

Re: Radio Shack?

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I can't believe the looks I get lately when I
want an electronic part
from Radio Shack.

You try going into PC-World and asking for a DB9 female
to female gender
changer. I'm surprised the twat who I asked didn't call the
police. Now
if
I'd asked for a big shiny laptop I'm sure they'd have been all
over me
whilst drooling at their mouths and making snorting heavy
breathing
noises.

There is no such thing. The proper name is DE-9:

"D" is the connector type.

"E" is the shell size.

"9" is the number of positions for pins, no matter how many are
installed.

People ASS U ME that if the 25 pin is a DB connector, so is the 9
pin.

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The SVGA monitor most people use has a HDE-15 connector

"H" is "High Density Connector"

"D" is the connector type.

"E" is the shell size.

"15" is the number of positions for pins, no matter how many are installed.

Yes, there are idiots selling both of these under the wrong name, but if you contact any manufacture or OEM distributor it will show that you don't know what you're doing.

Ok, but DB9 is the "common" name for a nine-pin D-shell type connector. I used to be an engineer at an electronics manufacturer that used lots of DE-9 connectors. I suppose we all knew the proper name for it, but I don't recall anyone ever calling someone on the carpet for calling it a DB9. Even our warehouse manager knew what we were talking about. If I ask for "Kleenex", most people know I need facial tissue.

The problem with sales people at most retailers is that they only know how to look in a book. If they don't find "DB9", they (and you) are screwed. Perhaps the books should list common names, or do what Google and Wikipedia do when there isn't an exact match, and ask "did you mean... DE-9?"

Our stock room only knew the part by the company stock number. The computer system listed it under the OEM part number and description, which could be found on the BOM for any component, from any build level. All subassemblies were in the XXX-XXX format, so anyone that had been there a week or more could pull a BOM on a terminal and look up the stock number.

As far as Wickis, they should try to teach the proper names and descriptions. I have had Google suggest an alternate name or spelling, with a lot more hits, even though I had the right name and spelling. Just for fun, do a search for SCSI as "Small computer SERIAL interface" and see just how many bad web pages describe a high speed parallel data buss as a serial interface. Some are on university servers.

Tell me the truth. If you had several people applying for a job. One knew the proper names of a pile of components spread out on the table, wouldn't you think they knew more of what they were doing, and that they could be taught new things easier than the vague type who says "Its a got a couple thingamajigs, and fourteen doohickeys?"

Any day you don't learn SOMETHING, was wasted.

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Service to my country? Been there, Done that, and I've got my DD214 to prove it.

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