4 Steps to Selecting Network Cabling Lengths and Mounting Components

Whether you are installing a new rack of network equipment or updating an existing data center with multiple racks, determining the length of cabling and the necessary mounting components is essential for reducing cost and ensuring your network stays connected and productive.

**STEP 1. RACKS & EQUIPMENT LOCATIONS**
When planning a new or upgrading a current rack installation, decide on the placement of racks and network equipment that require power or data. This will give you a general idea of the length of cabling and mounting accessories you need to connect servers, routers, hubs and other network equipment.

Browse available rack cabinets.

**STEP 2. CABLE RUNS**
Measure the length of cabling needed along planned pathways with extra length on each end to reach network devices and to future-proof your network for even longer cable distance requirements.

Browse Cat5/Cat6/Cat8 copper cables and singlemode/multimode fiber cables.

**STEP 3. NUMBER OF CABLES**
Determine the number of cables each cable tray, ramp or trough can hold, based on the cable type and fill percentage.

**STEP 4. CABLE PATHWAYS**
Plan how your network cabling will be routed through the installation space. Consider cable troughs, trays, ramps, junctions and other cable routing accessories.

See available cable management products.