Selecting a Sound Cable

Which Cable Do I Need?

What are you trying to do?

- Plug a Microphone into something that has an XLR input
  - use an XLR cable
  - We have a variety of lengths of XLR-XLR cables. In Usher you should search by the color code:
    - Blue = 3' - 18' (90-55 cm)
    - Red = 3 - 1.5 m
    - Yellow = 5' (1.5 m)
    - Brown = 10' - 20' (3 - 6 m)
    - Green = 25' (7.5 m)
    - Orange = 30' - 50' (9 - 15 m)

- Add extra mics to a sound devices recorder
  - use an XL-2 cable
  - An XL-2 cable can be found in Usher by searching "XL-2"

- Link a sound devices mixer to a sound devices recorder
  - use an XL-1 cable
  - A XL-1 cable can be found in Usher by searching "XL-1" or "linking"

- Plug a Microphone into something that has a mini (aka 3.5mm or 1/8") input
  - use an "XLR to mini balanced" cable
  - These cables can be found in Usher by searching "XLR mini cable balanced"

allow two people to monitor audio

- I'm using equipment with mini headphone inputs
  - Use a "Boom Cable Mini" or "Mini Stereo Y Splitter"

- I'm using equipment with 1/4" headphone inputs
  - Use a "Boom Cable 1/4" or "Y-Splitter Balanced"

If you have trouble finding any of these cables or need further assistance, please call 512 471 6565 or email us at: RTFcheckout@austin.utexas.edu