

# Does an optical time domain reflectometer have a self-test

## Overview

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An OTDR is a powerful tool that helps technicians and engineers assess the health of fiber optic cables. An Optical Time Domain Reflectometer (OTDR) is a device that tests the integrity of a fiber cable and is used for the building, certifying, maintaining, and troubleshooting fiber optic systems. Hand-held OTDRs build a virtual image of the fiber optic cable to determine the condition and performance. The FlexScan family of OTDRs automates test setup, shortens test time and simplifies results interpretation - improving efficiency and reducing costs. For the OLT device, the OTDR port can switch between LINE-TX and LINE-RX ports. The Versiv platform includes these features: Operates with DSX CableAnalyzer™.

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