NI Instrument Studio PRO

Plug-in Development with LabVIEW

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BROAD MODULAR INSTRUMENTATION PORTFOLIO

DAQ and Control

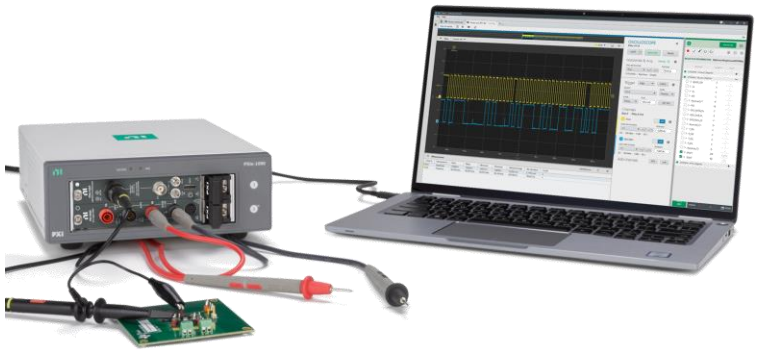
- Multifunction I/O
- Counter/Timer/Clock
- Digital I/O, SPI, I2C
- Vision, Sound & Vibration
- Analog IO with signal conditioning
- FPGA/Reconfigurable I/O

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

- GPIB, USB, Ethernet, RDMA
- RS232/RS485/RS422
- CAN, LIN, FlexRay
- Automotive Ethernet
- LVDS, GMSL, FPD-Link
- EtherCat, OPC, Profinet
- CANopen, DeviceNet



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InstrumentStudio

Free Companion Software for PXI Instruments

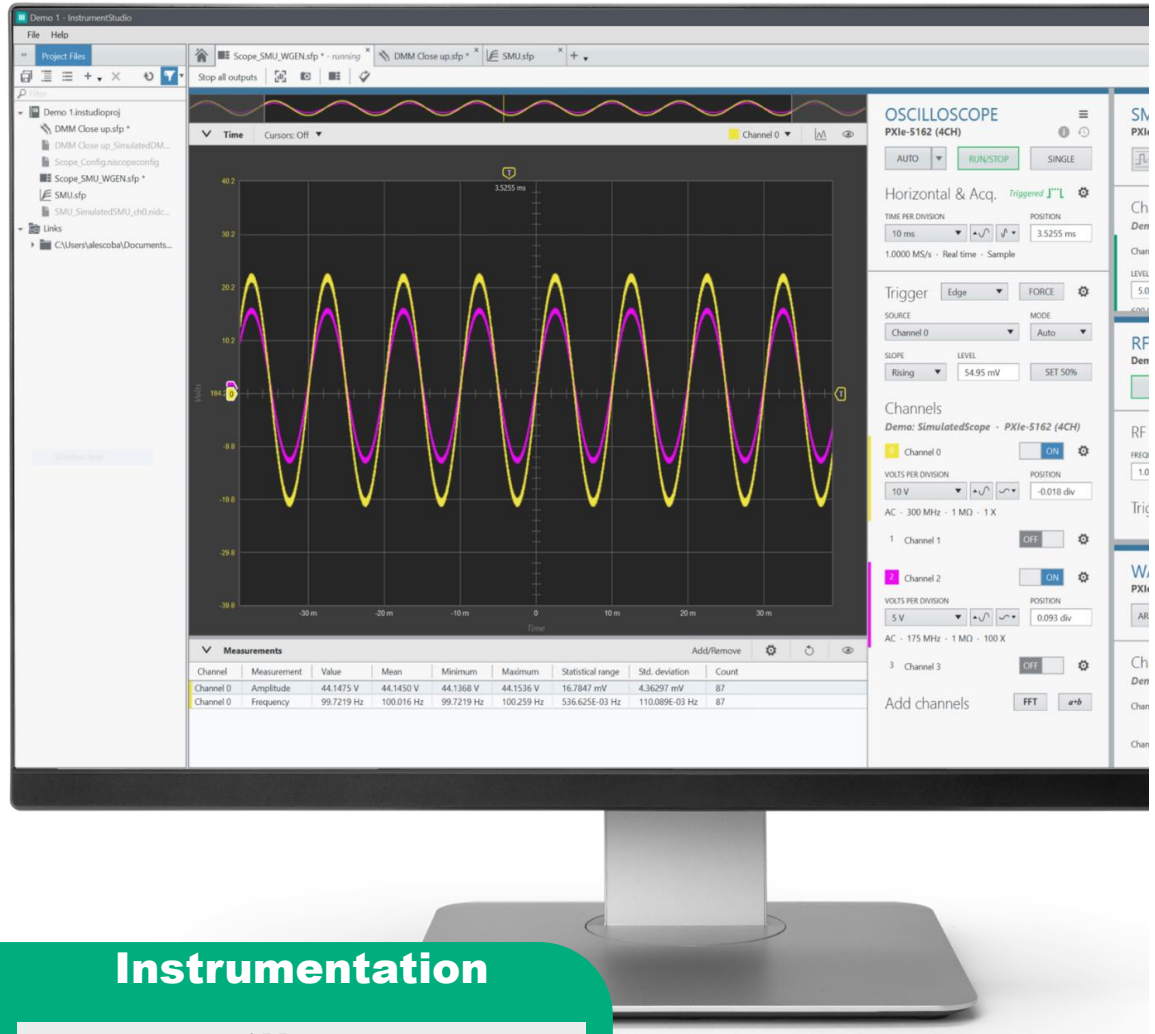
Software that provides an integrated approach to interactive PXI measurement with the ability to monitor and debug test systems, and more.

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.



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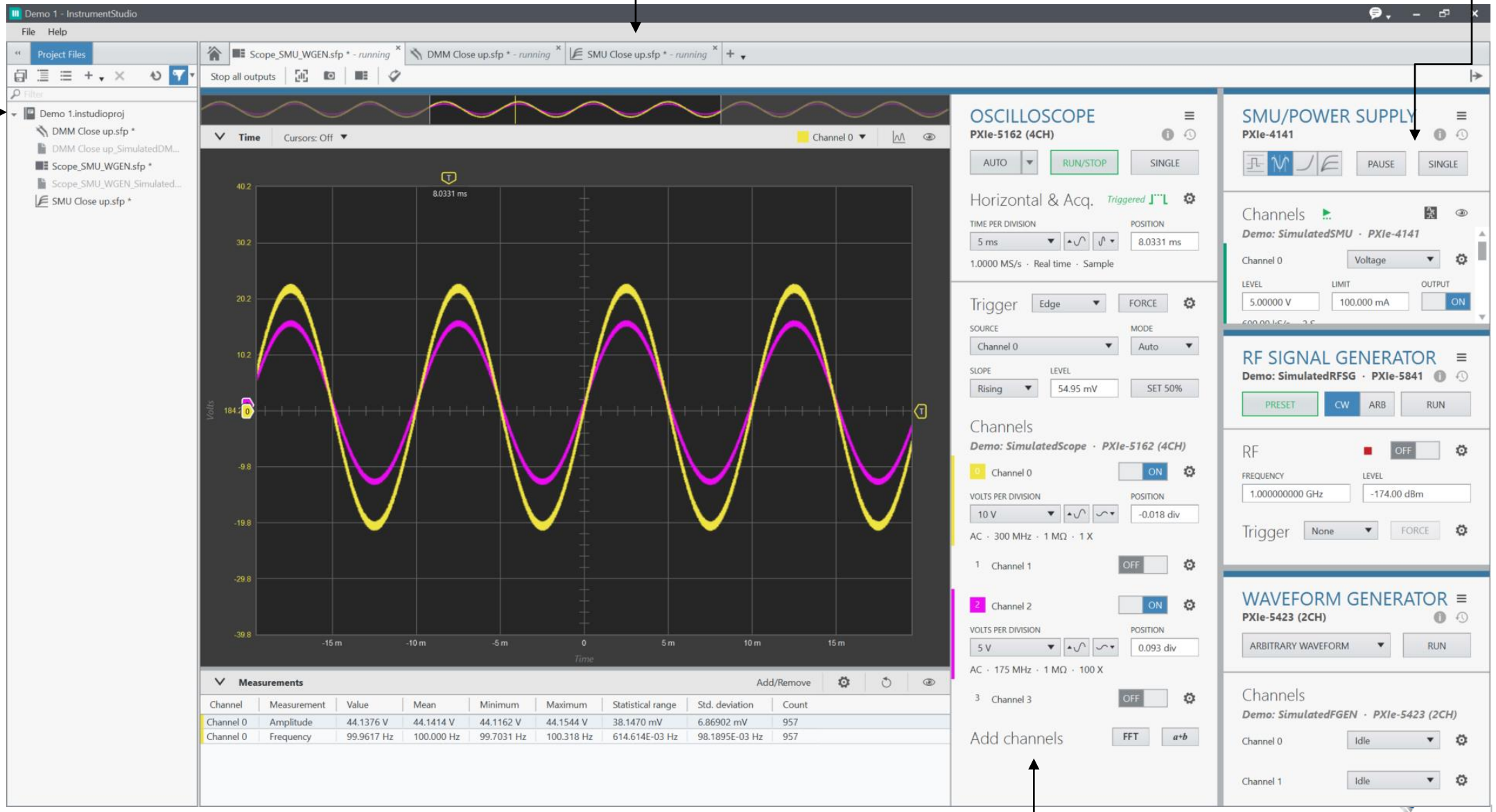
Instrument Studio™

Multiple **screens** avaliable in 1 project

Small panels

Project tree

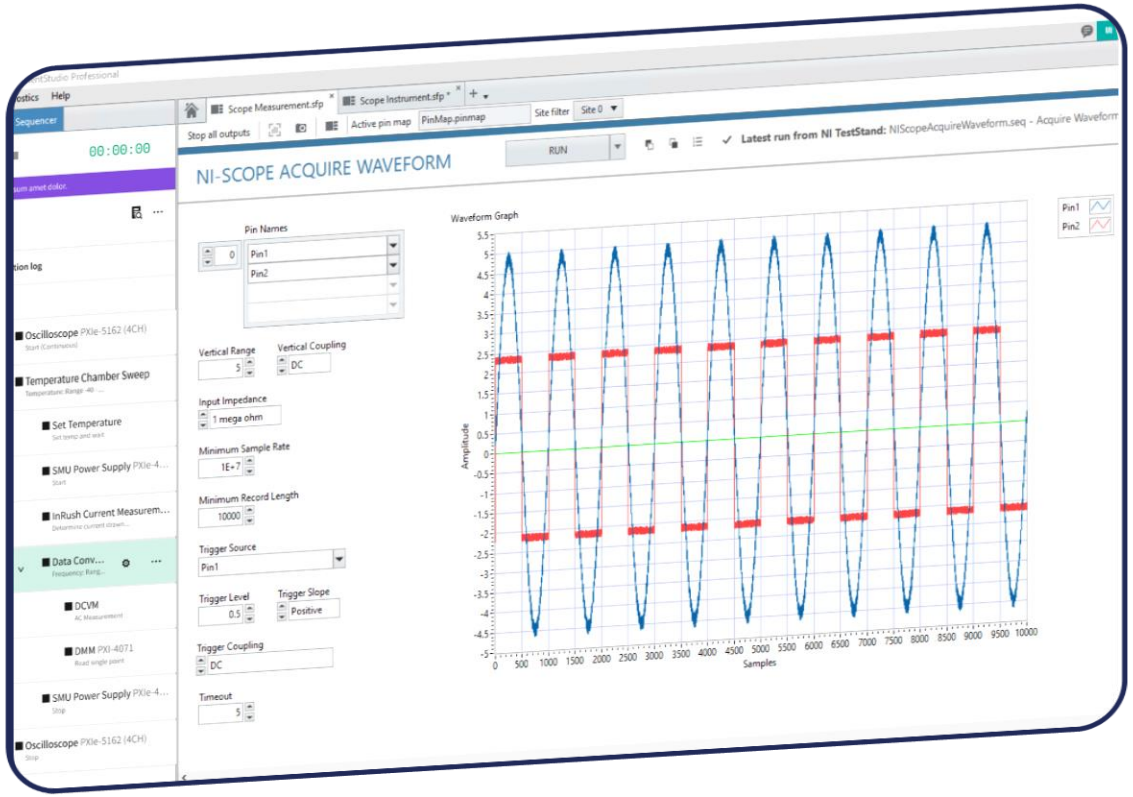


Large panel (Scope)

Instrument Studio™ Professional

Released in July!

Extensible Automated Validation



Run Custom Measurements

Automate Measurements

Control Any Instrument

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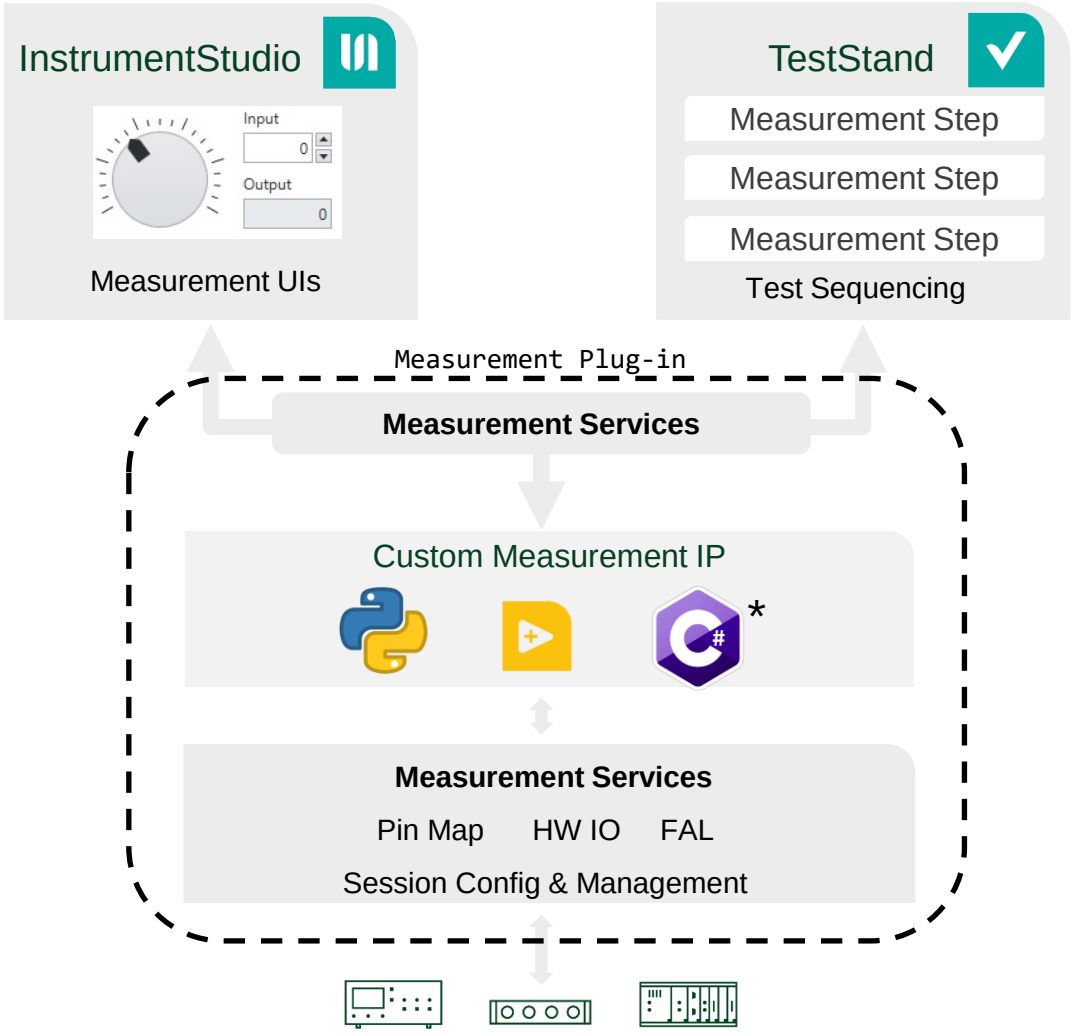
InstrumentStudio Pro: Develop your own Plug-in's



NI Measurement Framework

- **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*

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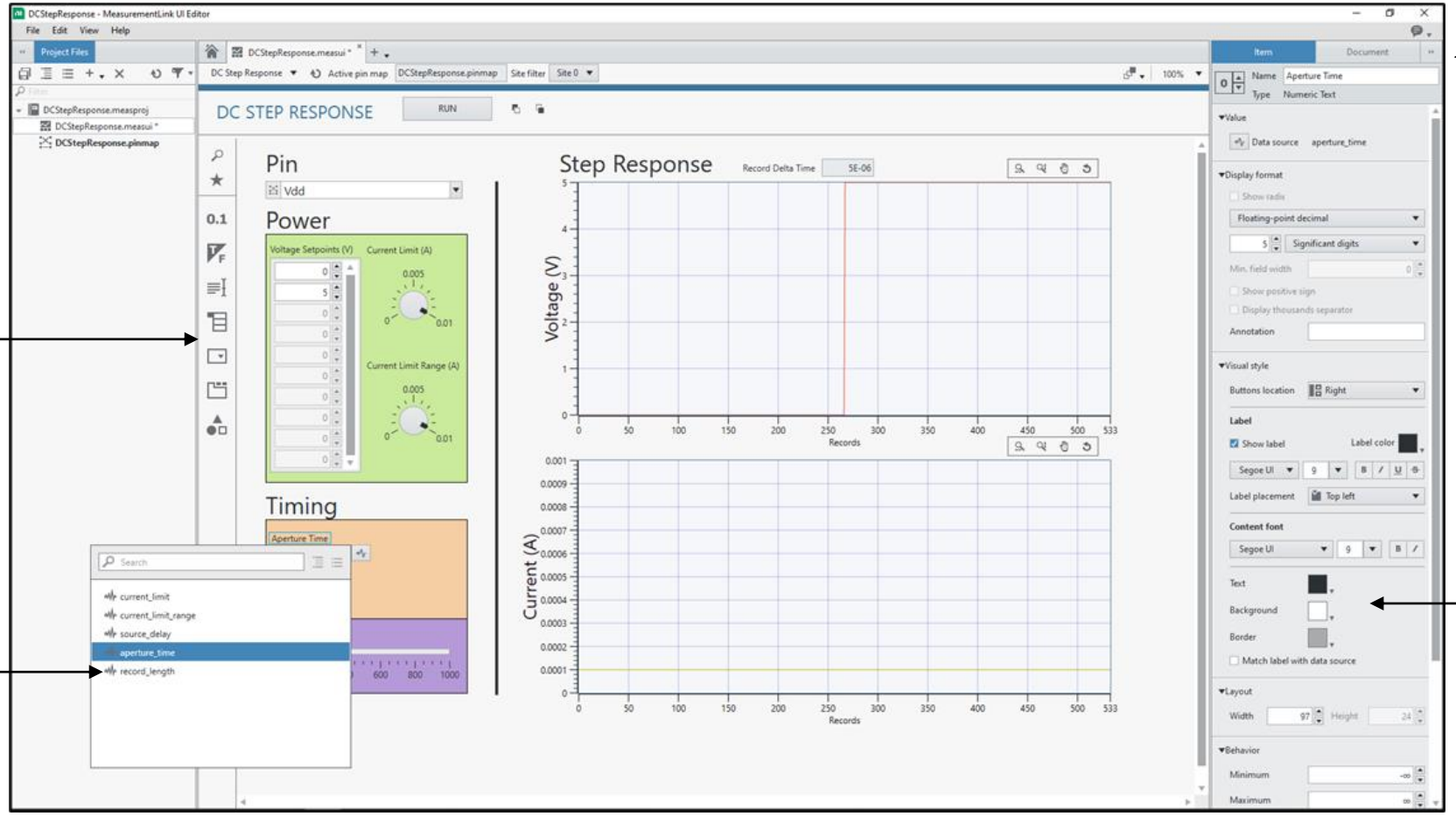
Build Custom User Interfaces for your Plug-in's

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



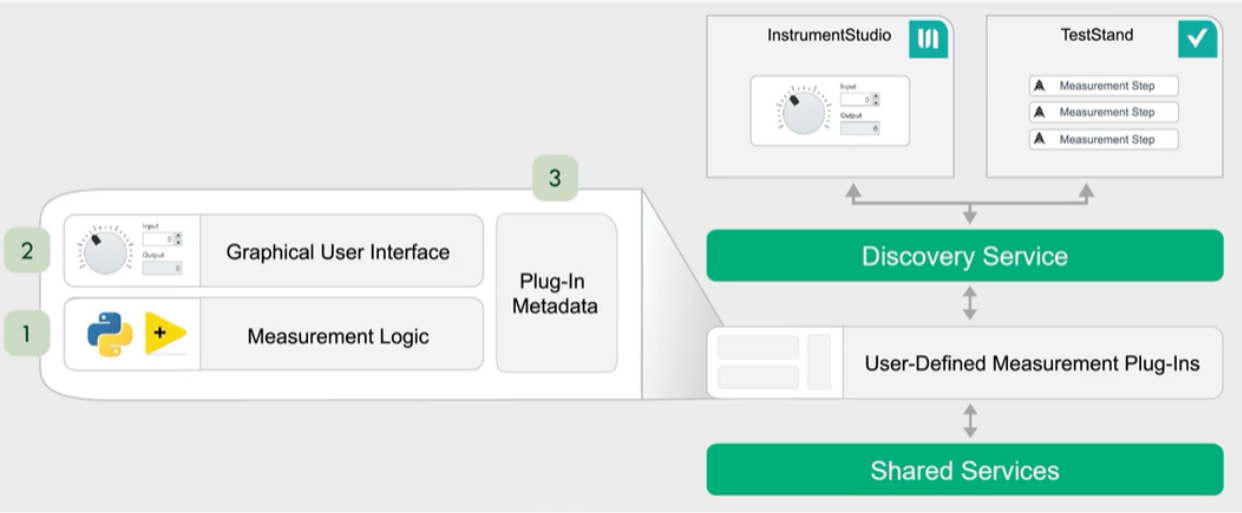
Save UI with measurement IP for interactive debugging

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



Measurement Plug-Ins and Discovery Service

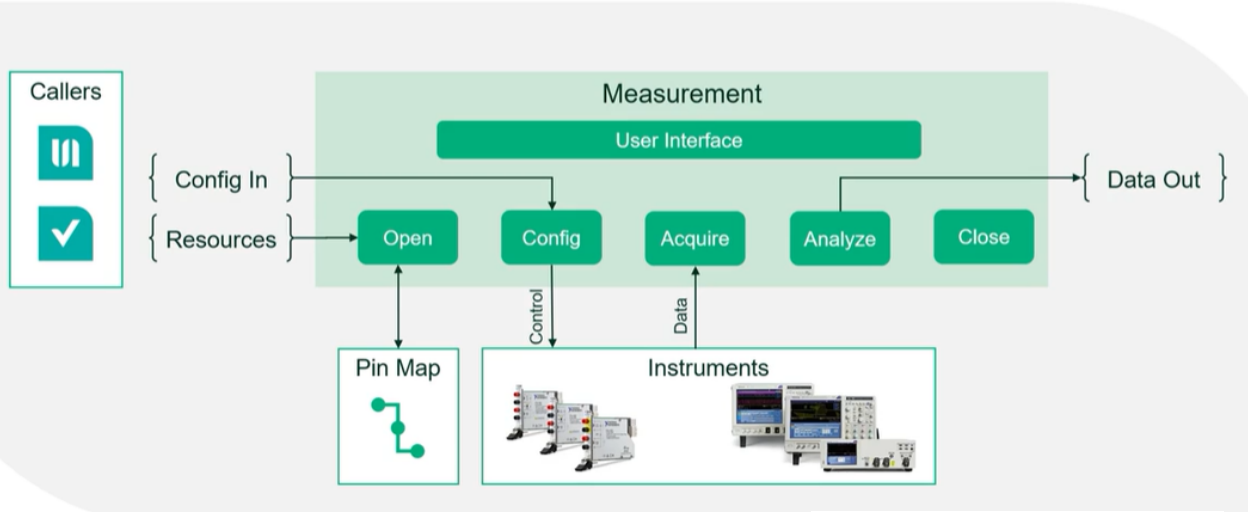
Measurement Plug-Ins

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

Discovery Service

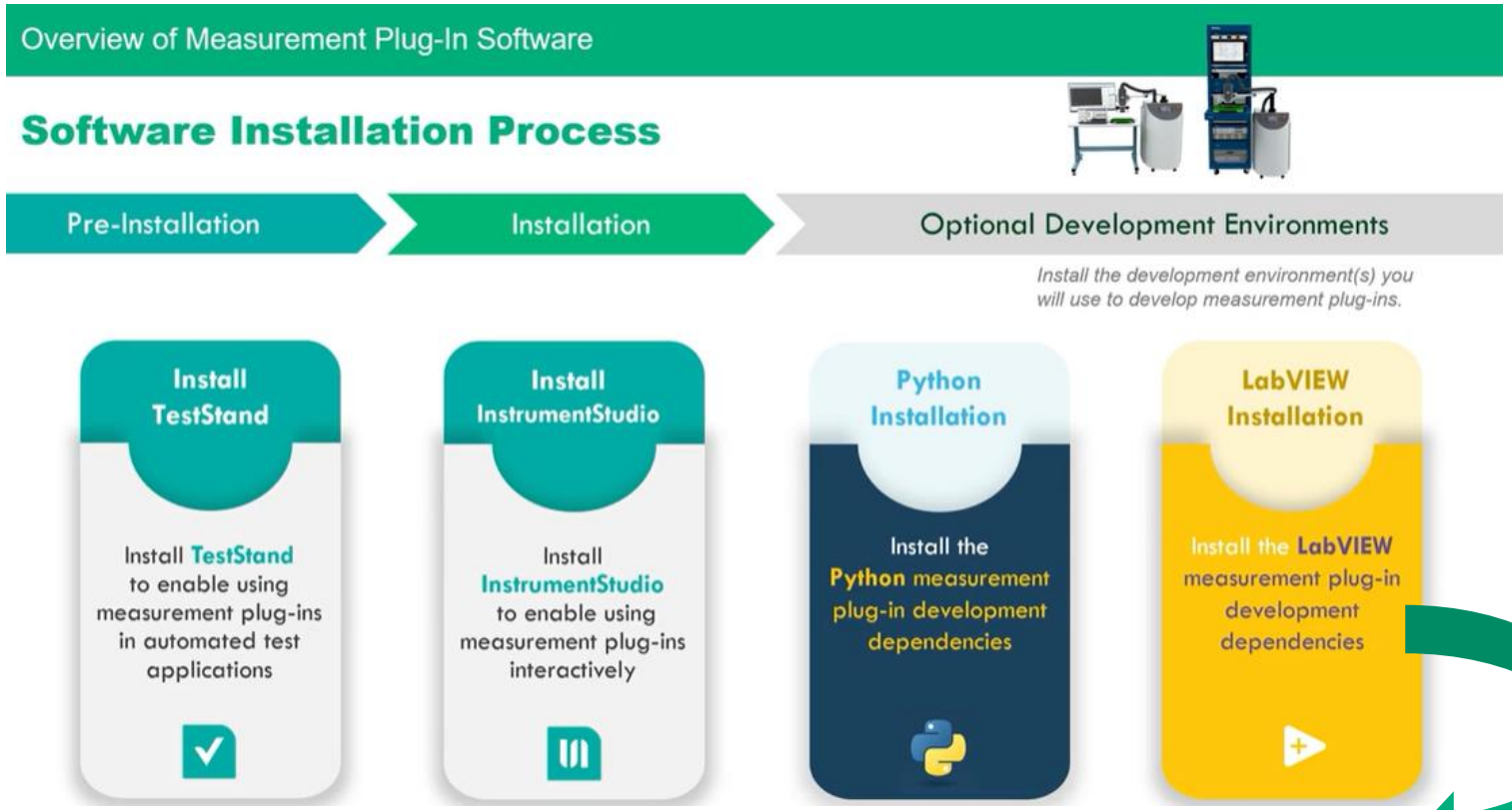
- Enumerates the available measurement plug-ins on your measurement system
- Allows you to register plug-ins you create so they become available for use

Structure of a Measurement Plug-In



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

Plug-in development with LabVIEW - Preparation



SDK package details:

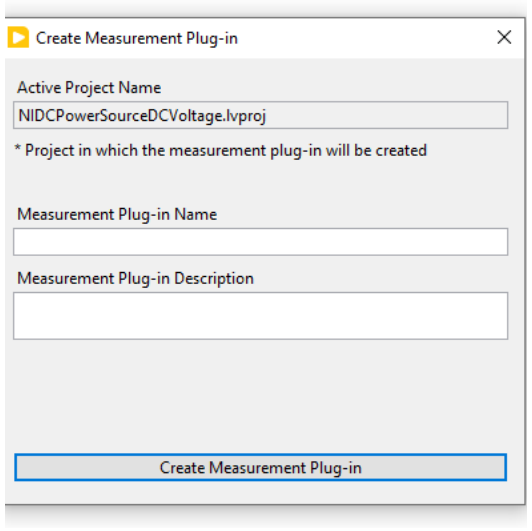
Version	3.0.0.3
Released	Jul 16, 2024
Publisher	NI
License	MIT
LabVIEW Version	LabVIEW>=21.0
Operating System	Windows x64
Dependencies	ni_measurement_plugin_sdk_service ni_measurement_plu ni_measurement_plugin_sdk_examples

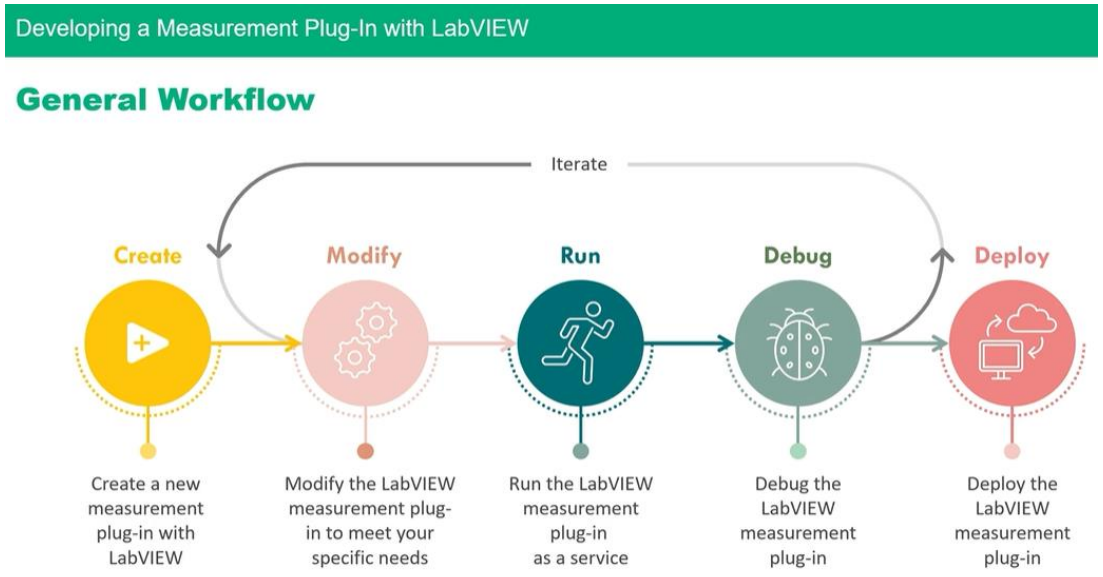
LabVIEW Measurement Development Dependencies
https://www.vipm.io/search/?q=Measurement+Plug-In

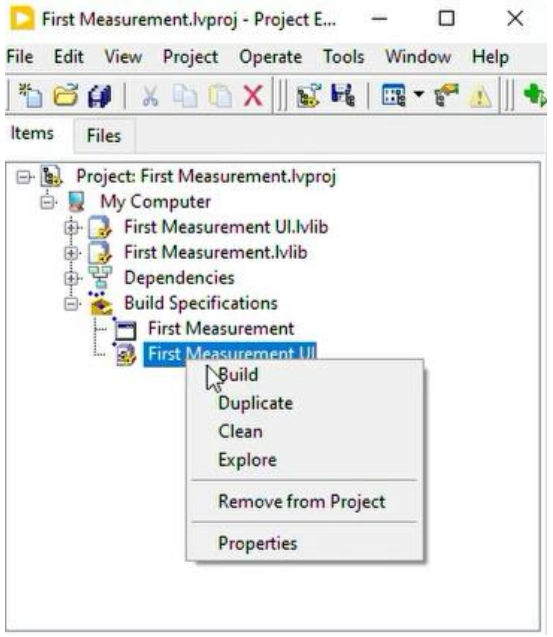
Package	Summary
Measurement Plug-In SDK by NI	Measurement Plug-In SDK helps you create reusable measurements for any supported device.
Measurement Plug-In SDK Generator by NI	Provides tooling for creating Measurement Plug-Ins from a template.
Measurement Plug-In SDK Service by NI	Provides runtime libraries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

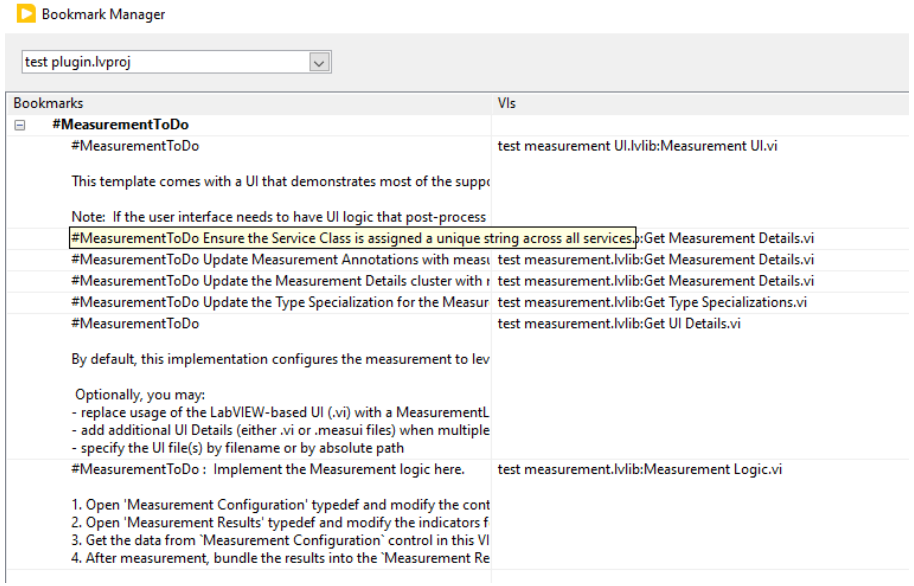
Supported LabVIEW version: 2021+

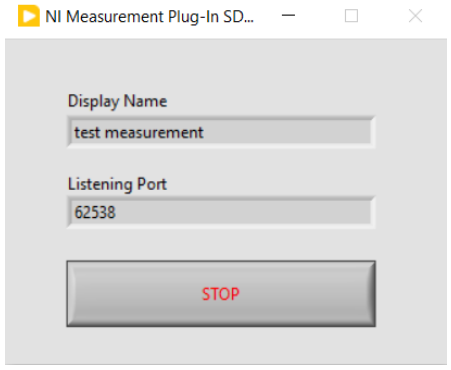
Plug-in development with LabVIEW - Workflow

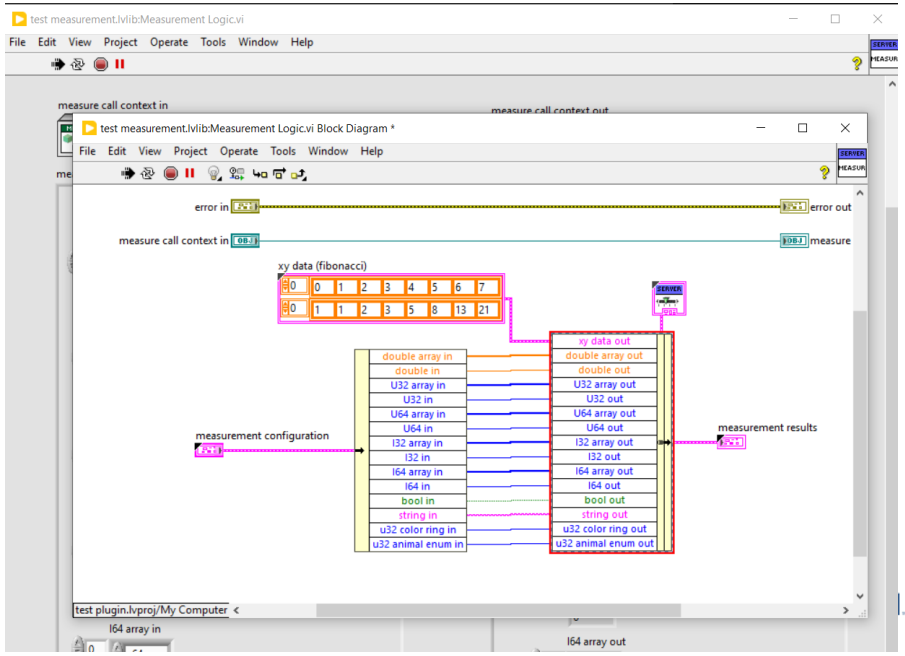












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Plug-in development with LabVIEW - Project structure

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

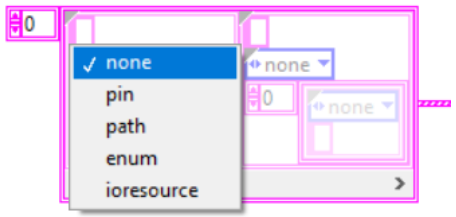
Logic of the measurement
UI is not used in the clients!
Logic can be test isolated by running this VI directly

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

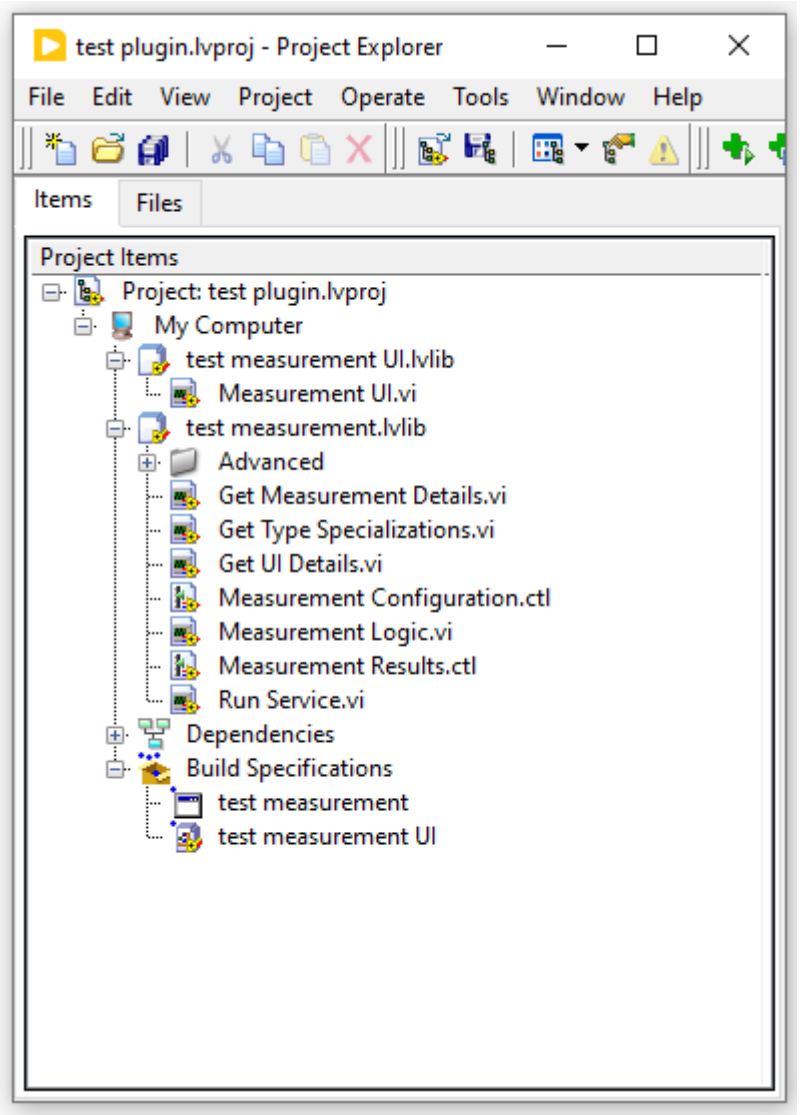
Provides the information of about the measurement plugin

Advanced
- Build Assets
- Measurement Plugin.lvclass

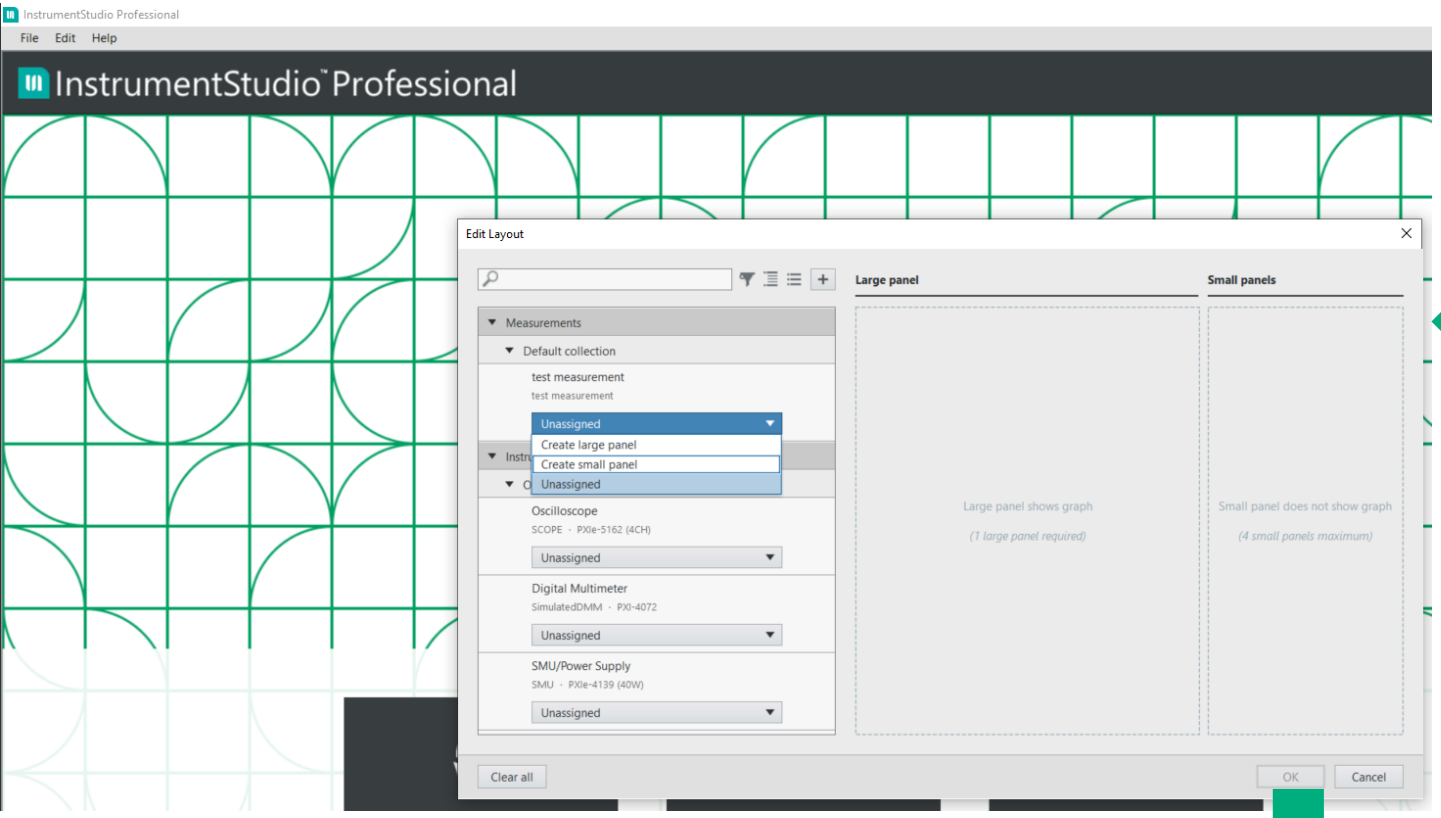
Customization of plug-in behavior, not recommended to change

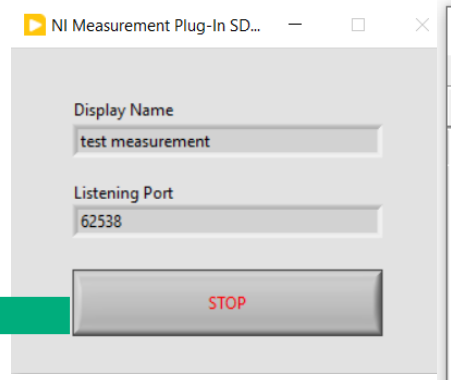
Pre-defined build spec:

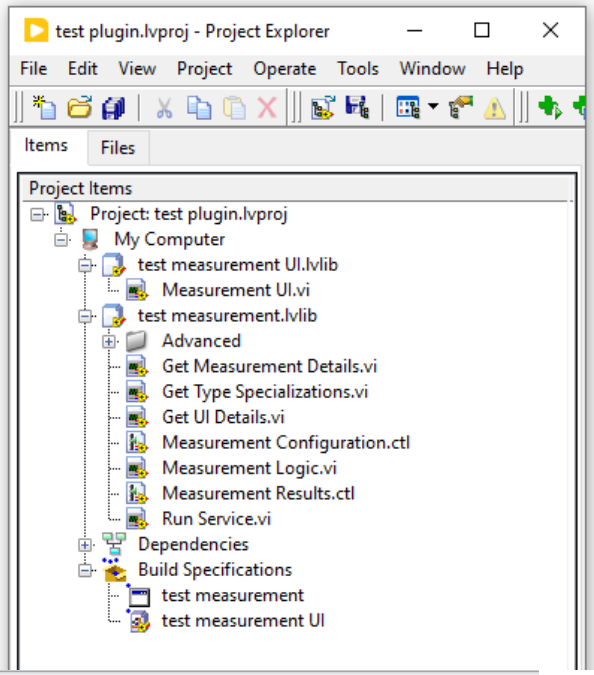
Build Specifications
- First Measurement
- First Measurement UI

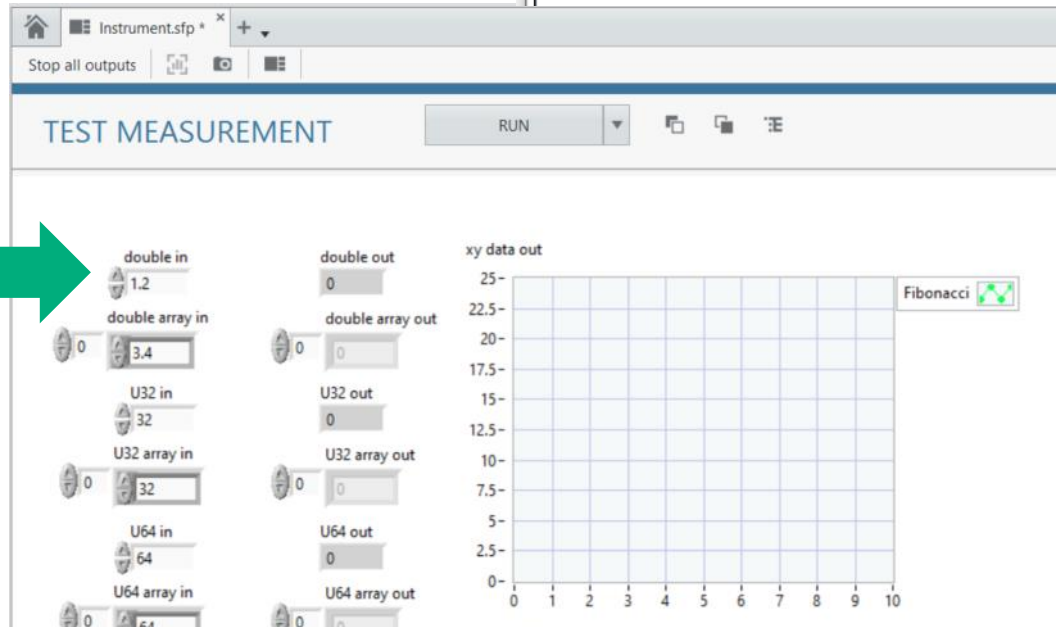


Steps to use a Plug-in

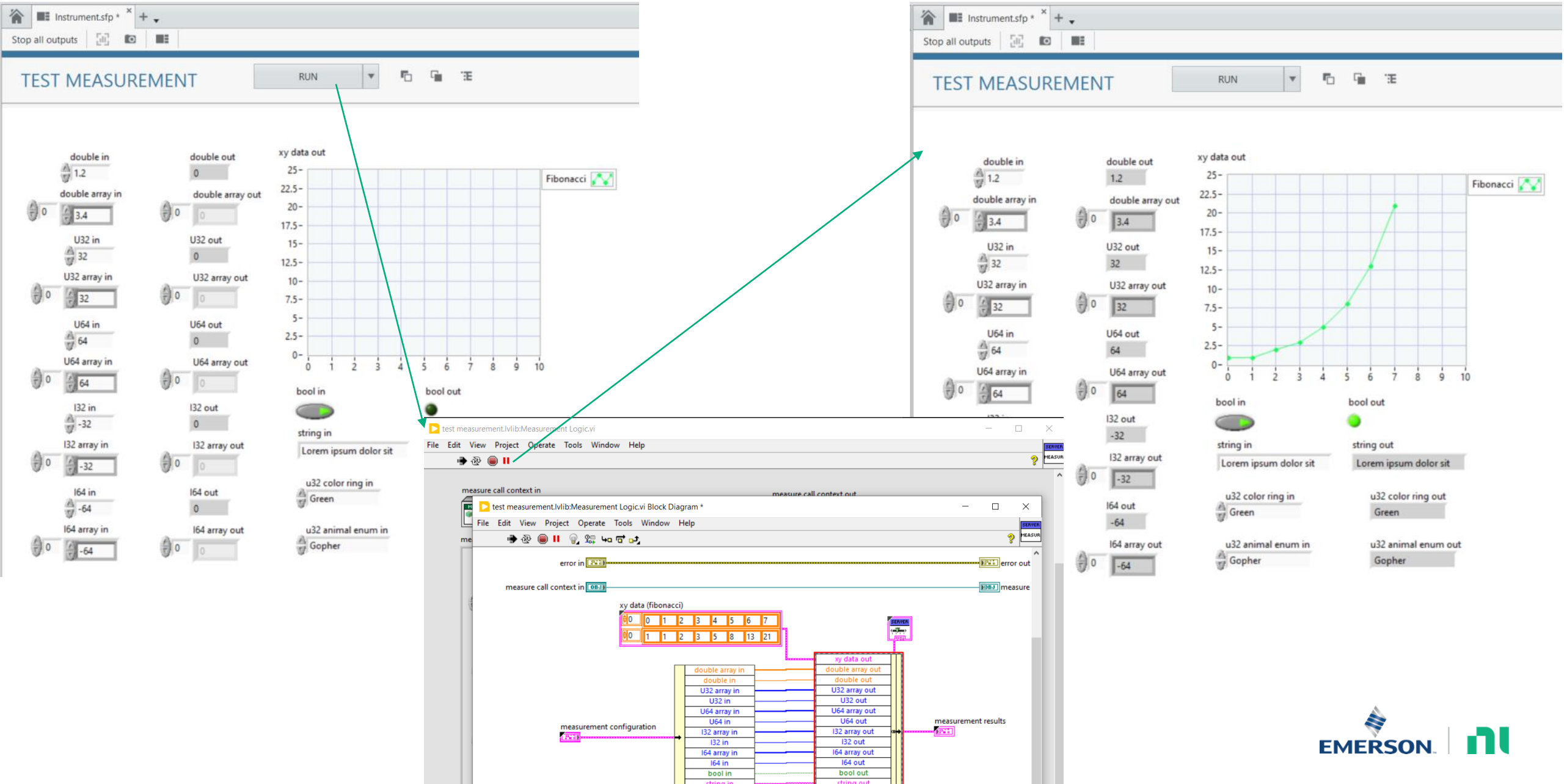








Debugging a Plug-in



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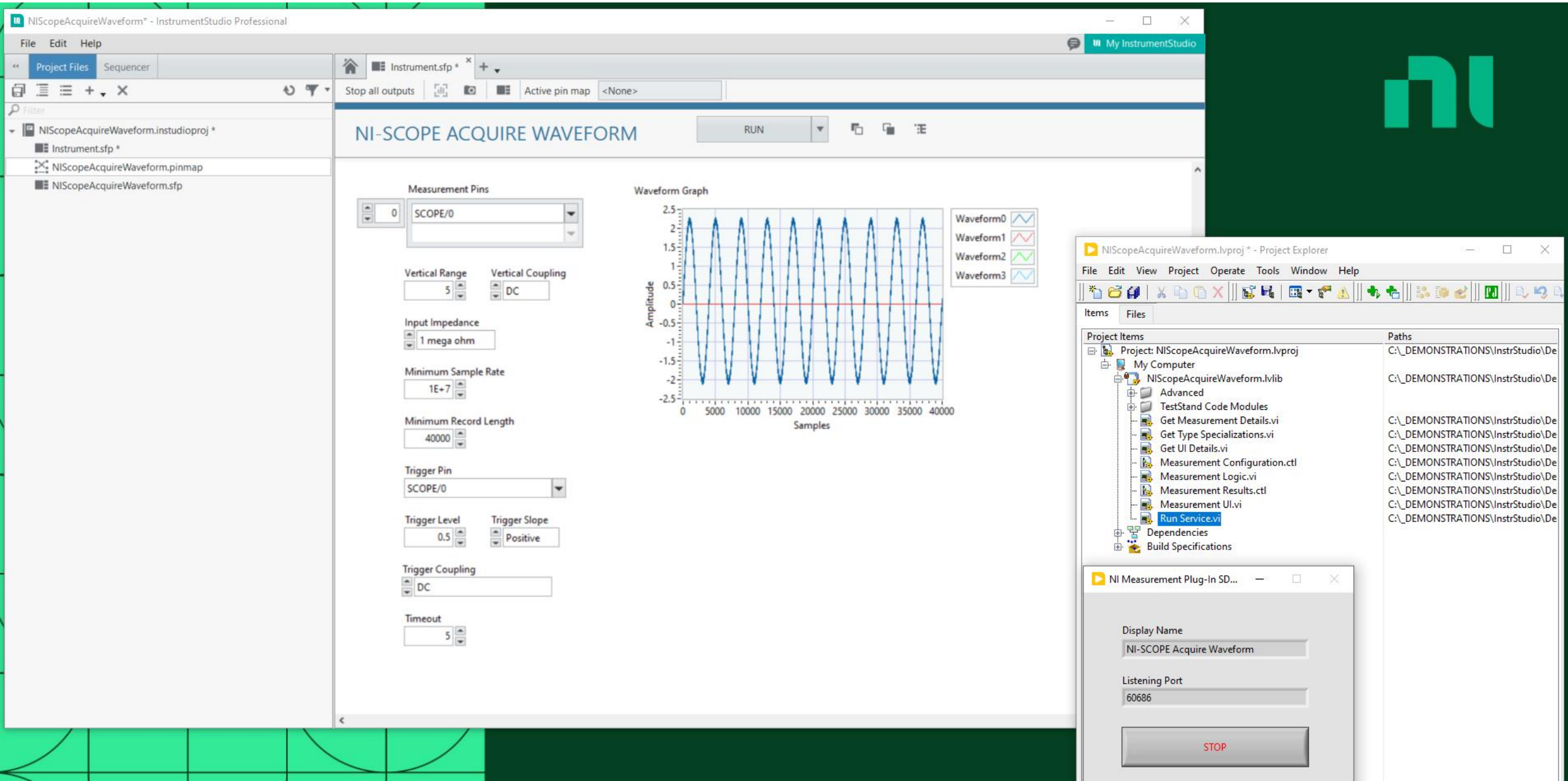
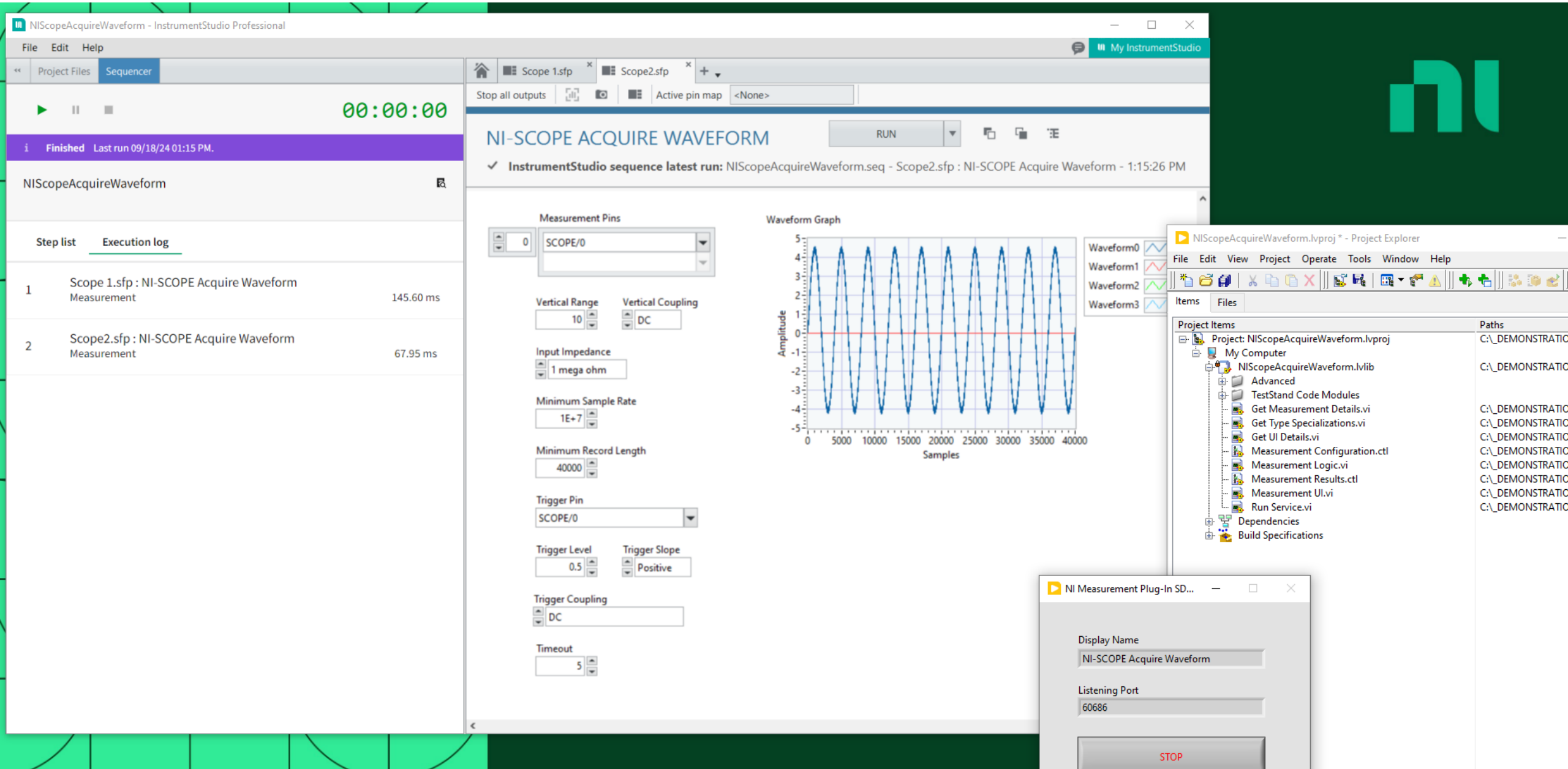
NI Scope WFM Acq Plug-in Example



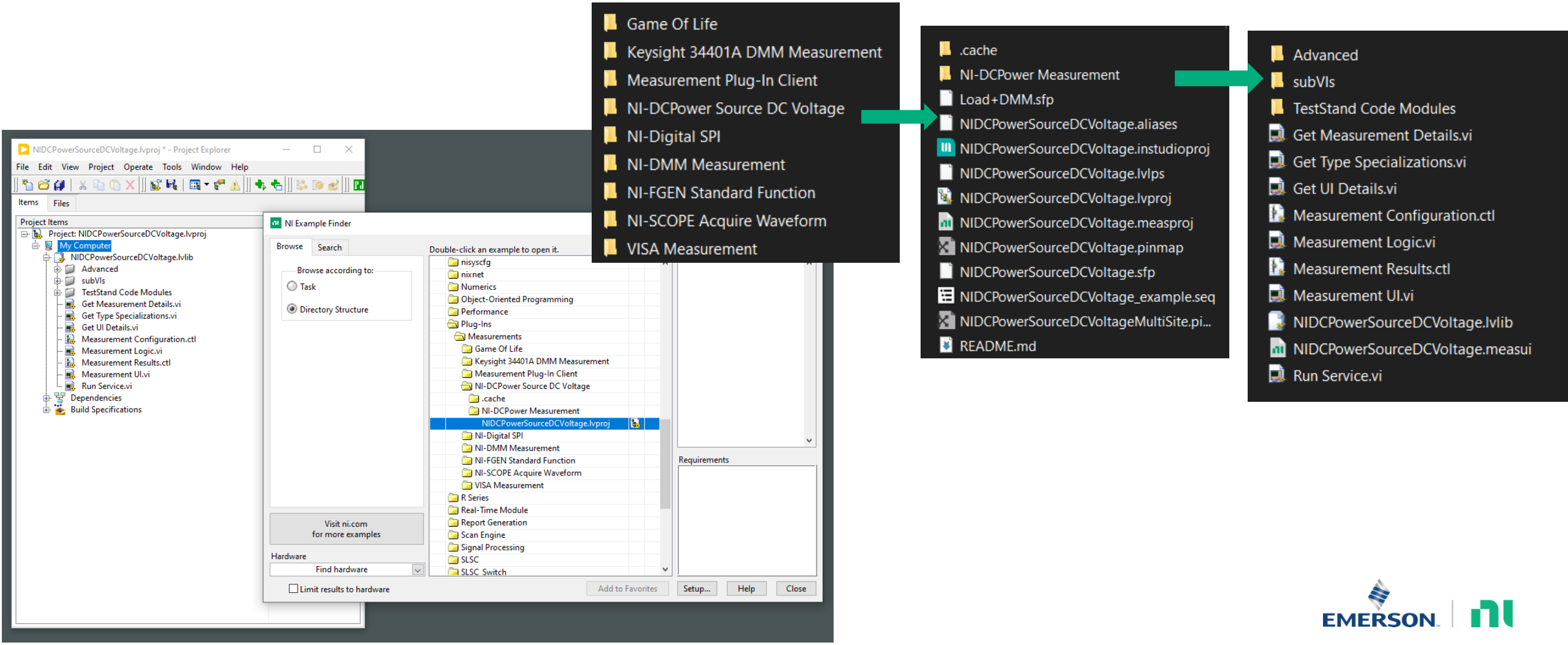
NI Scope WFM Acq Plug-in Example with IS Pro Sequencing



Plug-in Examples

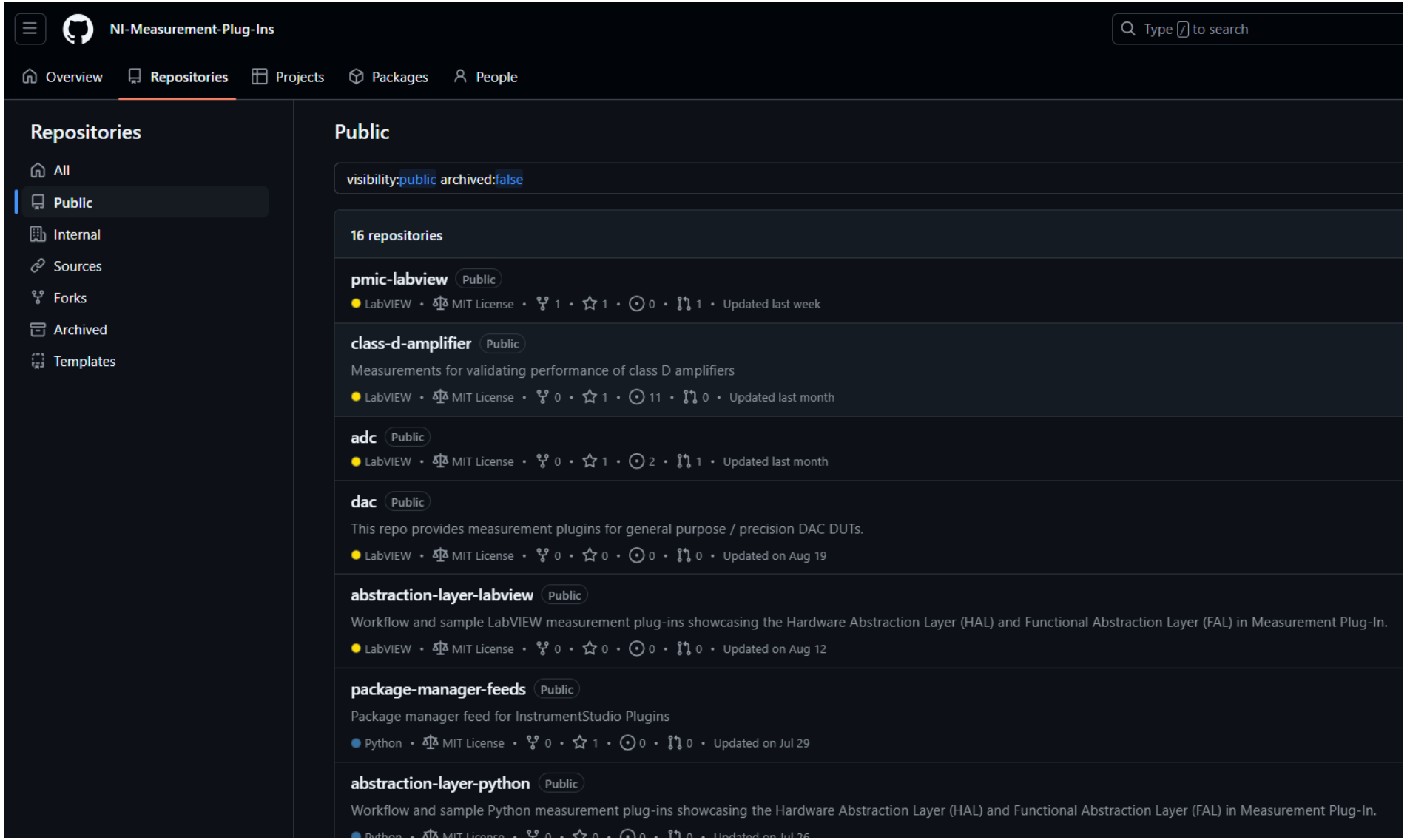
Location: *C:\Program Files\National Instruments\LabVIEW 2024\examples\Plug-Ins\Measurements*

Best practice shown in the NI-DCPower Source DC Voltage



https://github.com/NI-Measurement-Plug-Ins

Plug-in Repo on GitHub



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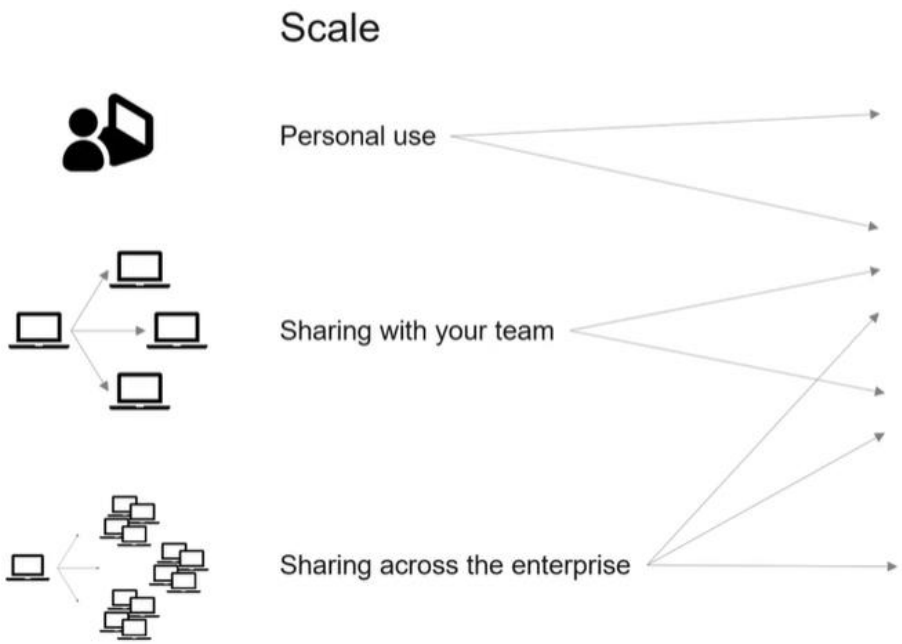
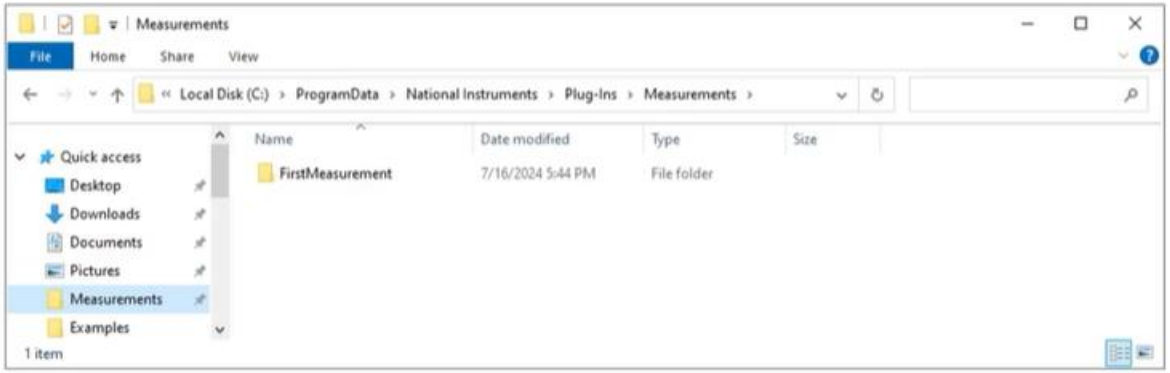
Sharing Plug-ins



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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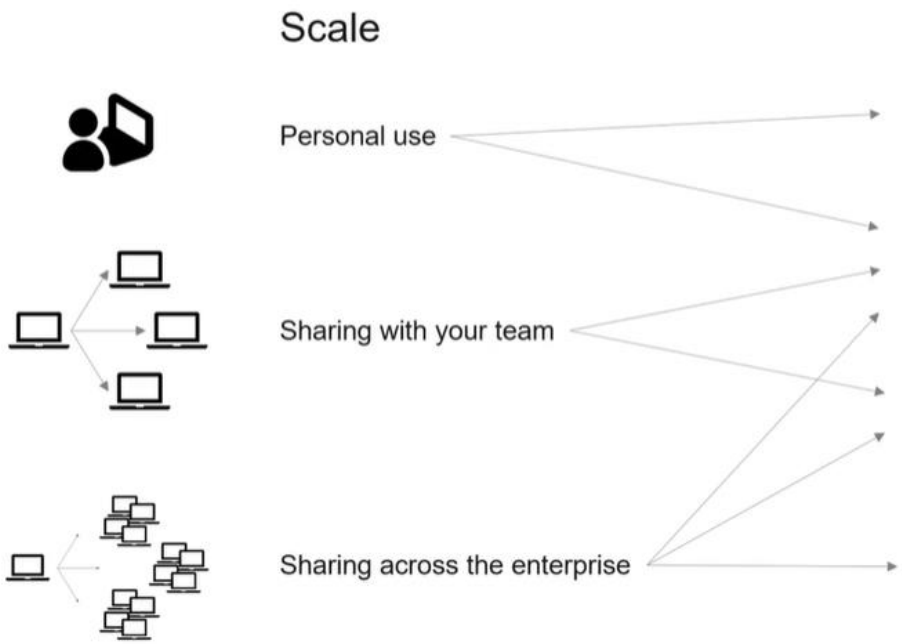
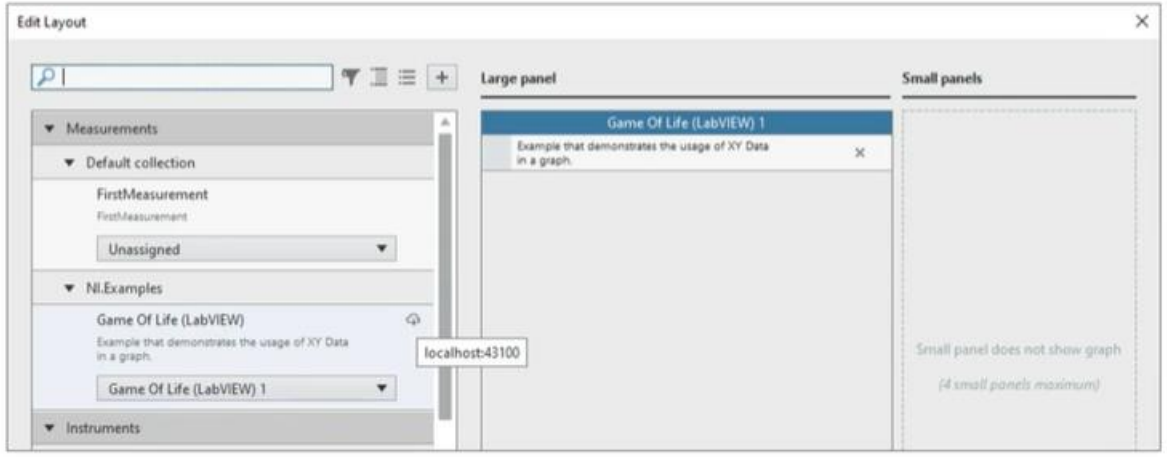


Plug-In Library

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.



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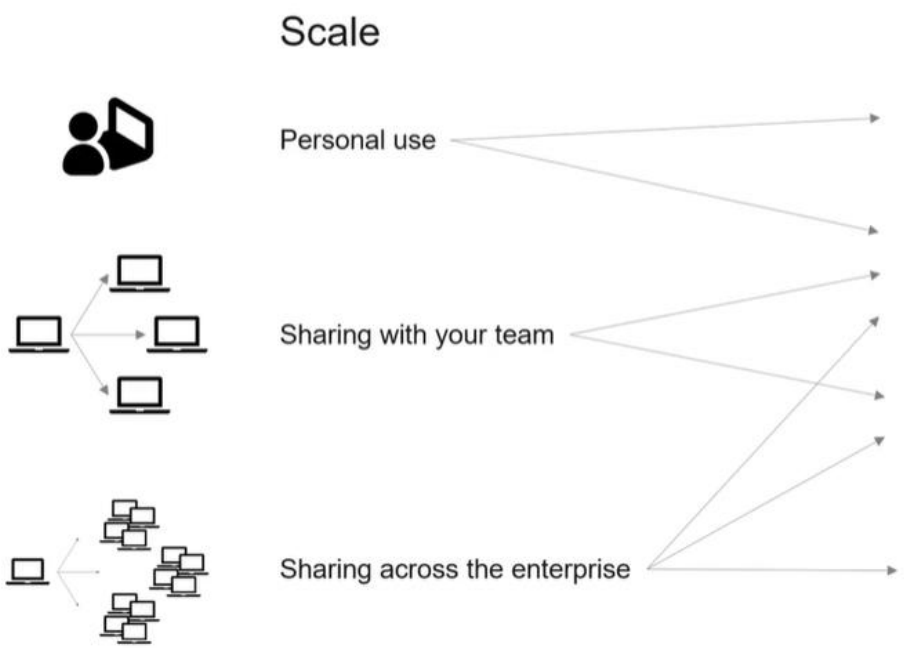
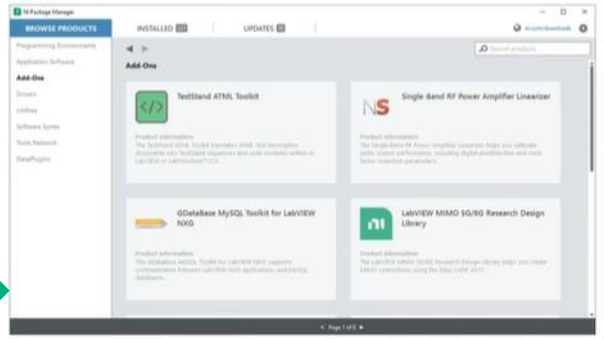


Sharing Plug-Ins with NI Packages and Feeds

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



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Sharing Plug-Ins with NI Packages and SystemLink

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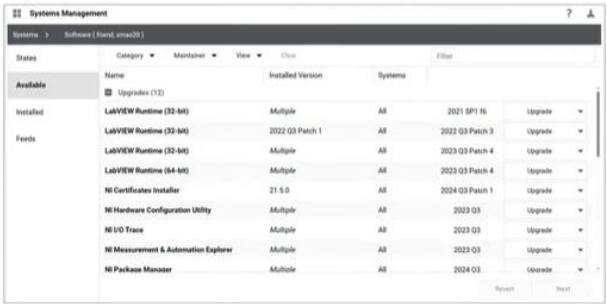
3. Install using SystemLink Systems Management.



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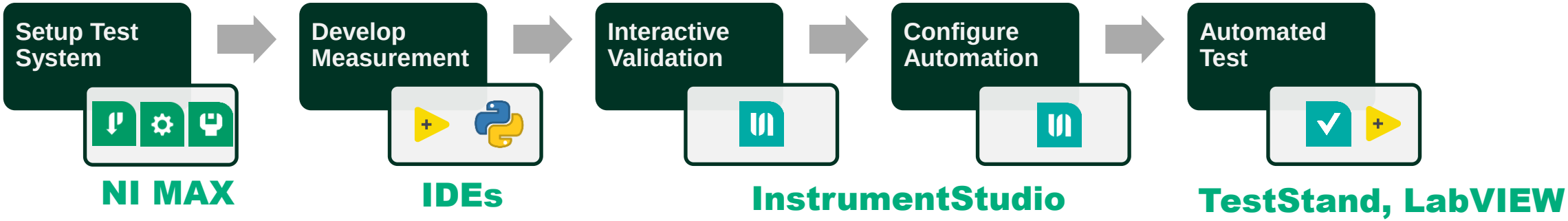
Standardized Workflow with Instrument Plug-ins

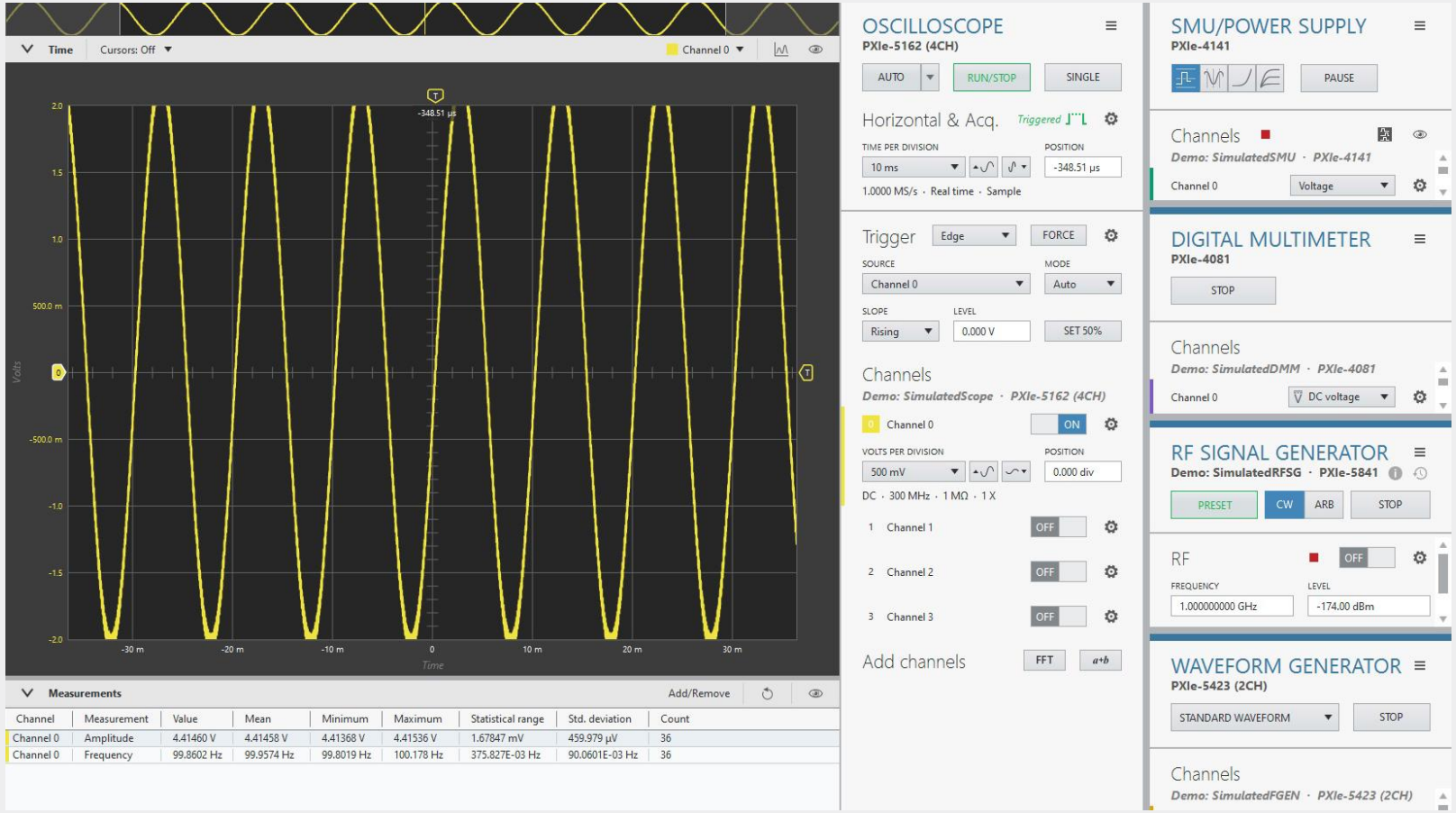
From setting up the device to Automated Test



Benefits of Standardized Workflow

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

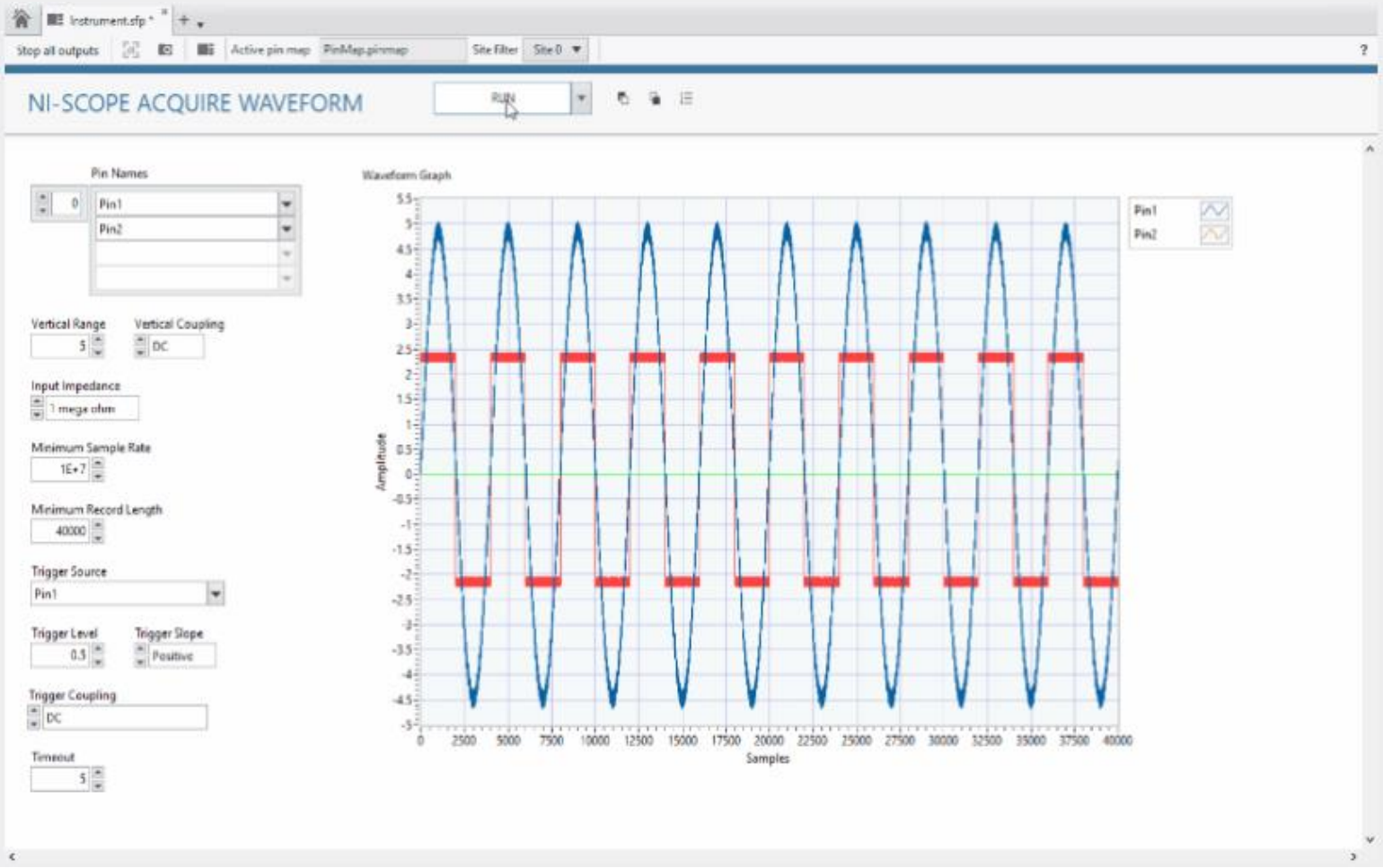
Set Up



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

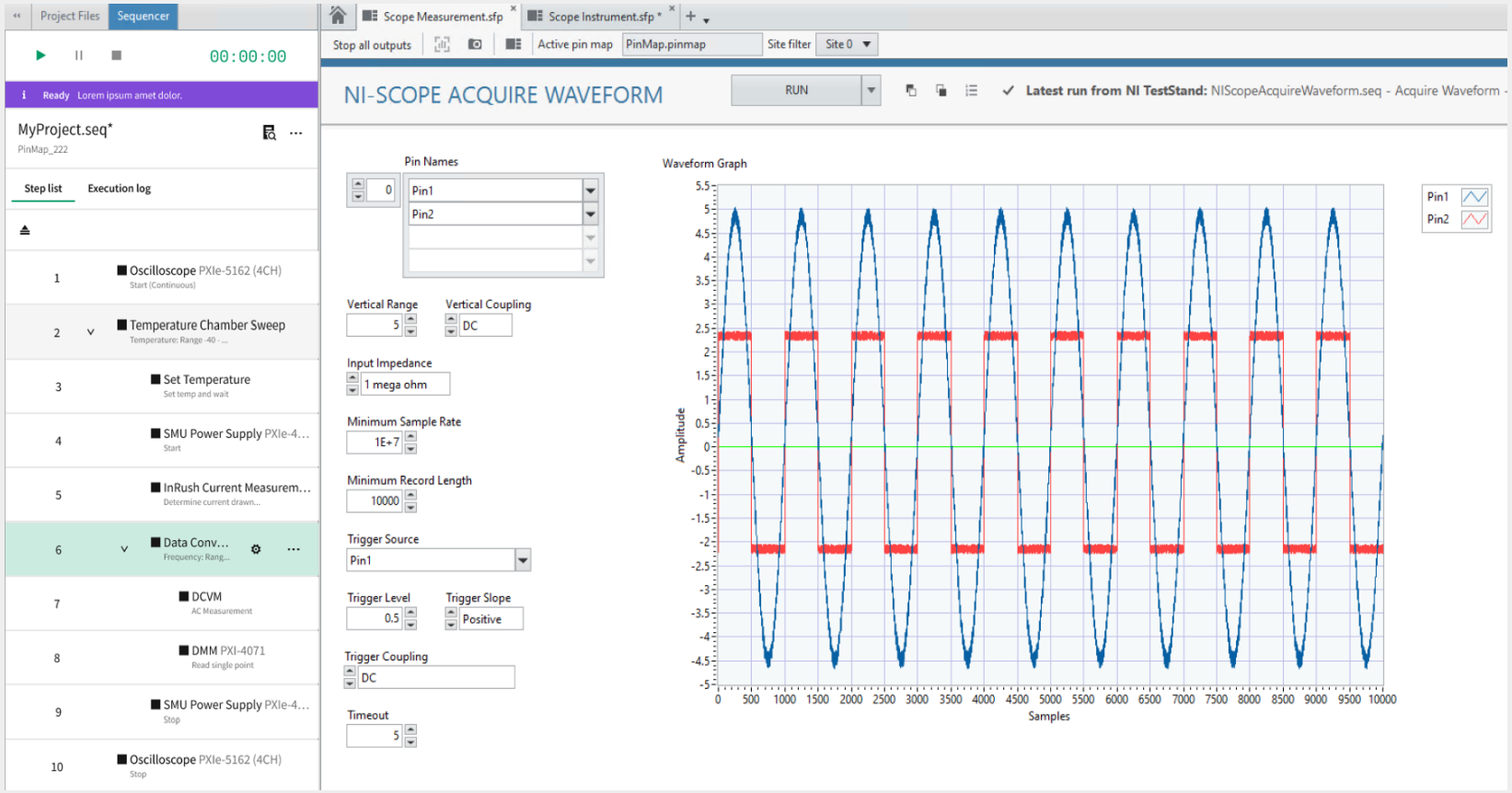


Measurement Plug-Ins

- 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



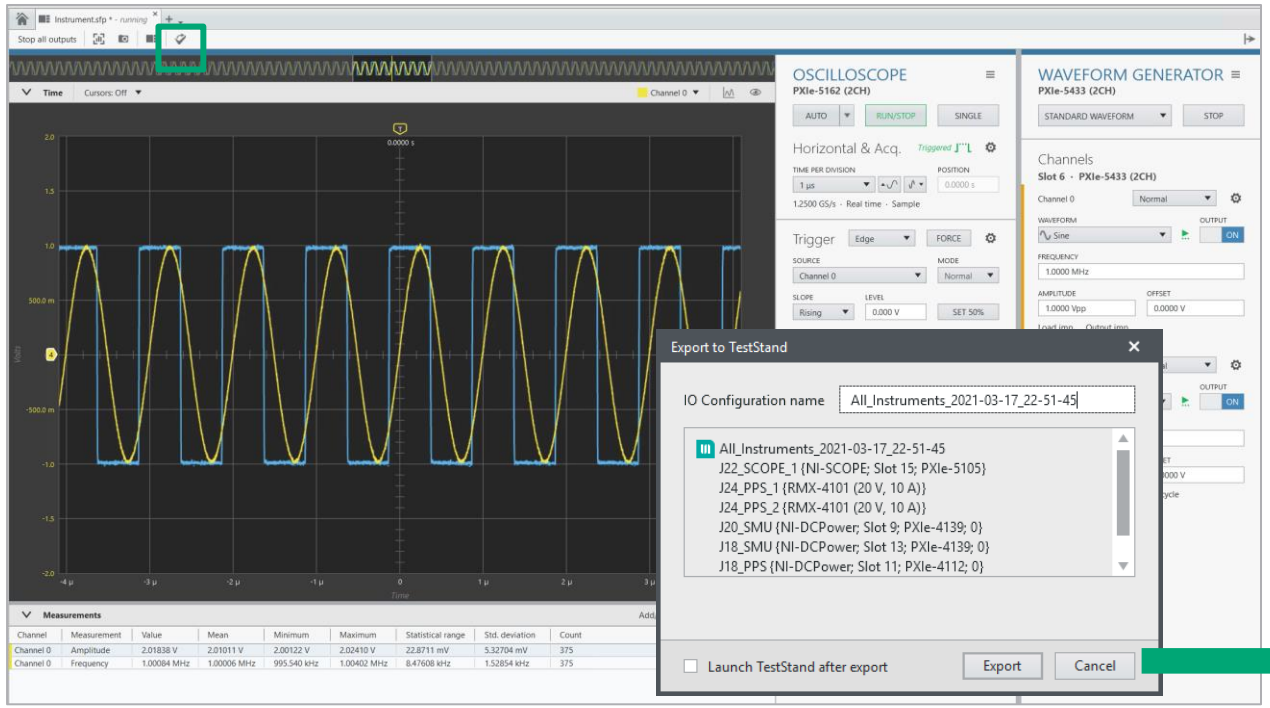
In-App Sequencing

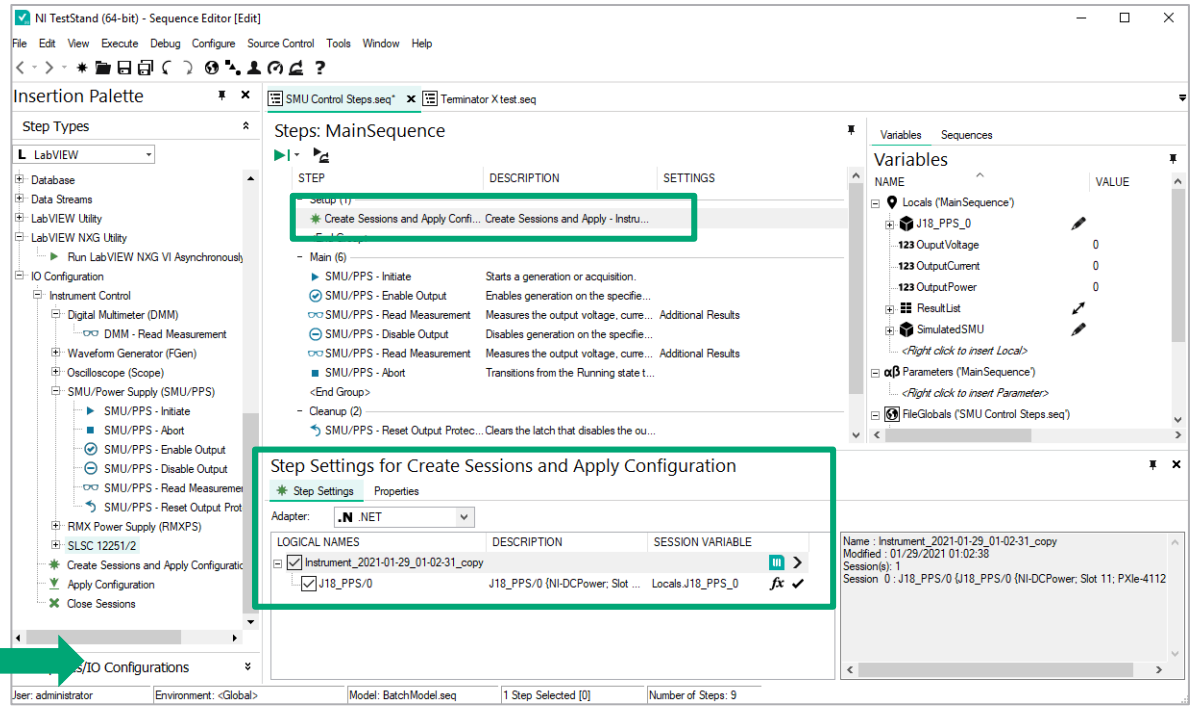
- Sequence over interactive steps
- Automate parametric sweeps
- Interactively debug automation
- Generate reports
- Copy-paste measurements to TestStand for advanced automation

Automate - Option 2

Reuse Instrument Configurations created in InstrumentStudio in your TestStand sequences

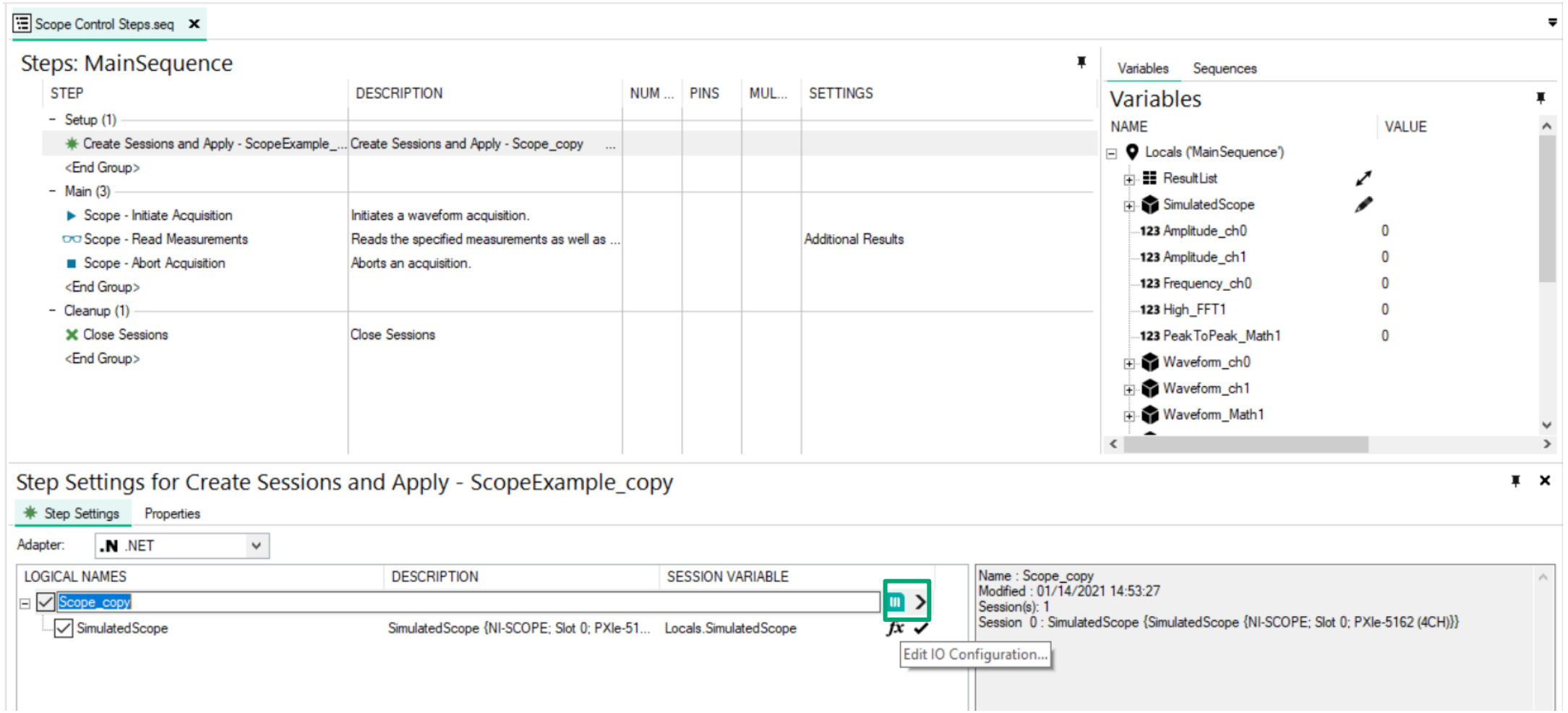
- Configure the instruments in InstrumentStudio
- Check the result of your configuration by running the instruments (change if needed)
- Click the **Export** to TestStand button to save the configuration and use it in TestStand
- **Create your automated Test Sequence in TestStand**





Automate - Option 2

Modify instrument settings any time directly in TestStand using InstrumentStudio



Automate - Option 2

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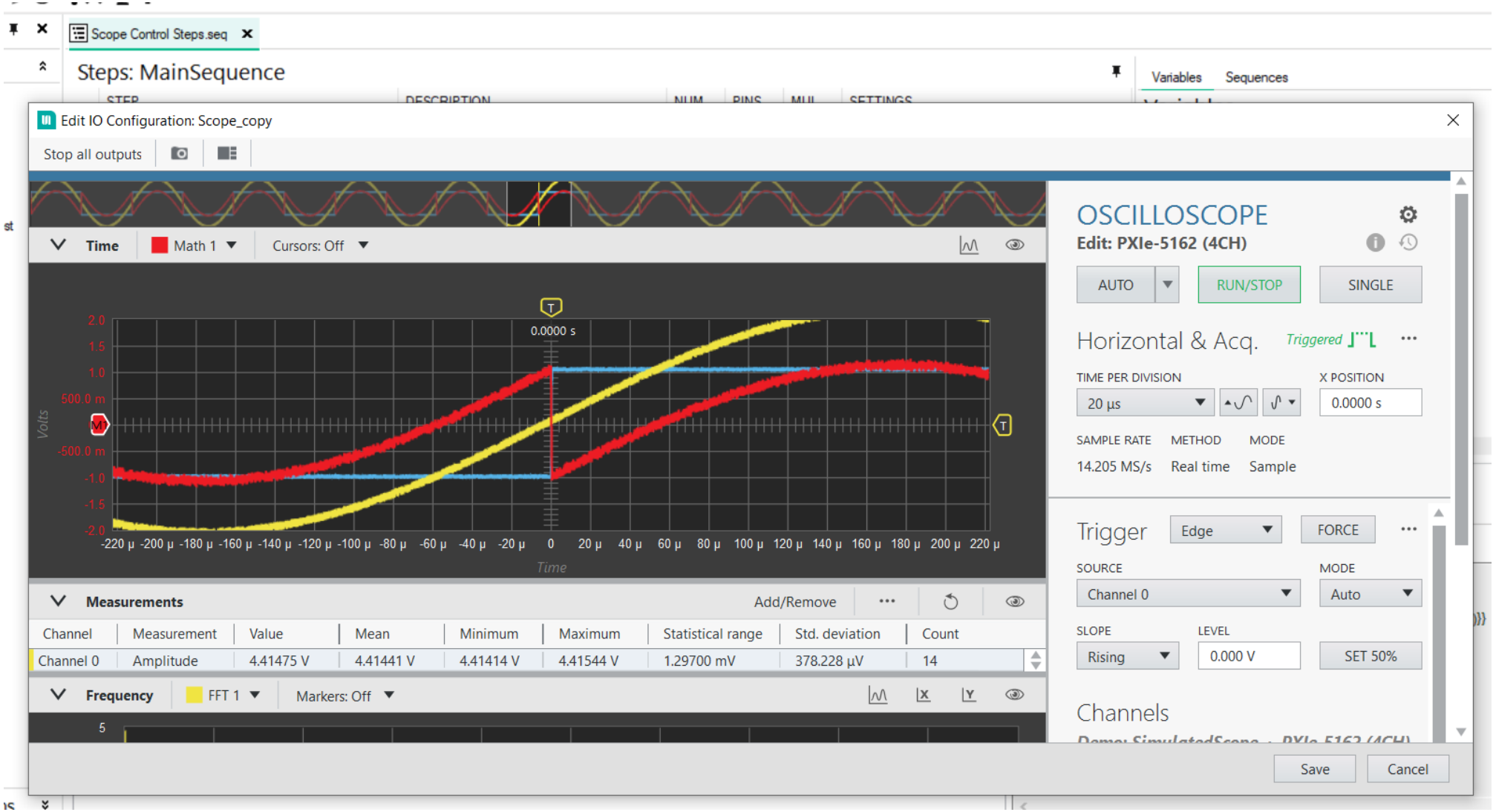

Instrument Studio™ Roadmap

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

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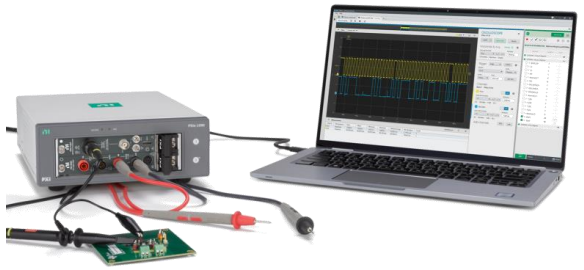
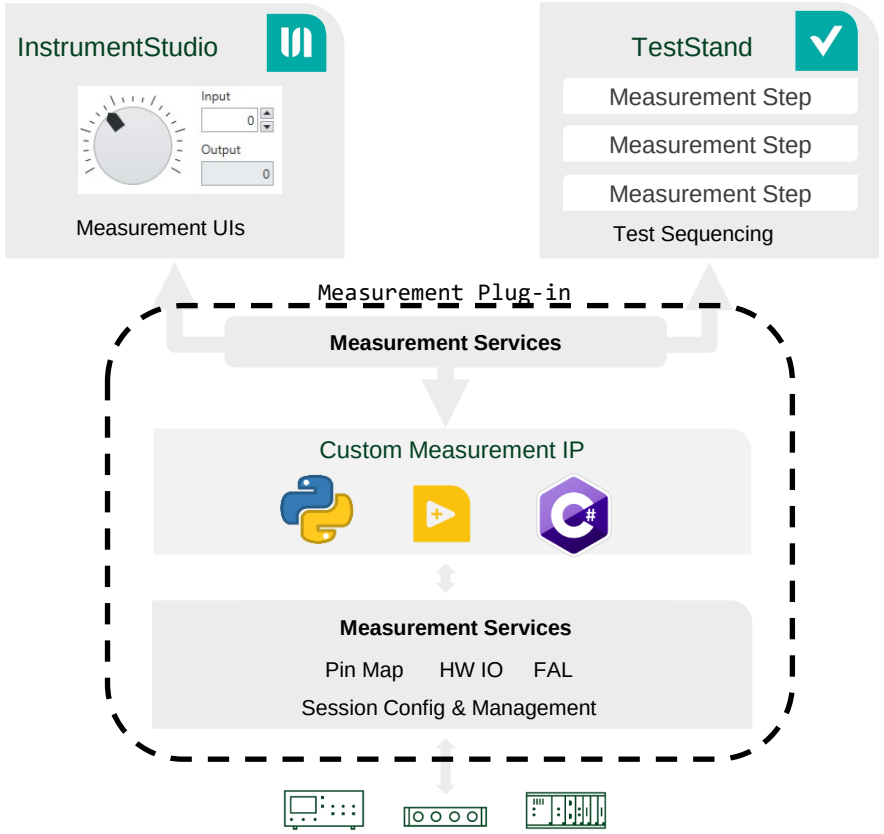
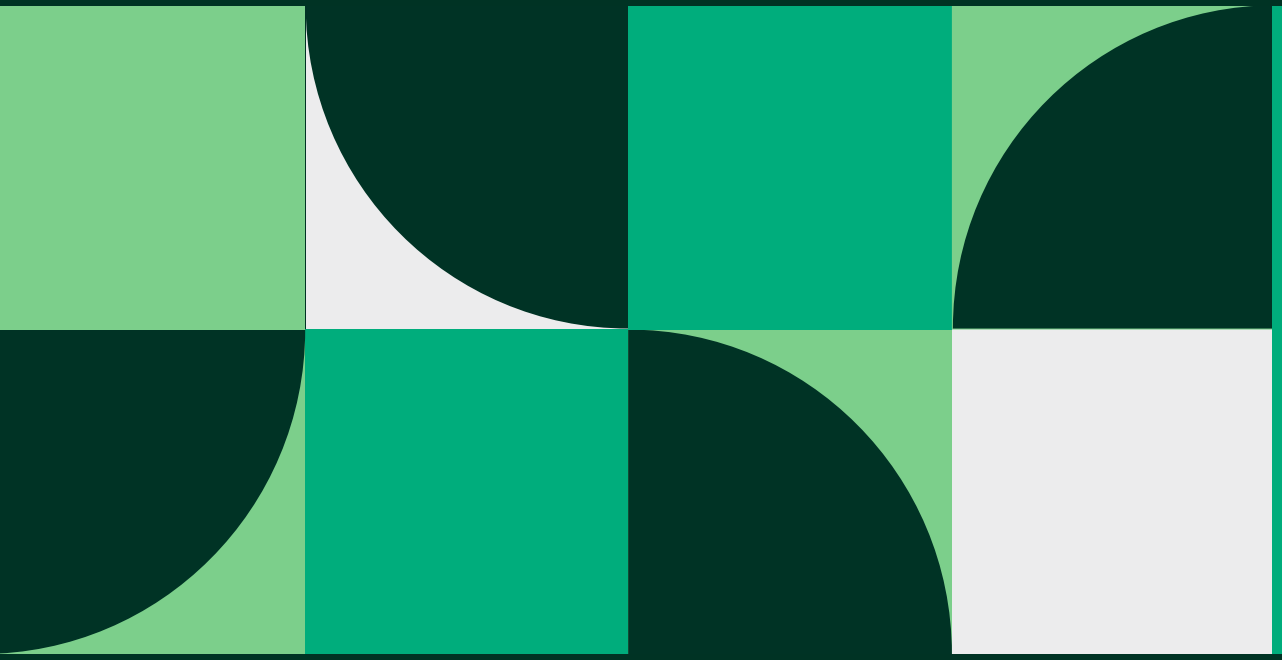
Resources

- 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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