |
| Pin 7          | white/brown stripe  | white/brown stripe  | DC -                         | unused                          | TxRx D + DC -                          | TxRx D +                               |
| Pin 8          | brown solid         | brown solid         | DC -                         | unused                          | TxRx D - DC -                          | TxRx D -                               |

Power over Ethernet pins. More and more commonly used in VOIP phone systems, but can also be used for wireless access points and other network devices.

**Two pairs crossed, two pairs uncrossed  
10BASE-T or 100BASE-TX crossover**

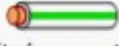

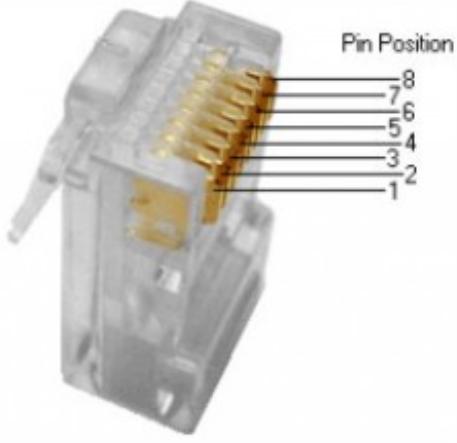










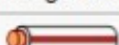

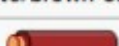
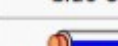
| Pin | Connection 1: T568A |      |  | Connection 2: T568B |      |  | Pins on plug face   |
|-----|---------------------|------|--|---------------------|------|--|---|
|     | signal              | pair | color  | signal              | pair | color  |   |
| 1   | BI_DA+              | 3    |  white/green stripe   | BI_DB+              | 2    |  white/orange stripe  |  |
| 2   | BI_DA-              | 3    |  green solid          | BI_DB-              | 2    |  orange solid         |   |
| 3   | BI_DB+              | 2    |  white/orange stripe  | BI_DA+              | 3    |  white/green stripe   |   |
| 4   |                     | 1    |  blue solid           |                     | 1    |  blue solid           |   |
| 5   |                     | 1    |  white/blue stripe    |                     | 1    |  white/blue stripe    |   |
| 6   | BI_DB-              | 2    |  orange solid        | BI_DA-              | 3    |  green solid         |   |
| 7   |                     | 4    |  white/brown stripe |                     | 4    |  white/brown stripe |   |
| 8   |                     | 4    |  brown solid        |                     | 4    |  brown solid        |   |

Ethernet crossover cables are useful for connecting two similar pieces of equipment together, such as a 100 base-T crossover. It looks a little bit different. One of the pins is not used and the pairs, pins 4 &

### Gigabit T568A crossover

























All four pairs crossed

10BASE-T, 100BASE-TX, 100BASE-T4 or 1000BASE-T crossover (shown as T568A)

| Pin | Connection 1: T568A |      |   | Connection 2: T568A Crossed |      |   | Pins on plug face   |
|-----|---------------------|------|---|-----------------------------|------|---|---|
|     | signal              | pair | color   | signal                      | pair | color   |   |
| 1   | BI_DA+              | 3    |  white/green stripe  | BI_DB+                      | 2    |  white/orange stripe |  |
| 2   | BI_DA-              | 3    |  green solid         | BI_DB-                      | 2    |  orange solid        |   |
| 3   | BI_DB+              | 2    |  white/orange stripe | BI_DA+                      | 3    |  white/green stripe  |   |
| 4   | BI_DC+              | 1    |  blue solid          | BI_DD+                      | 4    |  white/brown stripe  |   |
| 5   | BI_DC-              | 1    |  white/blue stripe   | BI_DD-                      | 4    |  brown solid         |   |
| 6   | BI_DB-              | 2    |  orange solid        | BI_DA-                      | 3    |  green solid         |   |
| 7   | BI_DD+              | 4    |  white/brown stripe  | BI_DC+                      | 1    |  blue solid          |   |
| 8   | BI_DD-              | 4    |  brown solid       | BI_DC-                      | 1    |  white/blue stripe |   |

This type cable is backwards compatible with 10/100 base T systems.

Registered Jack (RJ) 11, 14, 25

| Position | Pair | T/R | ± | RJ11 | RJ14 | RJ25 | 25-pair color code   | U.S. Bell System colors  | German colors  | Australian colors  |
|----------|------|-----|---|------|------|------|--|--|--|--|
| 1        | 3    | T   | + |      |      | T3   |  white/green  |  white  |  violet |  orange |
| 2        | 2    | T   | + |      | T2   | T2   |  white/orange |  black  |  green  |  red    |
| 3        | 1    | R   | - | R1   | R1   | R1   |  blue/white   |  red    |  white  |  blue   |
| 4        | 1    | T   | + | T1   | T1   | T1   |  white/blue   |  green  |  brown  |  white  |
| 5        | 2    | R   | - |      | R2   | R2   |  orange/white |  yellow |  yellow |  black  |
| 6        | 3    | R   | - |      |      | R3   |  green/white  |  blue   |  slate  |  green  |



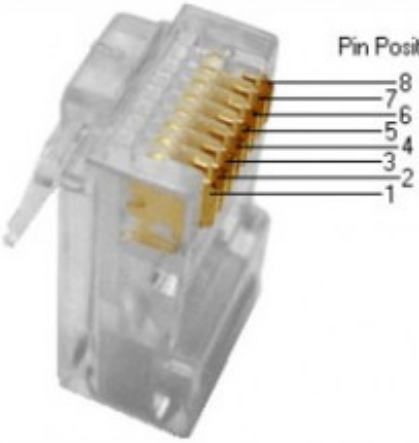






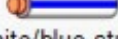
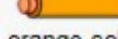

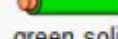
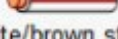
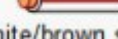
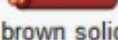
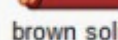
Telephone system equipment jacks.

## RJ48C and RJ48X wiring

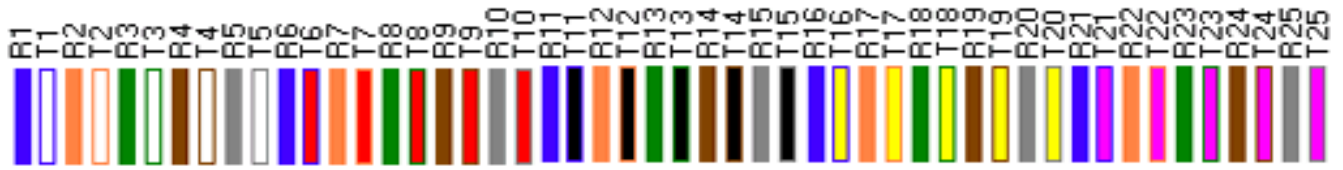
| Pin | Pair | Signal   | Color  |
|-----|------|----------|--|
| 1   | R    | RX Ring  |  Orange/White |
| 2   | T    | RX Tip   |  White/Orange |
| 3   |      | reserved |  White/Green  |
| 4   | R1   | TX Ring  |  Blue/White   |
| 5   | T1   | TX Tip   |  White/Blue   |
| 6   |      | reserved |  Green/White  |
| 7   |      | shield   |  White/Brown  |
| 8   |      | shield   |  Brown/White  |

RJ48C and RJ48X used as T1 DSX1 and DSX1 connections. Since RJ48C and RJ48X are two wire

### Two pairs crossed, two pairs uncrossed T1 crossover

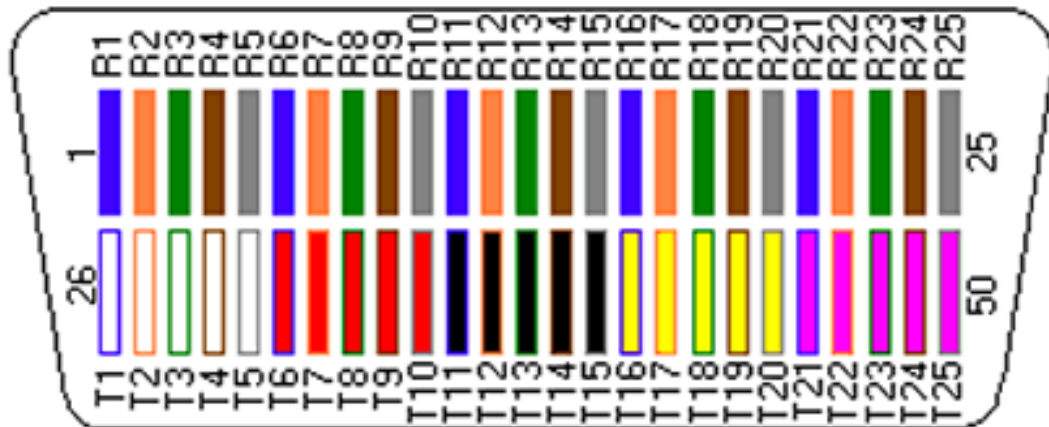
| Pin | Connection 1: T568A |   | Connection 2: T568B |   | Pins on plug face  |
|-----|---------------------|---|---------------------|---|--|
|     | pair                | color   | pair                | color   |  |
| 1   | 2                   |  white/orange stripe | 1                   |  blue solid          |  |
| 2   | 2                   |  orange solid        | 1                   |  white/blue stripe   |  |
| 3   | 3                   |  white/green stripe  | 3                   |  white/green stripe  |  |
| 4   | 1                   |  blue solid          | 2                   |  white/orange stripe |  |
| 5   | 1                   |  white/blue stripe   | 2                   |  orange solid        |  |
| 6   | 3                   |  green solid         | 3                   |  green solid         |  |
| 7   | 4                   |  white/brown stripe  | 4                   |  white/brown stripe  |  |
| 8   | 4                   |  brown solid         | 4                   |  brown solid         |  |

Cross-over patch for T1 (DSX1 or DSX1) interface. Note this is different from an Ethernet crossover and pin 2 to pin 5 on a RJ48C connector. Note on back connector goes from port crossover




















































Above (and left) colour-code order is applied to a RJ21 socket as shown below (and on the right)

The RJ21 mage is rotated for clarity of numbering.





















































### RJ21 RJ21X

| Color   | Pin (Tip) | Pin (Ring) | Color   |
|---|-----------|------------|---|
|  White/Blue      | 26        | 1          |  Blue/White      |
|  White/Orange    | 27        | 2          |  Orange/White    |
|  White/Green     | 28        | 3          |  Green/White     |
|  White/Brown     | 29        | 4          |  Brown/White     |
|  White/Slate     | 30        | 5          |  Slate/White     |
|  Red/Blue        | 31        | 6          |  Blue/Red        |
|  Red/Orange      | 32        | 7          |  Orange/Red      |
|  Red/Green       | 33        | 8          |  Green/Red       |
|  Red/Brown       | 34        | 9          |  Brown/Red       |
|  Red/Slate       | 35        | 10         |  Slate/Red       |
|  Black/Blue      | 36        | 11         |  Blue/Black      |
|  Black/Orange    | 37        | 12         |  Orange/Black    |
|  Black/Green    | 38        | 13         |  Green/Black    |
|  Black/Brown   | 39        | 14         |  Brown/Black   |
|  Black/Slate   | 40        | 15         |  Slate/Black   |
|  Yellow/Blue   | 41        | 16         |  Blue/Yellow   |
|  Yellow/Orange | 42        | 17         |  Orange/Yellow |
|  Yellow/Green  | 43        | 18         |  Green/Yellow  |
|  Yellow/Brown  | 44        | 19         |  Brown/Yellow  |
|  Yellow/Slate  | 45        | 20         |  Slate/Yellow  |
|  Violet/Blue   | 46        | 21         |  Blue/Violet   |
|  Violet/Orange | 47        | 22         |  Orange/Violet |
|  Violet/Green  | 48        | 23         |  Green/Violet  |
|  Violet/Brown  | 49        | 24         |  Brown/Violet  |
|  Violet/Slate  | 50        | 25         |  Slate/Violet  |

RJ21 and RJ21X connectors are often found on the side of punch blocks and make for quick connections on cable trays.



## RJ21 wiring

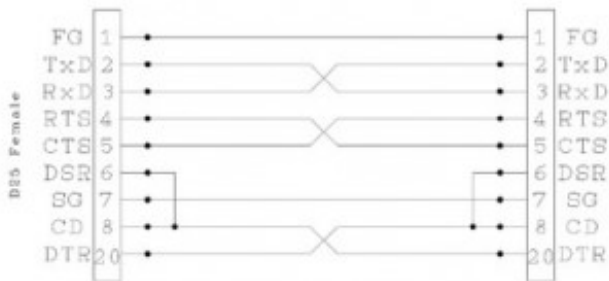
| Color   | Pin (Tip) | Zyxel Port | Pin (Ring) | Color   |
|---|-----------|------------|------------|---|
|  White/Blue      | 26        | NC         | 1          |  Blue/White      |
|  White/Orange    | 27        | 24         | 2          |  Orange/White    |
|  White/Green     | 28        | 23         | 3          |  Green/White     |
|  White/Brown     | 29        | 22         | 4          |  Brown/White     |
|  White/Slate     | 30        | 21         | 5          |  Slate/White     |
|  Red/Blue        | 31        | 20         | 6          |  Blue/Red        |
|  Red/Orange      | 32        | 19         | 7          |  Orange/Red      |
|  Red/Green       | 33        | 18         | 8          |  Green/Red       |
|  Red/Brown       | 34        | 17         | 9          |  Brown/Red       |
|  Red/Slate      | 35        | 16         | 10         |  Slate/Red      |
|  Black/Blue    | 36        | 15         | 11         |  Blue/Black    |
|  Black/Orange  | 37        | 14         | 12         |  Orange/Black  |
|  Black/Green   | 38        | 13         | 13         |  Green/Black   |
|  Black/Brown   | 39        | 12         | 14         |  Brown/Black   |
|  Black/Slate   | 40        | 11         | 15         |  Slate/Black   |
|  Yellow/Blue   | 41        | 10         | 16         |  Blue/Yellow   |
|  Yellow/Orange | 42        | 9          | 17         |  Orange/Yellow |
|  Yellow/Green  | 43        | 8          | 18         |  Green/Yellow  |
|  Yellow/Brown  | 44        | 7          | 19         |  Brown/Yellow  |
|  Yellow/Slate  | 45        | 6          | 20         |  Slate/Yellow  |
|  Violet/Blue   | 46        | 5          | 21         |  Blue/Violet   |
|  Violet/Orange | 47        | 4          | 22         |  Orange/Violet |
|  Violet/Green  | 48        | 3          | 23         |  Green/Violet  |
|  Violet/Brown  | 49        | 2          | 24         |  Brown/Violet  |
|  Violet/Slate  | 50        | 1          | 25         |  Slate/Violet  |

The generic 25 pair color code, which is always a good thing to have

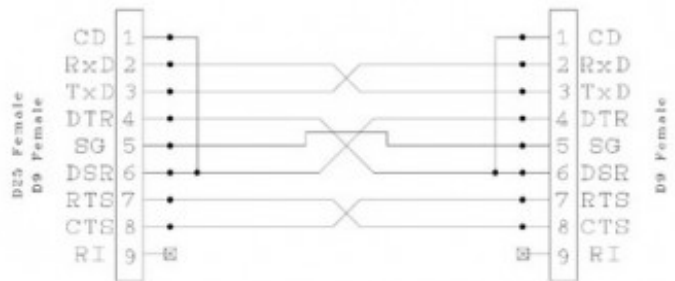
| Signal              |              | Origin |     | D-subminiature DB-25 | D-subminiature DE-9 (TIA-574) | Modified Modular Jack(MMJ) | Modular connector 8P8C ("RJ45") |      |          | Modular connector 10P10C ("RJ50") |          |            |
|---------------------|--------------|--------|-----|----------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|------|----------|-----------------------------------|----------|------------|
| Name                | Abbreviation | DTE    | DCE |                      |                               |                            | TIA-561                         | Yost | Cyclades | National Instruments              | Cyclades | Digi       |
| Transmitted Data    | TxD          | •      |     | 2                    | 3                             | 2                          | 6                               | 3    | 3        | 8                                 | 4        | 5          |
| Received Data       | RxD          |        | •   | 3                    | 2                             | 5                          | 5                               | 6    | 6        | 9                                 | 7        | 6          |
| Data Terminal Ready | DTR          | •      |     | 20                   | 4                             | 1                          | 3                               | 2    | 2        | 7                                 | 3        | 9          |
| Carrier Detect      | DCD          |        | •   | 8                    | 1                             | —                          | 2                               |      | 7        | 10                                | 8        | 10 (alt 2) |
| Data Set Ready      | DSR          |        | •   | 6                    | 6                             | 6                          | 1                               |      | 8        | 5                                 | 9        | 2 (alt 10) |
| Ring Indicator      | RI           |        | •   | 22                   | 9                             | —                          |                                 | —    | —        | 2                                 | 10       | 1          |
| Request To Send     | RTS          | •      |     | 4                    | 7                             | —                          | 8                               | 1    | 1        | 4                                 | 2        | 3          |
| Clear To Send       | CTS          |        | •   | 5                    | 8                             | —                          | 7                               | 8    | 5        | 3                                 | 6        | 8          |
| Common Ground       | G            | common |     | 7                    | 5                             | 3,4                        | 4                               | 4,5  | 4        | 6                                 | 5        | 7          |
| Protective Ground   | PG           | common |     | 1                    | —                             | —                          | —                               | —    | —        | —                                 | 1        | 4          |

RS-232 is still commonly used for data transfer in broadcast facilities; RS-485 is also used, however.

### Null modem cables and diagrams



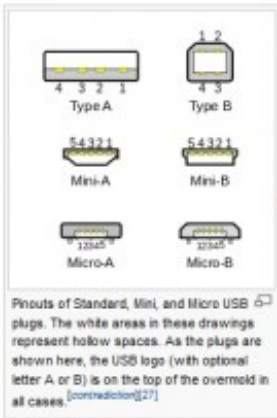
DB25 NULL MODEM CABLE WIRING DIAGRAM



D9 NULL MODEM CABLE WIRING DIAGRAM

| Signal Name and Abbreviation |     | DB-25 Pin | DE-9 Pin | Direction | DE-9 Pin | DB-25 Pin | Signal Name Abbreviation |
|------------------------------|-----|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|-----------|--------------------------|
| Frame Ground (chassis)       | FG  | 1         | —        |           | —        | 1         | FG                       |
| Transmitted Data (TD)        | TxD | 2         | 3        | →         | 2        | 3         | RxD                      |
| Received Data (RD)           | RxD | 3         | 2        | ←         | 3        | 2         | TxD                      |
| RS-232 Request to Send       | RTS | 4         | 7        | →         | 8        | 5         | CTS                      |
| RS-232 Clear To Send         | CTS | 5         | 8        | ←         | 7        | 4         | RTS                      |
| Signal Ground                | SG  | 7         | 5        |           | 5        | 7         | SG                       |
| Data Set Ready               | DSR | 6         | 6        |           |          |           |                          |
| Data Carrier Detect (CD)     | DCD | 8         | 1        | ←         | 4        | 20        | DTR                      |
| Data Terminal Ready          | DTR | 20        | 4        | →         | 1        | 8         | DCD                      |
|                              |     |           |          |           | 6        | 6         | DSR                      |

Null modems for connecting equipment together and testing.



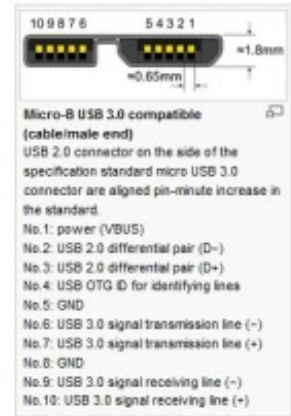
**USB 1.x/2.0 standard pinout**

| Pin | Name | Cable color   | Description |
|-----|------|---------------|-------------|
| 1   | VBUS | Red (Orange*) | +5 V        |
| 2   | D-   | White (Gold*) | Data -      |
| 3   | D+   | Green         | Data +      |
| 4   | GND  | Black (Blue*) | Ground      |

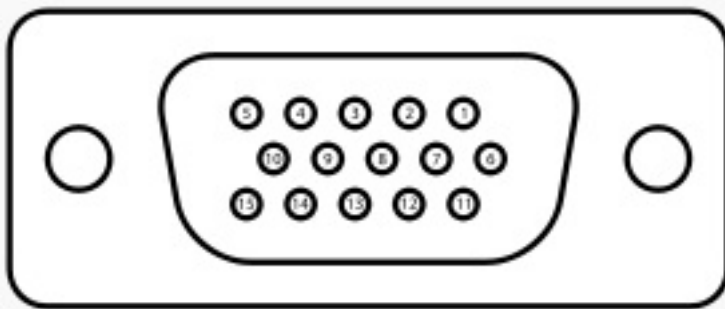
\* Some manufacturers use

**USB 1.x/2.0 Mini/Micro pinout**

| Pin | Name | Cable color | Description  |
|-----|------|-------------|--|
| 1   | VBUS | Red         | +5 V   |
| 2   | D-   | White       | Data -   |
| 3   | D+   | Green       | Data +   |
| 4   | ID   | None        | Permits distinction of host connection from slave connection<br>* host: connected to Signal ground<br>* slave: not connected |
| 5   | GND  | Black       | Signal ground  |



Various USB connectors and pinouts. USB has replaced RS-232 data ports on most newer computers.

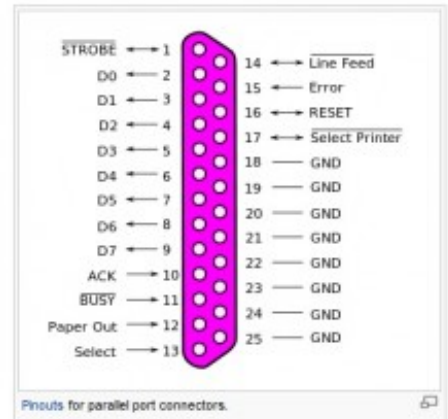


A female DE15 socket (videocard side).

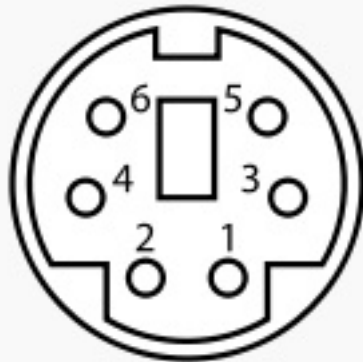
|               |           |   |
|---------------|-----------|---|
| <b>Pin 1</b>  | RED       | Red video   |
| <b>Pin 2</b>  | GREEN     | Green video   |
| <b>Pin 3</b>  | BLUE      | Blue video  |
| <b>Pin 4</b>  | ID2/RES   | formerly Monitor ID bit 2, reserved since E-DDC       |
| <b>Pin 5</b>  | GND       | Ground (HSync)  |
| <b>Pin 6</b>  | RED_RTN   | Red return  |
| <b>Pin 7</b>  | GREEN_RTN | Green return  |
| <b>Pin 8</b>  | BLUE_RTN  | Blue return   |
| <b>Pin 9</b>  | KEY/PWR   | formerly key, now +5V DC                              |
| <b>Pin 10</b> | GND       | Ground (VSync, DDC)                                   |
| <b>Pin 11</b> | ID0/RES   | formerly Monitor ID bit 0, reserved since E-DDC       |
| <b>Pin 12</b> | ID1/SDA   | formerly Monitor ID bit 1, <b>PC</b> data since DDC2  |
| <b>Pin 13</b> | HSync     | Horizontal sync                                       |
| <b>Pin 14</b> | VSync     | Vertical sync   |
| <b>Pin 15</b> | ID3/SCL   | formerly Monitor ID bit 3, <b>PC</b> clock since DDC2 |

Computer graphics card pinouts.

| Pin No (DB25) | Pin No (36 pin) | Signal name    | Direction | Register - bit | Inverted |
|---------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------|----------------|----------|
| 1             | 1               | Strobe         | In/Out    | Control-0      | Yes      |
| 2             | 2               | Data0          | Out       | Data-0         | No       |
| 3             | 3               | Data1          | Out       | Data-1         | No       |
| 4             | 4               | Data2          | Out       | Data-2         | No       |
| 5             | 5               | Data3          | Out       | Data-3         | No       |
| 6             | 6               | Data4          | Out       | Data-4         | No       |
| 7             | 7               | Data5          | Out       | Data-5         | No       |
| 8             | 8               | Data6          | Out       | Data-6         | No       |
| 9             | 9               | Data7          | Out       | Data-7         | No       |
| 10            | 10              | Ack            | In        | Status-6       | No       |
| 11            | 11              | Busy           | In        | Status-7       | Yes      |
| 12            | 12              | Paper-Out      | In        | Status-5       | No       |
| 13            | 13              | Select         | In        | Status-4       | No       |
| 14            | 14              | Linefeed       | In/Out    | Control-1      | Yes      |
| 15            | 32              | Error          | In        | Status-3       | No       |
| 16            | 31              | Reset          | In/Out    | Control-2      | No       |
| 17            | 36              | Select-Printer | In/Out    | Control-3      | Yes      |
| 18-25         | 19-30,33,17,16  | Ground         | -         | -              | -        |



Computer parallel port (IEEE 1284) ports for printers are normally replaced by mostly USB devices. Game ports ( joystick and mouse) are also replaced by USB devices.



Female connector from the front

| Pin   | Signal        | Description       |
|-------|---------------|-------------------|
| Pin 1 | +DATA         | Data              |
| Pin 2 | Not connected | Not connected*    |
| Pin 3 | GND           | Ground            |
| Pin 4 | Vcc           | +5 V DC at 275 mA |
| Pin 5 | +CLK          | Clock             |
| Pin 6 | Not connected | Not connected**   |

\* On some computers mouse data for splitter cable.

\*\* On some computers mouse clock for splitter cable.

PS2 mouse and keyboard connectors, again, replaced by USB but still found on older motherboards. Swapping the five and four pin connectors (19/20) type connectors are usually unlabelled and get it right.

