



# NI Instrument Studio PRO

## Plug-in Development with LabVIEW

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## BROAD MODULAR INSTRUMENTATION PORTFOLIO

### DAQ and Control

Multifunction I/O

Counter/Timer/Clock

Digital I/O, SPI, I2C

Vision, Sound & Vibration

Analog IO with signal conditioning

FPGA/Reconfigurable I/O

### Instrumentation

Oscilloscopes

High-Speed Digital I/O

DMM, SMU, LCR Meter

Signal Generators (AWG)

PPS and E-load up to 300W

Switching

RF Analyzers and Generators

### Interfaces

GPIO, USB, Ethernet, RDMA

RS232/RS485/RS422

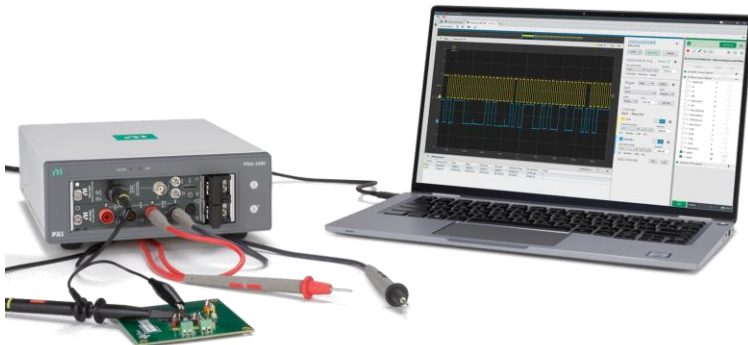
CAN, LIN, FlexRay

Automotive Ethernet

LVDS, GMSL, FPD-Link

EtherCat, OPC, Profinet

CANopen, DeviceNet





# InstrumentStudio

Free Companion Software for PXI Instruments

Software that provides an integrated approach to interactive PXI measurement with the ability to monitor and debug test systems, and more.

## Visualize and Control Measurements with PXI Modular Instrument

Interface interactively with your PXI instruments with a customizable software front panel.

## Export Project Configurations

Save screenshots measurements, and raw data as TDMS or CSV files.

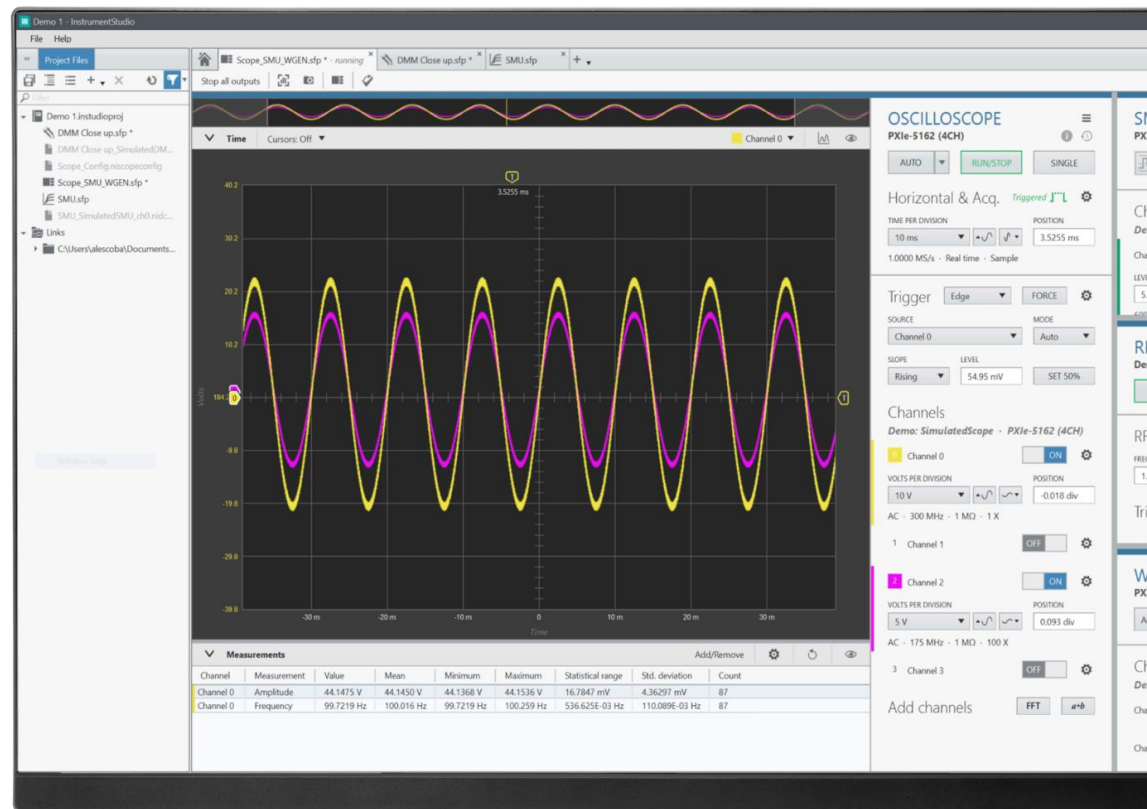
Save and export instrument settings.

## Monitor and Debug Applications

Monitor measurements in LabVIEW, Python, TestStand, and others for run time debugging.

## Share Projects with Colleagues and Systems

Store your layout and instrument configuration as a project for instant repeatability.



## Instrumentation

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Multiple screens available in 1 project

Small panels

Project tree

The screenshot displays the Instrument Studio interface with several panels:

- Project Tree:** Located on the left, showing a hierarchy of project files including 'Demo 1.instudioproj', 'DMM Close up.sfp', 'Scope\_SMU\_WGEN.sfp', and 'SMU Close up.sfp'.
- Oscilloscope (PXIe-5162 (4CH)):** The central large panel showing a waveform with two channels (yellow and magenta). It includes controls for 'Horizontal & Acq.' (Time per Division: 5 ms, Position: 8.0331 ms), 'Trigger' (Edge, Rising, Level: 54.95 mV), and 'Channels' (Channel 0: 10 V, Channel 1: OFF, Channel 2: ON).
- SMU/POWER SUPPLY (PXIe-4141):** A panel on the right showing 'Channels' with 'Channel 0' set to 'Voltage', 'Level: 5.00000 V', 'Limit: 100.000 mA', and 'Output: ON'.
- RF SIGNAL GENERATOR (PXIe-5841):** A panel on the right showing 'RF' settings (Frequency: 1.00000000 GHz, Level: -174.00 dBm) and 'Trigger' set to 'None'.
- WAVEFORM GENERATOR (PXIe-5423 (2CH)):** A panel on the right showing 'Channels' with 'Channel 0' and 'Channel 1' both set to 'Idle'.
- Measurements Table:** Located at the bottom of the oscilloscope panel, providing statistical data for the captured waveforms.

Channel	Measurement	Value	Mean	Minimum	Maximum	Statistical range	Std. deviation	Count
Channel 0	Amplitude	44.1376 V	44.1414 V	44.1162 V	44.1544 V	38.1470 mV	6.86902 mV	957
Channel 0	Frequency	99.9617 Hz	100.000 Hz	99.7031 Hz	100.318 Hz	614.614E-03 Hz	98.1895E-03 Hz	957

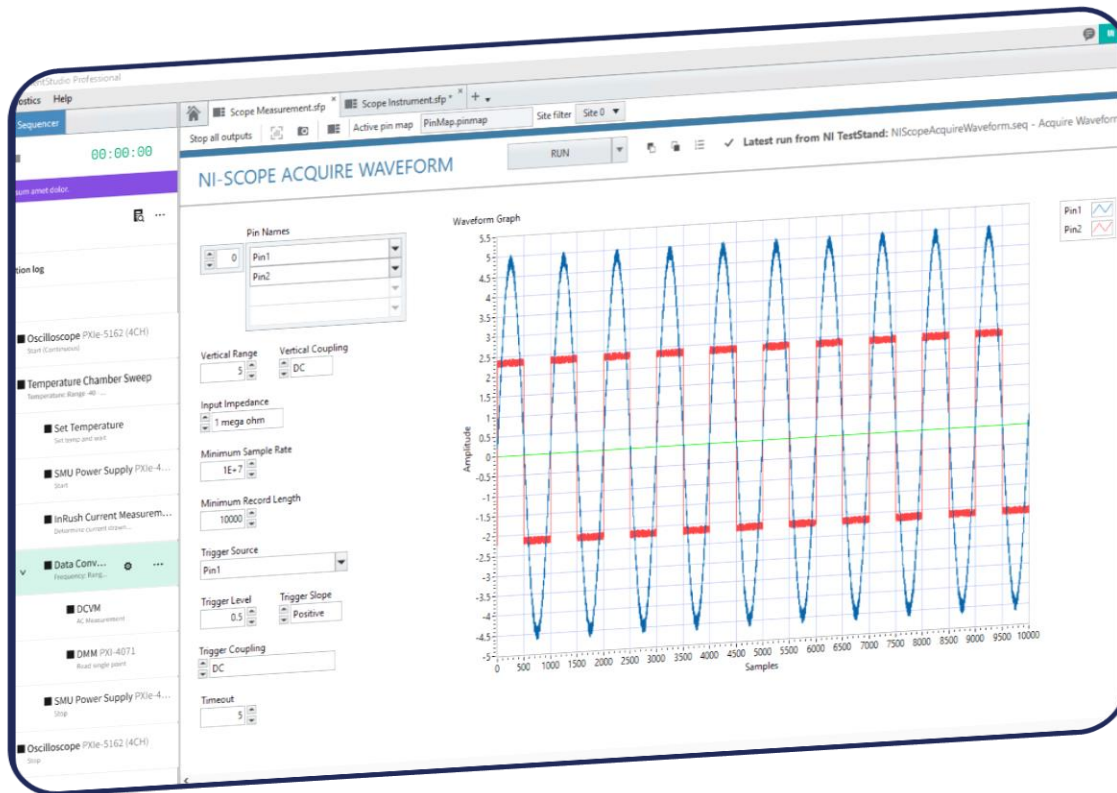
Large panel (Scope)



# Instrument Studio™ Professional

Released  
in July!

Extensible Automated Validation

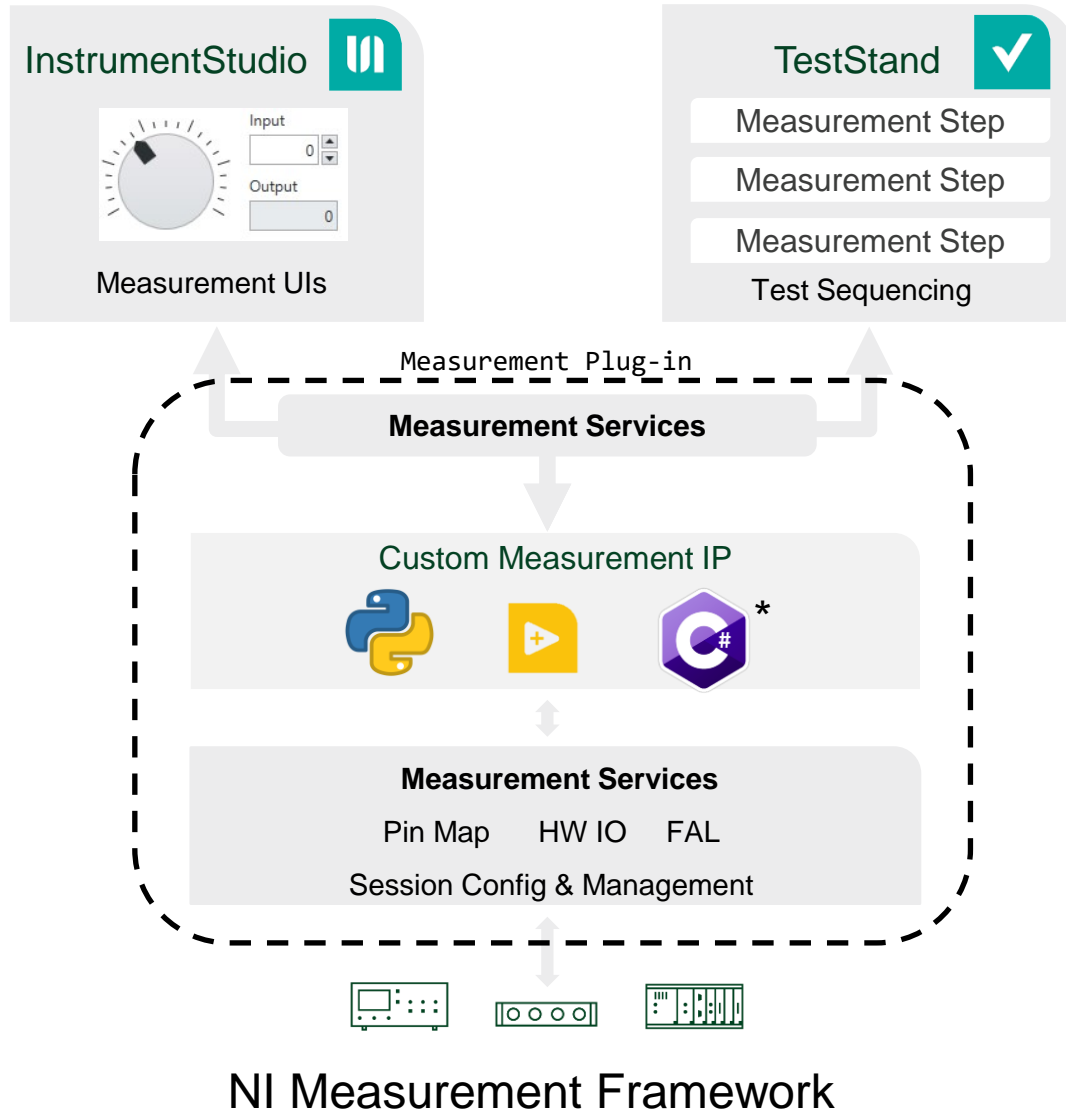


Run Custom Measurements

Automate Measurements

Control Any Instrument

# InstrumentStudio Pro: Develop your own Plug-in's



- **Leverage Measurement Framework** provided by NI
- **Focus on the Measurement IP**, not the integration
- Configure and control measurements with measurement UI after initial code is set up
- **Code measurement IP once and re-use** the same source throughout the workflow, **from bring up to automation**
- Minimize correlation issues and time spent reproducing measurement setups

Python repository: <https://github.com/ni/measurement-plugin-python>  
LabVIEW repository: <https://github.com/ni/measurement-plugin-labview>

*\*C# support on roadmap*

# Build Custom User Interfaces for your Plug-in's

Speed Up UI Development with Drag And Drop Tools

Drag and drop icons for Python, LabVIEW and other languages


Automatically detected variables from measurement IP

The screenshot displays the MeasurementLink UI Editor for a DC Step Response measurement. The main workspace is divided into several sections: 'Pin' (set to Vdd), 'Power' (with Voltage Setpoints and Current Limit controls), and 'Timing' (with Aperture Time and record\_length controls). A 'Step Response' plot shows Voltage (V) vs. Records, and a 'Current (A)' plot shows Current (A) vs. Records. A right-hand panel shows the 'Item' properties for 'Aperture Time', including 'Value', 'Display format', 'Visual style', and 'Layout' options.


Save UI with measurement IP for interactive debugging

Tools to customize text and colors


## Key Highlights




Develop and debug in language of choice




Design and take device-centric measurements




Manage hardware sessions across the tools



Build interactive measurement UIs

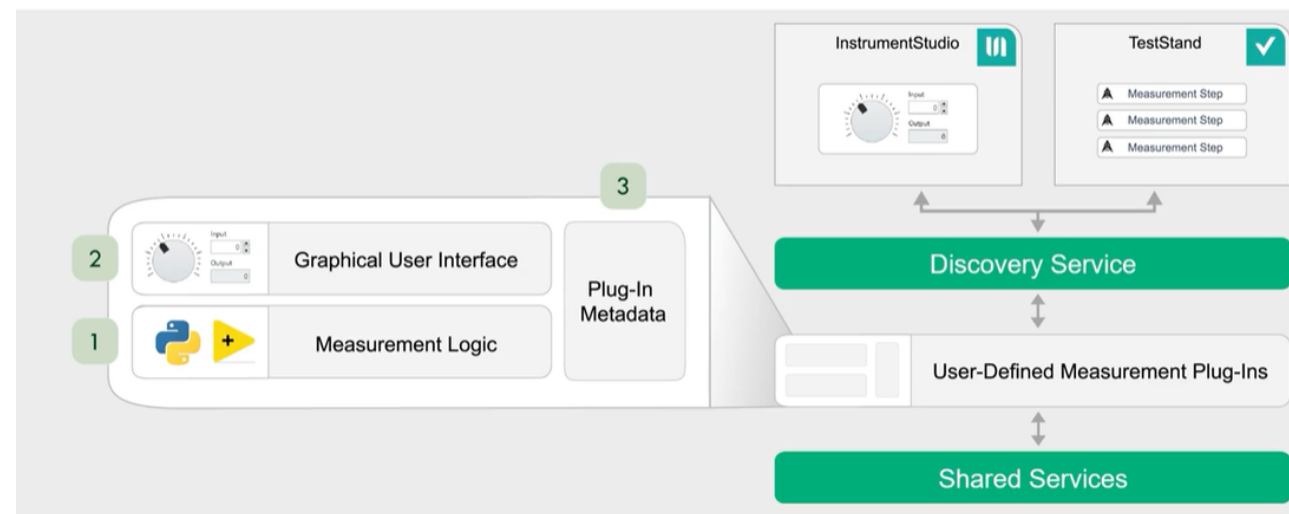


Support automated measurement using TestStand



Monitor automation intuitively and transfer configuration quickly

## Measurement Plug-In Architecture



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## Measurement Plug-Ins and Discovery Service

### Measurement Plug-Ins

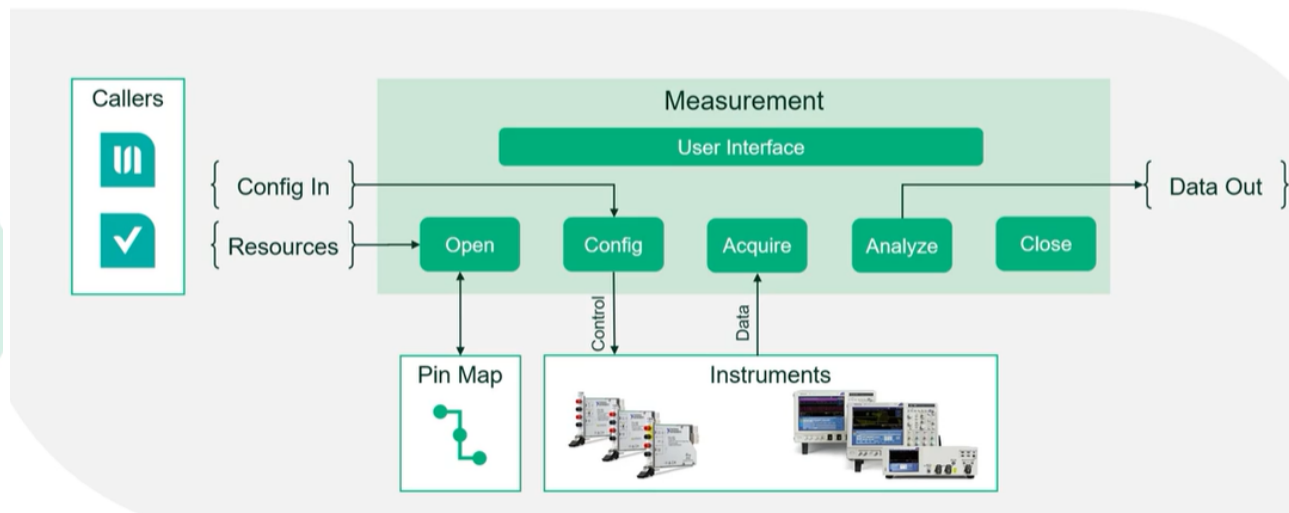
- Measurements that can be used interactively in InstrumentStudio and automatically within TestStand
- Allow controlling instruments across processes, languages, and/or computers

### Discovery Service

- Enumerates the available measurement plug-ins on your measurement system
- Allows you to register plug-ins you create so they become available for use



## Structure of a Measurement Plug-In





# Plug-in development with LabVIEW - Preparation

Overview of Measurement Plug-In Software

## Software Installation Process



Install the development environment(s) you will use to develop measurement plug-ins.

**Install TestStand**

Install **TestStand** to enable using measurement plug-ins in automated test applications

**Install InstrumentStudio**

Install **InstrumentStudio** to enable using measurement plug-ins interactively

**Python Installation**

Install the **Python** measurement plug-in development dependencies

**LabVIEW Installation**

Install the **LabVIEW** measurement plug-in development dependencies

## SDK package details:



<b>Version</b>	3.0.0.3
<b>Released</b>	Jul 16, 2024
<b>Publisher</b>	NI
<b>License</b>	MIT
<b>LabVIEW Version</b>	LabVIEW>=21.0
<b>Operating System</b>	Windows x64
<b>Dependencies</b>	<a href="#">ni_measurement_plugin_sdk_service</a> <a href="#">ni_measurement_plugin_sdk_examples</a>

## LabVIEW Measurement Development Dependencies

<https://www.vipm.io/search/?q=Measurement+Plug-In>

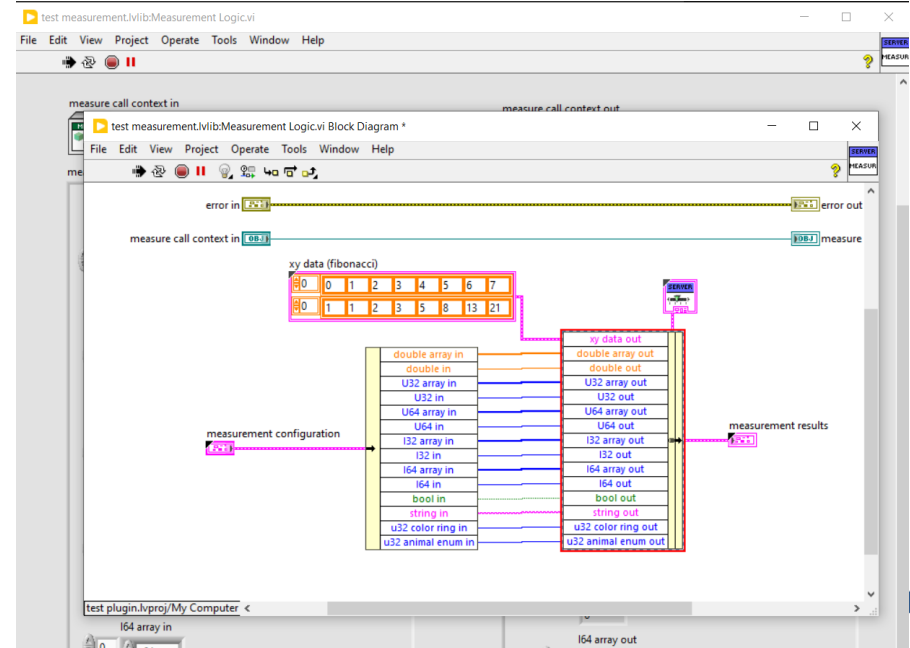
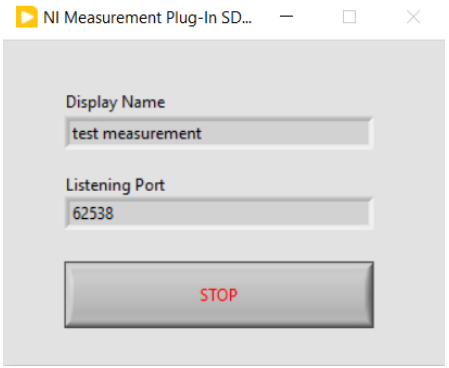
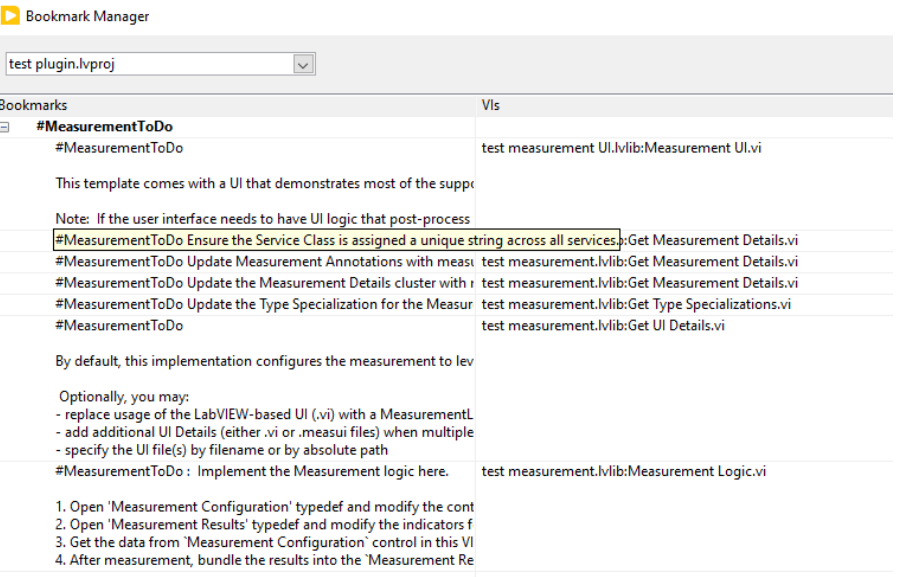
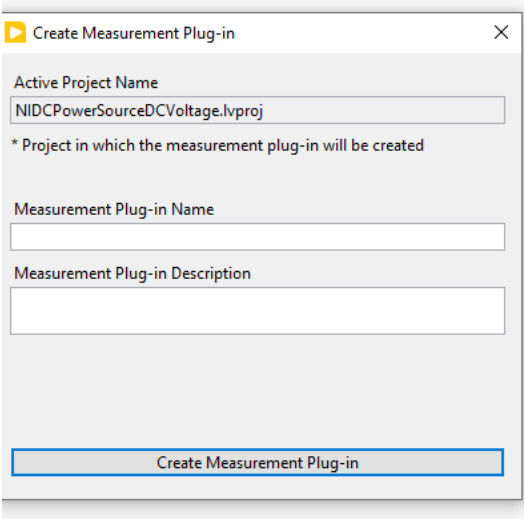
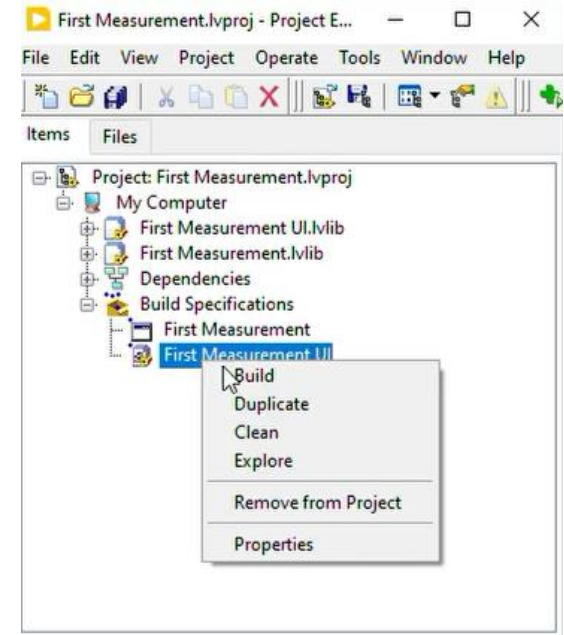
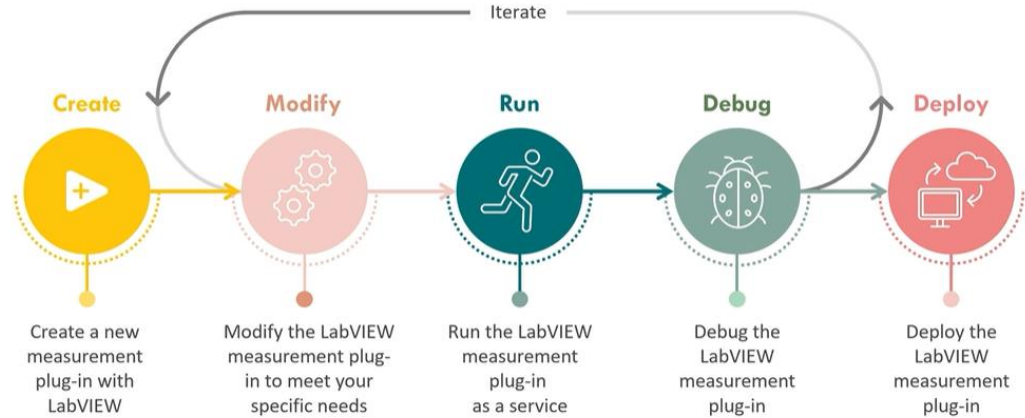
Package	Summary
<b>Measurement Plug-In SDK</b> by NI	Measurement Plug-In SDK helps you create reusable measurements for any supported device.
<b>Measurement Plug-In SDK Generator</b> by NI	Provides tooling for creating Measurement Plug-Ins from a template.
<b>Measurement Plug-In SDK Service</b> by NI	Provides runtime libraries needed to edit and run measurements.
<b>Measurement Plug-In SDK Examples</b> by NI	Contains examples of Measurement Plug-Ins

Supported LabVIEW version: 2021+

# Plug-in development with LabVIEW - Workflow

## Developing a Measurement Plug-In with LabVIEW

### General Workflow



# Plug-in development with LabVIEW - Project structure

Run Service.vi

The launcher of our plugin

Measurement Configuration.ctl

Input typedef of the measurement

Measurement Results.ctl

Outputs of the measurement

Measurement Logic.vi

Logic of the measurement

UI is not used in the clients!

Logic can be test isolated by running this VI directly

Measurement UI.vi

UI of the measurement

Separated from the logic, sits in different library

Control an indicator labels, data types MUST match elements of the 2 ctl-s

Get Type Specializations.vi

Needed for IO Resources, enums and paths that are considered as special types

Get Measurement Details.vi

Provides the information of about the measurement plugin

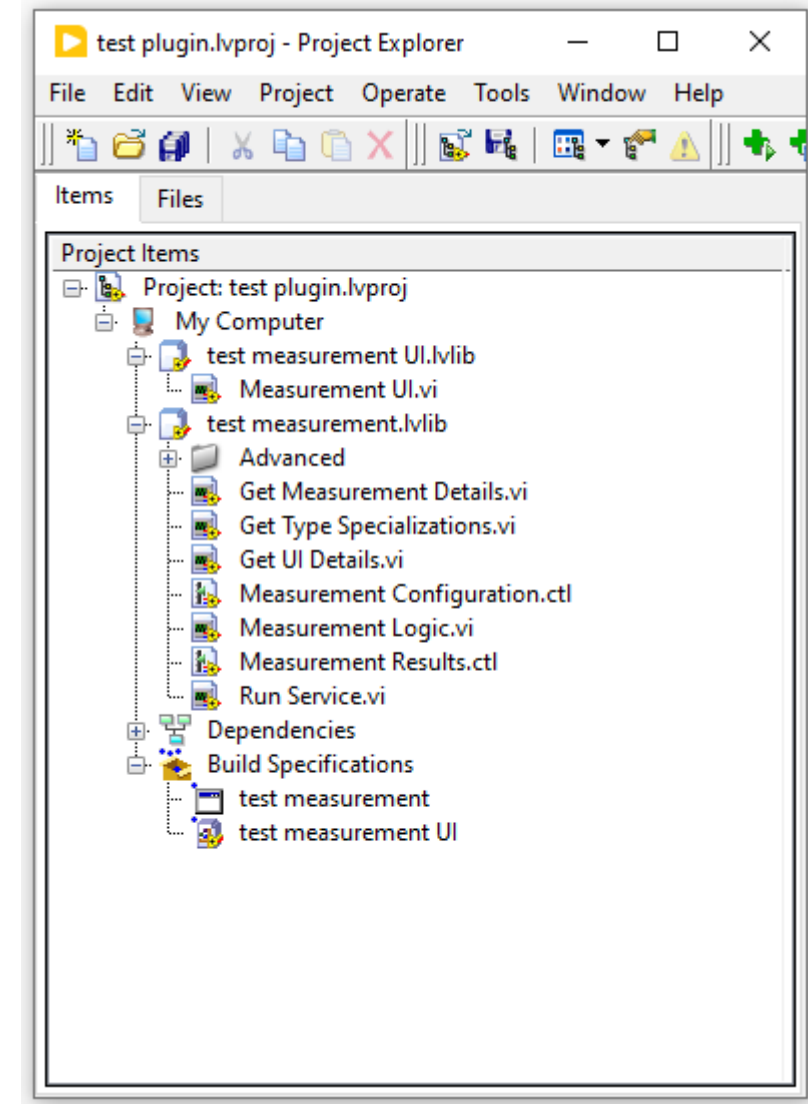
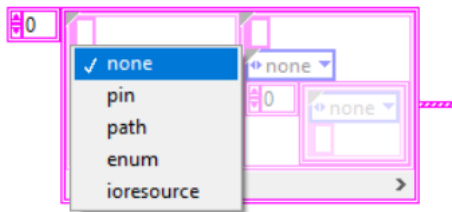
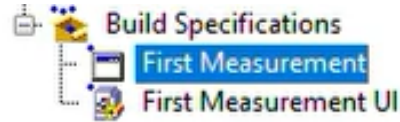
Advanced

Build Assets

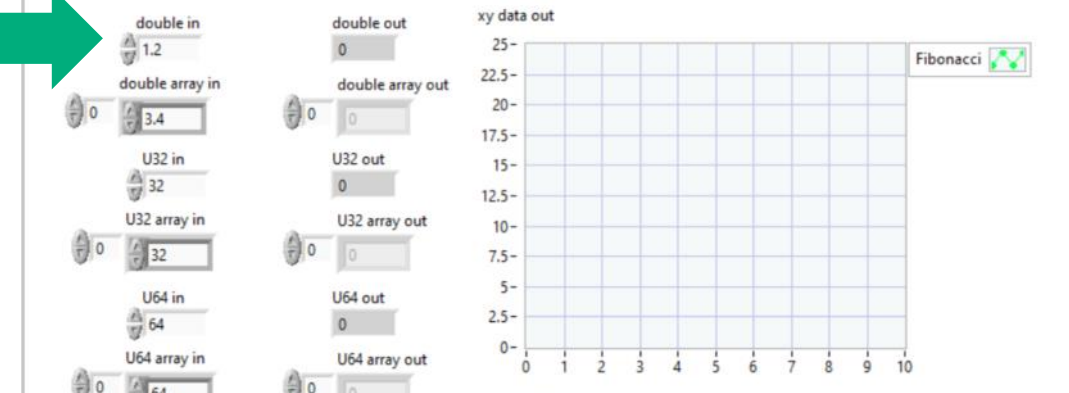
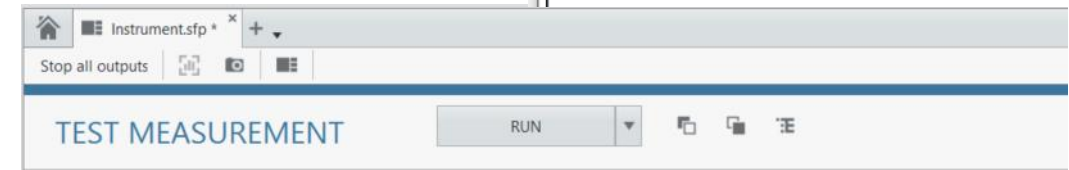
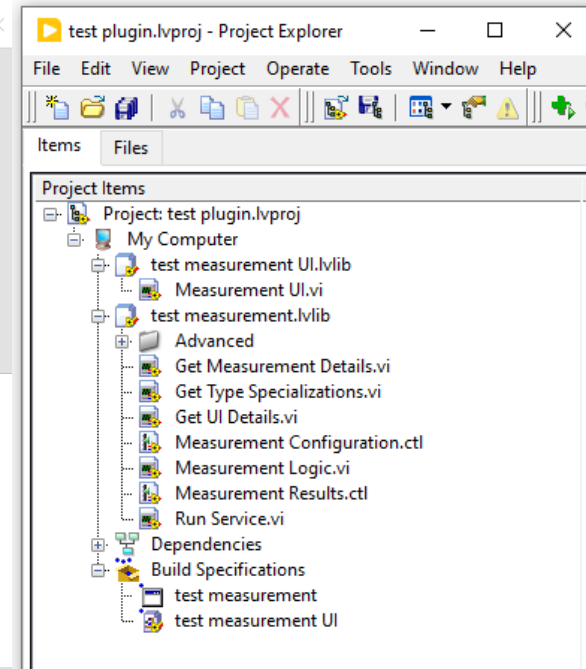
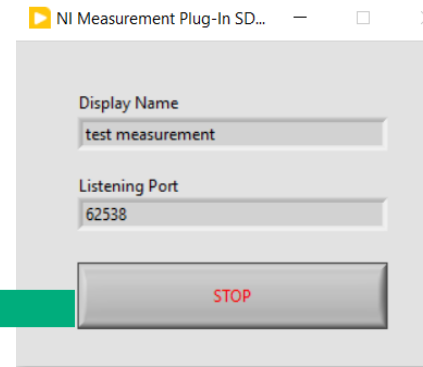
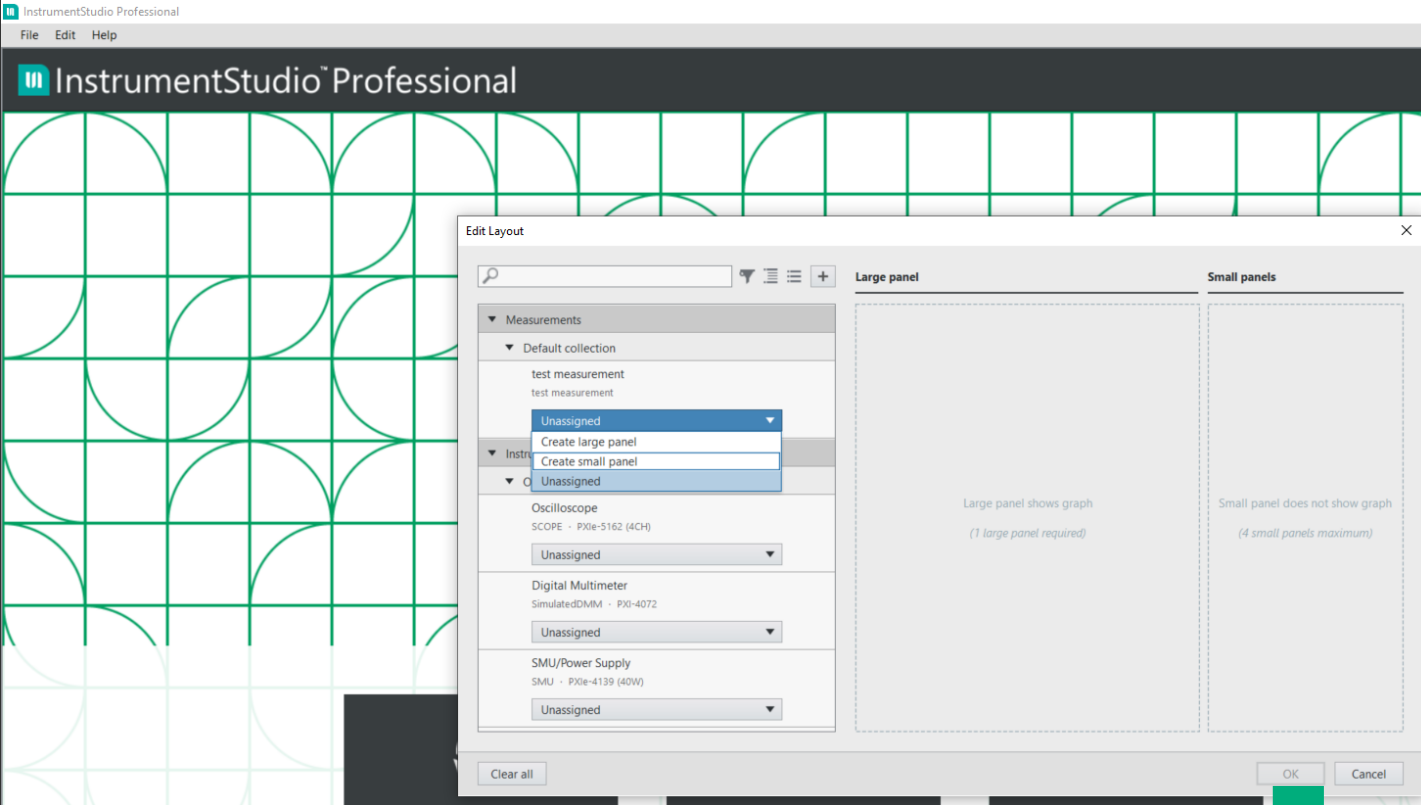
Measurement Plugin.lvclass

Customization of plug-in behavior, not recommended to change

Pre-defined build spec:



# Steps to use a Plug-in





# Debugging a Plug-in

Instrument.sfp \* x  
Stop all outputs

TEST MEASUREMENT RUN

double in: 1.2  
double array in: 3.4  
U32 in: 32  
U32 array in: 32  
U64 in: 64  
U64 array in: 64  
I32 in: -32  
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I64 in: -64  
I64 array in: -64

double out: 0  
double array out: 0  
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U32 array out: 0  
U64 out: 0  
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I32 out: 0  
I32 array out: 0  
I64 out: 0  
I64 array out: 0

xy data out  
Fibonacci

bool in:   
bool out:

string in: Lorem ipsum dolor sit  
string out: Lorem ipsum dolor sit

u32 color ring in: Green  
u32 color ring out: Green

u32 animal enum in: Gopher  
u32 animal enum out: Gopher

Instrument.sfp \* x  
Stop all outputs

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test measurement.Lvlib:Measurement Logic.vi Block Diagram \*

measure call context in

measure call context out

xy data (fibonacci)	
0	0
1	1
2	1
3	2
4	3
5	5
6	8
7	13
8	21

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measurement configuration

measurement results

# NI Scope WFM Acq Plug-in Example



The screenshot displays the NI Scope Acquire Waveform software interface. The main window is titled "NI-SCOPE ACQUIRE WAVEFORM" and features a "RUN" button. The interface is divided into several sections:

- Measurement Pins:** A dropdown menu shows "SCOPE/0".
- Vertical Range:** Set to 5.
- Vertical Coupling:** Set to DC.
- Input Impedance:** Set to 1 mega ohm.
- Minimum Sample Rate:** Set to 1E+7.
- Minimum Record Length:** Set to 40000.
- Trigger Pin:** Set to SCOPE/0.
- Trigger Level:** Set to 0.5.
- Trigger Slope:** Set to Positive.
- Trigger Coupling:** Set to DC.
- Timeout:** Set to 5.

The **Waveform Graph** shows a blue sine wave with an amplitude of approximately 2.5 and a period of about 5000 samples. The x-axis is labeled "Samples" and ranges from 0 to 40000. The y-axis is labeled "Amplitude" and ranges from -2.5 to 2.5.

The Project Explorer window shows the file structure of the "NIScopeAcquireWaveform.lvproj" project. The project is located on "My Computer" and contains the following items:

- Advanced
- TestStand Code Modules
- Get Measurement Details.vi
- Get Type Specializations.vi
- Get UI Details.vi
- Measurement Configuration.ctf
- Measurement Logic.vi
- Measurement Results.ctf
- Measurement UI.vi
- Run Service.vi
- Dependencies
- Build Specifications

The "NI Measurement Plug-In SD..." dialog box is shown, with the following configuration options:

- Display Name:** NI-SCOPE Acquire Waveform
- Listening Port:** 60686
- STOP** button

# NI Scope WFM Acq Plug-in Example with IS Pro Sequencing



The screenshot displays the NI InstrumentStudio Professional interface. The main window is titled "NIScopeAcquireWaveform - InstrumentStudio Professional". The top menu bar includes File, Edit, and Help. The left sidebar shows a "Sequencer" tab with a "Finished" status and a timer at 00:00:00. Below the sequencer is a table of measurement steps:

Step	Measurement	Duration
1	Scope 1.sfp : NI-SCOPE Acquire Waveform Measurement	145.60 ms
2	Scope2.sfp : NI-SCOPE Acquire Waveform Measurement	67.95 ms

The central area is titled "NI-SCOPE ACQUIRE WAVEFORM" and contains a "Waveform Graph" showing a periodic signal. The graph has "Amplitude" on the y-axis (ranging from -5 to 5) and "Samples" on the x-axis (ranging from 0 to 40000). The signal is a blue sine wave with an amplitude of approximately 4.5 and a period of about 4000 samples. To the right of the graph is a "Project Explorer" window showing the project structure for "NIScopeAcquireWaveform.lvproj".

Below the graph are various configuration controls for the measurement:

- Measurement Pins: SCOPE/0
- Vertical Range: 10
- Vertical Coupling: DC
- Input Impedance: 1 mega ohm
- Minimum Sample Rate: 1E+7
- Minimum Record Length: 40000
- Trigger Pin: SCOPE/0
- Trigger Level: 0.5
- Trigger Slope: Positive
- Trigger Coupling: DC
- Timeout: 5

In the bottom right corner, there is a "NI Measurement Plug-In SD..." dialog box with the following fields:

- Display Name: NI-SCOPE Acquire Waveform
- Listening Port: 60686
- STOP button

# Plug-in Examples

Location: *C:\Program Files\National Instruments\LabVIEW 2024\examples\Plug-Ins\Measurements*

Best practice shown in the NI-DCPower Source DC Voltage

The image displays a screenshot of the LabVIEW Project Explorer and the NI Example Finder. The Project Explorer shows the directory structure of the `NIDCPowerSourceDCVoltage.lvproj` project, including subfolders like `Advanced`, `subVIs`, and `TestStand Code Modules`. The NI Example Finder window is open, showing the `Plug-Ins` directory structure. A green arrow points from the `NI-DCPower Source DC Voltage` folder in the Example Finder to a detailed view of its contents. This view shows a list of files and folders, including `.cache`, `NI-DCPower Measurement`, `Load+DMM.sfp`, `NIDCPowerSourceDCVoltage.aliases`, `NIDCPowerSourceDCVoltage.instudioproj`, `NIDCPowerSourceDCVoltage.lvpls`, `NIDCPowerSourceDCVoltage.lvproj`, `NIDCPowerSourceDCVoltage.measproj`, `NIDCPowerSourceDCVoltage.pinmap`, `NIDCPowerSourceDCVoltage.sfp`, `NIDCPowerSourceDCVoltage_example.seq`, `NIDCPowerSourceDCVoltageMultiSite.pi...`, and `README.md`. A second green arrow points from the `NI-DCPower Measurement` folder to a final detailed view of its contents, which includes `Advanced`, `subVIs`, `TestStand Code Modules`, `Get Measurement Details.vi`, `Get Type Specializations.vi`, `Get UI Details.vi`, `Measurement Configuration.ctl`, `Measurement Logic.vi`, `Measurement Results.ctl`, `Measurement UI.vi`, `NIDCPowerSourceDCVoltage.lvlib`, `NIDCPowerSourceDCVoltage.measui`, and `Run Service.vi`.

- Game Of Life
- Keysight 34401A DMM Measurement
- Measurement Plug-In Client
- NI-DCPower Source DC Voltage
- NI-Digital SPI
- NI-DMM Measurement
- NI-FGEN Standard Function
- NI-SCOPE Acquire Waveform
- VISA Measurement

- .cache
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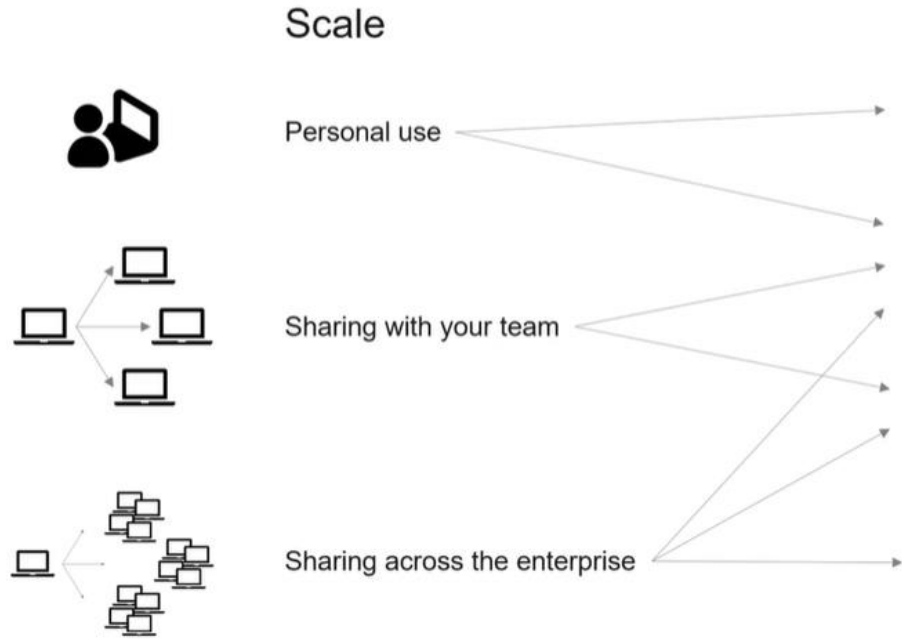


# Plug-in Repo on GitHub

The screenshot shows the GitHub interface for the 'NI-Measurement-Plug-Ins' repository. The left sidebar contains navigation options: Overview, Repositories (selected), Projects, Packages, and People. Under 'Repos', there are sub-options: All, Public (selected), Internal, Sources, Forks, Archived, and Templates. The main content area is titled 'Public' and shows a search filter 'visibility:public archived:false'. Below this, it lists 16 repositories. The visible ones are:

- pmic-labview** (Public): LabVIEW • MIT License • 1 fork • 1 star • 0 issues • 1 pull request • Updated last week
- class-d-amplifier** (Public): Measurements for validating performance of class D amplifiers. LabVIEW • MIT License • 0 forks • 1 star • 11 issues • 0 pull requests • Updated last month
- adc** (Public): LabVIEW • MIT License • 0 forks • 1 star • 2 issues • 1 pull request • Updated last month
- dac** (Public): This repo provides measurement plugins for general purpose / precision DAC DUTs. LabVIEW • MIT License • 0 forks • 0 stars • 0 issues • 0 pull requests • Updated on Aug 19
- abstraction-layer-labview** (Public): Workflow and sample LabVIEW measurement plug-ins showcasing the Hardware Abstraction Layer (HAL) and Functional Abstraction Layer (FAL) in Measurement Plug-In. LabVIEW • MIT License • 0 forks • 0 stars • 0 issues • 0 pull requests • Updated on Aug 12
- package-manager-feeds** (Public): Package manager feed for InstrumentStudio Plugins. Python • MIT License • 0 forks • 1 star • 0 issues • 0 pull requests • Updated on Jul 29
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# Sharing Plug-ins



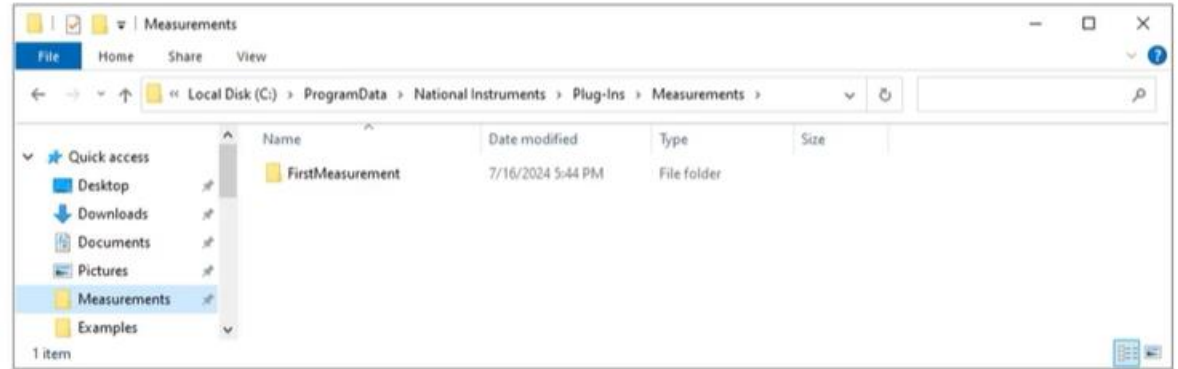
## Methods

- Copy Plug-In Files
- Use Plug-In Library
- Use NI Packages + Feeds
- Use NI Packages + SystemLink



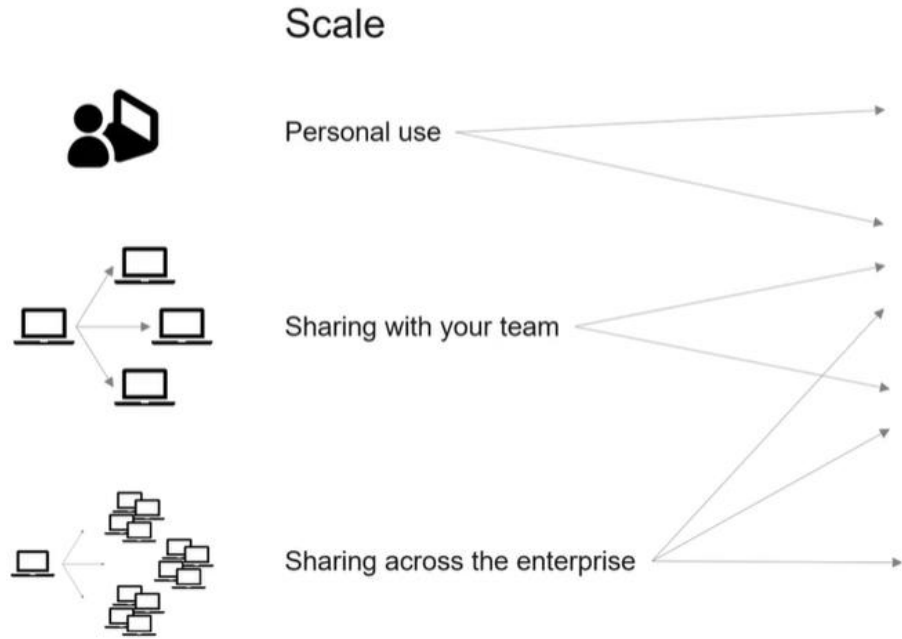
## Copy Plug-In Files

- 1 Build a plug-in using plug-in development instructions.
- 2 Publish by copying to location on disk.
- 3 No installation required.



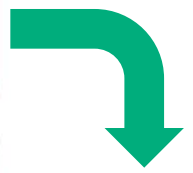
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# Sharing Plug-ins



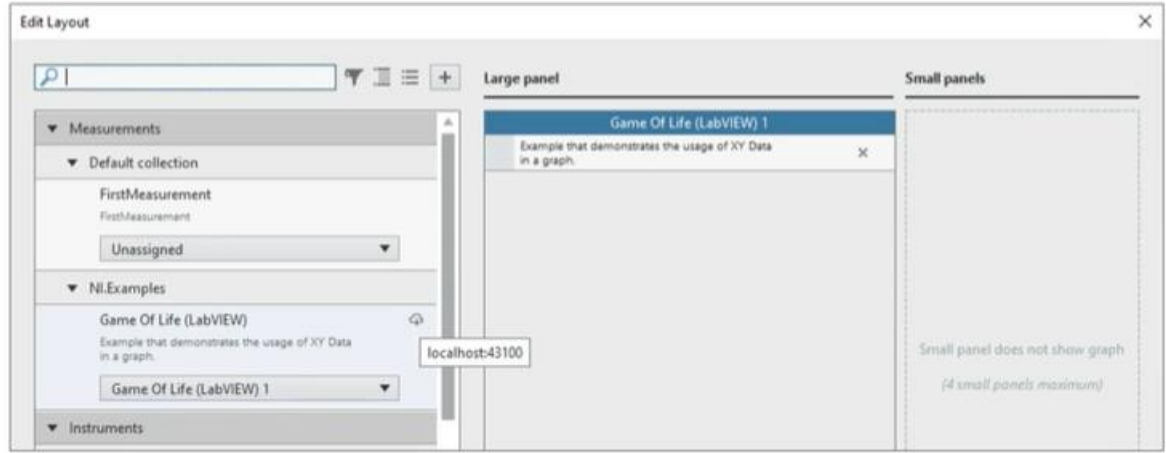
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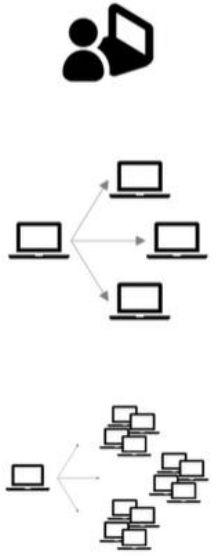
## Plug-In Library

- 1 Build a plug-in using plug-in development instructions.
- 2 Publish to a plug-in library using the command line tool.
- 3 Install using InstrumentStudio or TestStand.



# Sharing Plug-ins

## Scale



Personal use

Sharing with your team

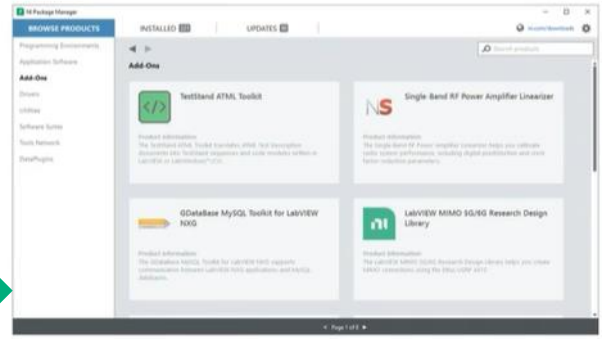
Sharing across the enterprise

## Methods

- Copy Plug-In Files
- Use Plug-In Library
- Use NI Packages + Feeds
- Use NI Packages + SystemLink

## Sharing Plug-Ins with NI Packages and Feeds

- 1 Build a package using `nipkg.exe` or Package Builder.
- 2 Publish to a feed (if networked).
- 3 Install using NI Package Manager.



Disk location: C:\ProgramData\National Instruments\Plug-Ins\Measurements

## Sharing Plug-Ins with NI Packages and SystemLink

- 1 Build a package using `nipkg.exe` or Package Builder.
- 2 Publish by uploading to SystemLink Package Repository.
- 3 Install using SystemLink Systems Management.

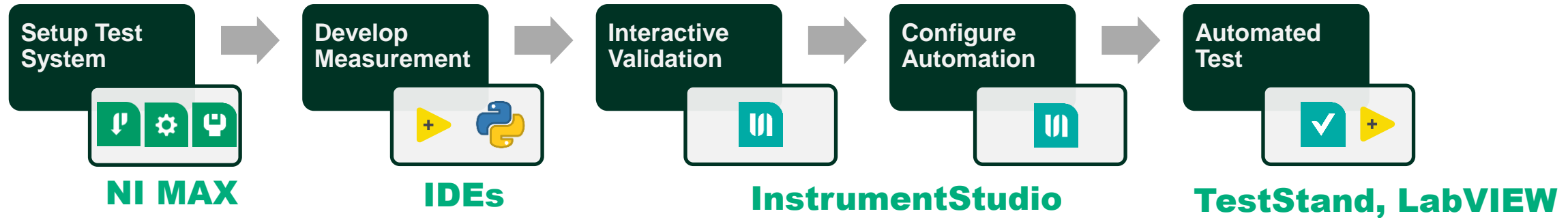
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	LabVIEW Runtime (32-bit)	2022 Q3 Patch 1	All	2022 Q3 Patch 3	Upgrade
Feeds	LabVIEW Runtime (32-bit)	Multiple	All	2023 Q3 Patch 4	Upgrade
	LabVIEW Runtime (64-bit)	Multiple	All	2023 Q3 Patch 4	Upgrade
	NI Certificates Installer	21.5.0	All	2024 Q3 Patch 1	Upgrade
	NI Hardware Configuration Utility	Multiple	All	2023 Q3	Upgrade
	NI I/O Trace	Multiple	All	2023 Q3	Upgrade
	NI Measurement & Automation Explorer	Multiple	All	2023 Q3	Upgrade
	NI Package Manager	Multiple	All	2024 Q3	Upgrade

Disk location: C:\ProgramData\National Instruments\Plug-Ins\Measurements



# Standardized Workflow with Instrument Plug-ins

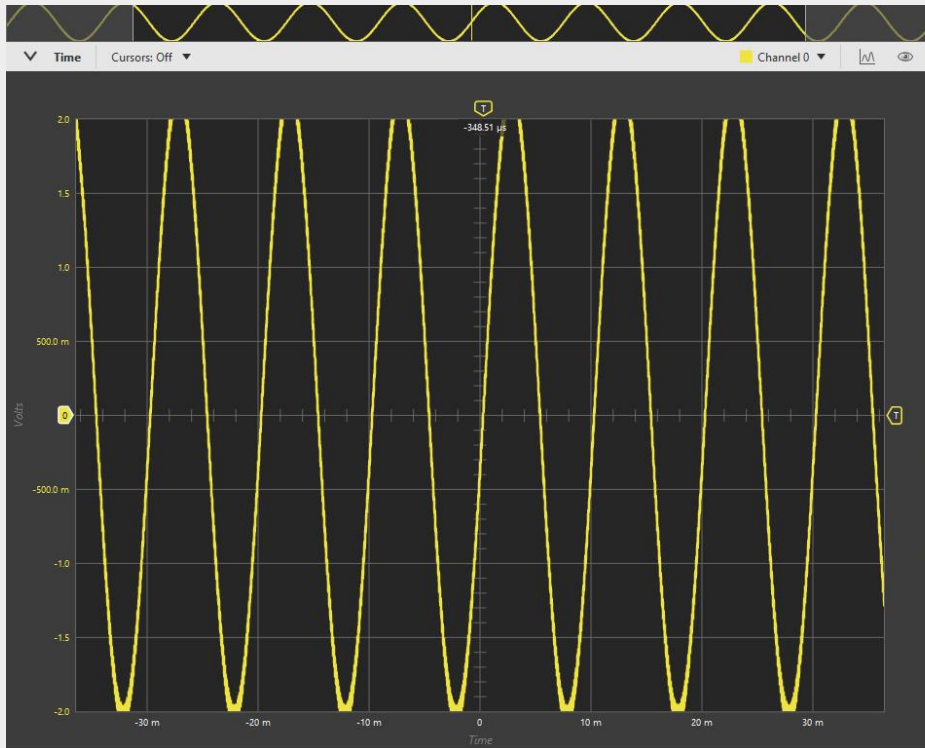
From setting up the device to Automated Test



## Benefits of Standardized Workflow

- Reduce Time to First Measurements
- Reduce Time Spent Developing Duplicate Measurement IP
- Reuse Code Across Projects, Teams, and Sites

# Set Up



Channel	Measurement	Value	Mean	Minimum	Maximum	Statistical range	Std. deviation	Count
Channel 0	Amplitude	4.41460 V	4.41458 V	4.41368 V	4.41536 V	1.67847 mV	459.979 μV	36
Channel 0	Frequency	99.8602 Hz	99.9574 Hz	99.8019 Hz	100.178 Hz	375.827E-03 Hz	90.0601E-03 Hz	36

### OSCILLOSCOPE

PXIe-5162 (4CH)

AUTO RUN/STOP SINGLE

Horizontal & Acq. Triggered J

TIME PER DIVISION: 10 ms POSITION: -348.51 μs

1.0000 MS/s · Real time · Sample

Trigger: Edge FORCE

SOURCE: Channel 0 MODE: Auto

SLOPE: Rising LEVEL: 0.000 V SET 50%

Channels: Demo: SimulatedScope · PXIe-5162 (4CH)

Channel 0 ON

VOITS PER DIVISION: 500 mV POSITION: 0.000 div

DC: 300 MHz · 1 MΩ · 1 X

1 Channel 1 OFF

2 Channel 2 OFF

3 Channel 3 OFF

Add channels FFT a+b

### SMU/POWER SUPPLY

PXIe-4141

PAUSE

Channels: Demo: SimulatedSMU · PXIe-4141

Channel 0 Voltage

### DIGITAL MULTIMETER

PXIe-4081

STOP

Channels: Demo: SimulatedDMM · PXIe-4081

Channel 0 DC voltage

### RF SIGNAL GENERATOR

PXIe-5841

PRESET CW ARB STOP

RF OFF

FREQUENCY: 1.000000000 GHz LEVEL: -174.00 dBm

### WAVEFORM GENERATOR

PXIe-5423 (2CH)

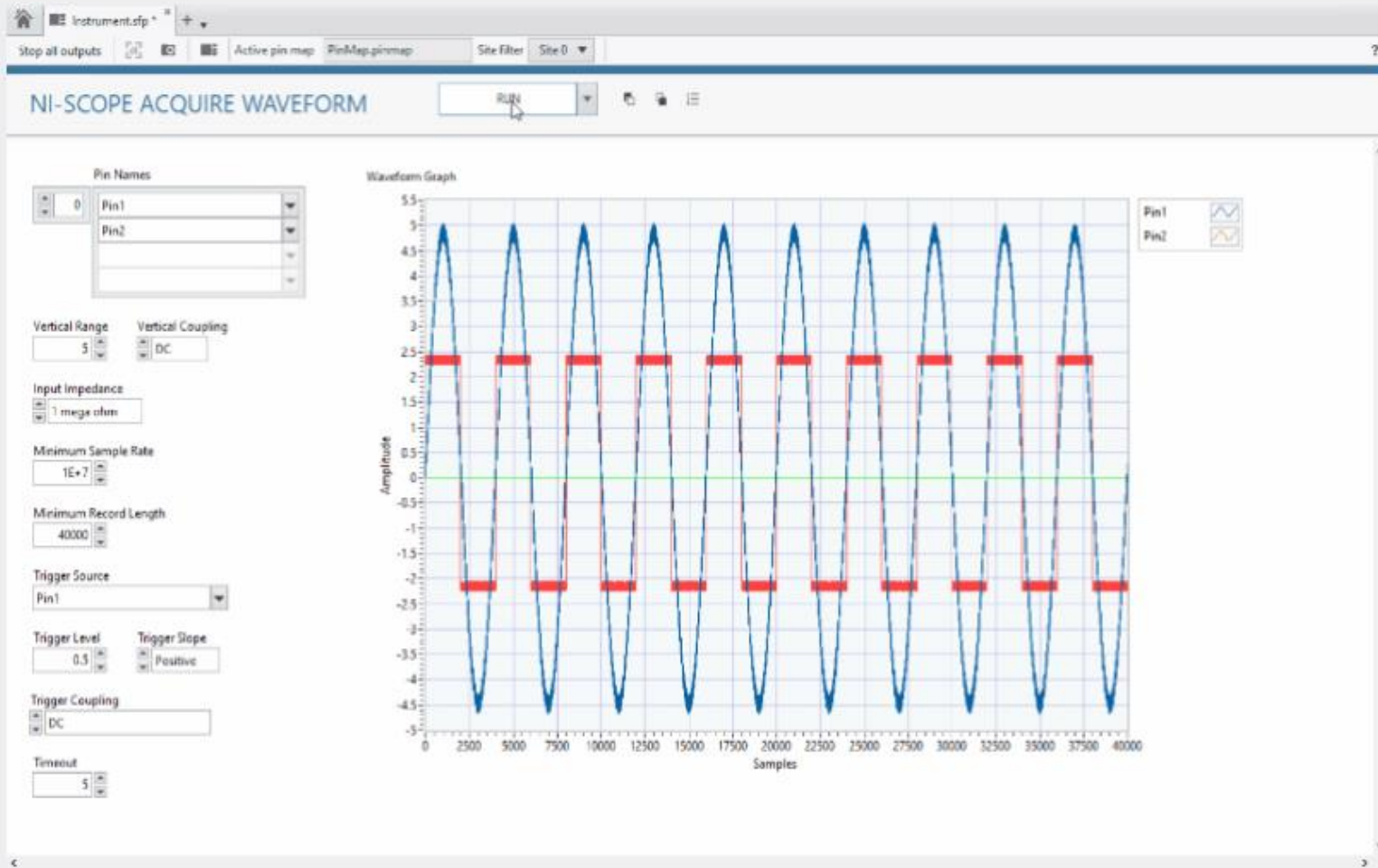
STANDARD WAVEFORM STOP

Channels: Demo: SimulatedFGEN · PXIe-5423 (2CH)

## Configuration Environment for PXI Instruments

- Connect a wide range of DC, analog, digital, RF, and NI instruments
- Customize panels for multiple instruments
- Create pin maps for DUT centric set up
- Save layouts and configuration as a projects for instant repeatability
- Capture data to share with colleagues

# Measure

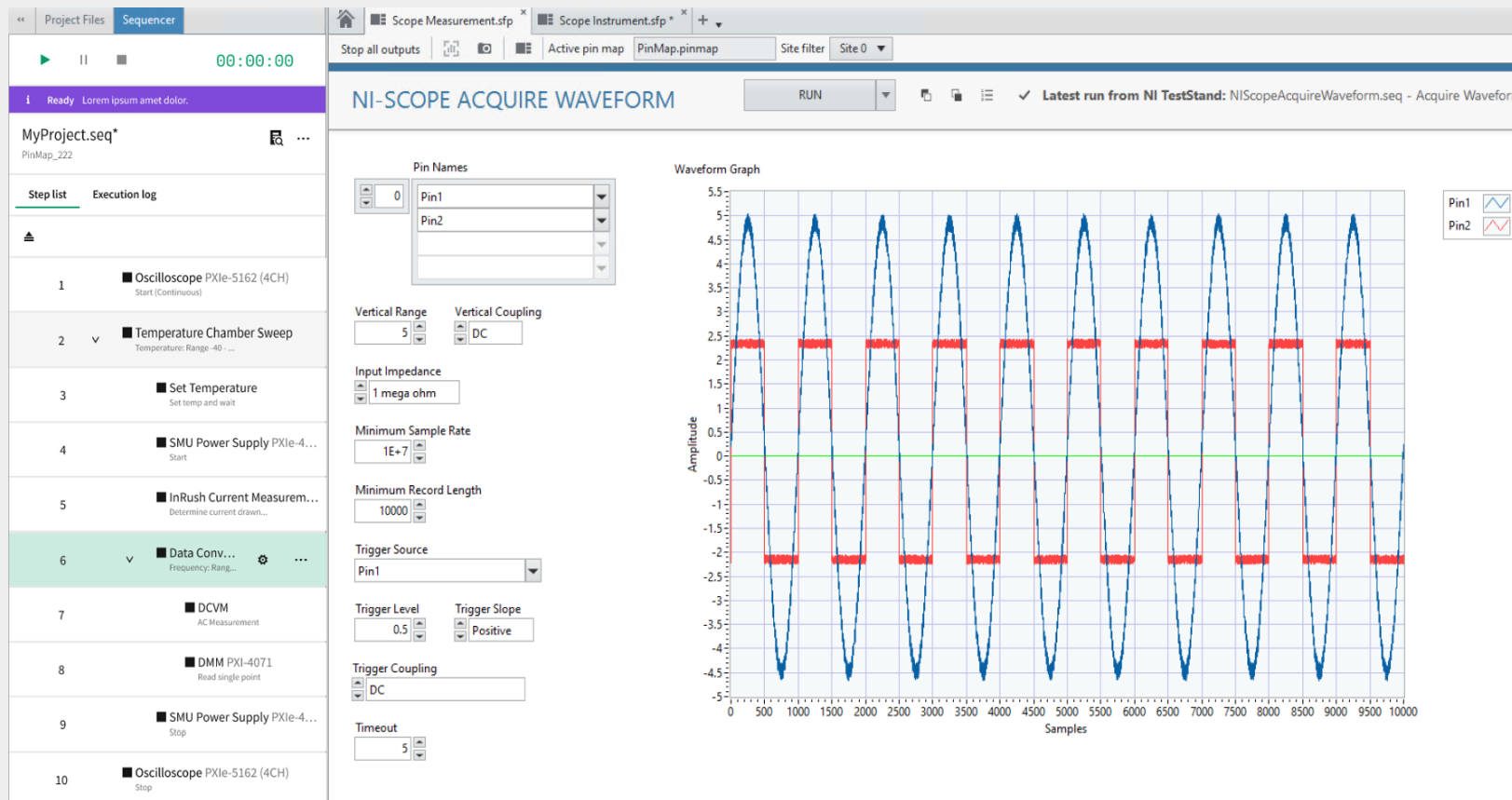


## Measurement Plug-Ins

- One environment for measurements and instruments
- Integrate measurement plug-ins with LabVIEW or Python
- Capture multi-instrument measurements
- Use measurements plug-ins from NI libraries and build your own
- Extend for non-NI instruments

# Automate – Option 1

## InstrumentStudio In-App Sequencing



## In-App Sequencing

- Sequence over interactive steps
- Automate parametric sweeps
- Interactively debug automation
- Generate reports
- Copy-paste measurements to TestStand for advanced automation

# Automate - Option 2

## Reuse Instrument Configurations created in InstrumentStudio in your TestStand sequences

- Configure the instruments in InstrumentStudio
- Check the result of your configuration by running the instruments (change if needed)
- Click the **Export** to TestStand button to save the configuration and use it in TestStand
- **Create your automated Test Sequence in TestStand**

The screenshot shows the InstrumentStudio interface with an oscilloscope and waveform generator. An 'Export to TestStand' dialog box is open, displaying the following IO Configuration name: All\_Instruments\_2021-03-17\_22-51-45. The dialog lists the following configurations:

- All\_Instruments\_2021-03-17\_22-51-45
- J22\_SCOPE\_1 {NI-SCOPE; Slot 15; PXIe-5105}
- J24\_PPS\_1 {RMX-4101 (20 V, 10 A)}
- J24\_PPS\_2 {RMX-4101 (20 V, 10 A)}
- J20\_SMU {NI-DCPower; Slot 9; PXIe-4139; 0}
- J18\_SMU {NI-DCPower; Slot 13; PXIe-4139; 0}
- J18\_PPS {NI-DCPower; Slot 11; PXIe-4112; 0}

The dialog also includes a checkbox for 'Launch TestStand after export' and 'Export' and 'Cancel' buttons.

The screenshot shows the NI TestStand Sequence Editor. The 'Steps: MainSequence' list includes a step named 'Create Sessions and Apply Configuration' which is highlighted. The 'Step Settings' dialog for this step is open, showing the following details:

- Adapter: .NET
- LOGICAL NAMES: Instrument\_2021-01-29\_01-02-31\_copy
- DESCRIPTION: J18\_PPS/0 (NI-DCPower; Slot ...
- SESSION VARIABLE: Locals.J18\_PPS\_0

The 'Variables' pane on the right shows the value of 'Locals.J18\_PPS\_0' as 0.



# Automate - Option 2

Modify instrument settings any time directly in TestStand using InstrumentStudio

The screenshot displays the InstrumentStudio interface for a TestStand sequence. The main window shows a sequence of steps for 'MainSequence'. The 'Create Sessions and Apply - ScopeExample\_copy' step is selected, and its settings are shown in the bottom pane.

STEP	DESCRIPTION	NUM ...	PINS	MUL...	SETTINGS
- Setup (1)					
* Create Sessions and Apply - ScopeExample_...	Create Sessions and Apply - Scope_copy ...				
<End Group>					
- Main (3)					
▶ Scope - Initiate Acquisition	Initiates a waveform acquisition.				
◁ Scope - Read Measurements	Reads the specified measurements as well as ...				Additional Results
■ Scope - Abort Acquisition	Aborts an acquisition.				
<End Group>					
- Cleanup (1)					
✕ Close Sessions	Close Sessions				
<End Group>					

**Step Settings for Create Sessions and Apply - ScopeExample\_copy**

Adapter: **.NET**

LOGICAL NAMES	DESCRIPTION	SESSION VARIABLE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scope_copy		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SimulatedScope	SimulatedScope {NI-SCOPE; Slot 0; PXIe-51...	Locals.SimulatedScope

**Variables**

NAME	VALUE
Locals (MainSequence)	
ResultList	
SimulatedScope	
123 Amplitude_ch0	0
123 Amplitude_ch1	0
123 Frequency_ch0	0
123 High_FFT1	0
123 PeakToPeak_Math1	0
Waveform_ch0	
Waveform_ch1	
Waveform_Math1	

**Properties**

Name : Scope\_copy  
Modified : 01/14/2021 14:53:27  
Session(s) : 1  
Session 0 : SimulatedScope {SimulatedScope {NI-SCOPE; Slot 0; PXIe-5162 (4CH)}}

**Edit IO Configuration...**

# Automate - Option 2

Modify instrument settings any time directly in TestStand using InstrumentStudio

Scope Control Steps.seq

Steps: MainSequence

Edit IO Configuration: Scope\_copy

Stop all outputs

OSCILLOSCOPE  
Edit: PXIe-5162 (4CH)

AUTO RUN/STOP SINGLE

Horizontal & Acq. Triggered

TIME PER DIVISION: 20 μs X POSITION: 0.0000 s

SAMPLE RATE: 14.205 MS/s METHOD: Real time MODE: Sample

Trigger: Edge FORCE

SOURCE: Channel 0 MODE: Auto

SLOPE: Rising LEVEL: 0.000 V SET 50%

Channels

Measurements

Channel	Measurement	Value	Mean	Minimum	Maximum	Statistical range	Std. deviation	Count
Channel 0	Amplitude	4.41475 V	4.41441 V	4.41414 V	4.41544 V	1.29700 mV	378.228 μV	14

Frequency: FFT 1 Markers: Off

Save Cancel



# Instrument Studio™ Roadmap

## Short-term product focus

Cover broad range of electronics test validation and production debug operations

Allow basic automation of interactive operations

Allow the creation and sharing of custom panels

Deliver more out-of-the-box panel functionality

## Long-term product focus

Support more advanced testing topologies

Increase data connectivity

Improve path to fully optimized production test

Streamline and improve customization capabilities

	Capability	Shipped	2024	2025+
	<b>Panels</b>			
	RFmx S-Parameter measurement workflows	2023 Q4		
	Support for electronic loads	2023 Q4		
<b>Pro</b>	Measurement-centric panels		✓	
<b>Pro</b>	Support for non-NI hardware		✓	
	Support for additional NI hardware			✓
	<b>Workflow</b>			
	Measurement organization and search	2023 Q4		
	Improved channel alias and pin map options		✓	✓
	Improved system configuration			✓
	Additional data logging options			✓
<b>Pro</b>	Additional remote-control support			✓
<b>Pro</b>	Additional parallelism support			✓
	<b>Automation</b>			
<b>Pro</b>	In-app sequencing and sweeping		✓	
<b>Pro</b>	Streamlined sequence creation			✓
	TestStand Semiconductor Module support			✓
	<b>Extensibility</b>			
	LabVIEW VISA gRPC driver APIs	2024 Q1		
	Simplified session management	2024 Q1		
<b>Pro</b>	Publish and share custom measurements		✓	
<b>Pro</b>	Additional datatypes and controls			✓
	Full C# support for custom measurements			✓

Roadmap Date:  
2024 Q2

Next Release: 2024 Q3

Release Cadence:  
Quarterly

Roadmap is a snapshot and can change based on a variety of factors, including development execution and customer input.

# Resources

[Free InstrumentStudio Course on NI Learn](#)

[InstrumentStudio User Manual](#)

[InstrumentStudio Demo on Youtube](#)

[PXI 101 Video](#)

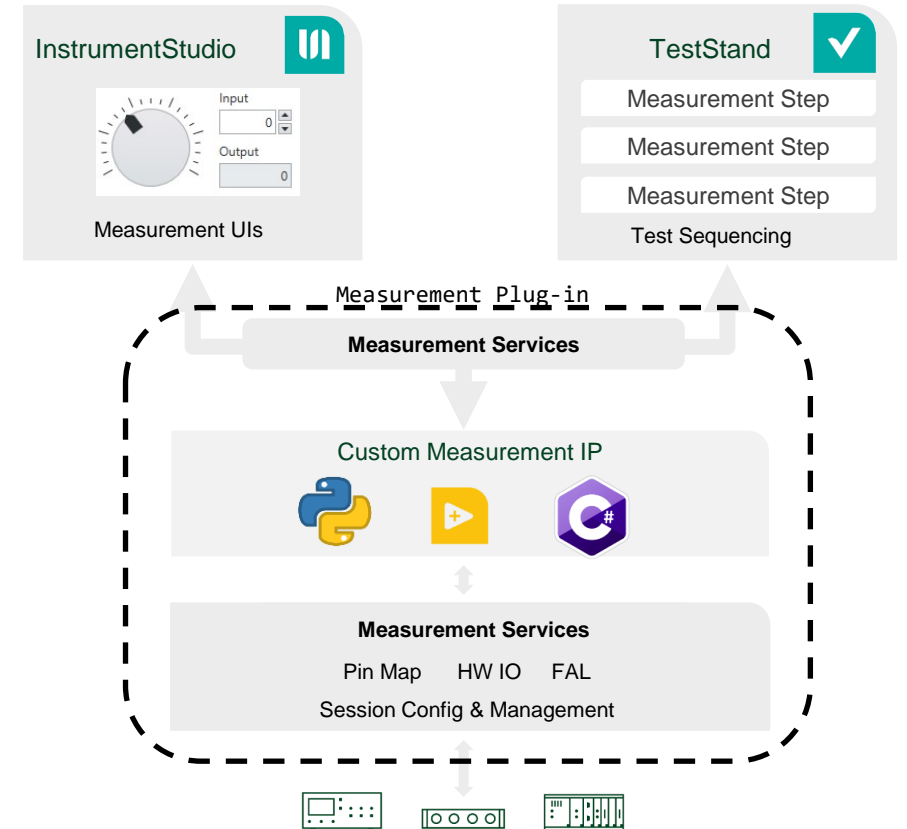
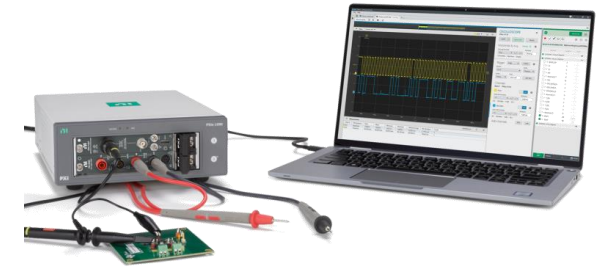
[Plug-in repo on GitHub](#)

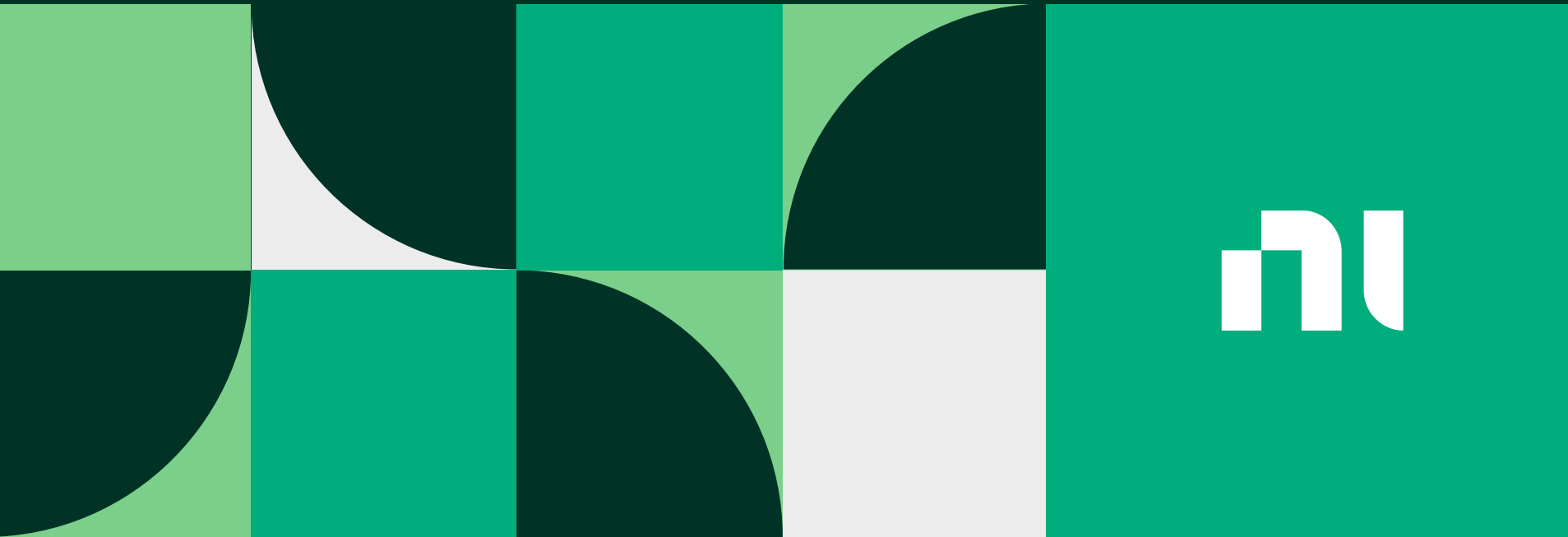
[Creating Measurement Plug-Ins for InstrumentStudio On-Demand course](#)

[LabVIEW Measurement Development Dependencies](#)

[Python Measurement Development Dependencies](#)

[MeasurementLink has been merged into InstrumentStudio Pro as a feature Measurement Plug-In](#)





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