Software Engineering with LabVIEW

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Configuration Management Tools and Guidelines



Learn how to use tools built into the development environment in combination with third party tools such as sour ce code control in order to manage large applications across multiple developers

Related Topics:

- Software Configuration Management and LabVIEW (http://www.ni.com/product-documentation/4114/en/)
- Best Practices for Managing NI LabVIEW Applications Using the Project Explorer (http://www.ni.com/product-documentation/7197/en/)
- Using TortoiseSVN (Subversion) with LabVIEW for Diff and Merge Operations (https://forums.ni.com/t5/Example-Program-Drafts/Source-Code-Control-Using-TortoiseSVN-Subversion-with-LabVIEW/ta-p/3510829)
- [Webcast] Application Management Best Practices in LabVIEW (http://www.ni.com/webcast/707/en/)
- Best Practices for Sharing and Reusing LabVIEW Code (http://www.ni.com/tutorial/9648/en/)

Requirements Traceability and Mapping



Use requirements to verify the quality and completeness of your application using your existing requirements management solutions.

- An Overview of Requirements Gateway for Test, Measurement and Control Applications (https://www.ni.com/en-us/innovations/white-papers/06/ni-requirements-gateway-for-test--measurement--and-control-appli.html)
- Tutorial for configuring Requirements Gateway Traceability (http://www.ni.com/tutorial/8414/en/)
- Map Requirements Documents to LabVIEW Code with NI Requirements Gateway (https://www.ni.com/en-us/innova tions/white-papers/06/ni-requirements-gateway-for-test--measurement--and-control-appli.html)
- NI LabVIEW and CMMI-Compliant Requirements Management (https://learn.ni.com/center-of-excellence)
- [Webcast] Managing Requirements and Developing Large LabVIEW Applications (http://www.ni.com/webcast/313/e n/)

Application Architecture



Design your LabVIEW application to ensure that it addresses the critical aspects of your application and that it so ales for large application development and large numbers of developers

- State Machine Design Patterns Technical Manual and Exercises (https://forums.ni.com/t5/LabVIEW-Development-Best/State-Machine-Design-Patterns-Technical-Manual-and-Exercises/ta-p/3490847)
- Applying Common Object-Oriented (OO) Design Patterns to LabVIEW (https://forums.ni.com/t5/Example-Program-Drafts/Applying-Common-Object-Oriented-OO-Design-Patterns-to-LabVIEW/ta-p/3510571)
- Object Oriented Design Patterns Technical Manual and Exercises (https://forums.ni.com/t5/LabVIEW-Development-Best/Object-Oriented-Design-Patterns-Technical-Manual-and-Exercises/ta-p/3507995)
- Designing Scalable Object Oriented Systems using Actor Framework and Abstraction Layers (https://forums.ni.com/t5/LabVIEW-Development-Best/Measurement-Abstraction-Plugin-Framework-with-Optional-TestStand/ta-p/353138 9)

Code Re-Use and Interoperability



Learn about the practices and tools that are recommended for communication with other programming environm

- Calling LabVIEW VIs from Other Programming Languages (http://www.ni.com/tutorial/5719/en/)
- Writing Win32 DLLs and Calling Them from LabVIEW (https://knowledge.ni.com/KnowledgeArticleDetails?id=kA00Z 0000019Ls1SAE&l=en-US)
- Integrating LabVIEW Code into Other Programming Languages (http://www.ni.com/tutorial/5719/en/)
- ActiveX and COM Article Series (https://www.ni.com/en-us/innovations/white-papers/06/activex-and-labview.html)
- Loading .NET Assemblies from LabVIEW (http://zone.ni.com/reference/en-XX/help/371361R-01/lvconcepts/loading _assemblies/)

Developing, Debugging and Reviewing Code



Learn what to look for when auditing code developed in LabVIEW. Enforce proper coding styles to improve read ability and performance.

- NI LabVIEW Style Guide (http://zone.ni.com/reference/en-XX/help/371361R-01/lvdevconcepts/checklist/)
- Using the LabVIEW VI Analyzer Toolkit for Static Code Analysis (http://sine.ni.com/nips/cds/view/p/lang/en/nid/2090
- Creating Code Modules with the LabVIEW Project Library (http://www.ni.com/tutorial/4067/en/)
- Memory Management in LabVIEW Using the In Place Element Structure (http://zone.ni.com/reference/en-XX/help/371361R-01/lvconcepts/in_place_element/)
- [Wiki] Professional User Interface Examples and Resources (https://forums.ni.com/t5/UI-Interest-Group/ct-p/7019)

Testing and Validation of LabVIEW Applications



Develop test frameworks to validate that your code works correctly in order to meet ISO and other regulatory sta ndards

- Best Practices for Testing Safety Compliant Systems (https://www.ni.com/en-us/innovations/white-papers/11/best-practices-for-embedded-software-testing-of-safety-compliant.html)
- Using the Unit Test Framework for Software Testing and Validation (https://www.ni.com/en-us/innovations/white-papers/09/prove-it-works--using-the-unit-test-framework-for-software-testi.html)
- Tracing Requirements to Unit Tests for VIs (http://www.ni.com/tutorial/8421/en/)
- Webcast: Using the Unit Test Framework (http://www.ni.com/webcast/1107/en/)
- Applying Code Complexity Metrics to LabVIEW Applications (https://www.ni.com/en-us/innovations/white-papers/06/estimating-code-complexity-in-labview.html)

Deployment Process



Develop repeatable deployment methods in order to distribute code amongst developers and deploy end use ex ecutables and installers

- Distributing Applications with the LabVIEW Application Builder (http://www.ni.com/tutorial/3303/en/)
- Replication and Deployment (RAD) Utility for Embedded Systems (http://www.ni.com/example/30986/en/)
- Deploying and Replicating Embedded Systems (https://www.ni.com/en-us/shop/compactrio/compactrio-developers-guide.html)
- Deploying Applications to CompactRIO (https://www.ni.com/en-us/shop/compactrio/compactrio-developers-guide.ht
- RT Application Deployment Utility Reference Application (http://www.ni.com/example/30986/en/)
- Programmatically Build Projects in LabVIEW (http://www.ni.com/example/30051/en/)
- Managing FPGA Deployments (http://www.ni.com/product-documentation/9640/en/)