The best document we have right now to get some idea of xdaq and *otsdaq* relationship is here:

[https://cdcvs.fnal.gov/redmine/projects/otsdaq/documents](https://cdcvs.fnal.gov/redmine/documents/1144)  /

[**December 2016 Component Diagram**](https://cdcvs.fnal.gov/redmine/documents/1144)

Every Supervisor in that diagram is built on a xdaq application base class. Xdaq is a framework in which xdaq applications can be launched on one or many computers, they know how to talk to each other, and they respond to web requests. All of the functionality on top of these base classes is *otsdaq*.