What is the purpose of an auto terminating adapter?

In today's complex audio, video, data world coaxial cables are used to interconnect various devices. Many times a coaxial cable will not be connected to anything causing an open port which allows signals to escape. This can possibly interfere with an adjacent device and allow signals to enter the network as interference. The use of an auto terminating adapter eliminates this problem by automatically terminating the open port any time a connecting device is disconnected. This eliminates the need to attach a separate terminator which is often lost or forgotten.