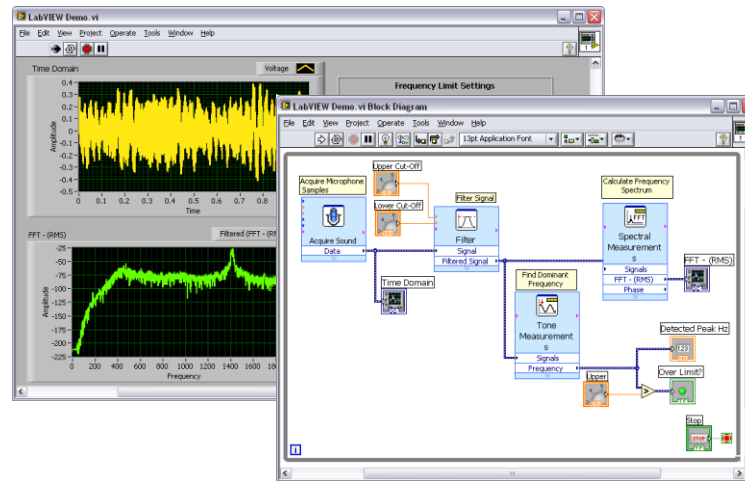


Introduction to LabVIEW

For Use in Embedded System Development



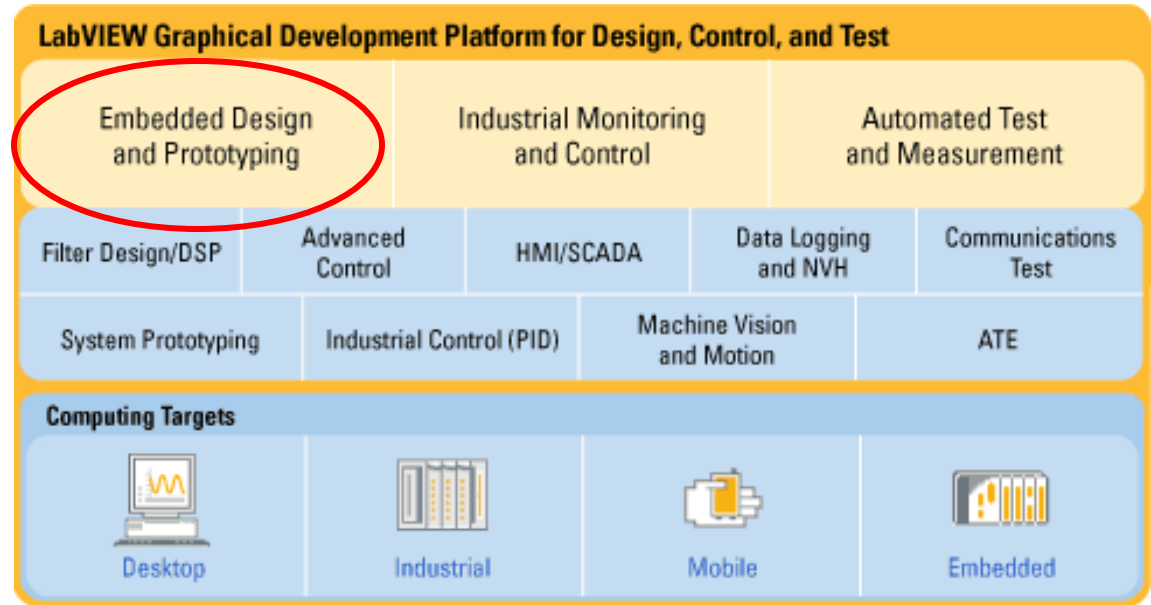
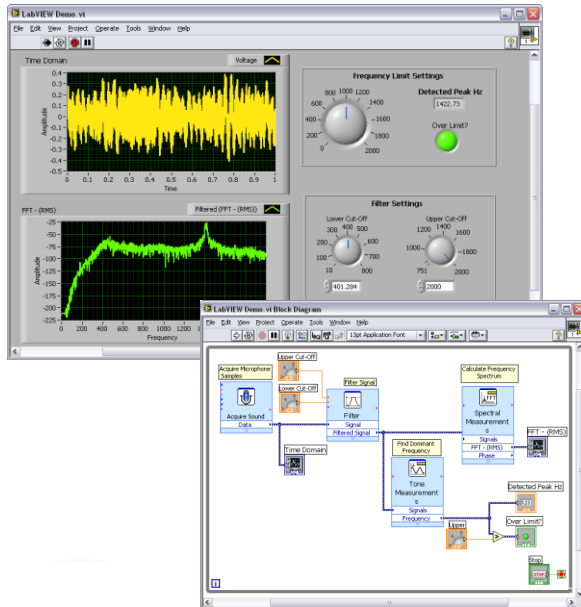
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Lab Goals

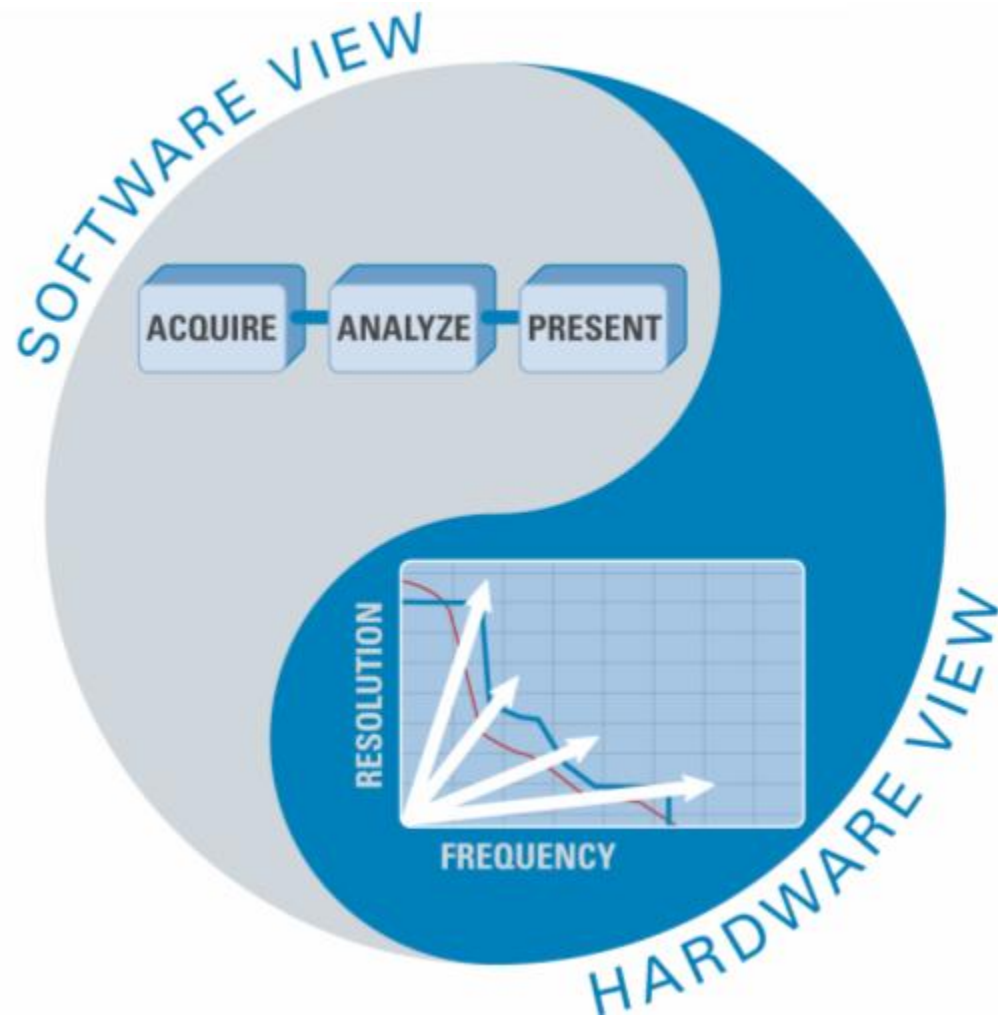
- Become comfortable with the LabVIEW environment
- Ability to use LabVIEW to solve problems that arise *during the analysis, design, prototype and deployment of Embedded Systems*
- LabVIEW Concepts
 - Acquiring, saving and loading data
 - Find and use math and complex analysis functions
 - Work with data types, such as arrays and clusters
 - Displaying and printing results
 - Modeling tools
 - Targets and Deployment

LabVIEW Graphical Development System

- Graphical Programming Environment
- Compile code for multiple OS and devices
- Useful in a broad range of applications



The Virtual Instrumentation Approach



Virtual Instrumentation Applications

- **Analysis and Design**

- Simulation
- Signal and Image Processing
- Embedded System Programming
 - (PC, DSP, FPGA, Microcontroller)
- Prototyping
- And more...

- **Control**

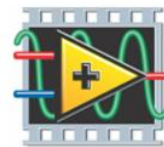
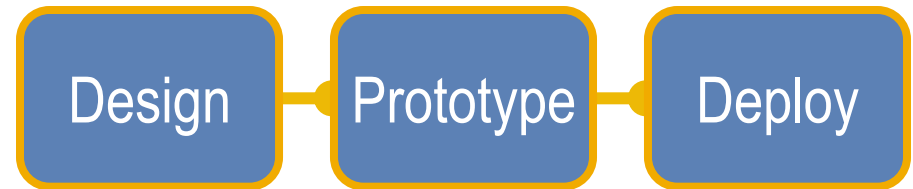
- Automatic Controls and Dynamic Systems
- Mechatronics and Robotics
- And more...

- **Measurement/Test**

- Circuits and Electronics
- Measurements and Instrumentation

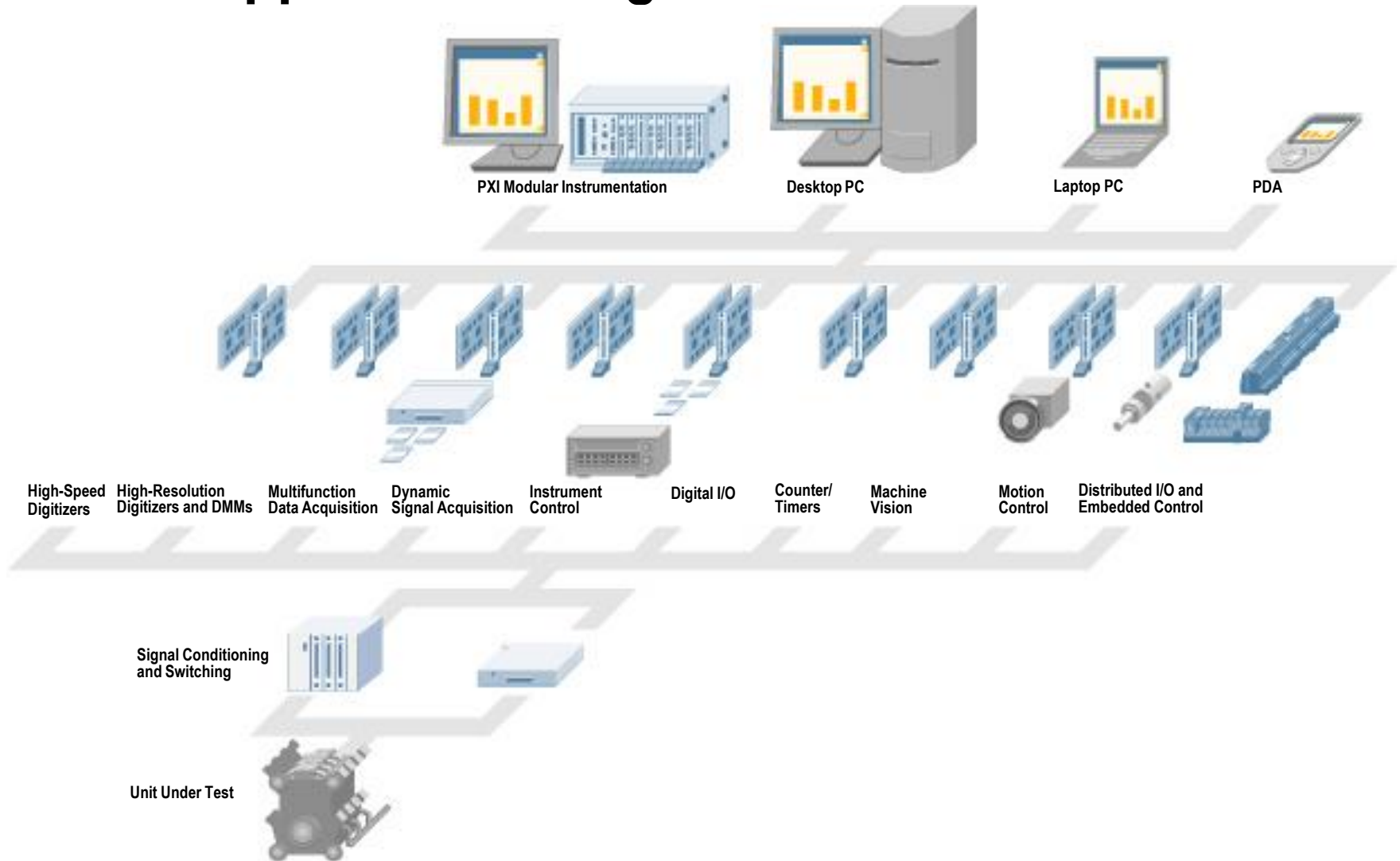
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A single graphical development platform



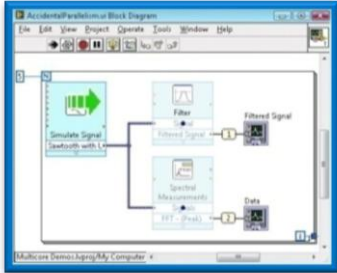
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The NI Approach – Integrated Hardware Platforms



High-Level Development Tools

Data Flow



C Code

```

#include "codydemo@wcd.h"
{
  unsigned char *AccessArea;
  unsigned char *ReadArea;
  static unsigned char *RegFile;
  static int *fileIndex;

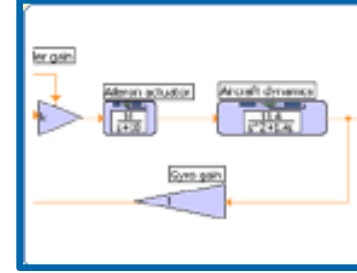
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}
    
```

Textual Math

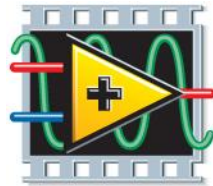
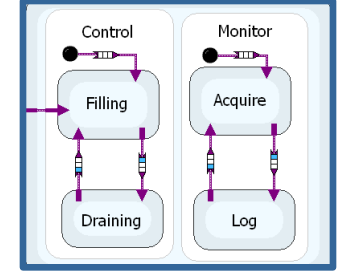
```

1 c = 0.285 + 0.013i;
2 [X Y] = meshgrid(x, y);
3 z = X + i*Y;
4 for k=1:30
5   z = z.^2 + c;
6 end
    
```

Modeling



Statechart



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Graphical System Design Platform

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Macintosh



Windows

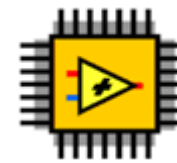


Desktop Platform

Real-Time



FPGA



Micro



Embedded Platform

Section I – LabVIEW Environment

A. Getting Data into your Computer

- Data Acquisition Devices
 - NI-DAQ
 - Simulated Data Acquisition
 - Sound Card

B. LabVIEW Environment

- Front Panel / Block Diagram
- Toolbar /Tools Palette

C. Components of a LabVIEW Application

- Creating a VI
- Data Flow Execution

D. Additional Help

- Finding Functions
- Tips for Working in LabVIEW

A. Setting Up Your Hardware

- Data Acquisition Device (DAQ) Track A
 - Actual USB, PCI, or PXI Device
 - Configured in MAX



- Simulated Data Acquisition Device (DAQ) Track B
 - Software simulated at the driver level
 - Configured in MAX

- Sound Card Track C
 - Built into most computers



What type of device should I use?



	Sound Card*	NI USB DAQ	NI PCI DAQ	Instruments*
AI Bandwidth	8–44 KS/s	10–200 KS/s	250 K–1.2 Ms/s	20kS/s–2 GS/s
Accuracy	12–16 bit	12–16 bit	14–18 bit	12–24 bit
Portable	x	x	—	some
AI Channels	2	8–16	16–80	2
AO Channels	2	1–2	2–4	0
AC or DC	AC	AC/DC	AC/DC	AC/DC
Triggering	—	x	x	x
Calibrated	—	x	x	x

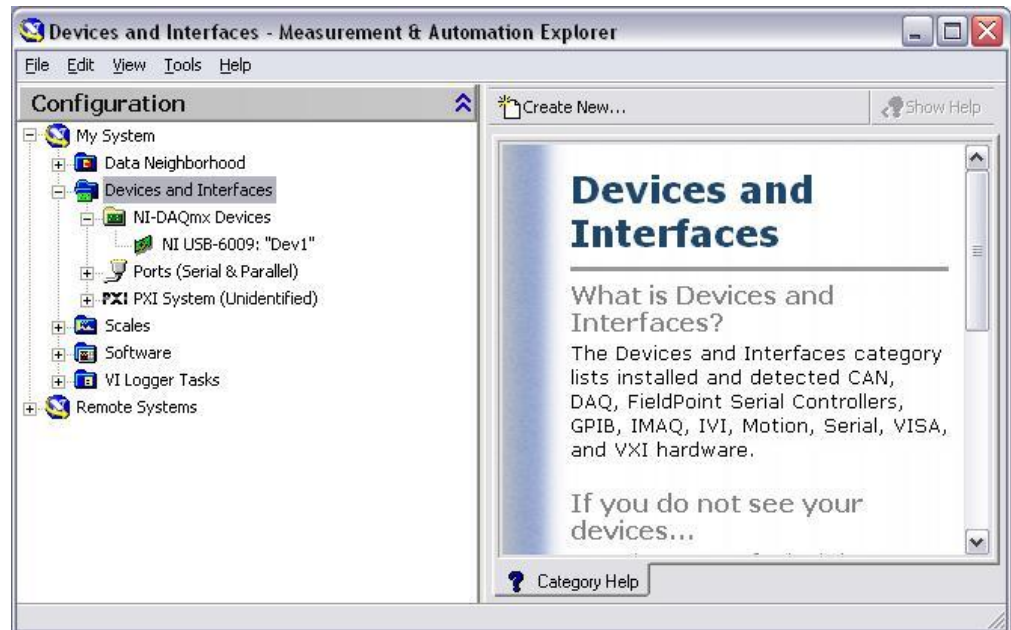
What is MAX?

- MAX stands for Measurement & Automation Explorer.
- MAX configures and organizes all your National Instruments DAQ, PCI/PXI instruments, GPIB, IMAQ, IVI, Motion, VISA, and VXI devices.
- Used for configuring and testing devices.

Icon Found on
Windows Desktop

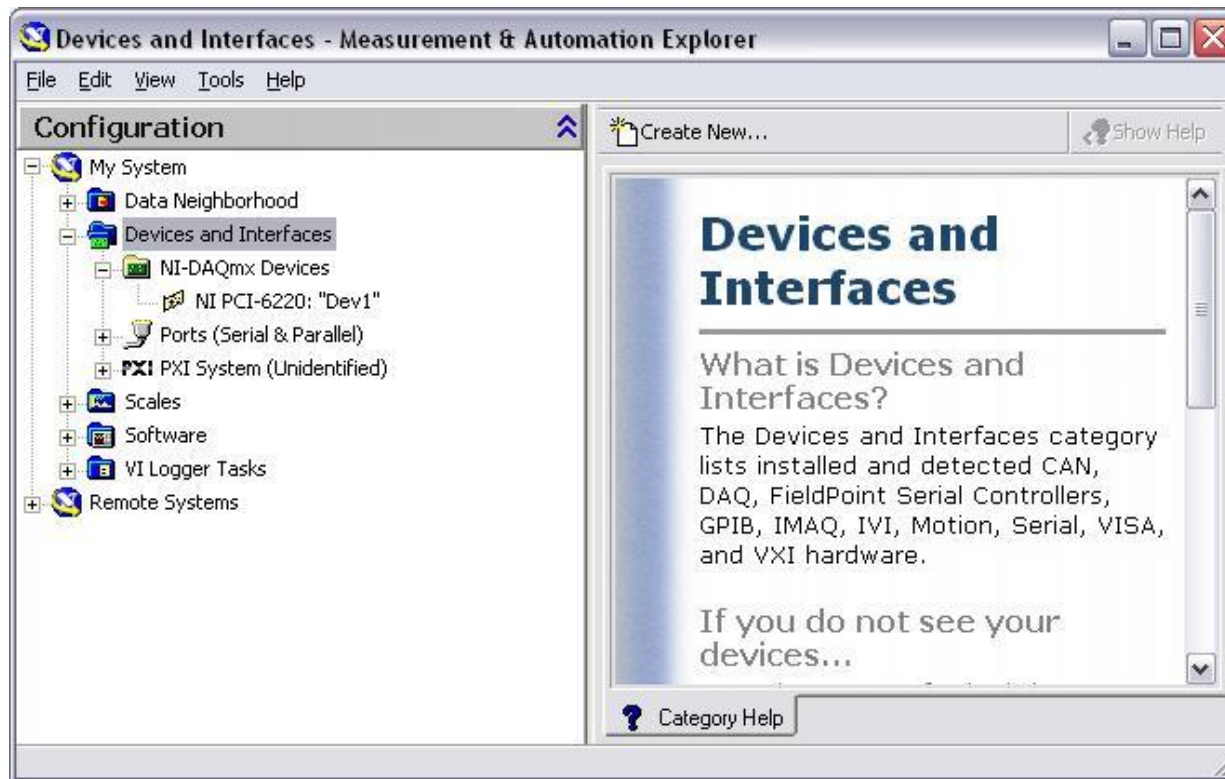


Measurement
& Automation



Exercise 1 – Setting Up Your Device

- Use Measurement and Automation Explorer (MAX) to:
 - Configure and test your Simulated Data Acquisition (DAQ) device



Open and Run LabVIEW

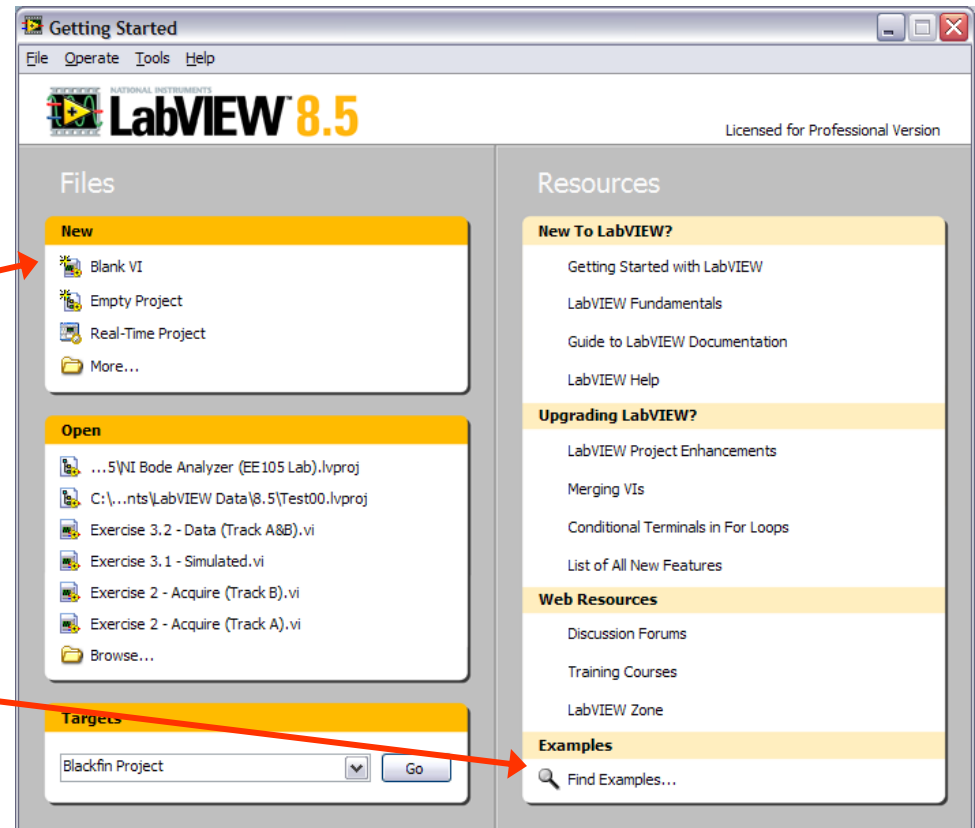
Start»All Programs»National Instruments LabVIEW 8.5

Startup Screen:

Start from a Blank VI:
New»Blank VI

or

Start from an Example:
Examples»Find
Examples...

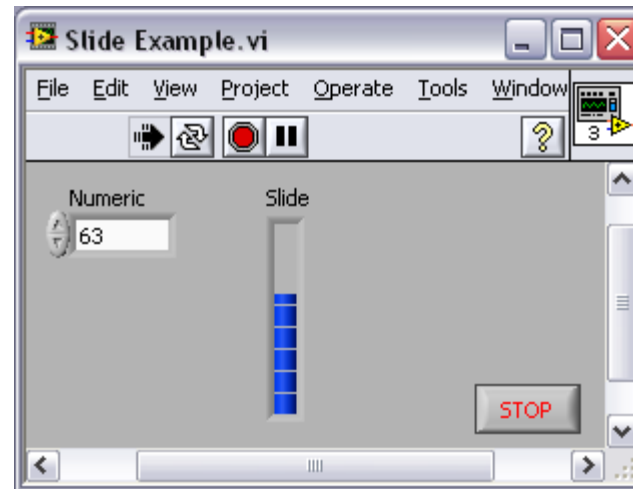


LabVIEW Programs Are Called Virtual Instruments (VIs)

Each VI has 2 Windows

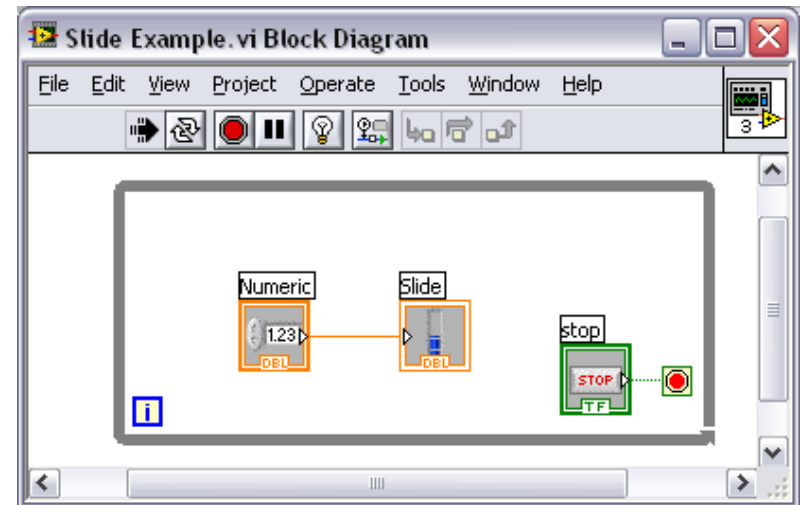
Front Panel

- User Interface (UI)
 - Controls = Inputs
 - Indicators = Outputs



Block Diagram

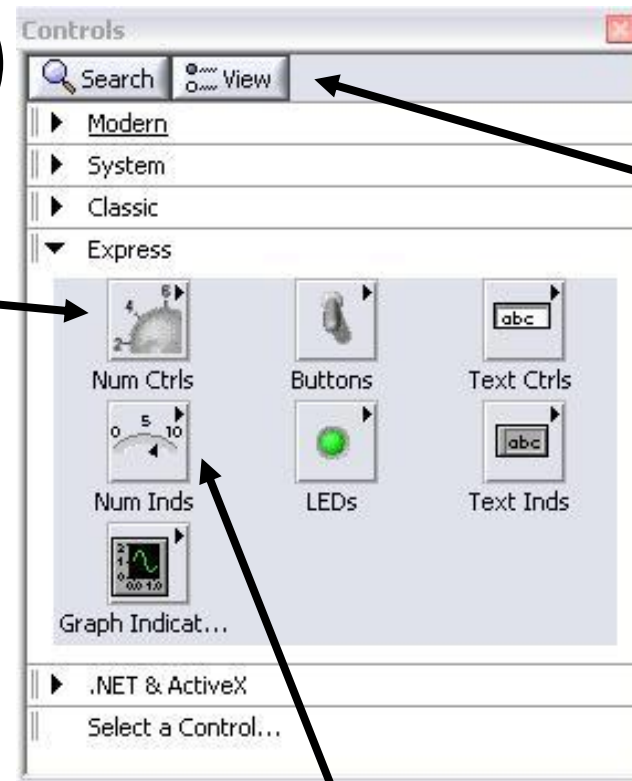
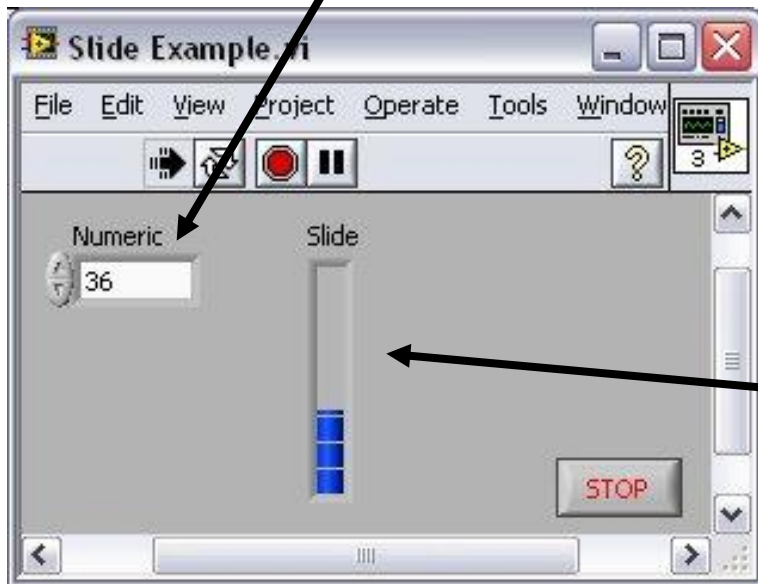
- Graphical Code
 - Data travels on wires from controls through functions to indicators
 - Blocks execute by Dataflow



Controls Palette (Place items on the Front Panel Window)

(Controls & Indicators)

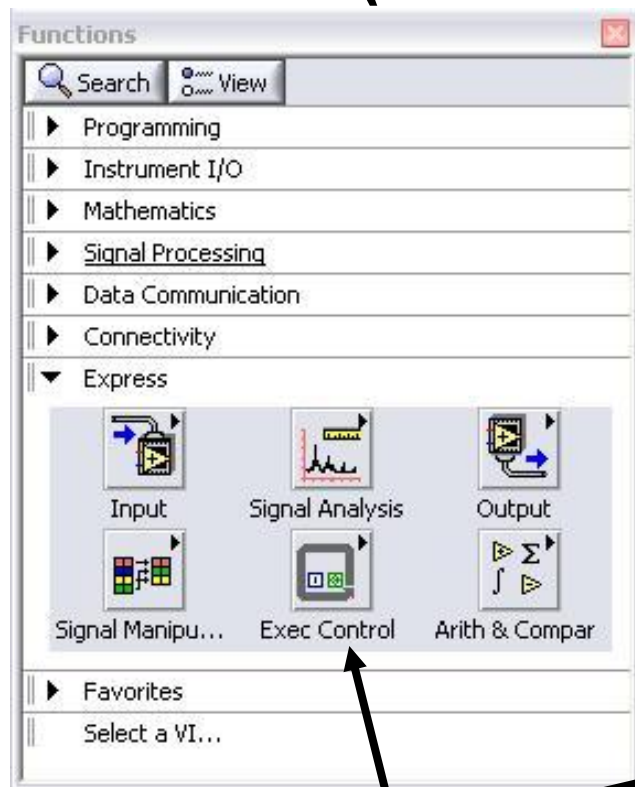
**Control:
Numeric**



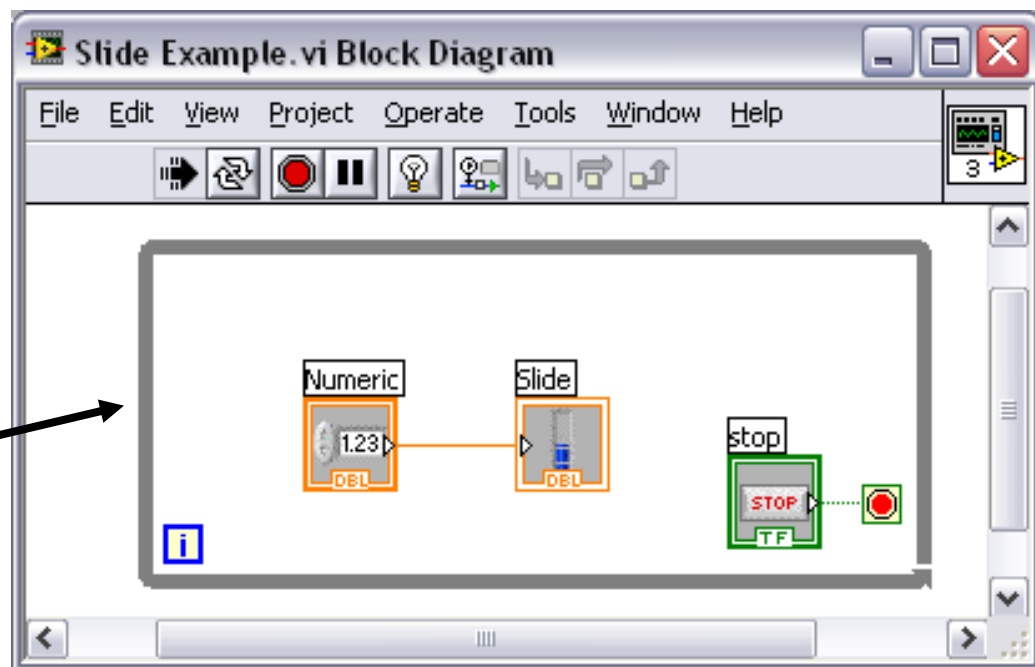
**Customize
Palette
View**

**Indicator:
Numeric Slide**

Functions (and Structures) Palette








(Place items on the
Block Diagram Window)









**Structure:
While Loop**

Status Toolbar



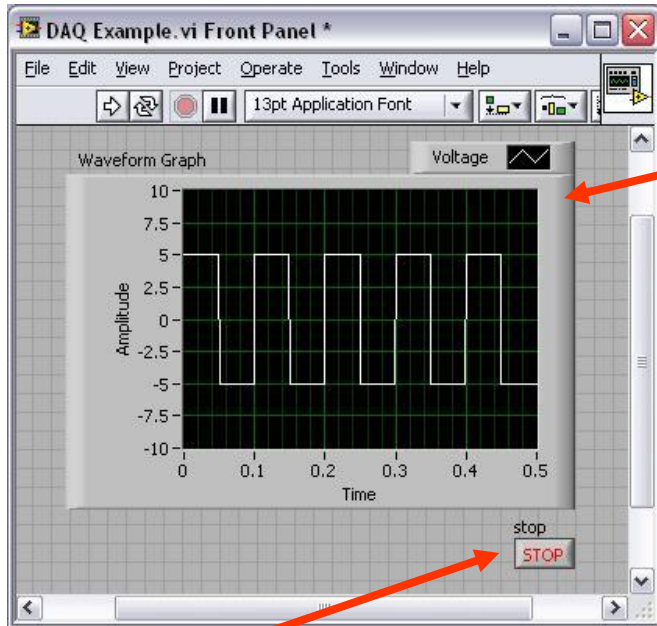
		Run Button
		Continuous Run Button
		Abort Execution

Additional Buttons on the Diagram Toolbar

		Execution Highlighting Button	
		Retain Wire Values Button	
			Step Function Buttons

Demonstration 1: Creating a VI

Front Panel Window

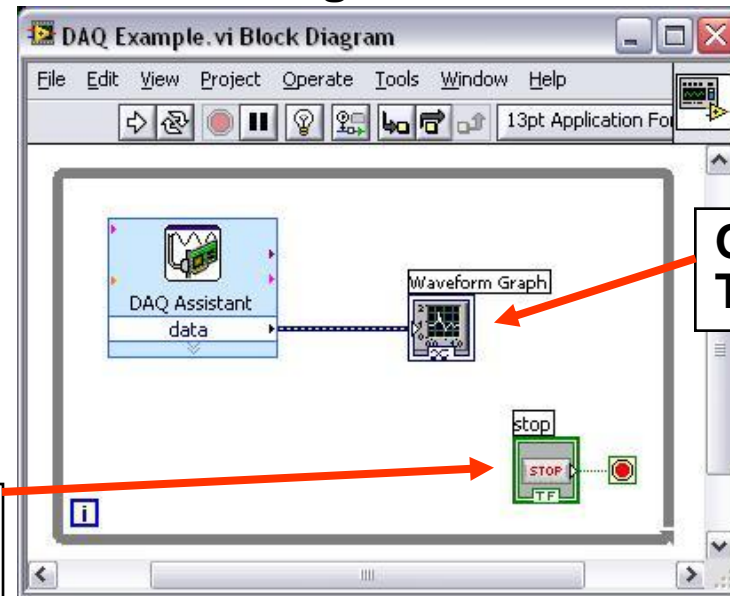


Graph Indicator

Boolean Control

Input Terminals

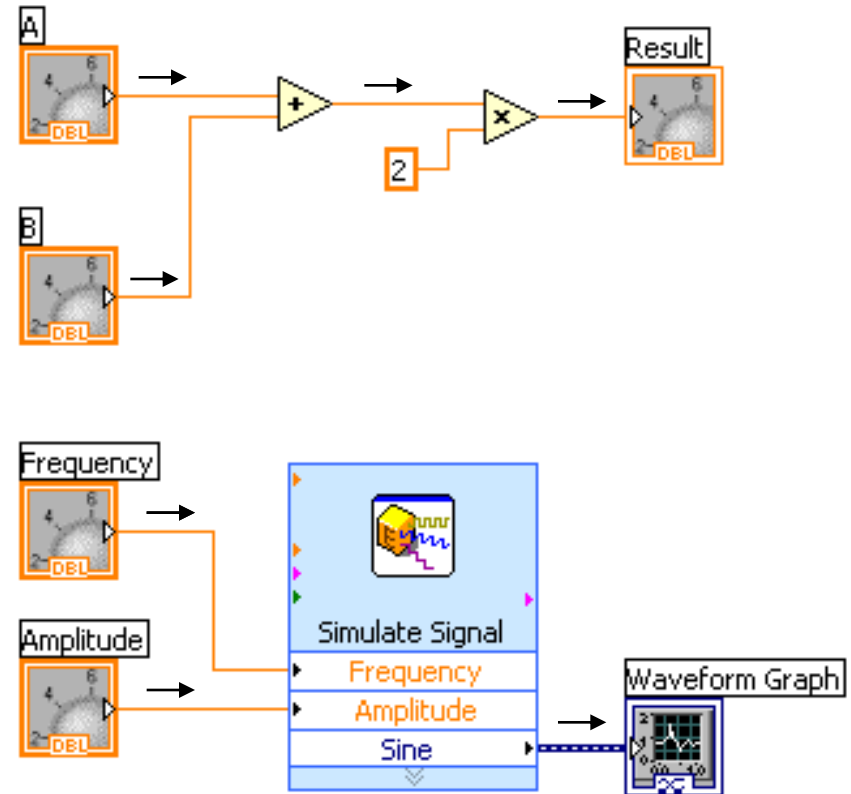
Block Diagram Window



Output Terminal

Dataflow Programming

- Block diagram execution
 - Dependent on the flow of data
 - Block diagram does NOT execute left to right
- Node executes when data is available to ALL input terminals
- Nodes supply data to all output terminals when done



Debugging Techniques

- **Finding Errors**



Click on broken **Run** button.
Window showing error appears.

- **Execution Highlighting**



Click on **Execution Highlighting** button; data flow is animated using bubbles. Values are displayed on wires.

- **Probes**



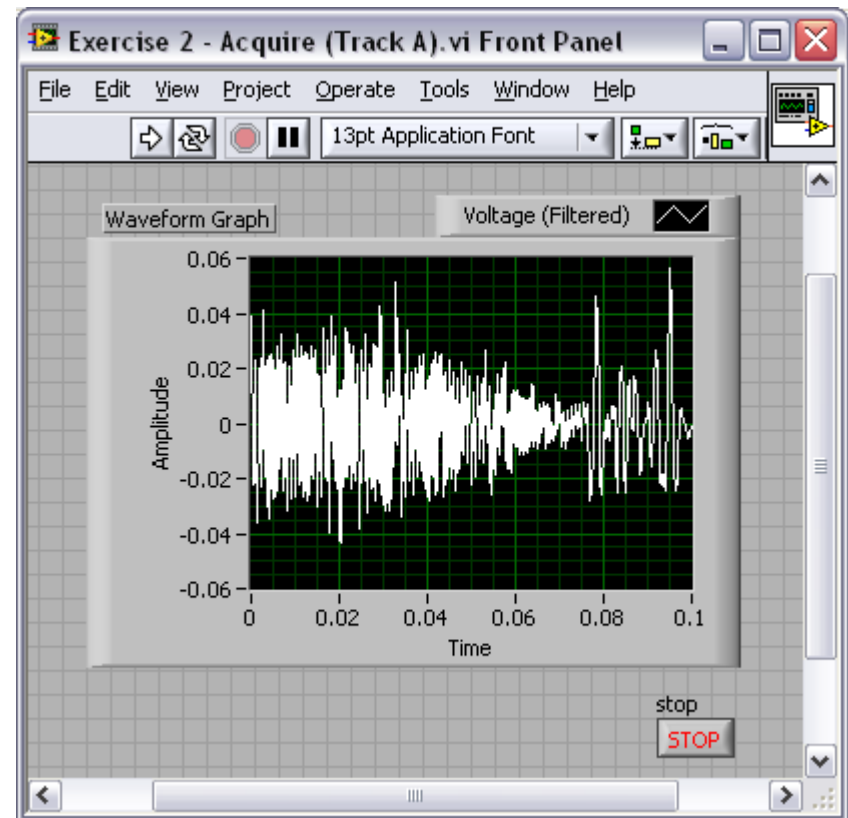
Right-click on wire to display probe and it shows data as it flows through wire segment.

You can also select Probe tool from Tools palette and click on wire.

Exercise 2 – Acquiring a Signal with DAQ

- Use a LabVIEW template to:
 - Acquire a signal from your DAQ device

This exercise should take 15 minutes.

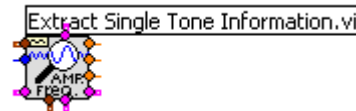
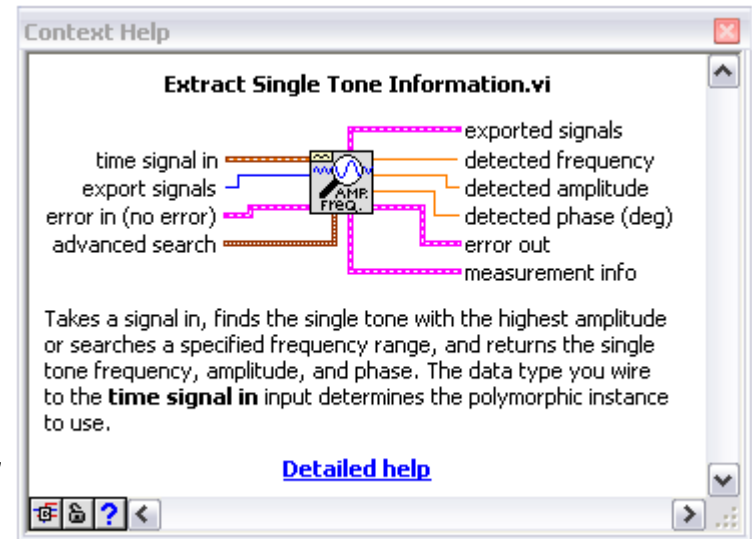


Context Help Window

- **Help»Show Context Help**, press the <Ctrl+H> keys
- Hover cursor over object to update window

Additional Help

- Right-Click on the VI icon and choose **Help**, or
- Choose “**Detailed Help.**” on the context help window



Tips for Working in LabVIEW

- Keystroke Shortcuts
 - <Ctrl+H> – Activate/Deactivate Context Help Window
 - <Ctrl+B> – Remove Broken Wires From Block Diagram
 - <Ctrl+E> – Toggle Between Front Panel and Block Diagram
 - <Ctrl+Z> – Undo (Also in Edit Menu)
- **Tools»Options...** – Set Preferences in LabVIEW
- VI Properties–Configure VI Appearance, Documentation, etc.

Section II – Elements of Typical Programs

A. Loops

- While Loop
- For Loop

B. Functions and SubVIs


- Types of Functions
- Creating Custom Functions (SubVI)
- Functions Palette & Searching

C. Decision Making and File IO

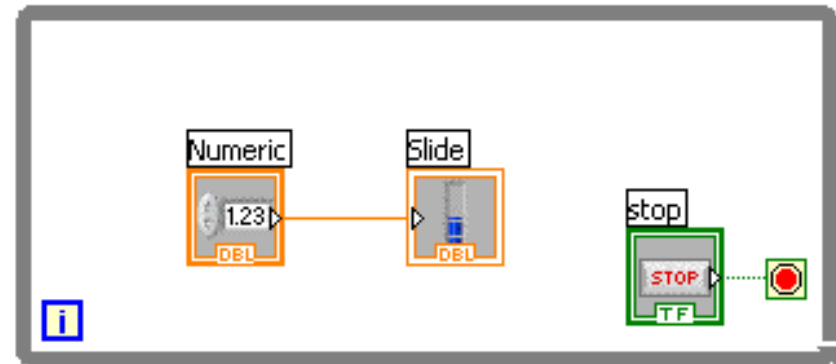
- Case Structure
- Select (simple If statement)
- File I/O

Loops

• While Loops

- **i** terminal counts iteration
- Always runs at least once
- Runs until stop condition is met 

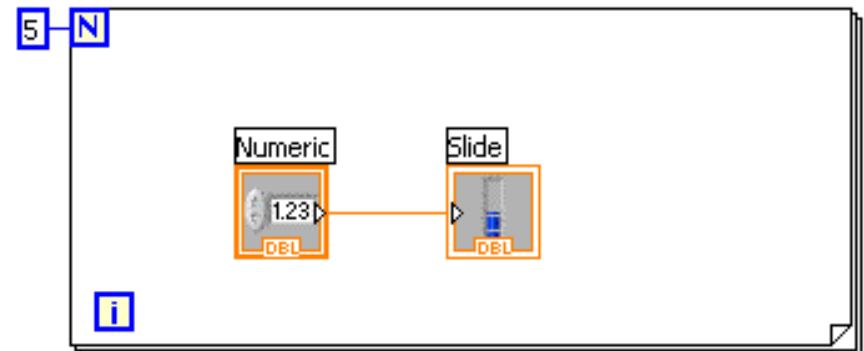
While Loop



• For Loops

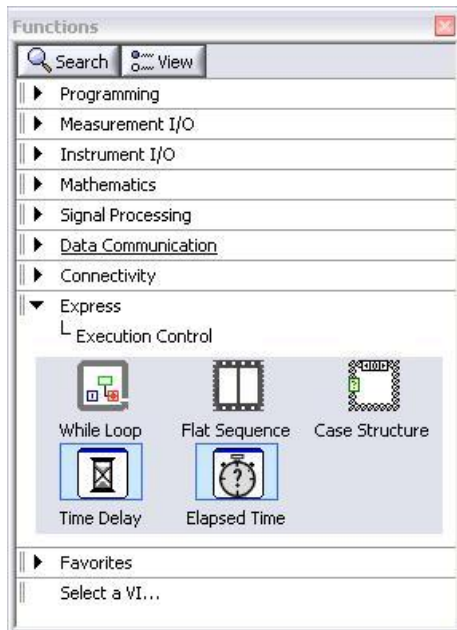
- **i** terminal counts iterations
- Run according to input **N** of count terminal **N**

For Loop

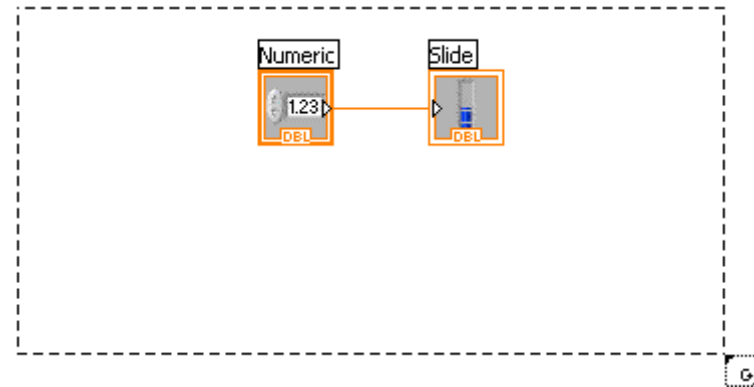


Drawing a Loop

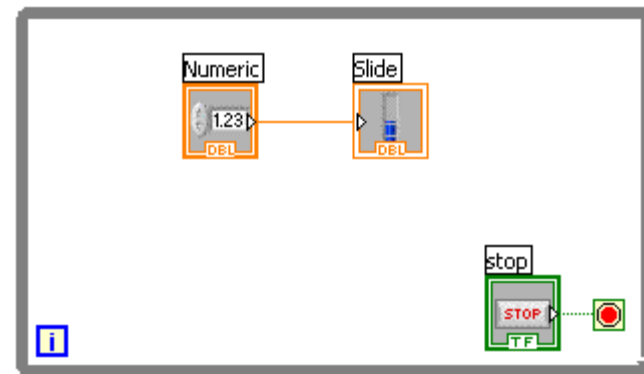
1. Select the structure



2. Enclose code to be repeated

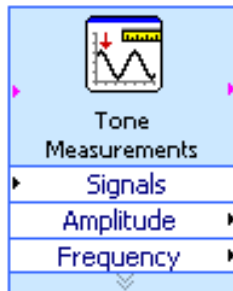


3. Drop or drag additional nodes and then wire

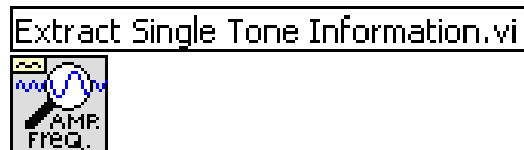


3 Types of Functions (from the Functions Palette)

Express VIs: interactive VIs with configurable dialog page (**blue border**)



Standard VIs: modularized VIs customized by wiring (**customizable**)



Functions: fundamental operating elements of LabVIEW; no front panel or block diagram (**yellow**)



What Types of Functions are Available?

- **Input and Output**

- Signal and Data Simulation
- Acquire and Generate Real Signals with DAQ
- Instrument I/O Assistant (Serial & GPIB)
- ActiveX for communication with other programs

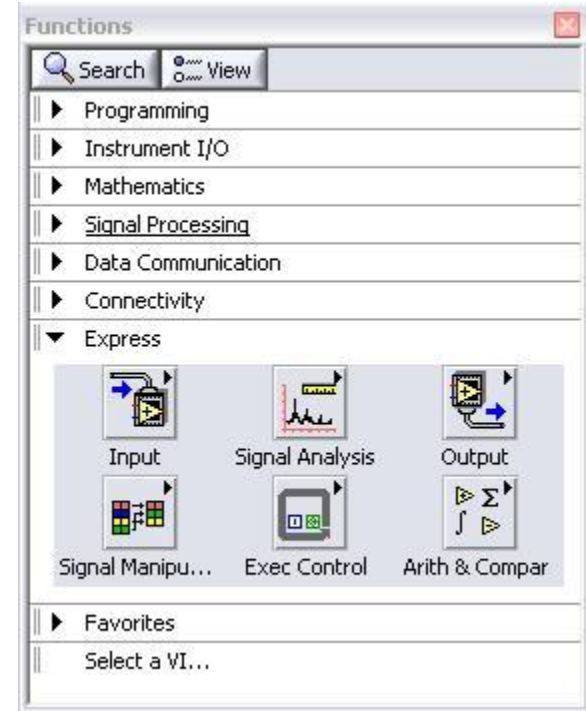
- **Analysis**

- Signal Processing
- Statistics
- Advanced Math and Formulas
- Continuous Time Solver

- **Storage**

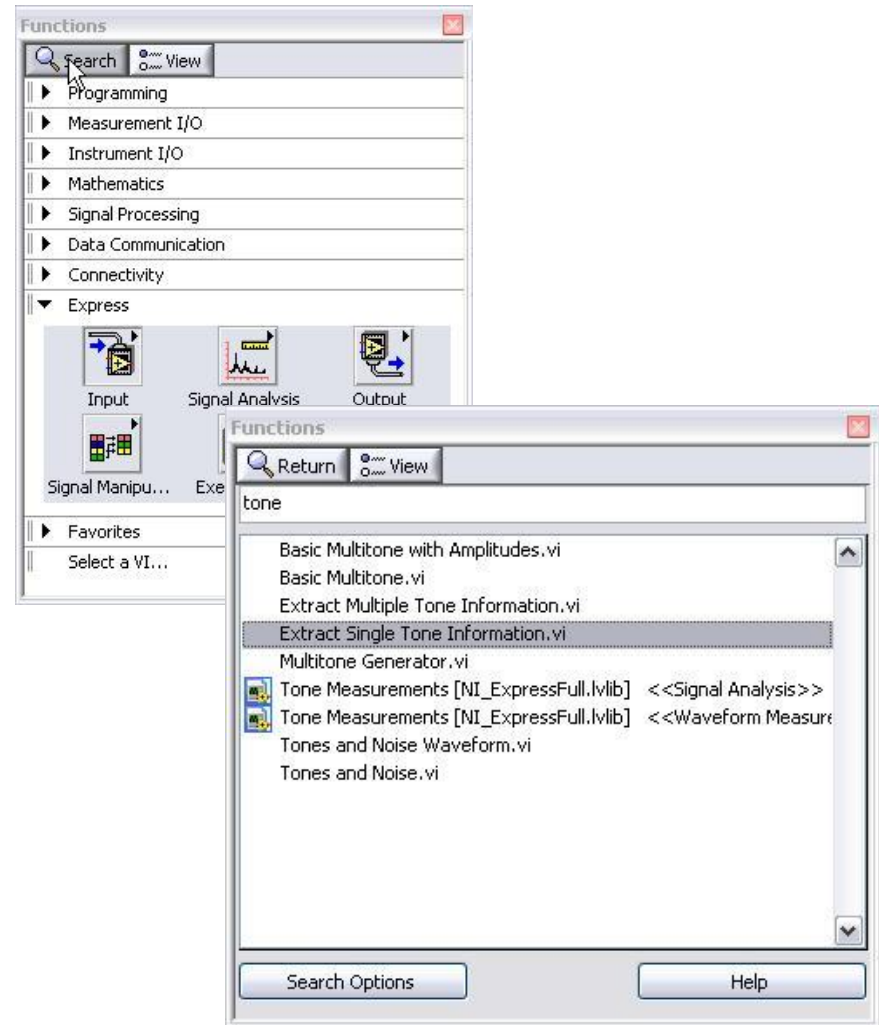
- File I/O

Express Functions Palette



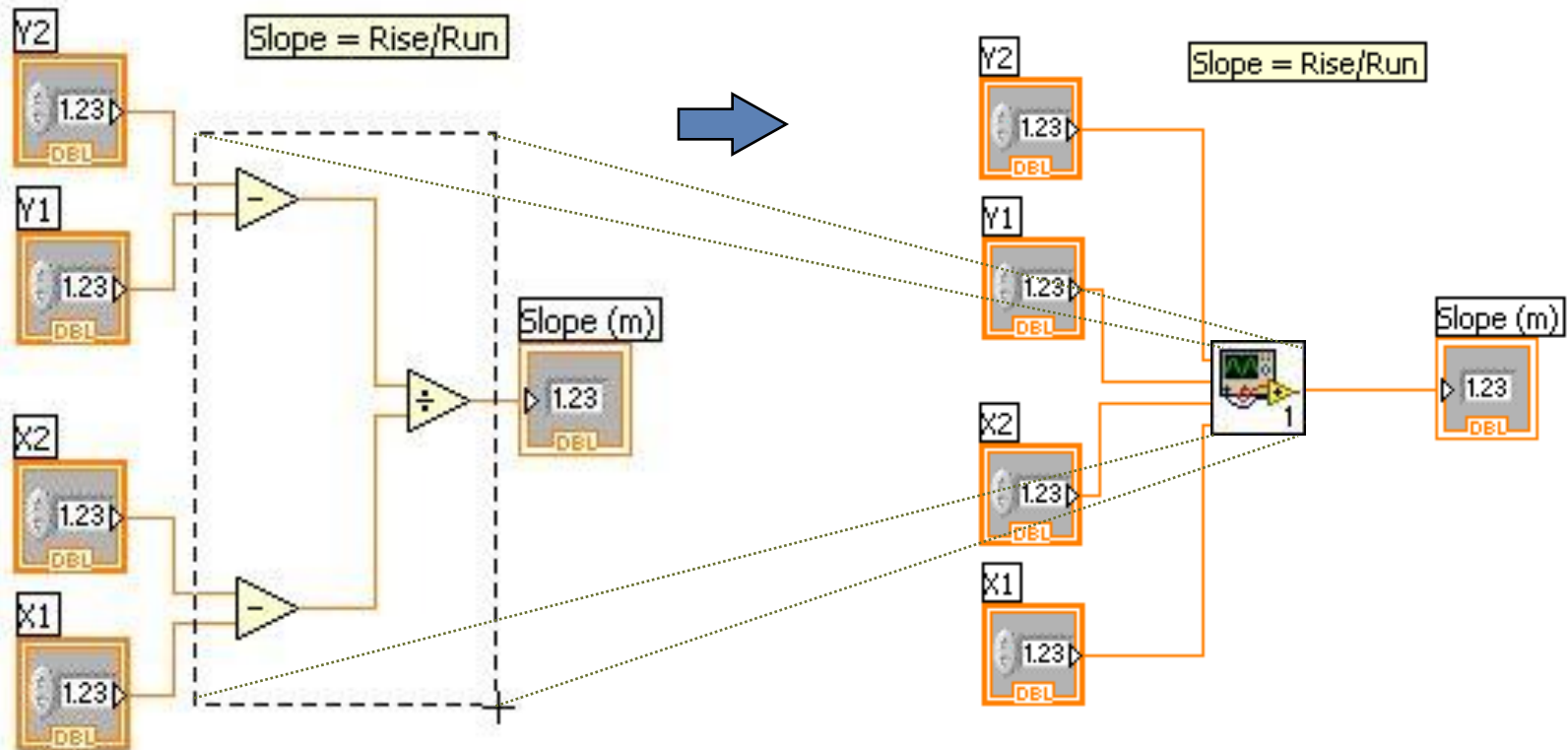
Searching for Controls, VIs, and Functions

- Palettes are filled with hundreds of VIs
- Press the search button to index the all VIs for text searching
- Click and drag an item from the search window to the block diagram
- Double-click an item to open the owning palette



Create SubVI

- Enclose area to be converted into a subVI.
- Select **Edit»Create SubVI** from the Edit Menu.



LabVIEW Functions and SubVIs operate like Functions in other languages

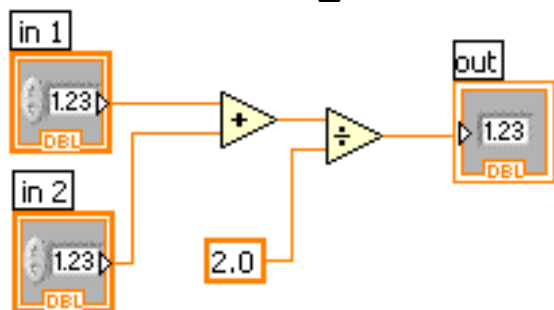
Function Pseudo Code

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function average (in1, in2, out)
{
  out = (in1 + in2)/2.0;
}
```

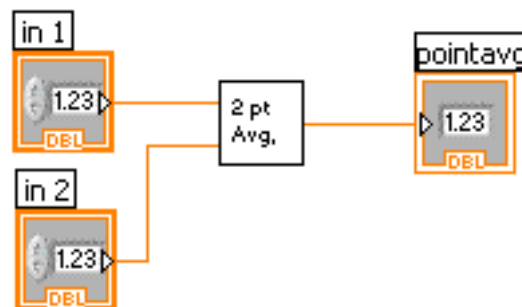
Calling Program Pseudo Code

```
main
{
  average (in1, in2, pointavg)
}
```

SubVI Block Diagram



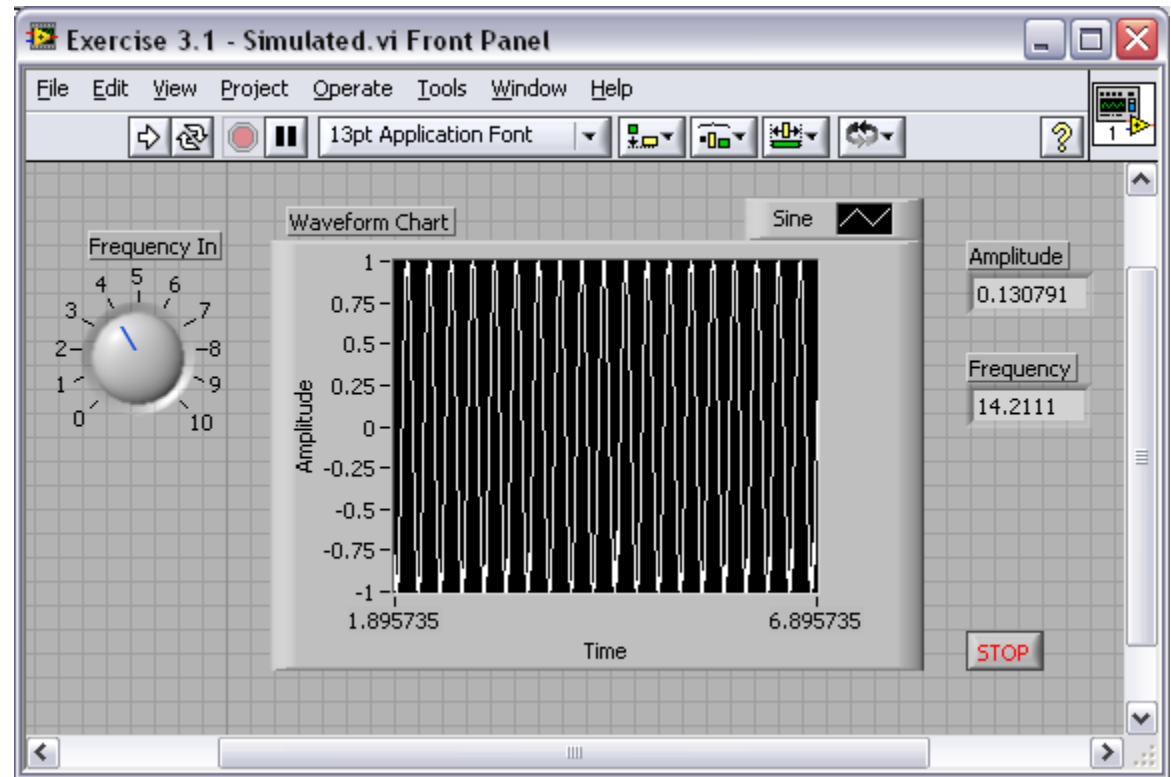
Calling VI Block Diagram



Exercise 3.1 – Analysis

- Use LabVIEW Express VIs to:
 - Simulate a signal and display its amplitude and frequency

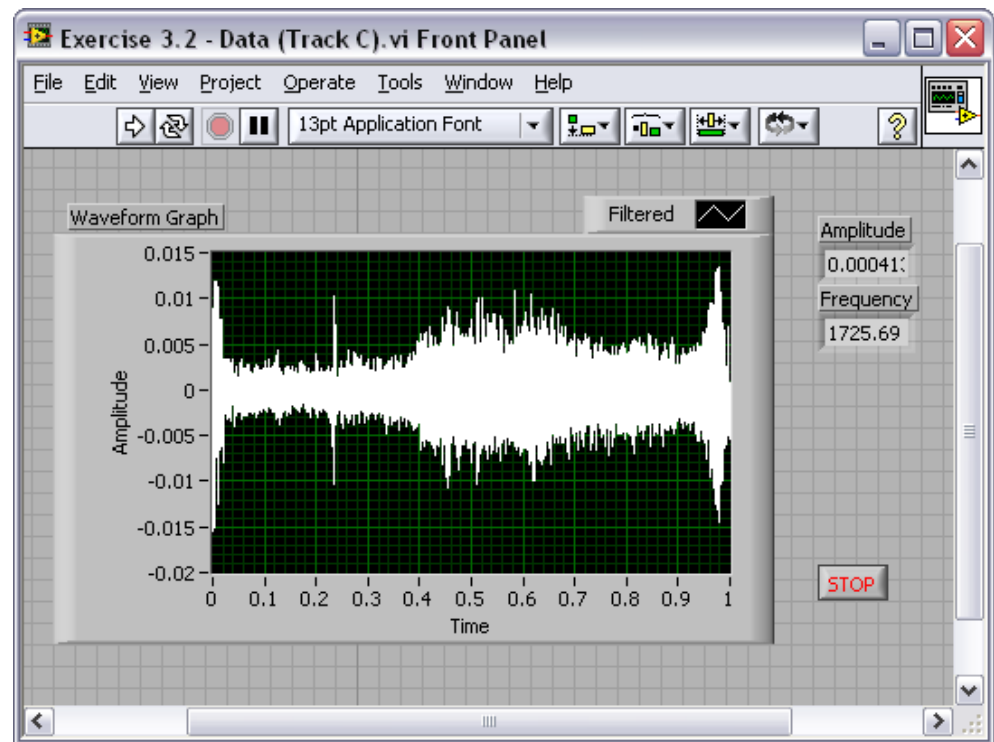
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Exercise 3.2 – Analysis

- Use LabVIEW Express VIs to:
 - Acquire a signal and display its amplitude and frequency

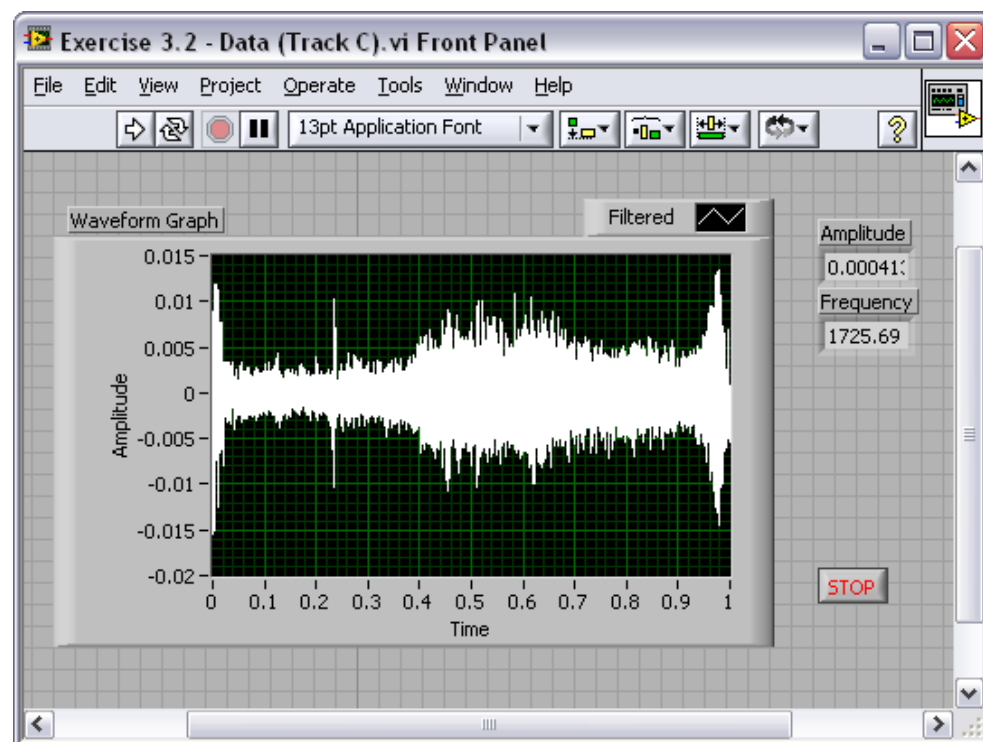
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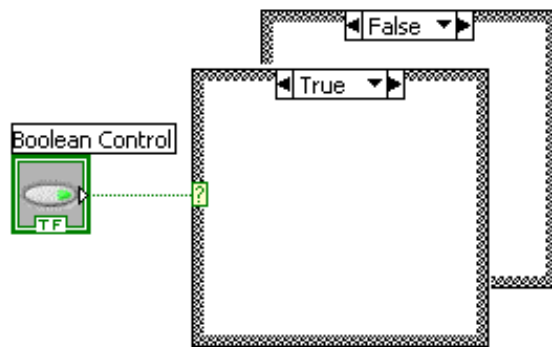
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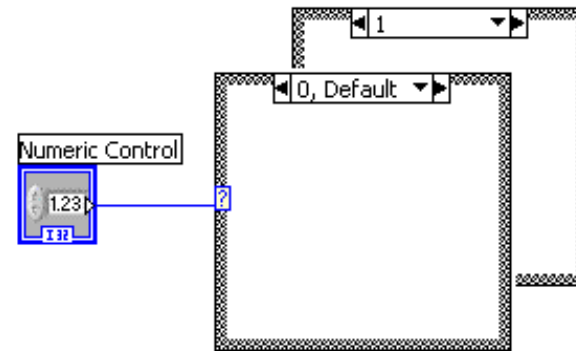


How Do I Make Decisions in LabVIEW?

1. Case Structures

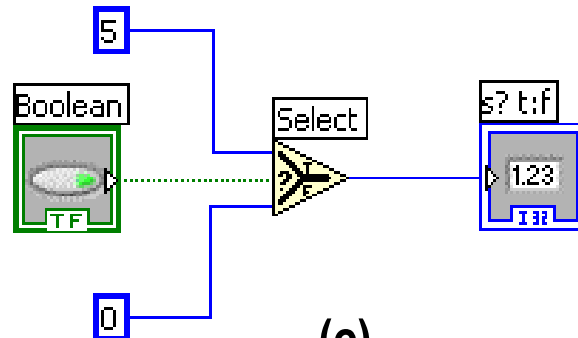


(a)



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2. Select

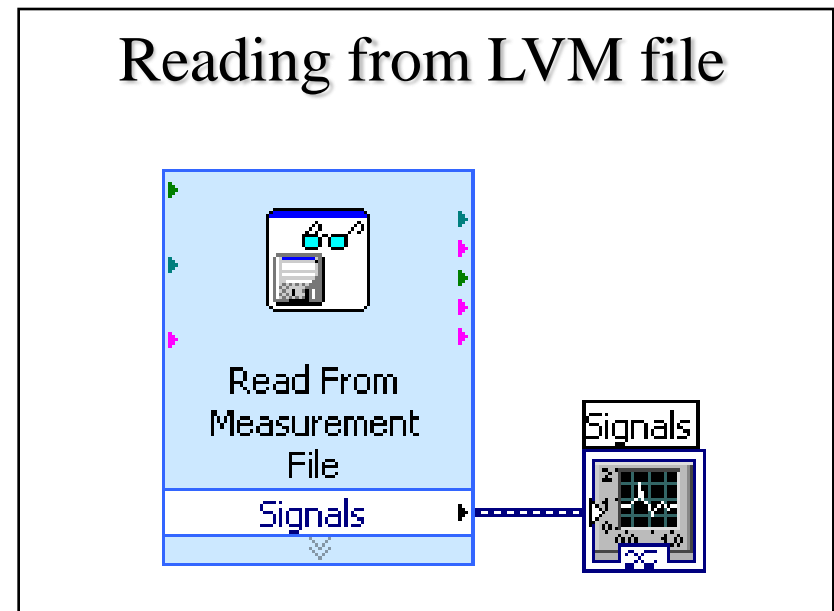
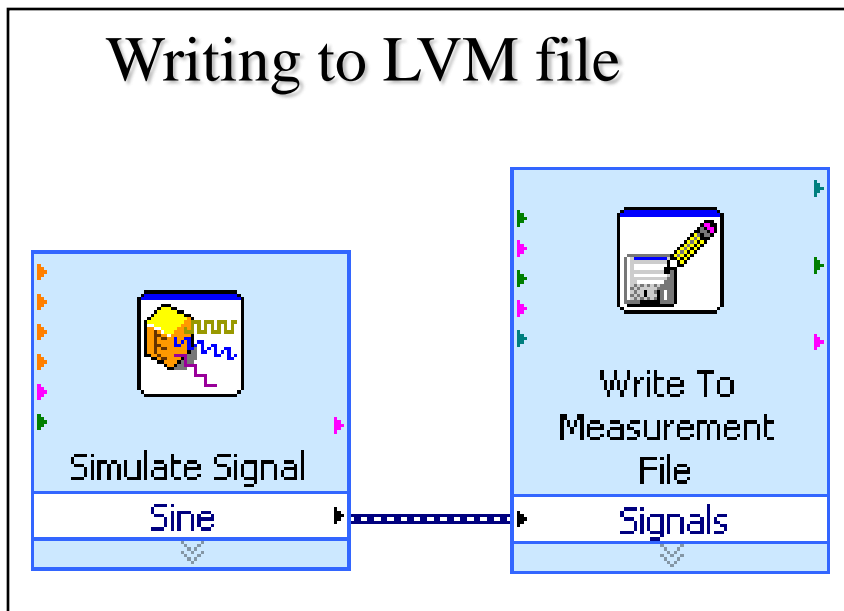


(c)

File I/O

File I/O – passing data to and from files

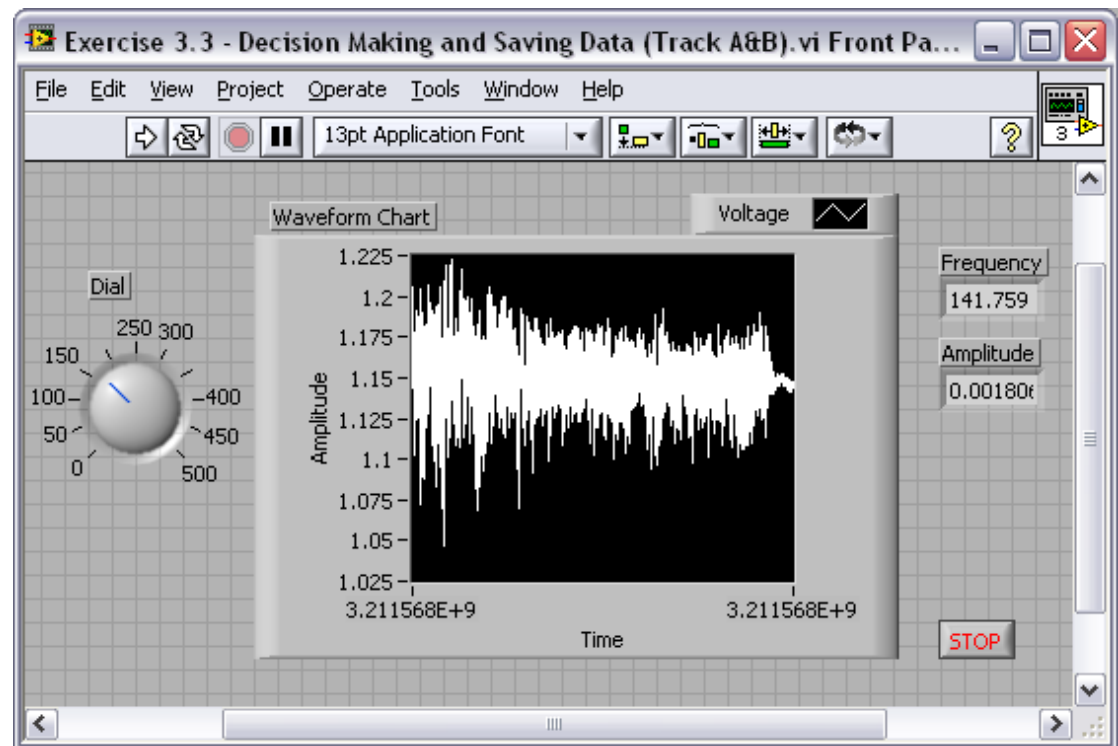
- Files can be binary, text, or spreadsheet
- Write/Read LabVIEW Measurements file (*.lvm)



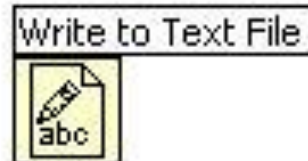
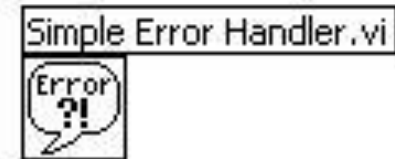
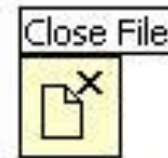
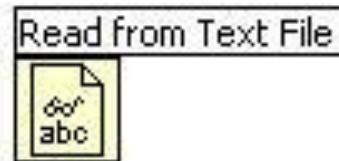
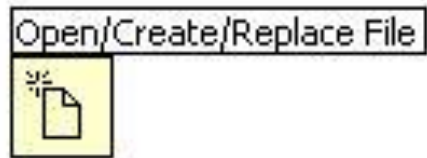
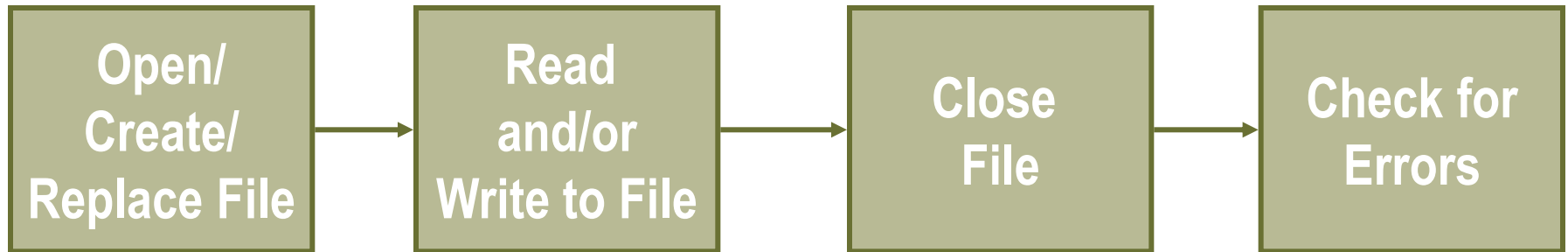
Exercise 3.3 – Decision Making and Saving Data

- Use a case structure to:
 - Make a VI that saves data when a condition is met

This exercise should take 15 minutes.



File I/O Programming Model – Under the hood



Section III – Presenting your Results

A. Displaying Data on the Front Panel

- Controls and Indicators
- Graphs and Charts
- Loop Timing

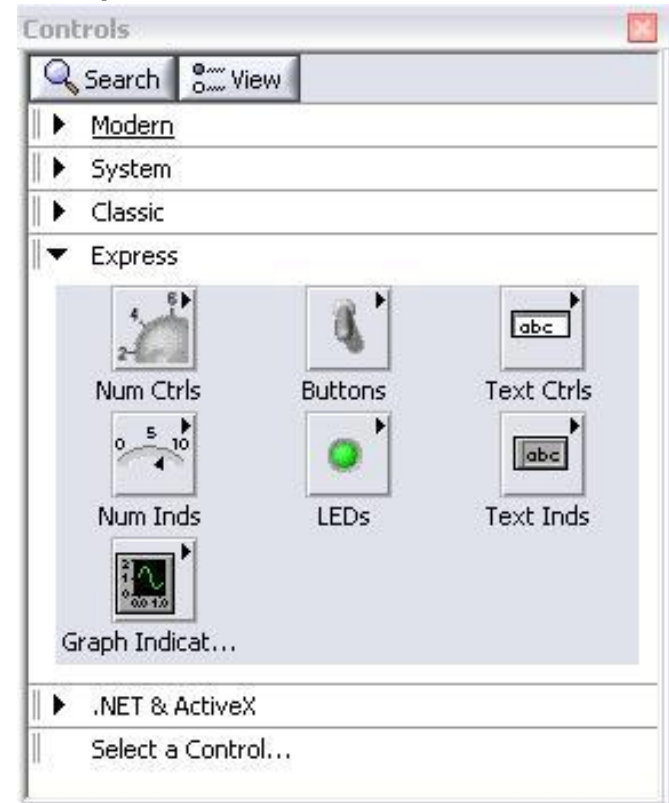
B. Signal Processing

- MathScript
- Arrays
- Clusters
- Waveforms

What Types of Controls and Indicators are Available?

- **Numeric Data**
 - Number input and display
 - Analog Sliders, Dials, and Gauges
- **Boolean Data**
 - Buttons and LEDs
- **Array & Matrix Data**
 - Numeric Display
 - Chart
 - Graph
 - XY Graph
 - Intensity Graph
 - 3D graph: point, surface, and model
- **Decorations**
 - Tab Control
 - Arrows
- **Other**
 - Strings and text boxes
 - Picture/Image Display
 - ActiveX Controls

Express Controls Palette

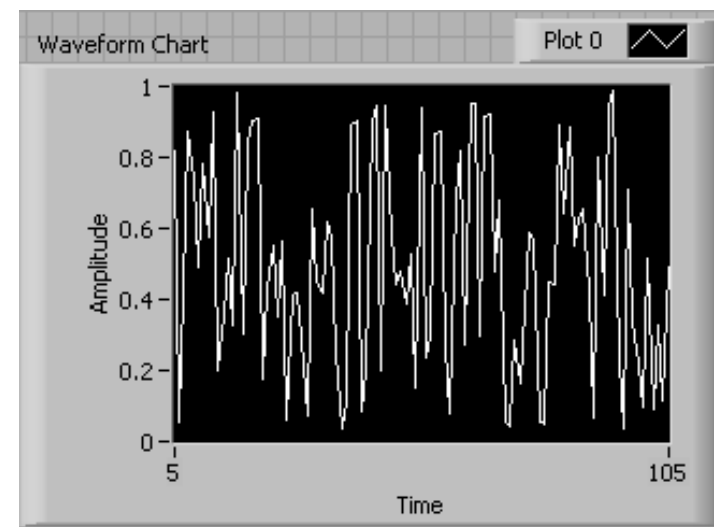
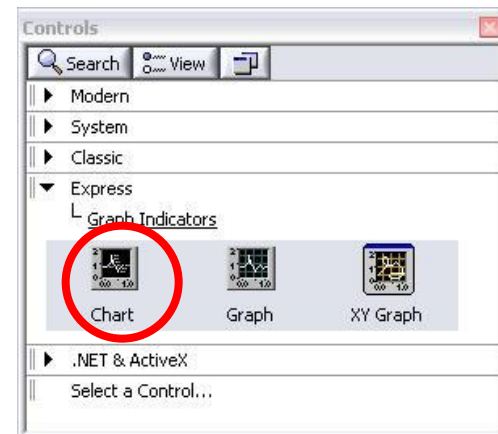
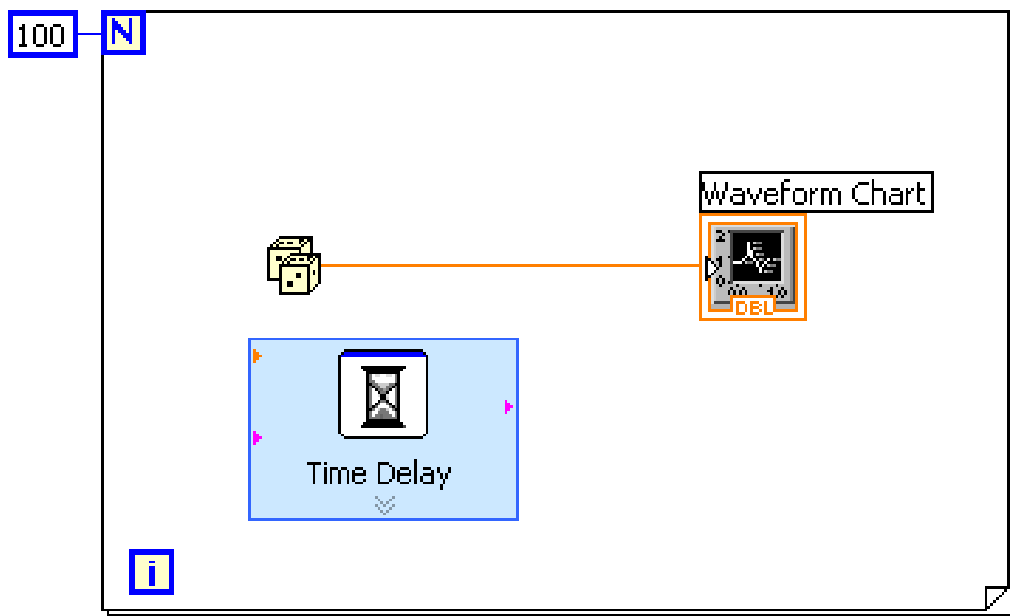


Charts – Add 1 data point at a time with history

Waveform chart – special numeric indicator that can display a history of values

- Chart updates with each individual point it receives

Functions»Express»Graph Indicators»Chart

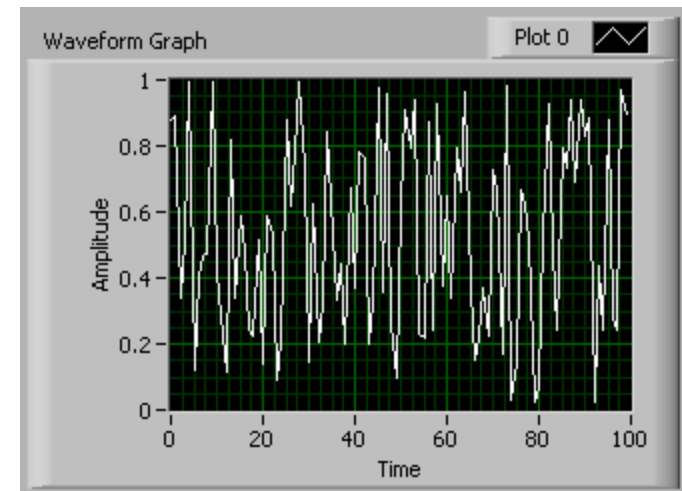
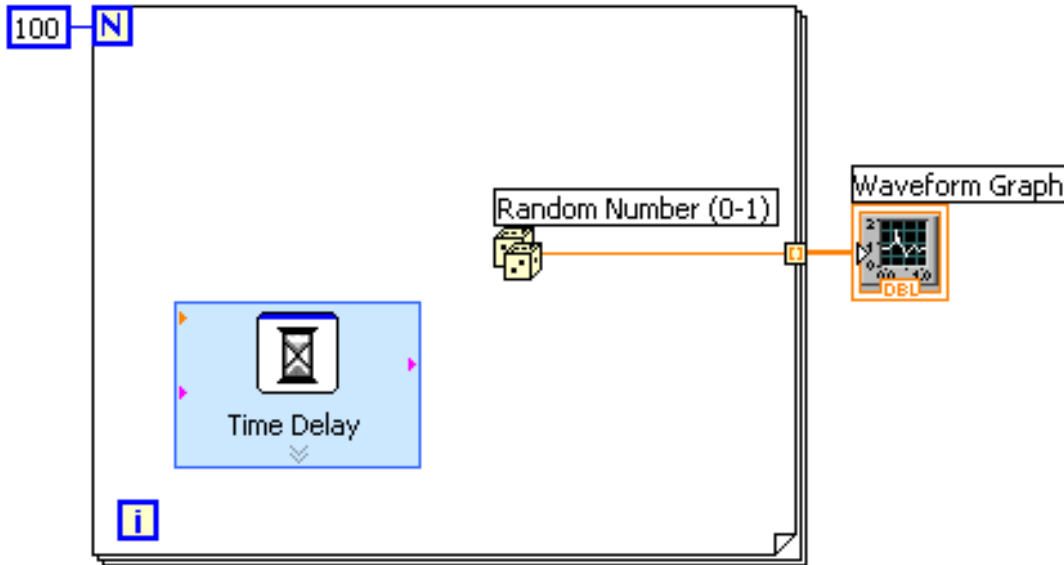
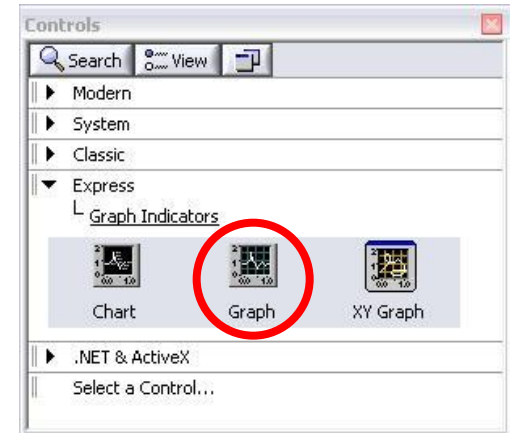


Graphs – Display many data points at once

Waveform graph – special numeric indicator that displays an array of data

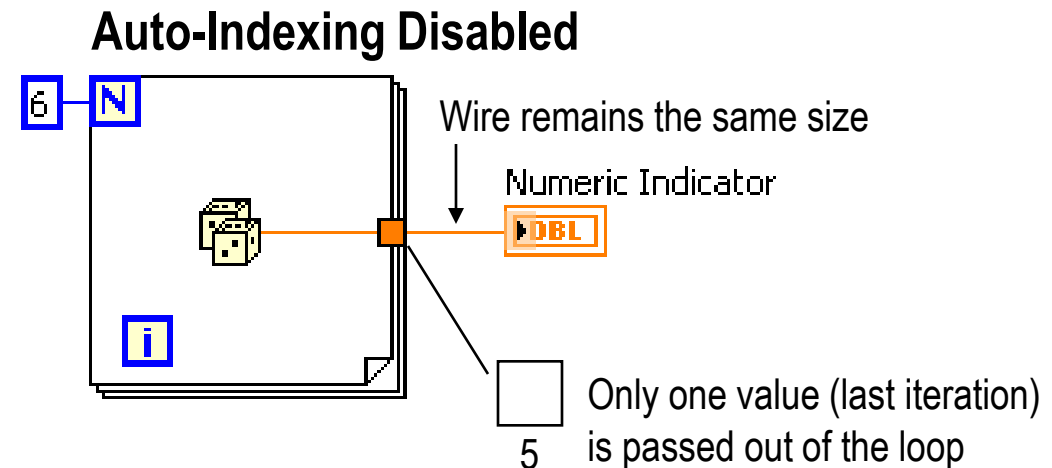
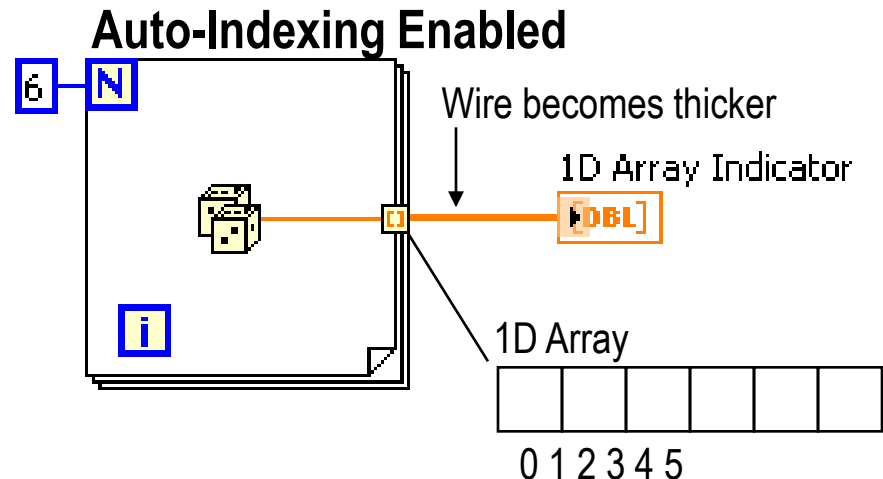
- Graph updates after all points have been collected
- May be used in a loop if VI collects buffers of data

Functions»Express»Graph Indicators»Graph



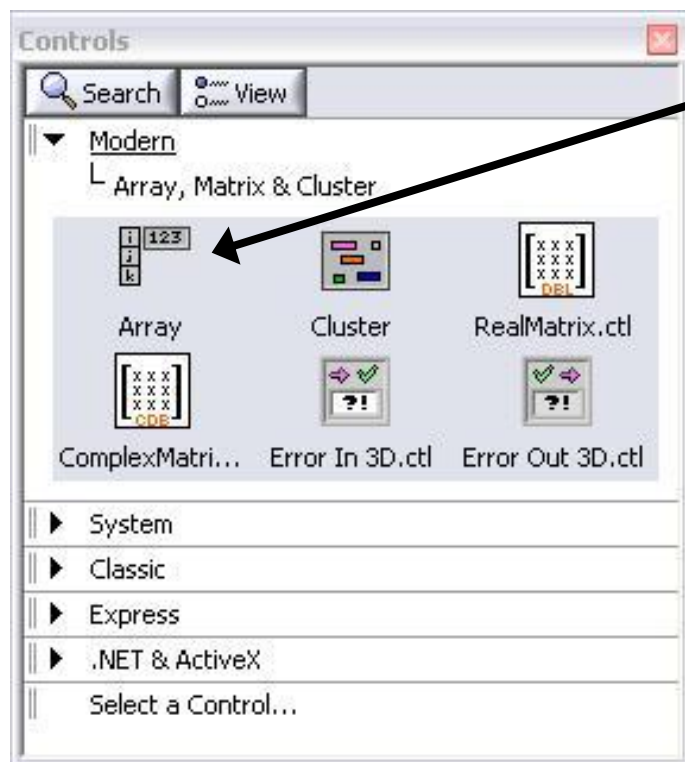
Building Arrays with Loops (Auto-Indexing)

- Loops can accumulate arrays at their boundaries with auto-indexing
- For Loops auto-index by default
- While Loops output only the final value by default
- Right-click tunnel and enable/disable auto-indexing

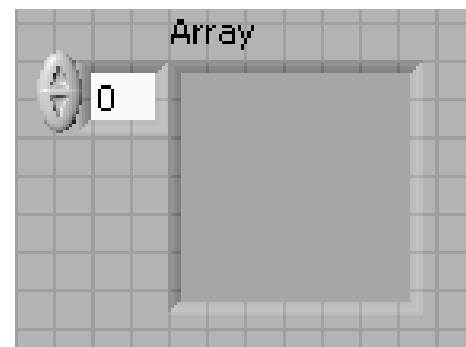


Creating an Array (Step 1 of 2)

From the **Controls»Modern»Array, Matrix, and Cluster** subpalette, select the **Array** icon.

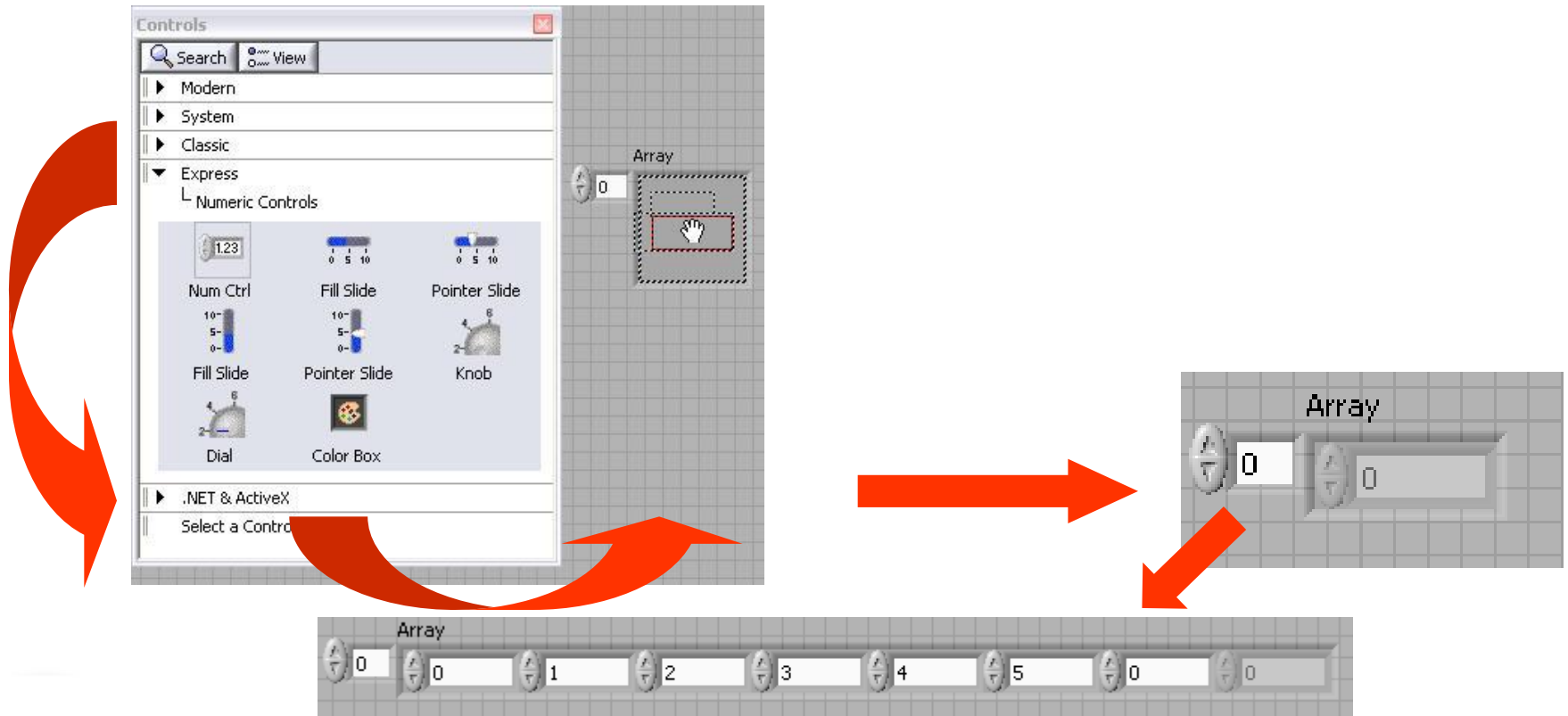


Drop it on the Front Panel.



Create an Array (Step 2 of 2)

1. Place an Array Shell.
2. Insert datatype into the shell (i.e. Numeric Control).



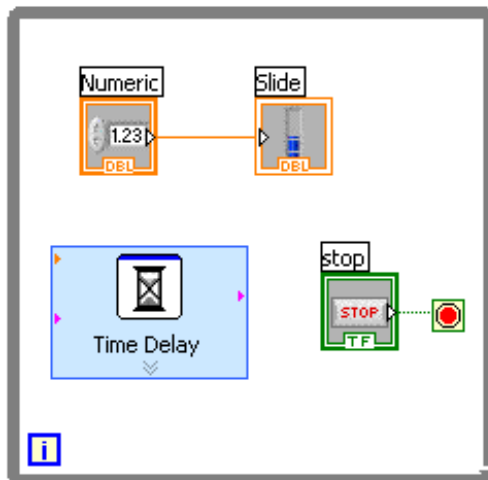
How Do I Time a Loop?

1. Loop Time Delay

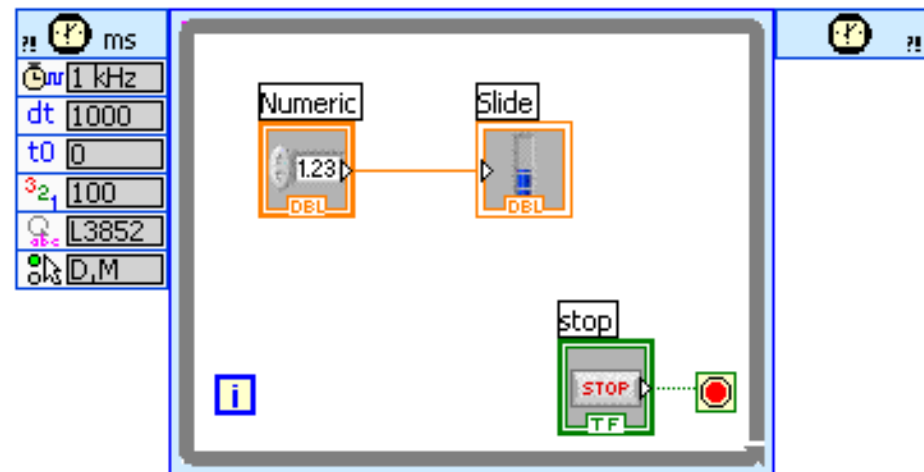
- Configure the Time Delay Express VI for seconds to wait each iteration of the loop (works on For and While loops).

2. Timed Loops

- Configure special timed While loop for desired dt .



Time Delay



Timed Loop

Control & Indicator Properties

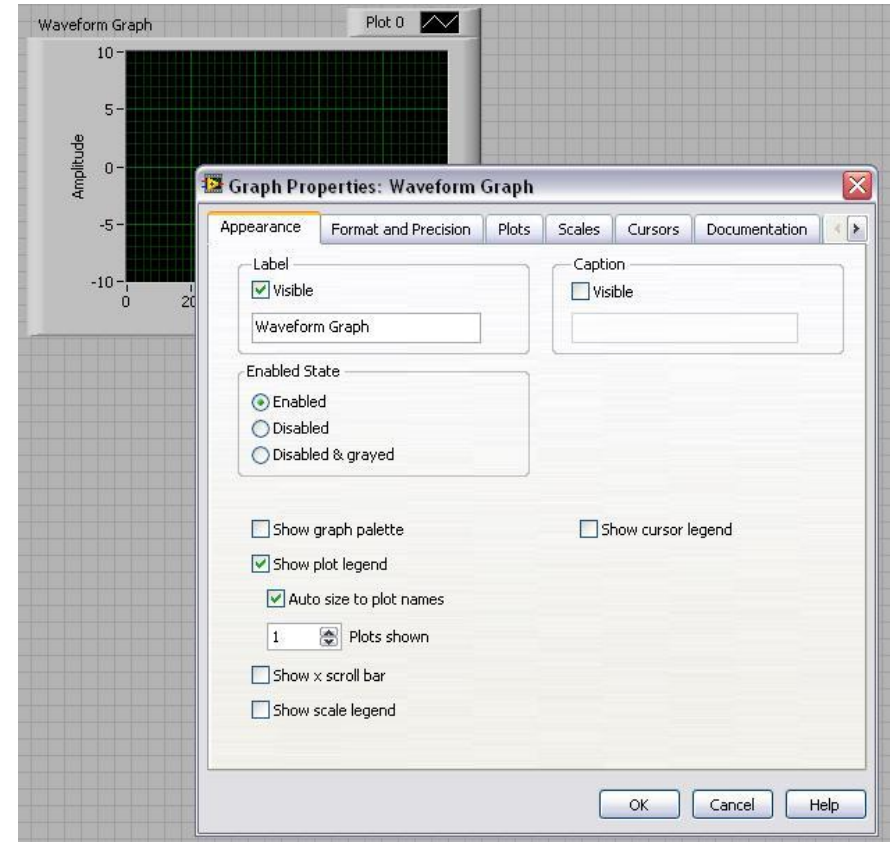
- Properties are characteristics or qualities about an object
- Properties can be found by right clicking on a Control or Indicator

- Properties Include:

- Size
- Color
- Plot Style
- Plot color

- Features include:

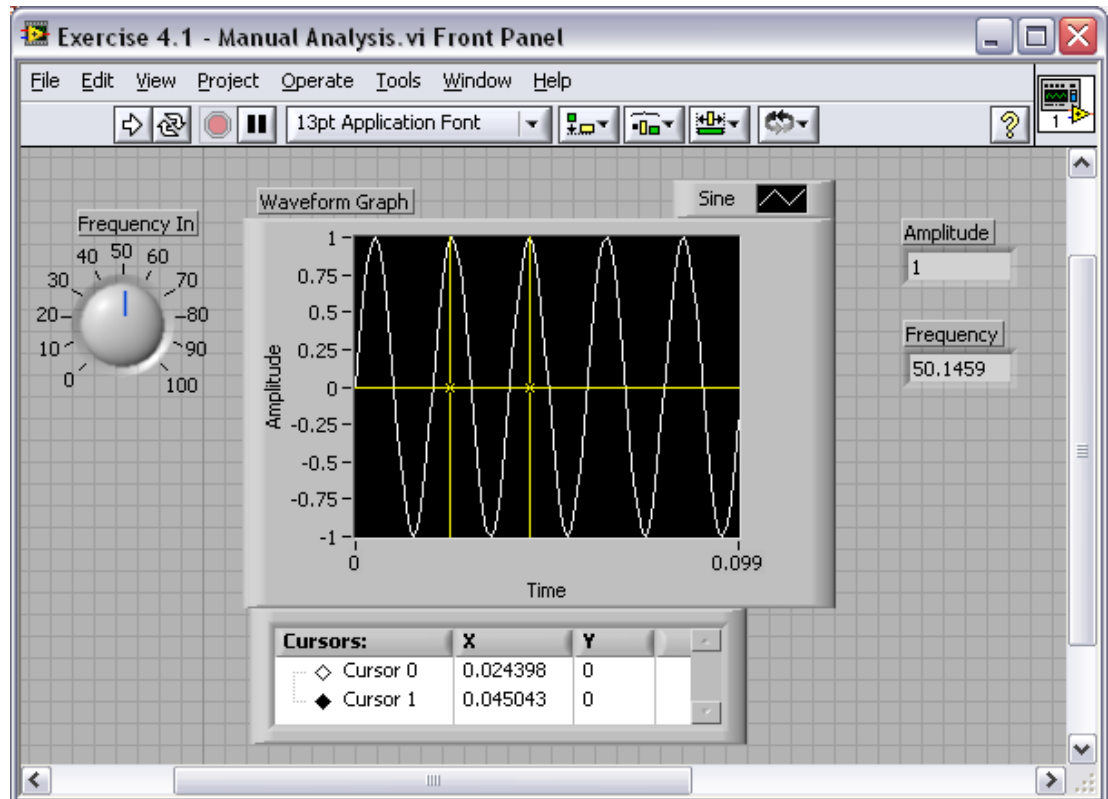
- Cursors
- Scaling



Exercise 4.1 – Manual Analysis

- Use the cursor legend on a graph to:
 - Verify your frequency and amplitude measurements

This exercise should take 15 minutes.



Textual Math in LabVIEW

- Integrate existing scripts with LabVIEW for faster development
- Interactive, easy-to-use, hands-on learning environment
- Develop algorithms, explore mathematical concepts, and analyze results using a single environment
- Freedom to choose the most effective syntax, whether graphical or textual within one VI

Supported Math Tools:

MathScript script node

Mathematica software

Maple software

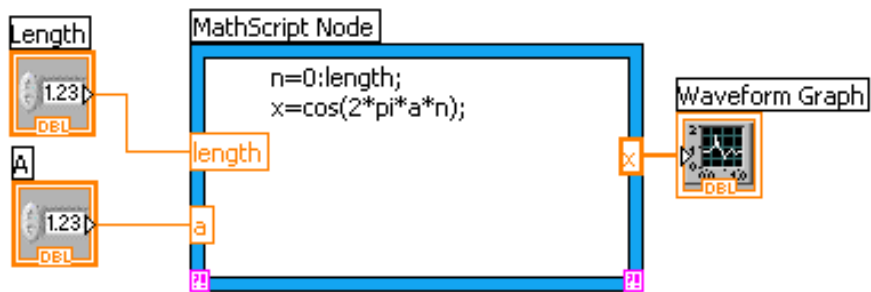
MathSoft software

MATLAB[®] software

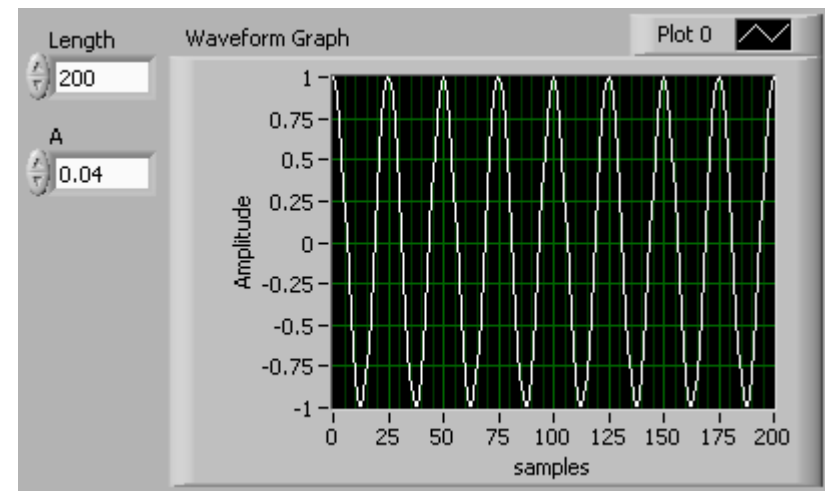
Xmath software

Math with the MathScript Node

- Implement equations and algorithms textually
- Input and Output variables created at the border
- Generally compatible with popular m-file script language
- Terminate statements with a semicolon to disable immediate output



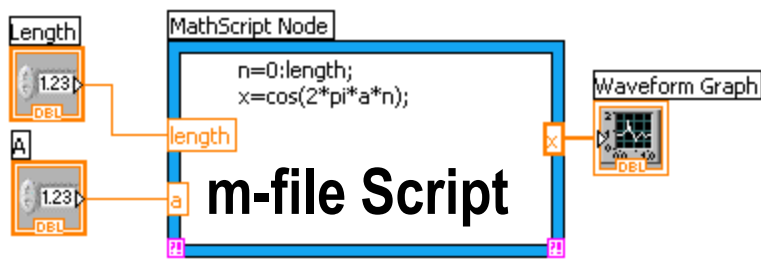
(Functions»Programming»
Structures»MathScript)



Prototype your equations in the interactive **MathScript Window**.

The Interactive MathScript Window

- Rapidly develop and test algorithms
- Share Scripts and Variables with the Node
- View /Modify Variable content in 1D, 2D, and 3D



LabVIEW MathScript

File Edit View Help

Output Window

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-0.80902 -0.95106 -1  
-0.95106 -0.80902 -0.58779  
-0.30902 -3.1847e-015 0.30902  
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Command Window

```
x=cos(2*pi*f*n)
```

User Commands

8.0rc5 Idle

Variable Workspace

Partition/Variable	Dimension	Type
Global		
Local		
f	1x1	double array
n	1x201	double array
x	1x201	double array

Graphical first? Graph

Legend?

View/Modify Variable Contents

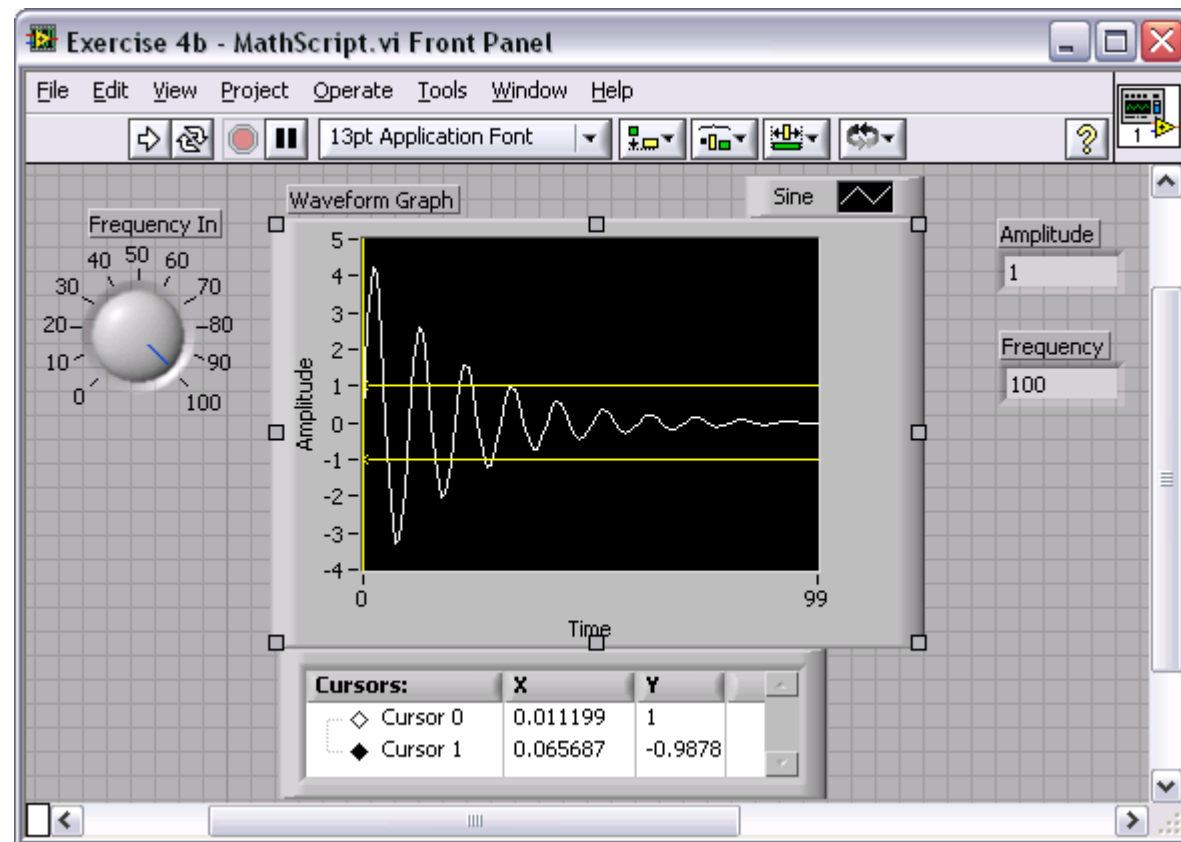
Cursor 1 0 1

(LabVIEW»Tools»MathScript Window)

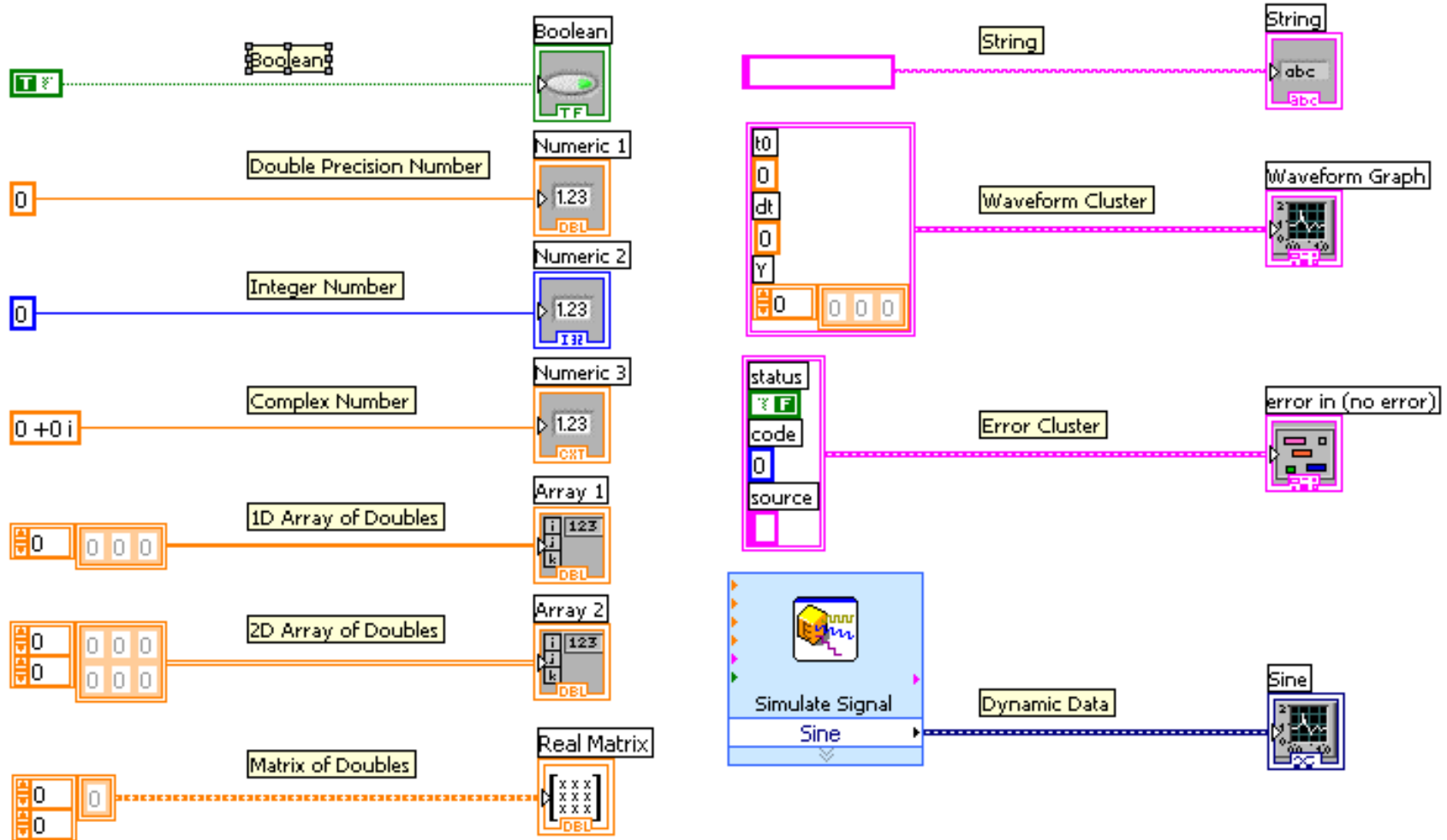
Exercise 4.2 – Using MathScript

Use the MathScript Node and Interactive Window to process the acquired signal (logarithmic decay) in the MathScript and save the script.

This exercise should take 25 minutes.

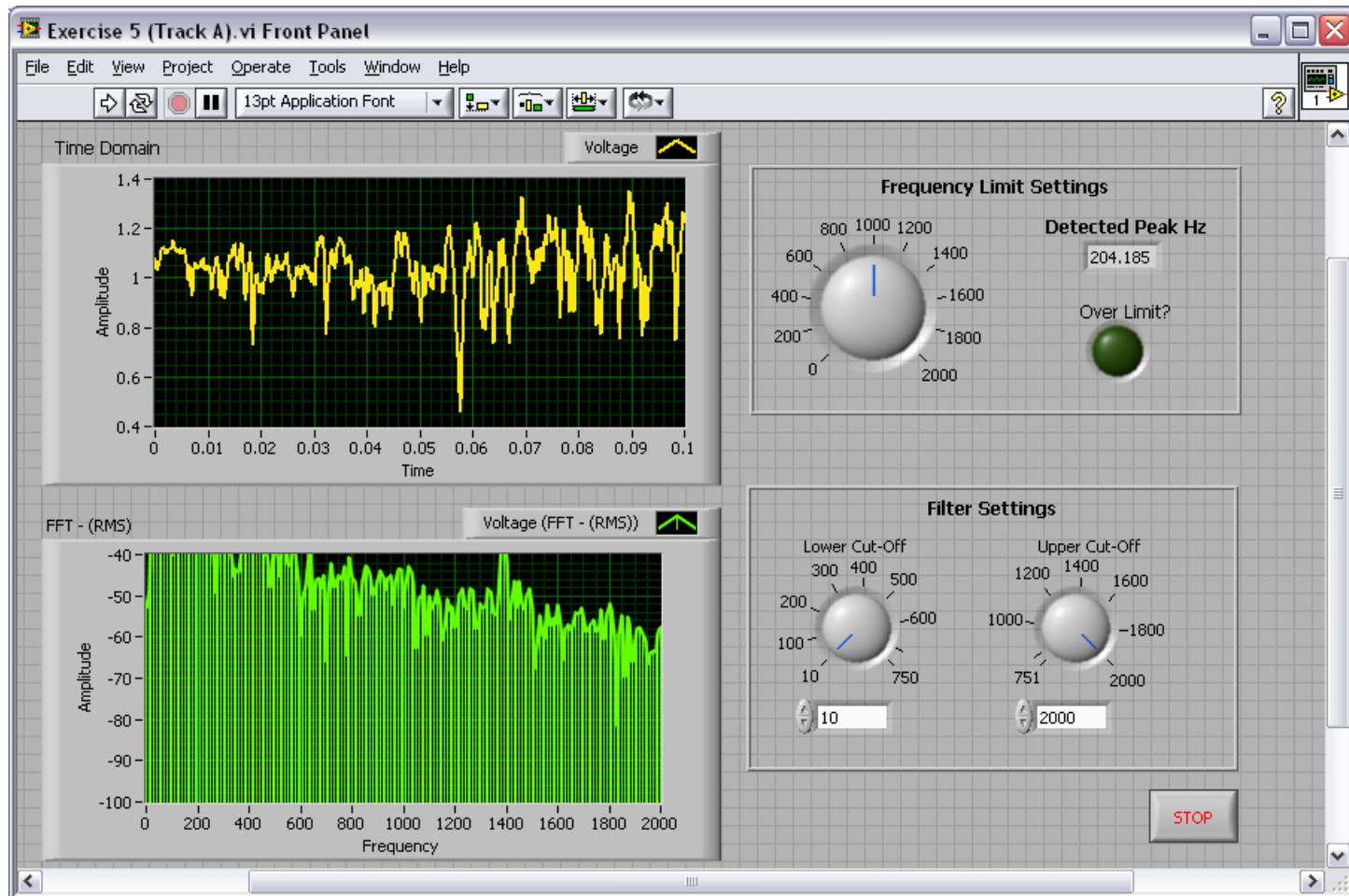


Review of Data Types Found in LabVIEW



Exercise 5 – Apply What You Have Learned

This exercise should take 20 minutes.



Section IV – Advanced Data Flow Topics (optional)

A. Additional Data types

- Cluster

B. Data Flow Constructs

- Shift Register
- Local Variables

C. Large Application Development

- Navigator Window
- LabVIEW Projects

Introduction to Clusters

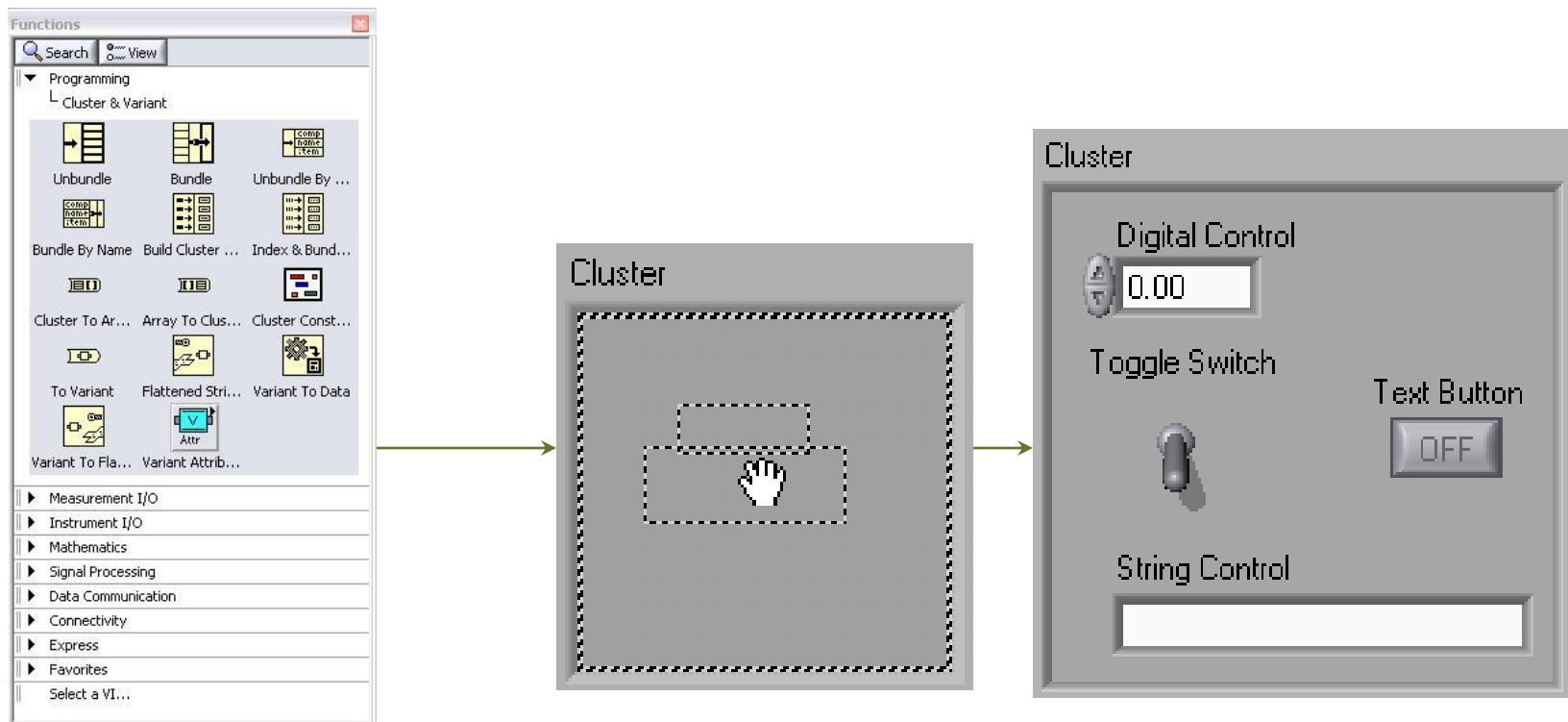
- Data structure that groups data together
- Data may be of different types
- Analogous to *struct* in C
- Elements must be either all controls or all indicators
- Thought of as wires bundled into a cable
- **Order is important**



Creating a Cluster

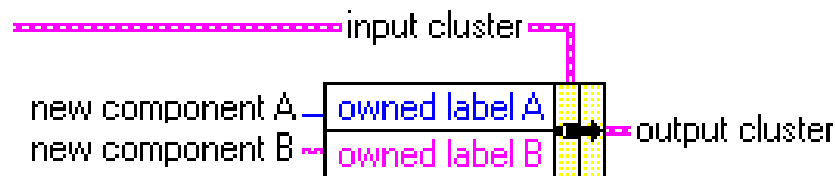
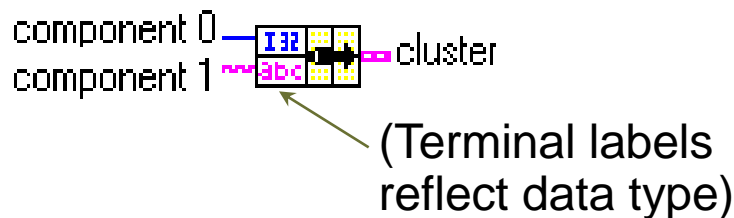
1. Select a **Cluster** shell.
2. Place objects inside the shell.

Controls»Modern»Array, Matrix & Cluster

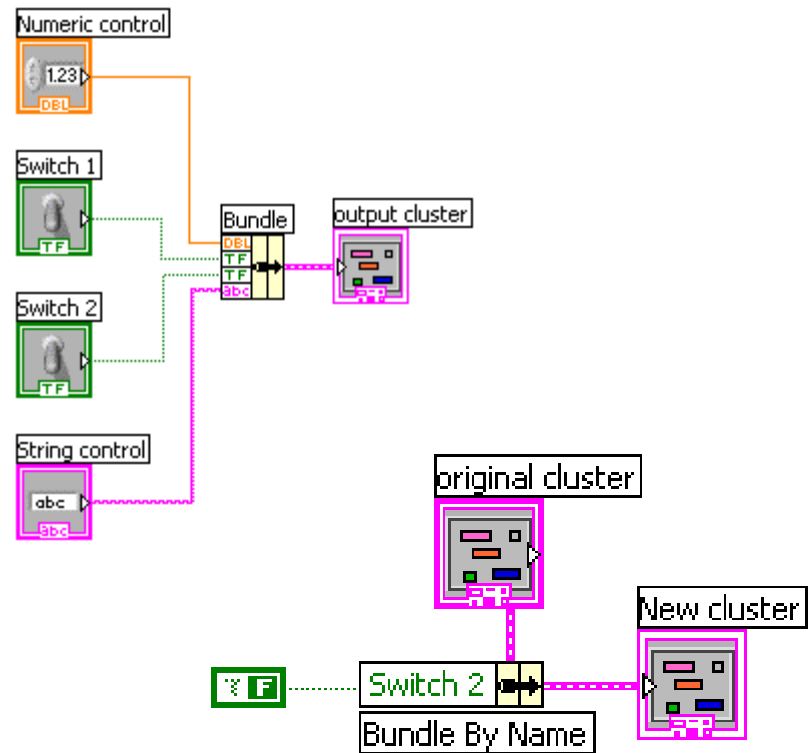


Cluster Functions

- In the **Cluster & Variant** subpalette of the **Programming** palette
- Can also be accessed by right-clicking the cluster terminal



Bundle By Name

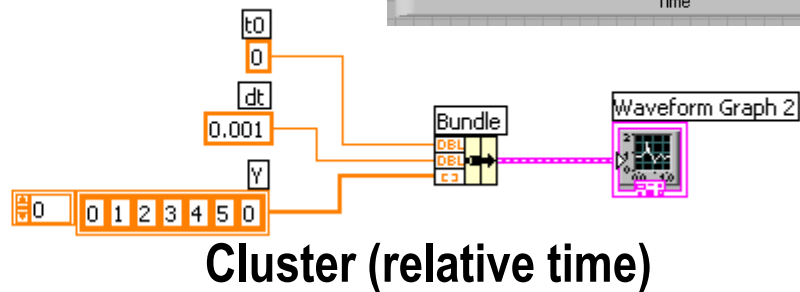
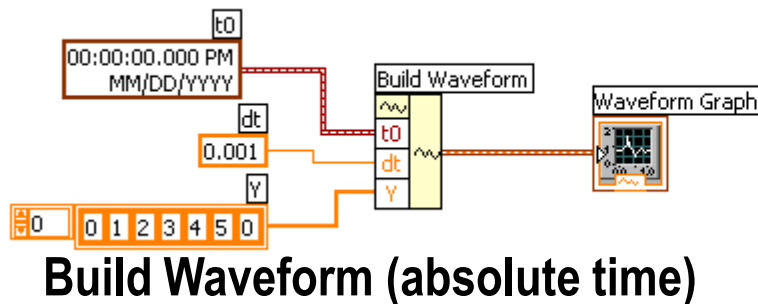
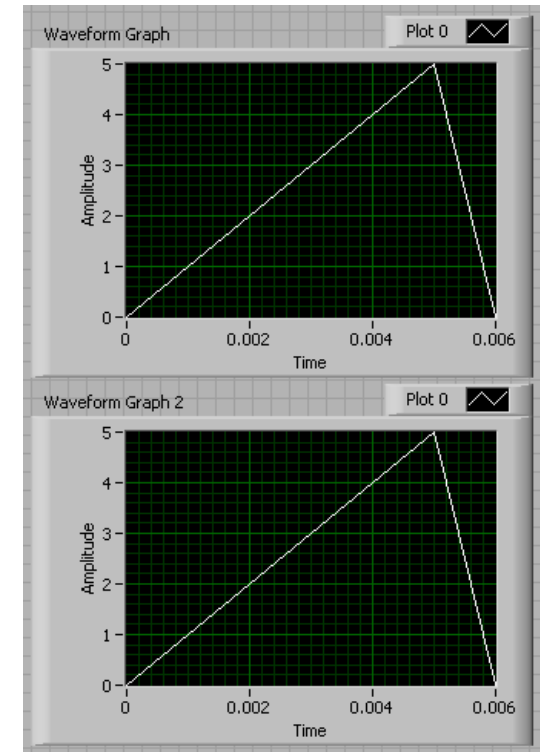


Using Arrays and Clusters with Graphs

The Waveform Datatype contains 3 pieces of data:

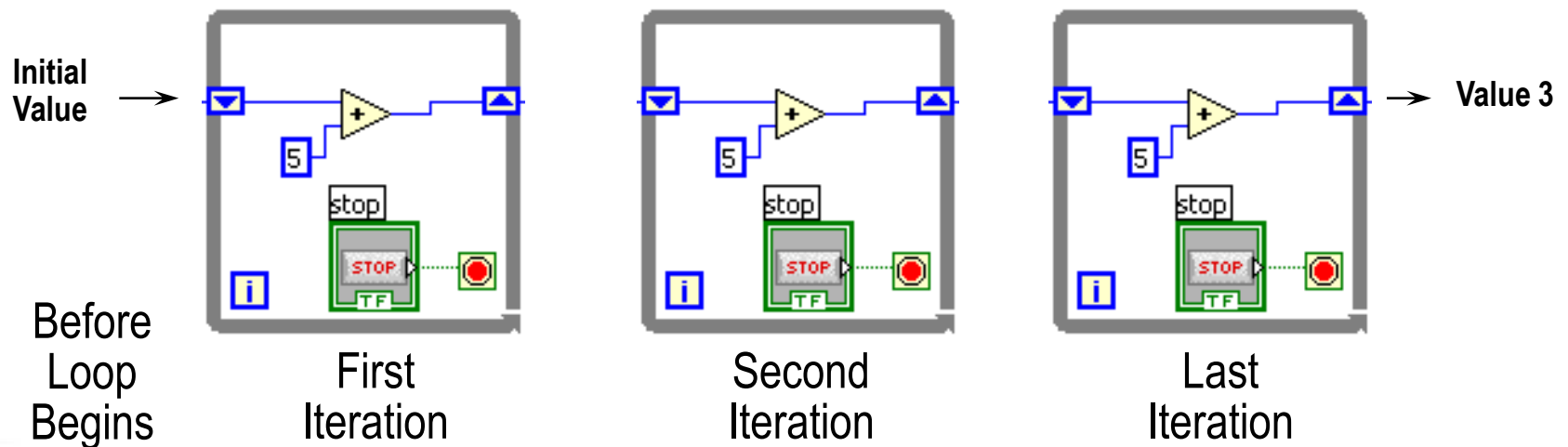
- t_0 = Start Time
- dt = Time between Samples
- Y = Array of Y magnitudes

Two ways to create a Waveform Cluster:



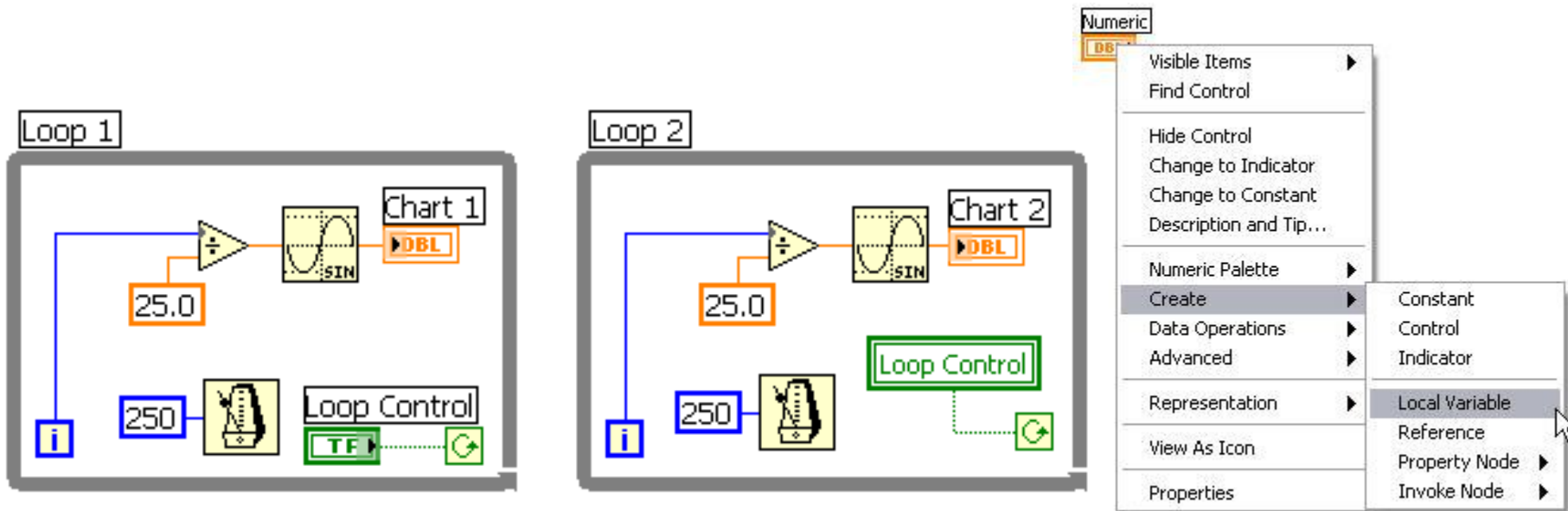
Shift Register – Access Previous Loop Data

- Available at left or right border of loop structures
- Right-click the border and select **Add Shift Register**
- Right terminal stores data on completion of iteration
- Left terminal provides stored data at beginning of next iteration

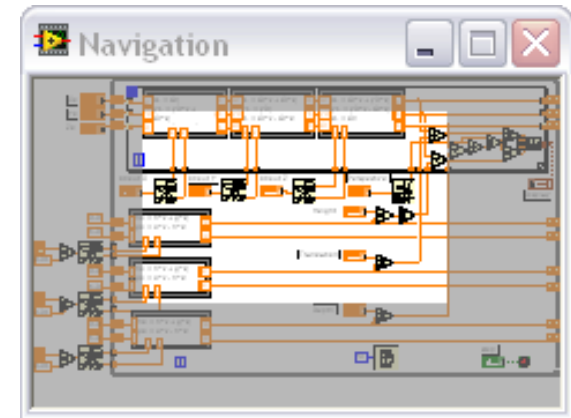
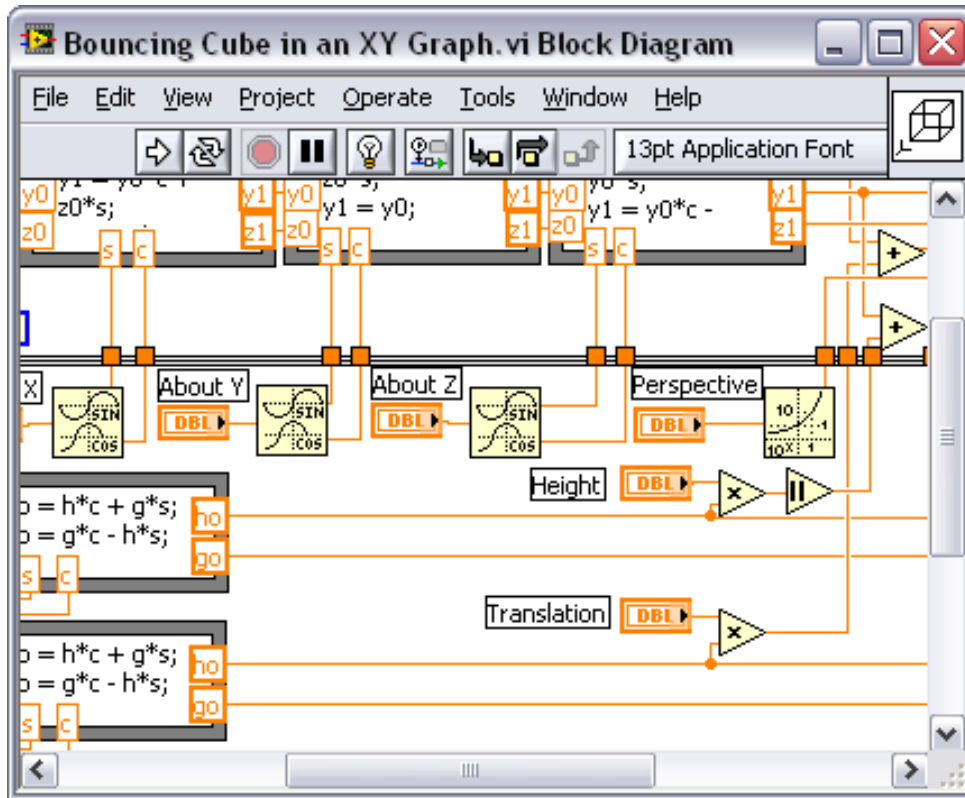


Local Variables

- Local Variables allow data to be passed between parallel loops.
- A single control or indicator can be read or written to from more than one location in the program
 - Local Variables break the dataflow paradigm and should be used sparingly



LabVIEW Navigation Window

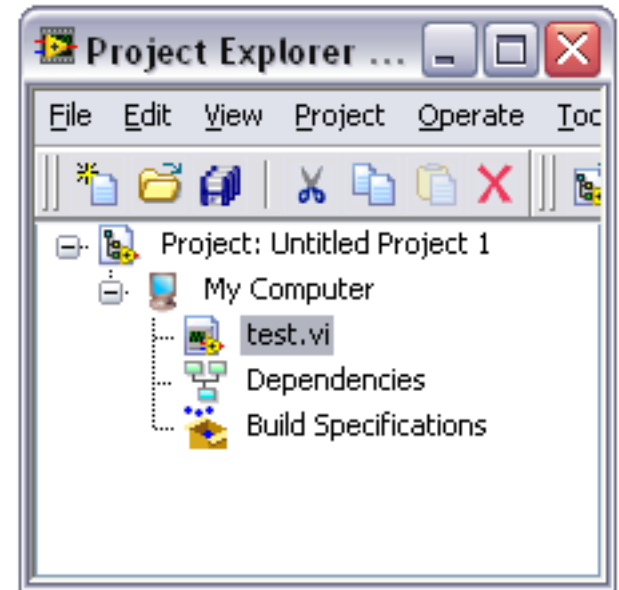


- Shows the current region of view compared to entire Front Panel or Block Diagram
- Great for large programs

* Organize and reduce program visual size with subVIs

LabVIEW Project

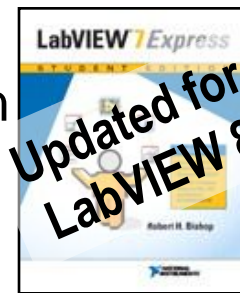
- Group and organize VIs
- Hardware and I/O management
- Manage VIs for multiple targets
- Build libraries and executables
- Manage large LabVIEW applications
- Enable version tracking and management



(LabVIEW»Project»New)

Additional Resources

- NI Academic Web & Student Corner
 - <http://www.ni.com/academic>
- Connexions: Full LabVIEW Training Course
 - www.cnx.rice.edu
 - Or search for “[LabVIEW basics](#)”
- LabVIEW Certification
 - LabVIEW Fundamentals Exam (free on www.ni.com/academic)
 - Certified LabVIEW Associate Developer Exam (industry recognized certification)
- Get your own copy of LabVIEW Student Edition
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Section V – Modeling Tools

A. Simulation Diagram - Continuous time

- Simple model (integration)
- Feedback
- Subsystems

B. State Charts (optional)

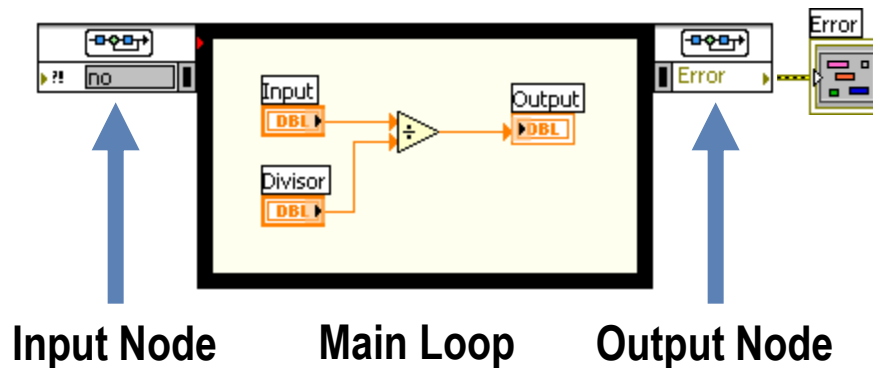
The Design Process

1. **Modeling** – Identify a mathematical representation of the plant
2. **Control Design** – Choose a control method and design a controller
3. **Simulation** – Employ a point-by-point approach to simulate the system timing with a solver
4. **Tuning and Verification** – Introduce real-world nonlinearities, tune, and verify the control algorithm
5. **Deployment** – Implement the finalized control system

LabVIEW Simulation Module

- Develop dynamic systems such as motor controllers and hydraulic simulators with LabVIEW
- Implement your dynamic systems with real-time I/O using built-in LabVIEW data acquisition functions
- Simulate linear, nonlinear, and discrete systems with a wide array of solvers
- Deploy dynamic systems to real-time hardware with the NI LabVIEW Real-Time Module
- Translate models from The MathWorks, Inc. Simulink® into LabVIEW with built-in utility

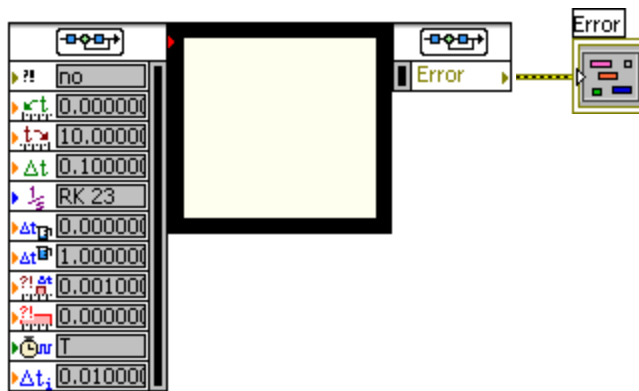
The Simulation Loop



- Built in Differential Equation Solver allows continuous-time system
- Similar to a While Loop with a predefined time period
- Installed with Simulation Module
- Double-click Input Node to configure simulation parameters
- Create an indicator on the Output Node to display Simulation errors

Simulation Loop Parameters

- Drag left node to show current parameters and provide inputs for run-time simulation configuration



- Double-click Input Node to configure simulation parameters

The screenshot shows the 'Simulation Parameters' dialog box with the 'Timing Parameters' tab selected. The dialog is divided into several sections:

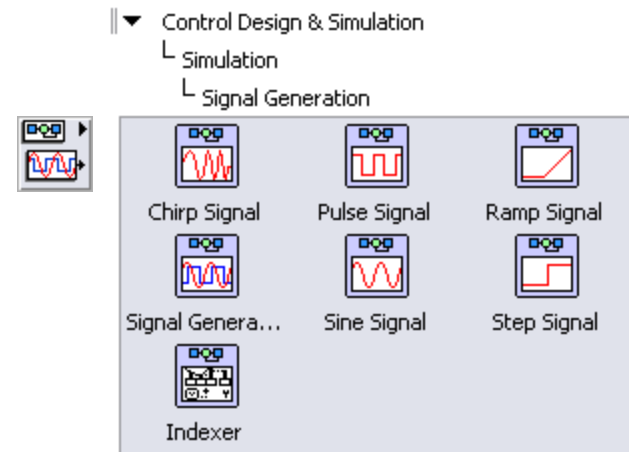
- Simulation Time:** Initial Time (s) is 0, Final Time (s) is 10.
- Solver Method:** ODE Solver is Runge-Kutta 23 (variable), Nan/Inf Check is unchecked.
- Time Step and Tolerance:** Initial Step Size (s) is 0.01, Minimum Step Size (s) is 1E-10, Maximum Step Size (s) is 1, Relative Tolerance is 0.001, Absolute Tolerance is 1E-7.
- Discrete Time:** Discrete Step Size (s) is 0.1, Auto Discrete Time is checked.

Buttons for OK, Cancel, and Help are located at the bottom of the dialog.

Generating Simulation Input

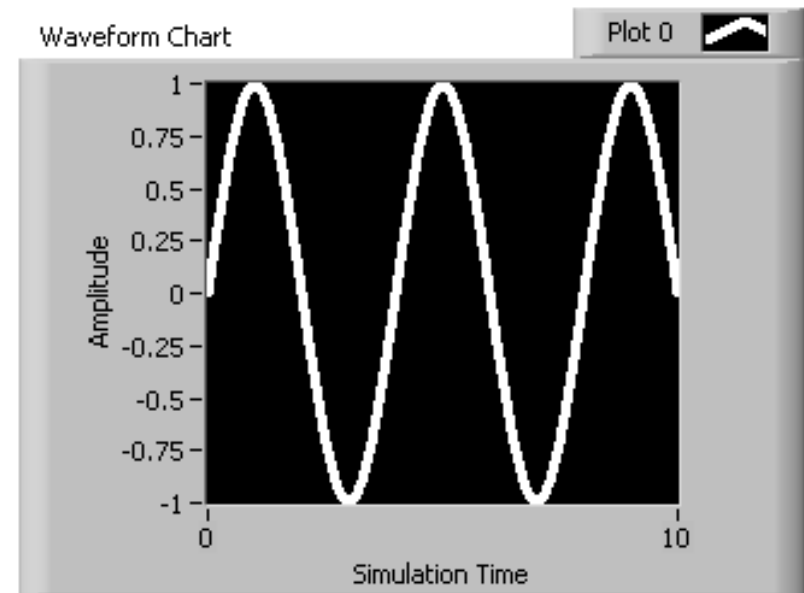
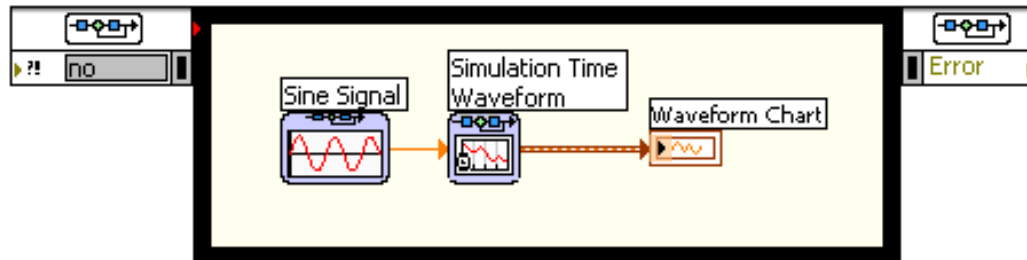
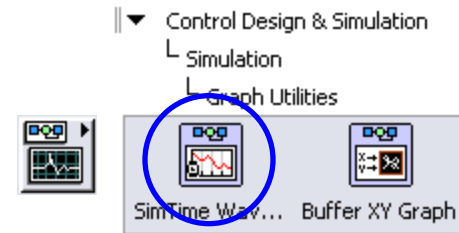
Simulations can utilize a wide variety of signal sources:

- Simulated Signals
 - Step Input
 - Impulse
 - Front Panel User Input
- Real World signals
 - Data Acquisition Hardware



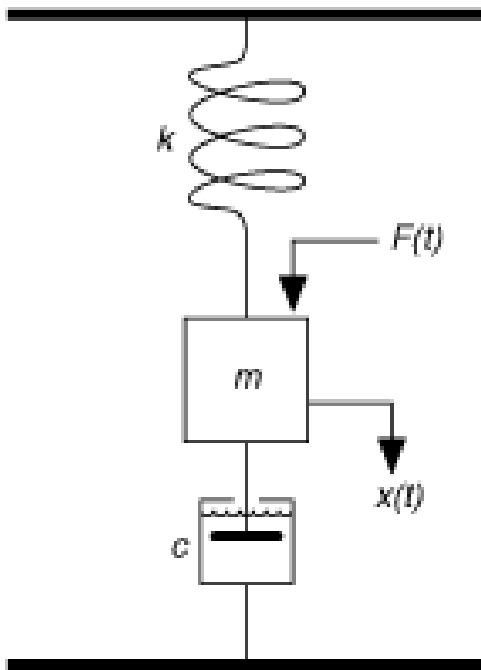
Capturing Simulation Output

- Use the **Graph Utilities** functions to plot one or more signals
- Plots are updated as the **Simulation Loop** executes



Exercise 6:

Compute and view the position $x(t)$ of the mass



- $F(t) - cx'(t) - kx(t) = mx''(t)$
- c is the damping constant of the spring
- k is the stiffness of the spring

- Construct a simulation diagram that iterates the following steps over a period of time.
- Divide a known force by a known mass to calculate the acceleration of the mass.
- Integrate acceleration to calculate the velocity of the mass.
- Integrate velocity to calculate the position of the mass.
- Iterate over different stiffness values to see effect

Where Can I Learn More?

We have only begun to explore the many opportunities for control and simulation within LabVIEW. Learn more by visiting the following links:

System Identification Toolkit:

<http://sine.ni.com/nips/cds/view/p/lang/en/nid/13853>

Control Design Toolkit:

<http://sine.ni.com/nips/cds/view/p/lang/en/nid/13854>

Simulation Module:

<http://sine.ni.com/nips/cds/view/p/lang/en/nid/13852>

LabVIEW Real-Time Module:

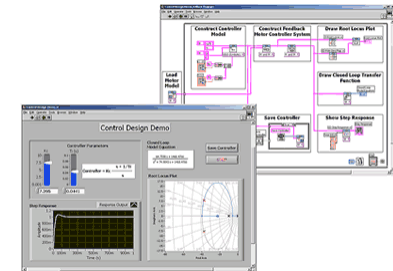
<http://www.ni.com/realtime>

Data Acquisition and Control Hardware:

<http://www.ni.com/dataacquisition>

CompactRIO Real-Time Platform:

<http://www.ni.com/compactrio>



Educational Control Partners

Quanser – www.quanser.com



- LabVIEW based curriculum and solutions
- Linear, rotary, mechatronic and specialty control experiments
- Uniquely modular, allowing multiple configurations for a wide range of experiments



**Quanser QNET – 010
DC Motor Control**



**Quanser QNET – 011
Rotary Inverted Pendulum**



**Modular
Linear Pendulum**



**3 Degree of
Freedom
Helicopter**

Educational Control Partners

Educational Control Products (ECP) – www.ecpsystems.com

- LabVIEW control templates
- Intuitive systems provide unparalleled flexibility and dynamic fidelity
- In use at over 400 universities and industrial sites world-wide
- Proven to accelerate student learning while saving instructor time



**ECP Model 220
Industrial Plant**



**ECP Model 730
Magnetic Levitation**



**ECP Model 750
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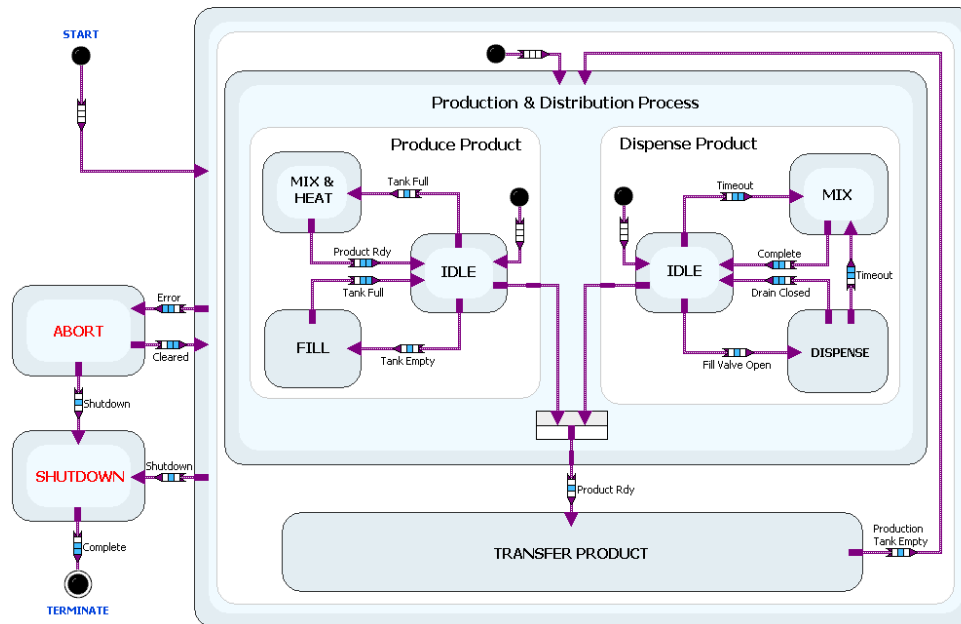
**ECP Model 205
Torsional Plant**

Additional Resources

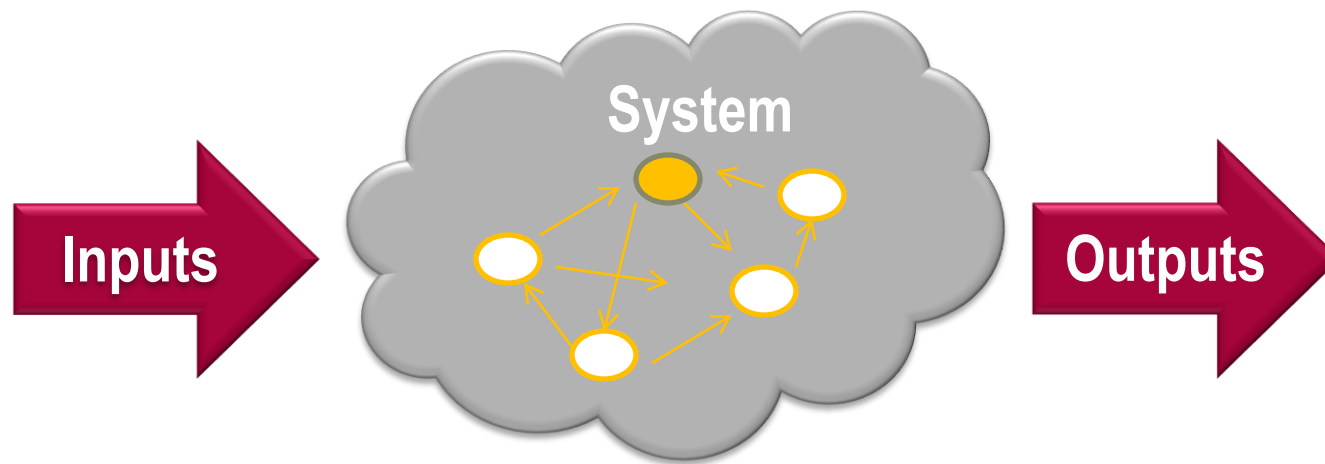
- NI Academic Controls Web
 - <http://www.ni.com/academic/controls>
- LabVIEW Student Edition DVD with Control Design and Simulation
 - <http://www.academicsuperstore.com/> search: LabVIEW
 - Part Number: 752412
- Connexions: Full LabVIEW Introductory Course
 - www.cnx.rice.edu
 - Or search for “[LabVIEW basics](#)”
- LabVIEW Certification
 - LabVIEW Fundamentals Exam (free on www.ni.com/academic)
 - Certified LabVIEW Associate Developer Exam (industry recognized certification)



Developing Applications with the NI LabVIEW Statechart Module



What are Statecharts?

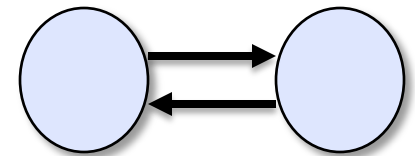


Statecharts are visual representations of reactive (event-based) systems.

Differences between Statecharts and FSMs

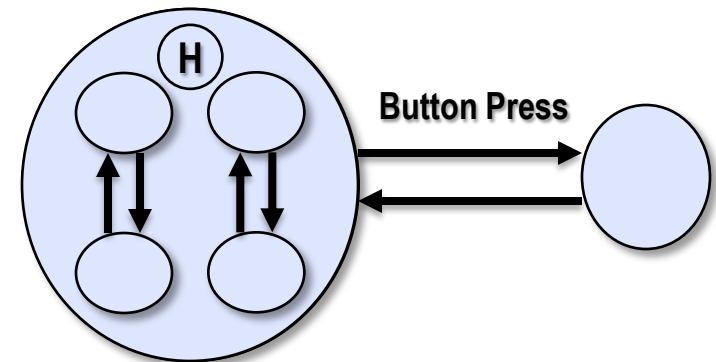
Both contain the same basic concepts:

- States
- Transitions



Statechart adds additional concepts:

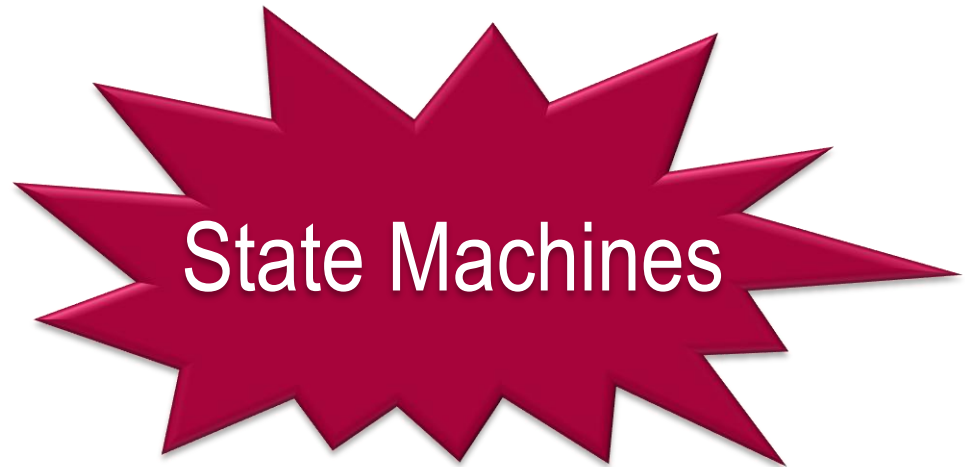
- Hierarchy
- Concurrency
- Event-based paradigm
- Pseudostates & Connectors



Based on the UML statechart diagram specification

Reactive Systems

- Communication systems
- Digital protocols
- Control applications
 - Sequential logic
 - Batch processing
 - Event response
 - Non-linear control
- User-interface implementation
- System modeling for virtual prototyping (simulation)



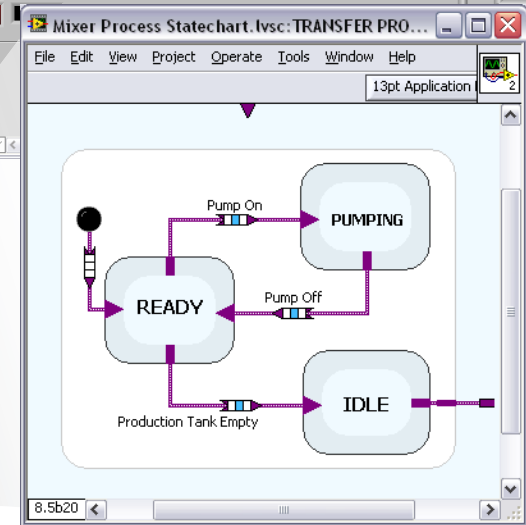
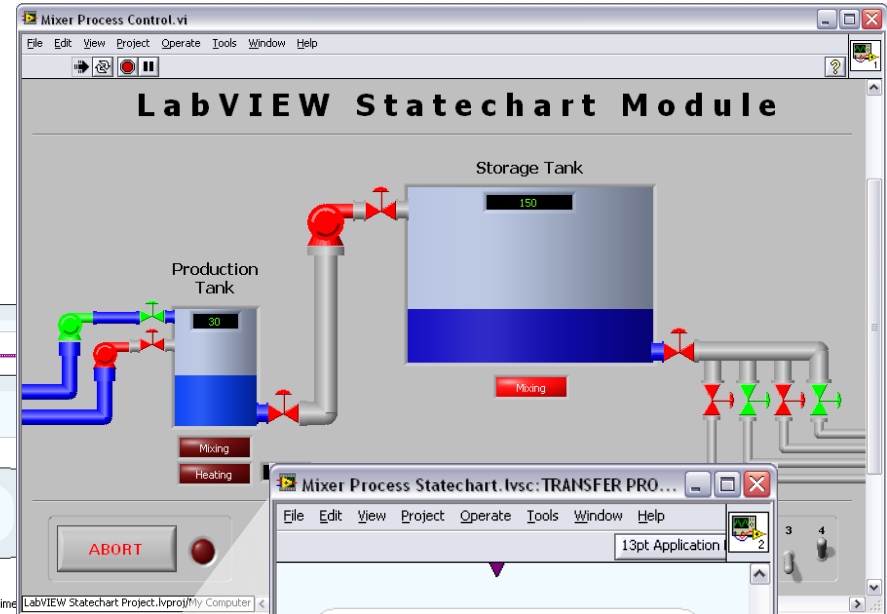
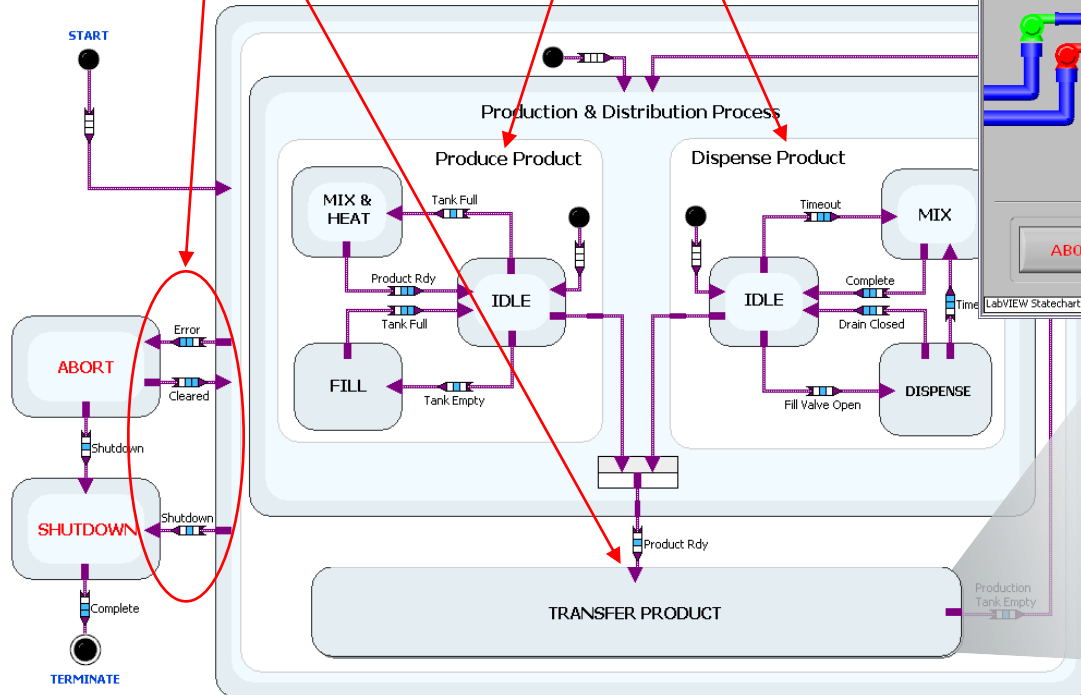
Statechart Benefits

- Abstraction
 - Simple semantics to represent complex systems
 - System-level view
 - Self-documenting

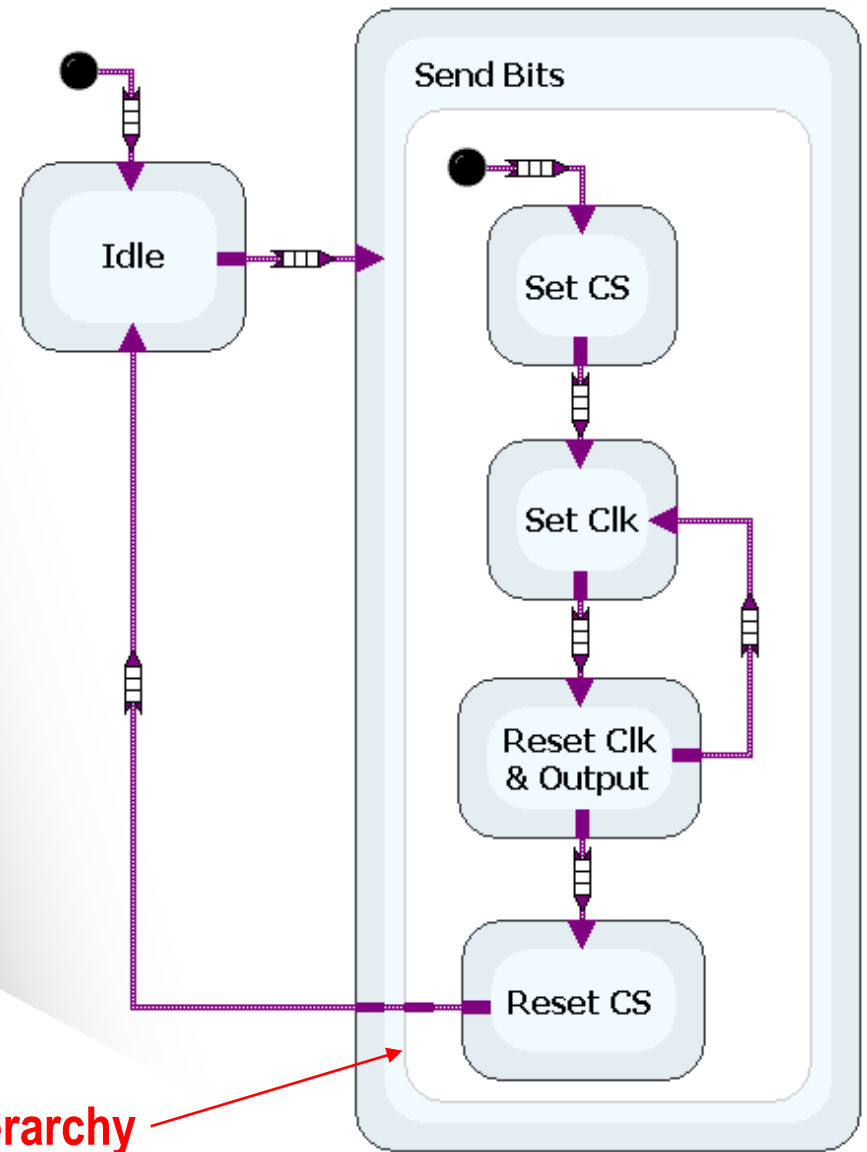
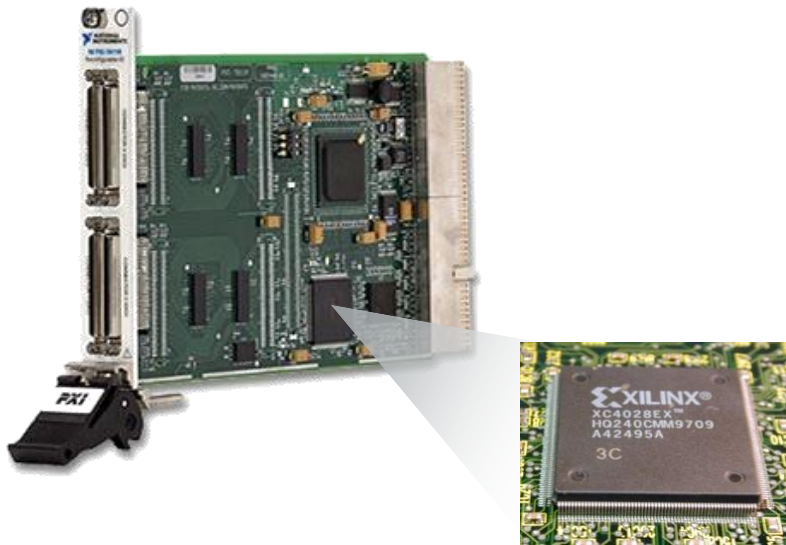
Machine & Process Control

hierarchy

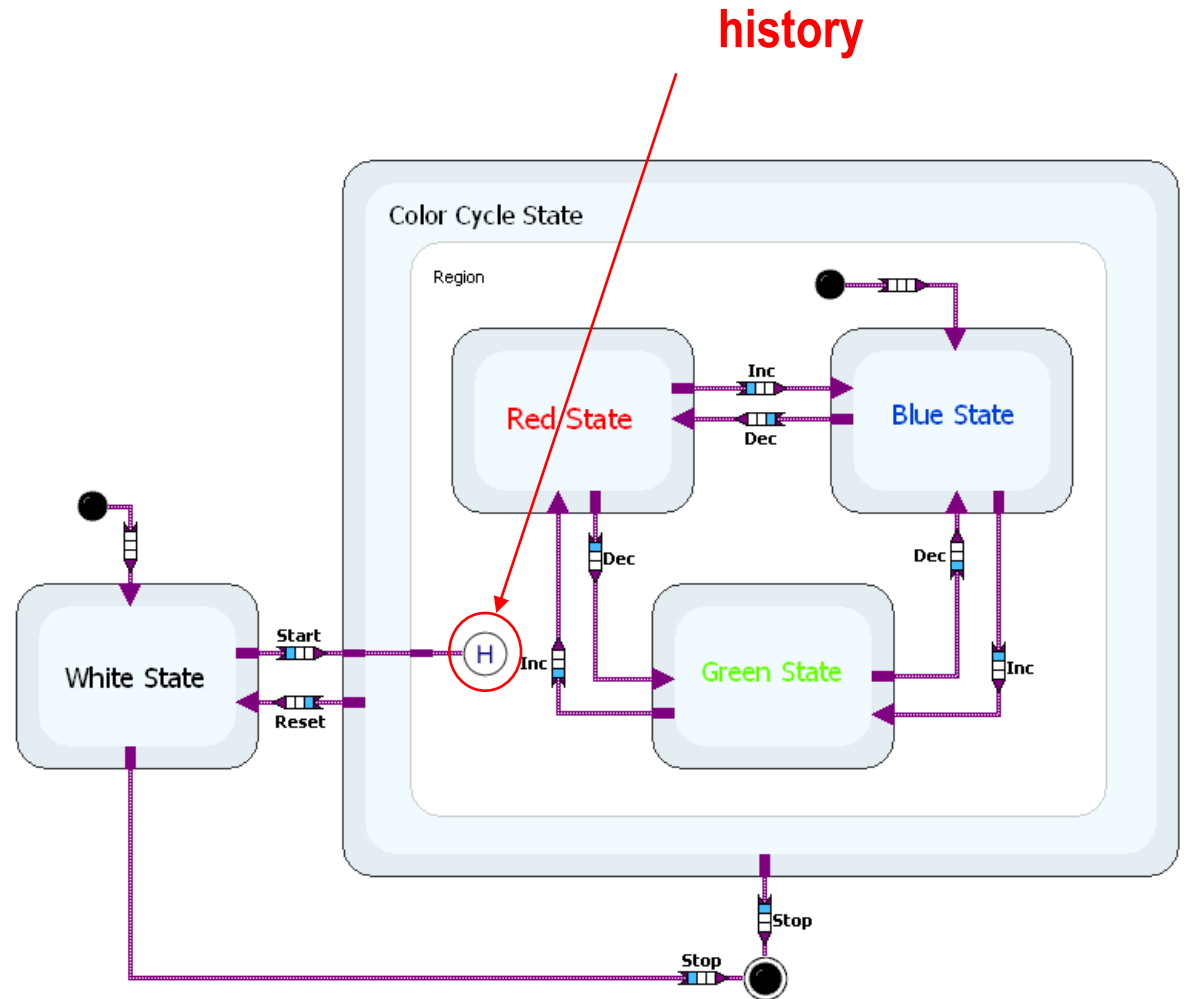
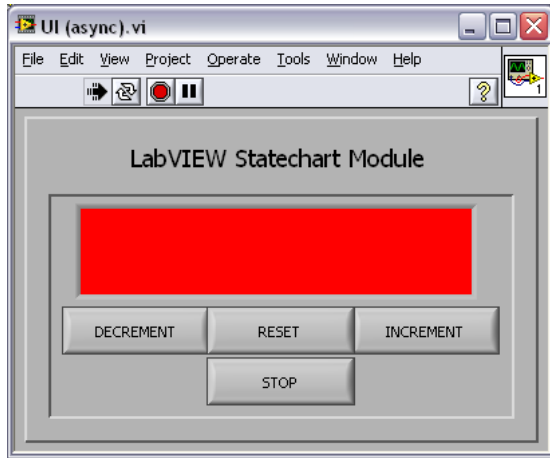
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FPGA Logic



User Interfaces

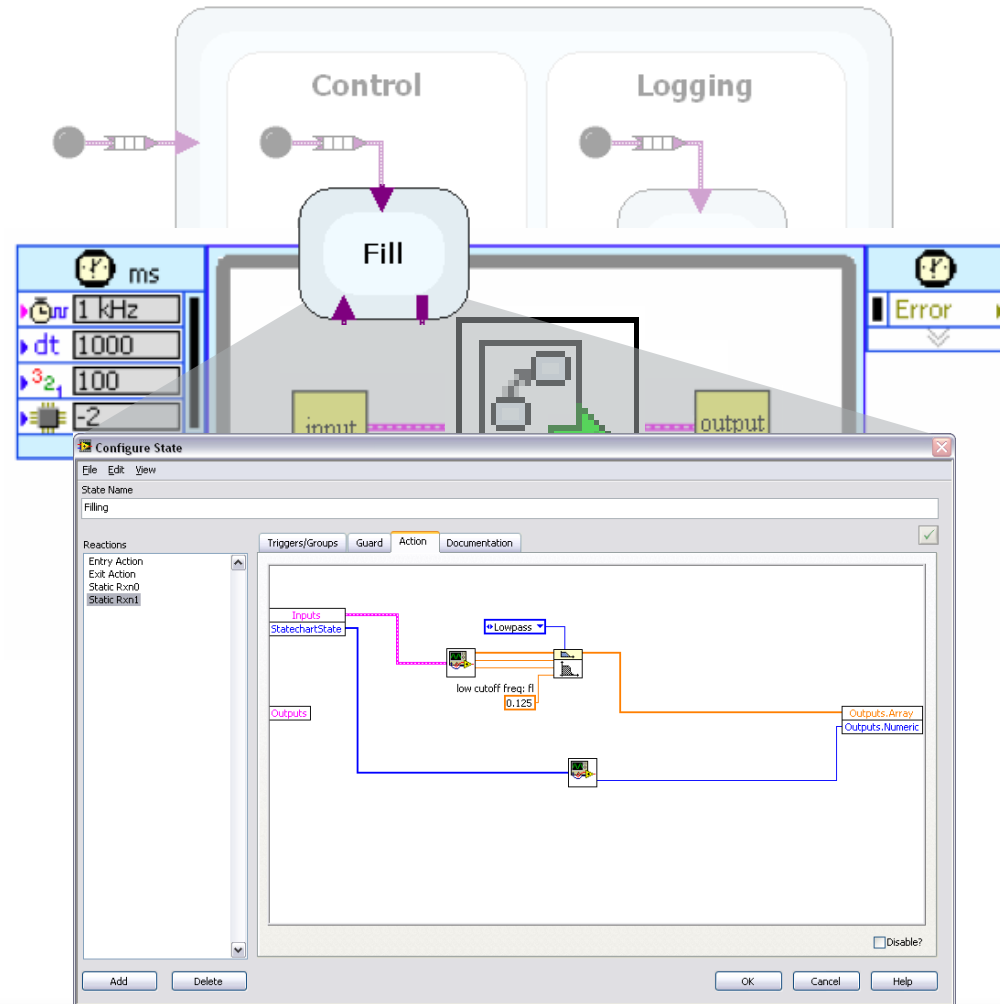


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- Abstraction
 - Simple semantics to represent complex systems
 - System-level view
 - Self-documenting
- Scalability
 - Easily extend applications
 - Open software platform
- Automatic Code Generation
 - LabVIEW Embedded Technology

LabVIEW Statechart Development

1. Build statechart
2. Define transitions and states
3. Generate statechart subVI
4. Place in LabVIEW block diagram



Example – Ceiling Fan

- Triggers
 - Power switch
 - Fan toggle
 - Light toggle
- Outputs
 - Light
 - Fan speed

Power		No Power	
Fan	Light	Fan	Light
High	on	off	
medium			
low	off		
off			



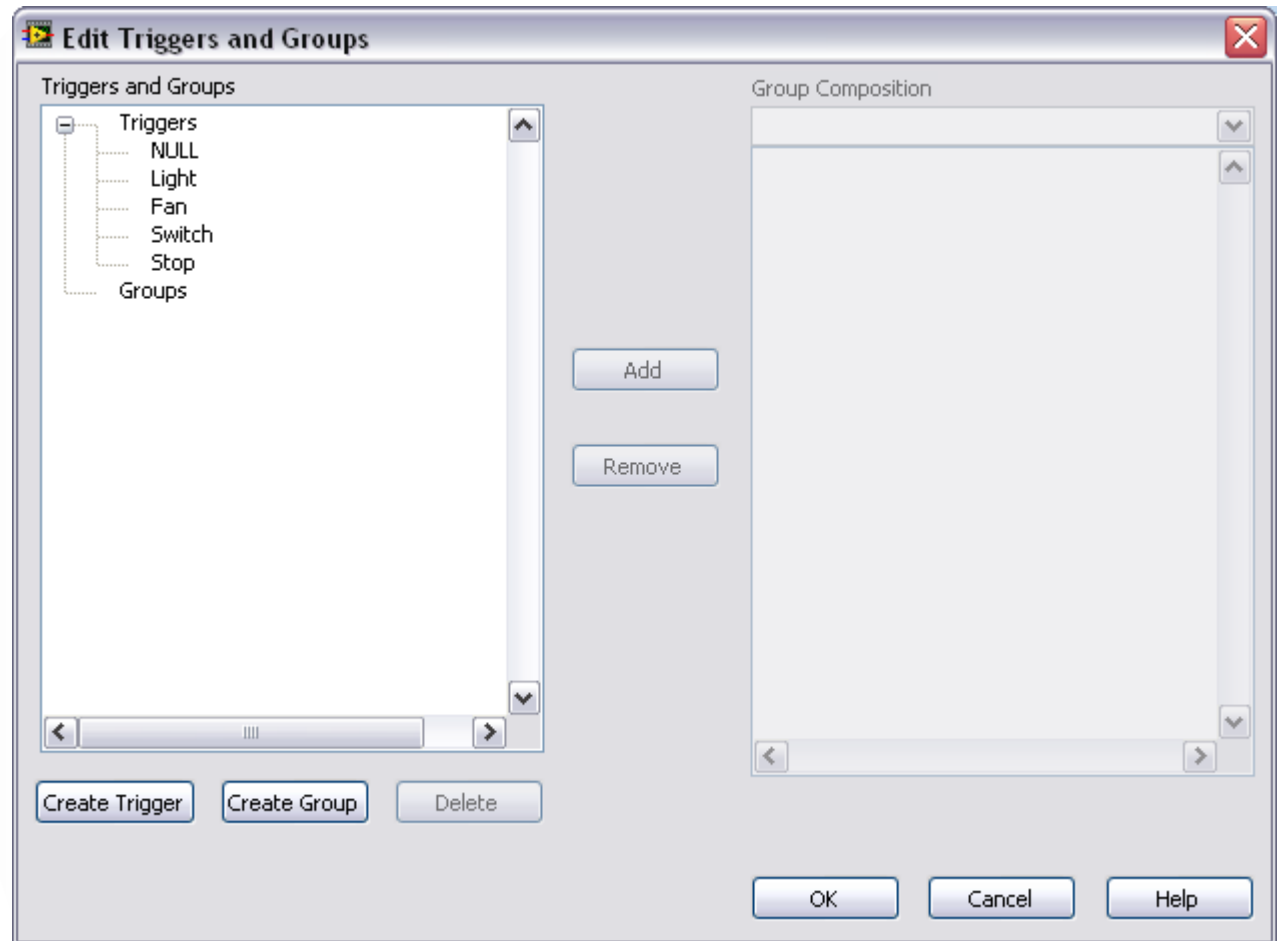
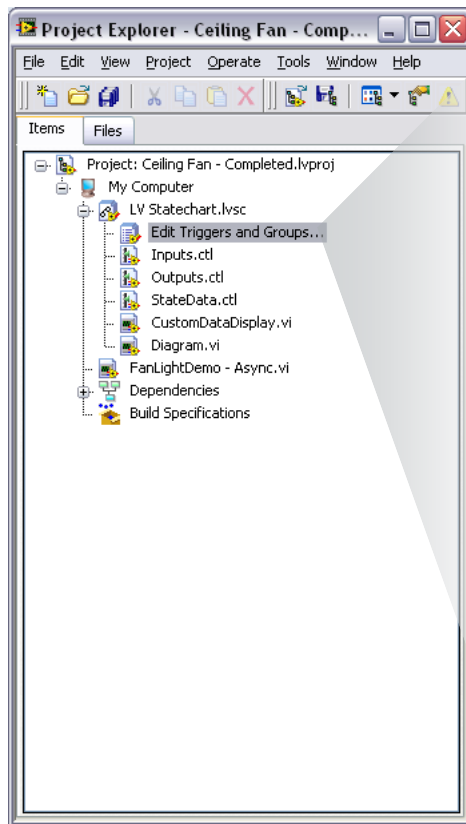
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- Internal Data
 - Fan Speed

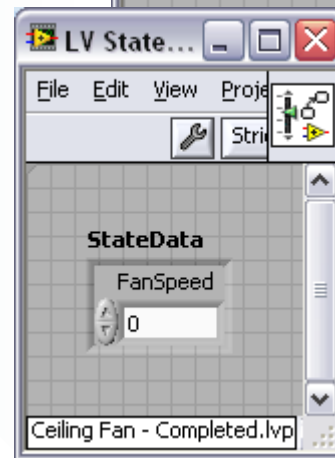
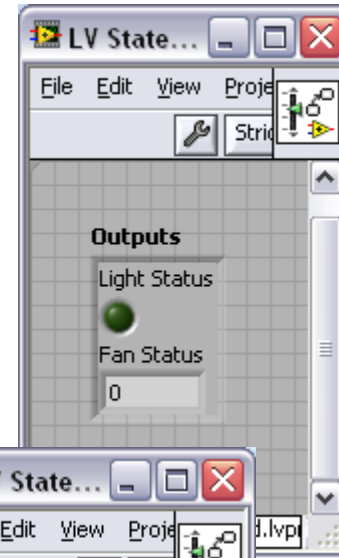
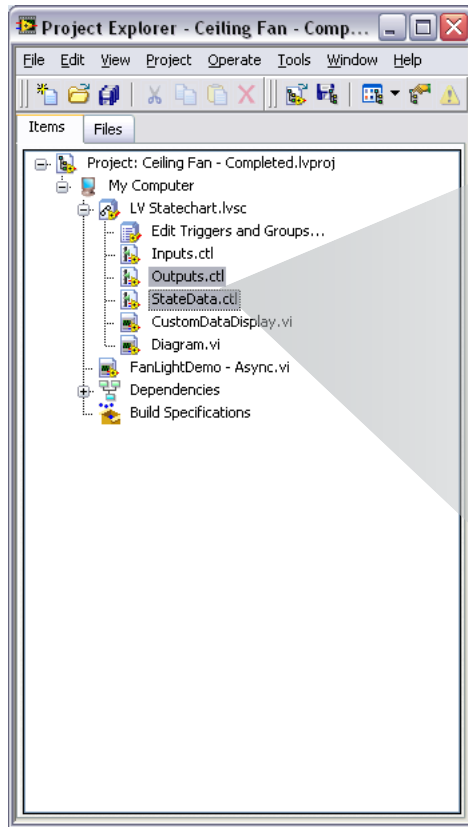
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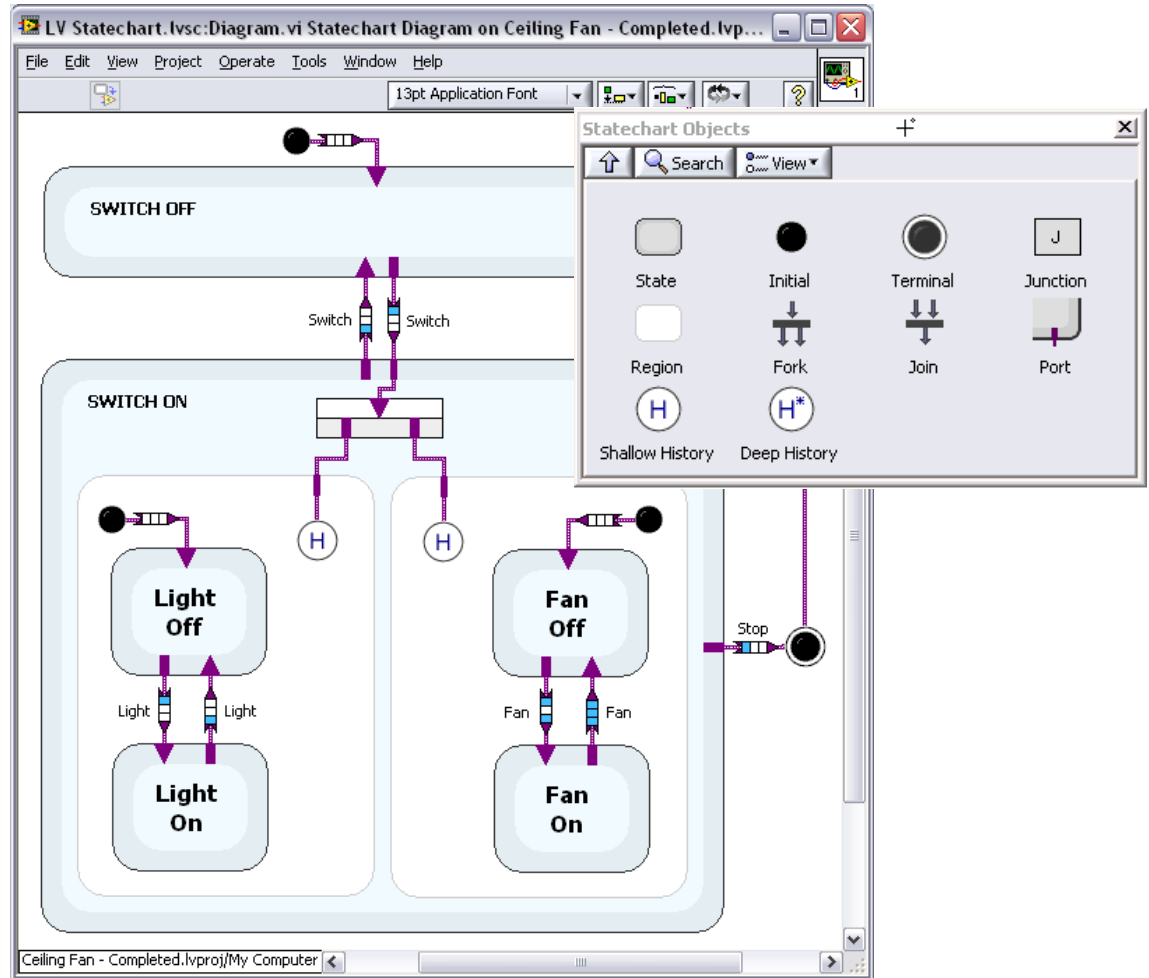
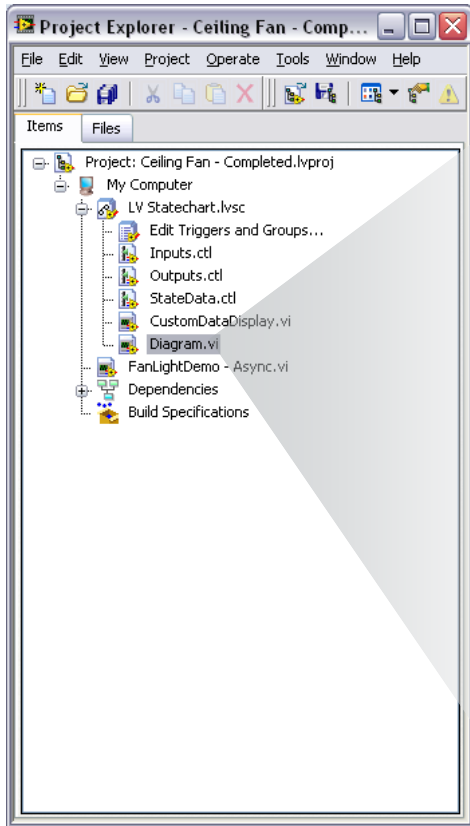
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2. Define Transitions and States

- Each Transition contains three components
 - **Trigger** – events that cause a transition
 - **Guard** – logic that can prevent a transition
 - **Action** – what happens when you transition



***If the doorbell rings
and an adult is home,
answer the door.***

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Curr State - DOOR CLOSED
Trigger    - doorbell ring
Guard      - adult home?
Action     - open door
New State  - DOOR OPEN
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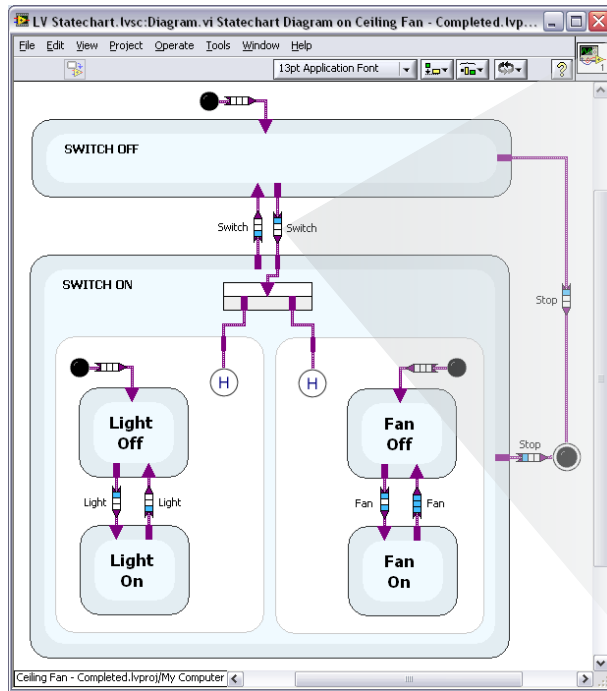
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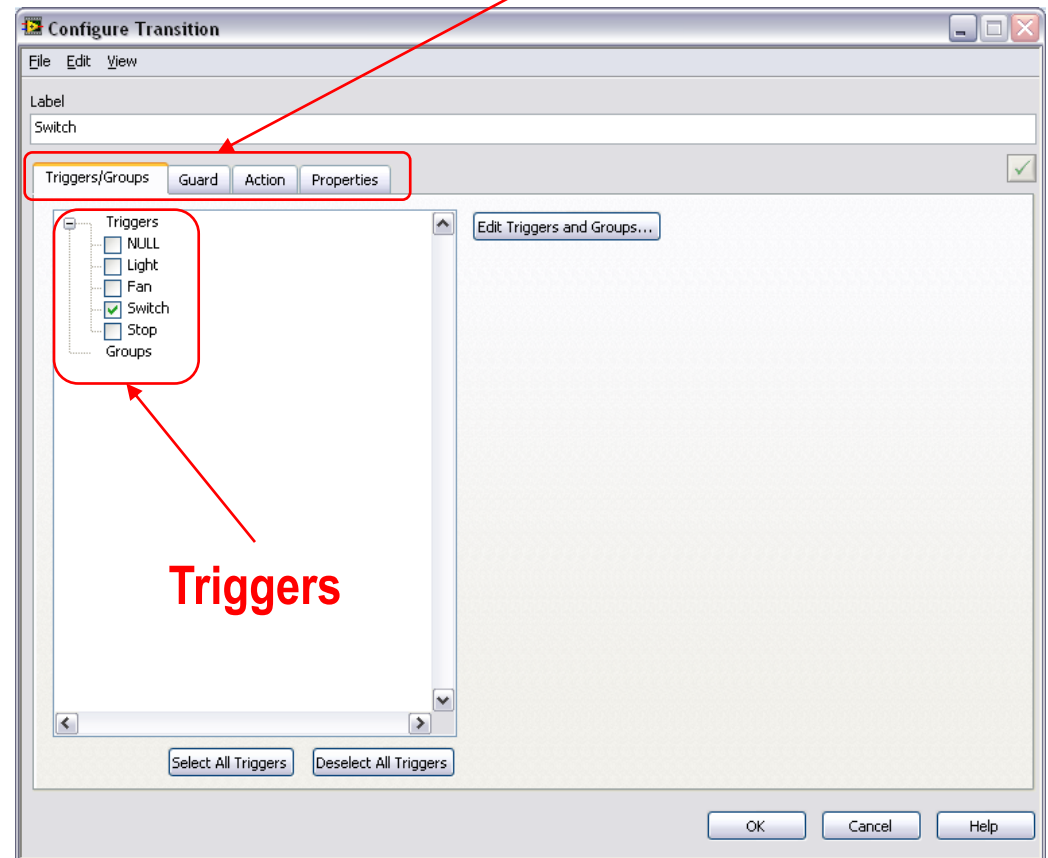
- Each state contains three types of actions
 - **Entry** – what happens when you get there
 - **Exit** – what happens when you leave
 - **Static** – what happens while you are there



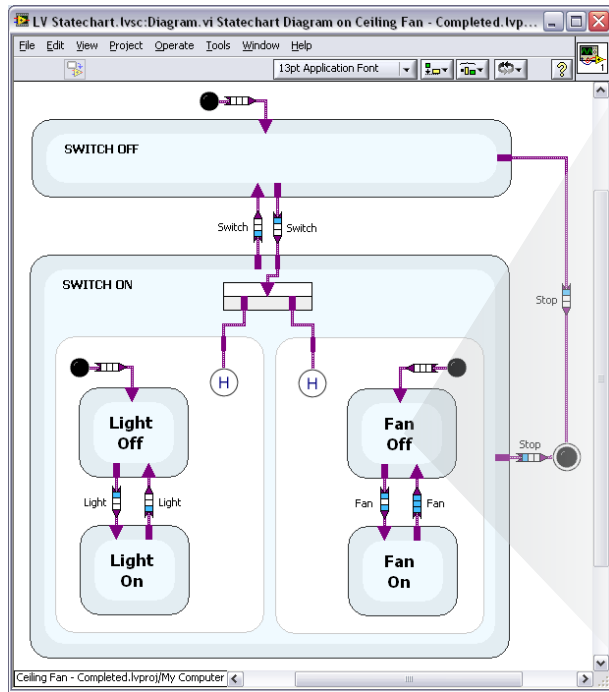
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Trigger-Guard-Action

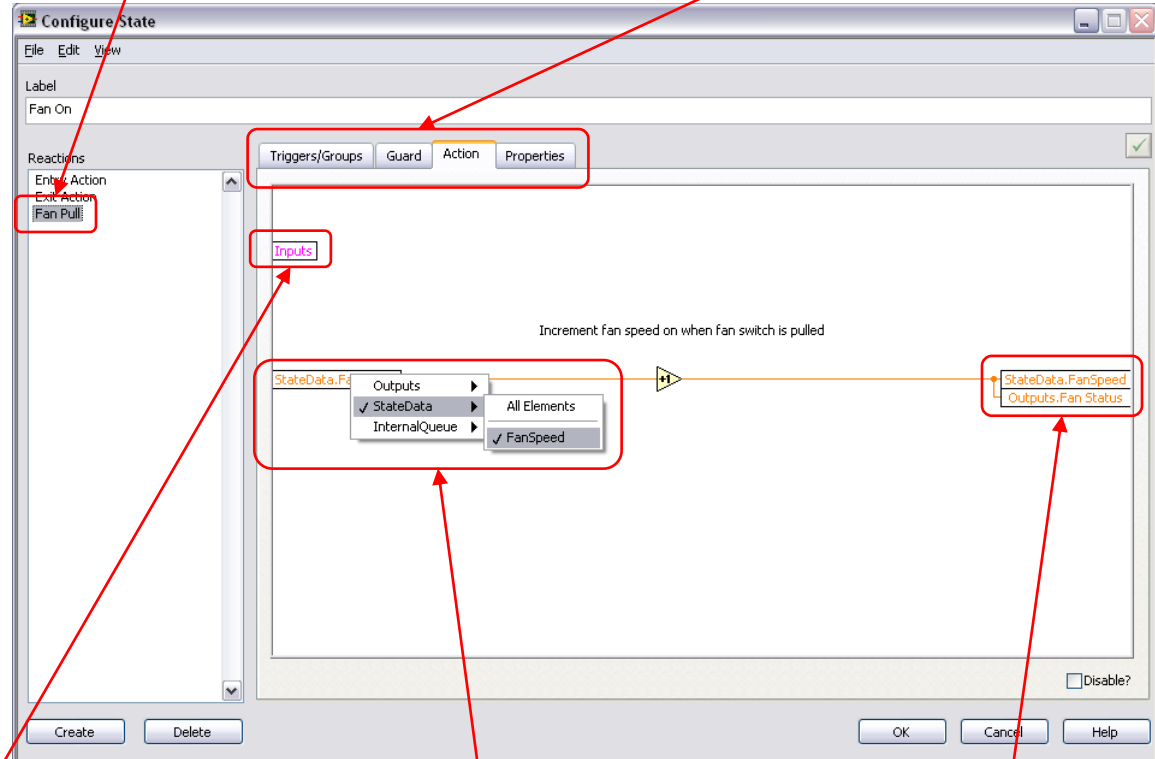


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Static Reaction

Trigger-Guard-Action

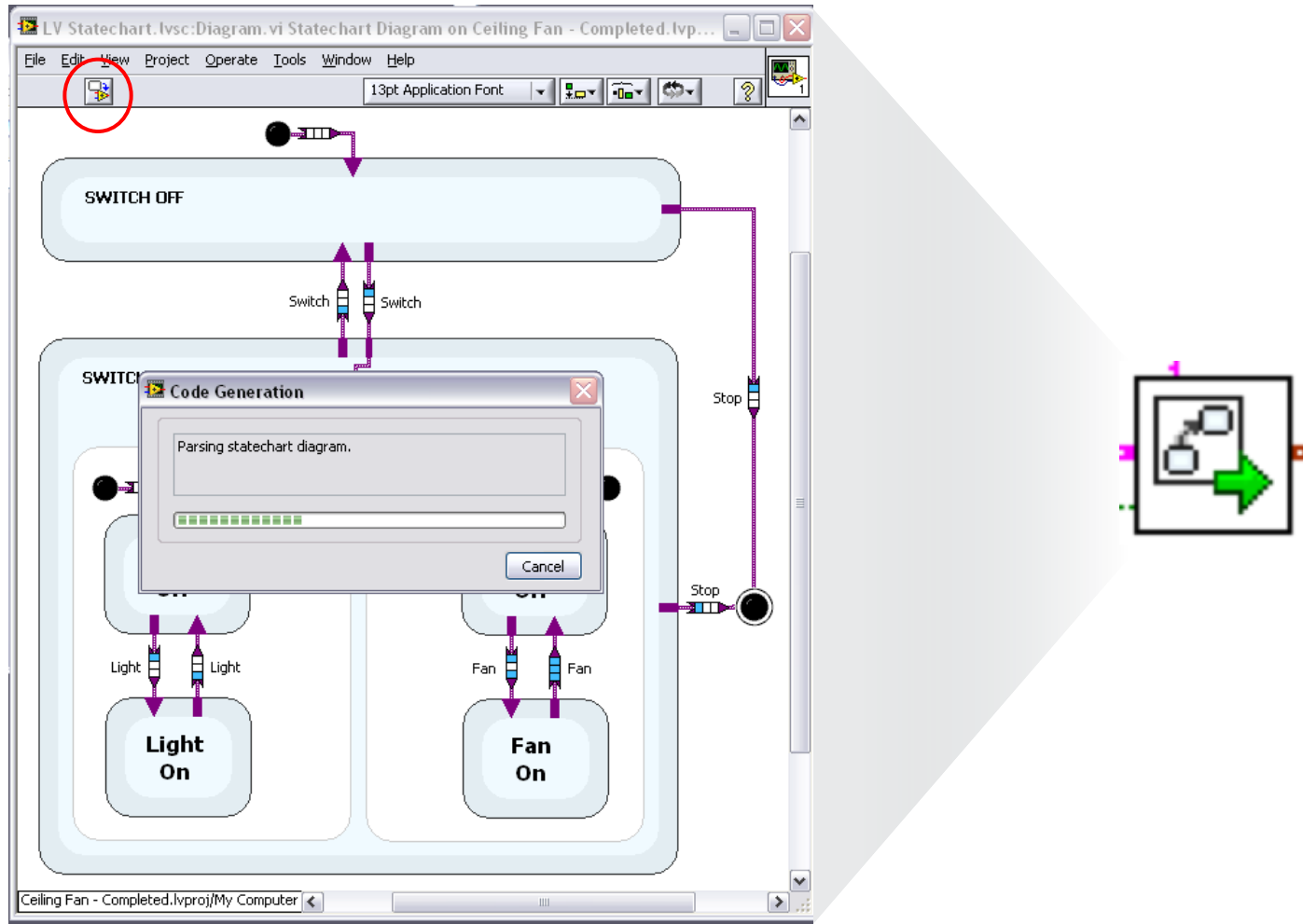


Inputs

State Data

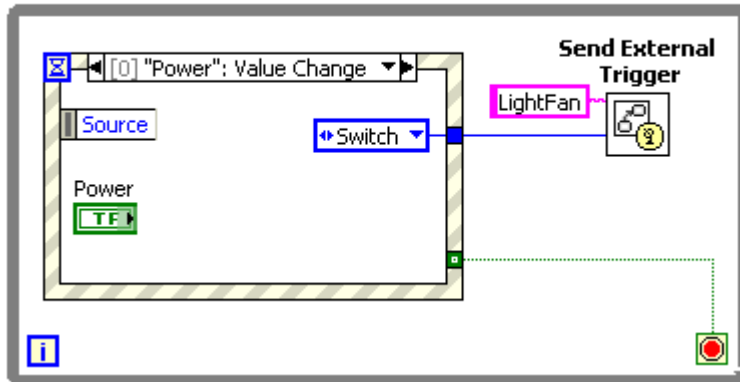
Outputs

3. Build Statechart SubVI

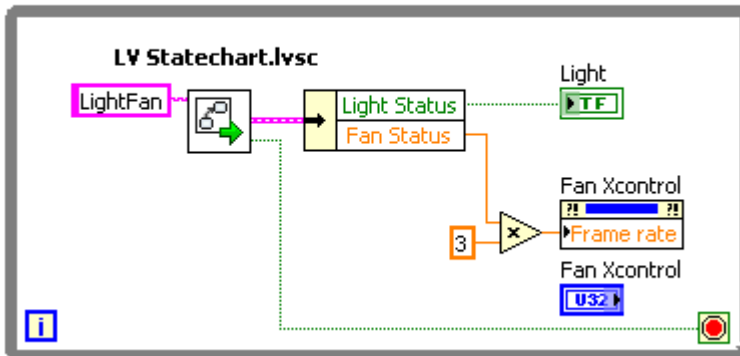


4. Place in LabVIEW Block Diagram

EVENT LOOP



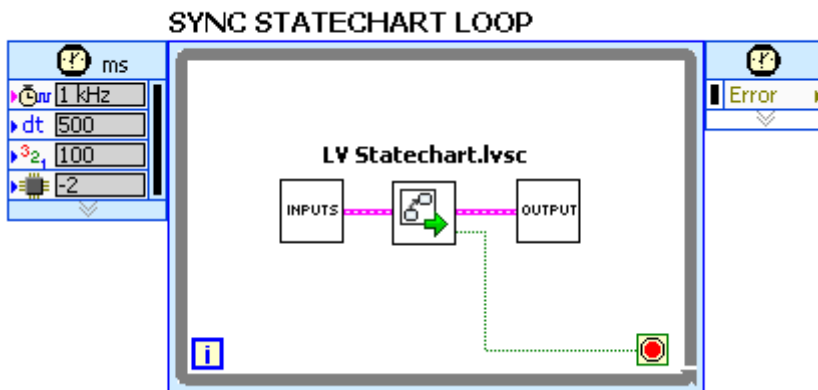
ASYNC STATECHART LOOP



Asynchronous Usage

- User interface
- Interruption handling
- Modeling event driven systems

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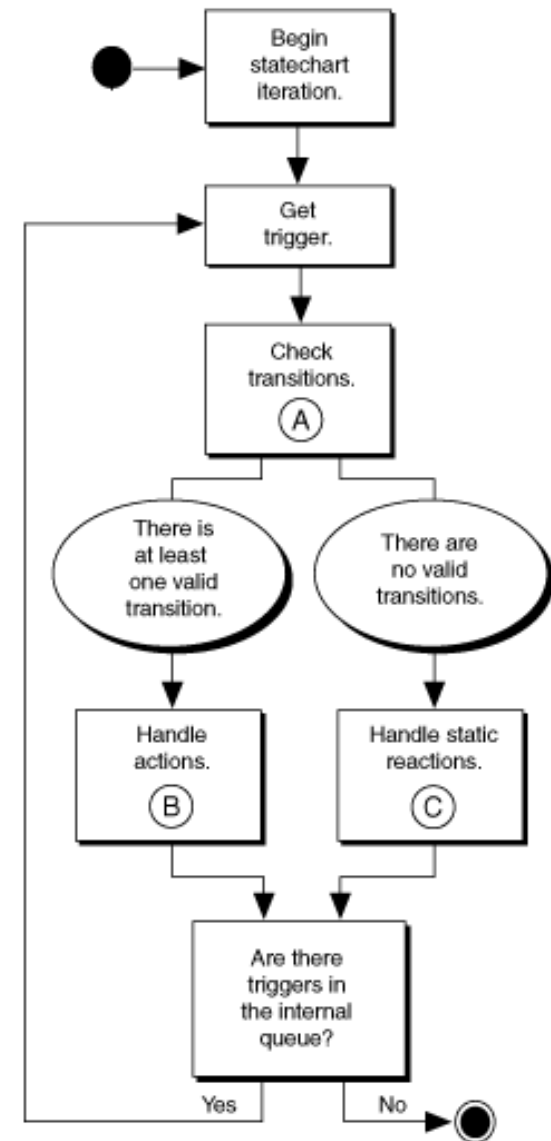


Synchronous Usage

- Embedded applications
- Communication protocols
- Control implementations

Statechart Execution

- Evaluate the trigger/guard logic for the transitions leaving the current state(s)
- On first valid transition:
 - Execute the exit action(s) for the current state(s)
 - Execute the transition action
 - Execute the entry action(s) for all state(s) being transitioned to
- If no transitions are valid:
 - Evaluate the trigger/guard logic for all static reactions configured for the current state
 - Execute the action code for all valid reactions



DEMO

What to do next?

- Visit ni.com/statechart
 - Demo videos
 - Statecharts 101 whitepaper
 - Statecharts with LabVIEW FPGA whitepaper
 - Try the LabVIEW Statechart Module online
- Demonstration from local Field Engineer

Section VI – Targets and Deployment

A. LabVIEW Real-time

B. LabVIEW FPGA

C. LabVIEW Microprocessor SDK