

Re: Connecting laptop to desktop

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USB and CAT 5 are very different cable construction. If both the laptop and the desktop have Ethernet RJ45 ports, you can use CAT 5 at 100 feet without any problem. Unless you use a hub, switch or router in between you'll need to use a cross-over cable.

USB is limited to about 25 feet. If you have XP Pro you can use remote desktop.

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The people think the Constitution protects their rights; But government sees it as an obstacle to be overcome. "Dennis Allen" <dennis@dennisallen.com> wrote in message news:uVr54coqEHA.3520@TK2MSFTNGP11.phx.gbl...
| Hi. I have a question, was wondering if someone here could help. I want to remote control a laptop with a desktop computer using a
| 100' cat5 line. The laptop's serial and parallel ports are used, but it's USB is free. Question. Could we connect using the cat5
| line? If so, how? Is the cat5 length a problem? Can XP on the desktop do a full remote control on the laptop, or do I need
| something like PC Anywhere? Any advice is greatly appreciated...Dennis
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