User Requirements for Cabling Support

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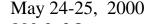
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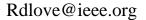
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- 100% UTP - Most small and mid size
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  - New installations primarily 4-pair Cat 5 (
  - Old installations Cat 3, 2-pair, 3-pair, 4-p

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- 100% UTP - Most small and mid size organizations
- Mostly UTP, some STP - A few mid-s and many large organizations
- Mostly STP - a few large organization
  - e.g.. IBM has an estimated 1/2 million ST drops

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Cabling Mix Implication

- With mixed cabling infrastructure
  - Solutions are sought that run over the enti spectrum of installed cabling

- Legacy cabling is still an important to end users
  - Need to support legacy cable can affect decision for entire enterprise
  - Premature replacement adds cost without increasing function

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