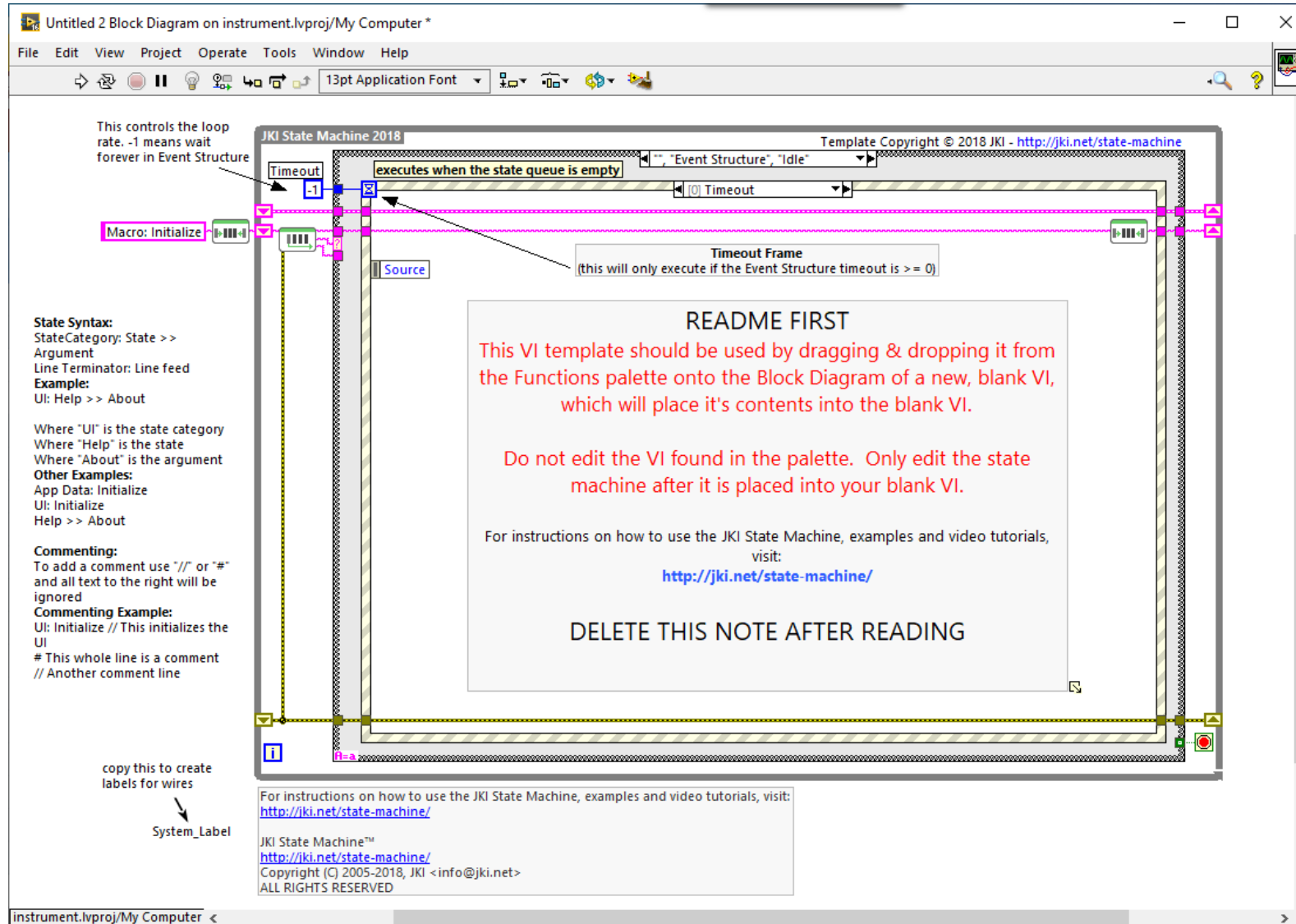


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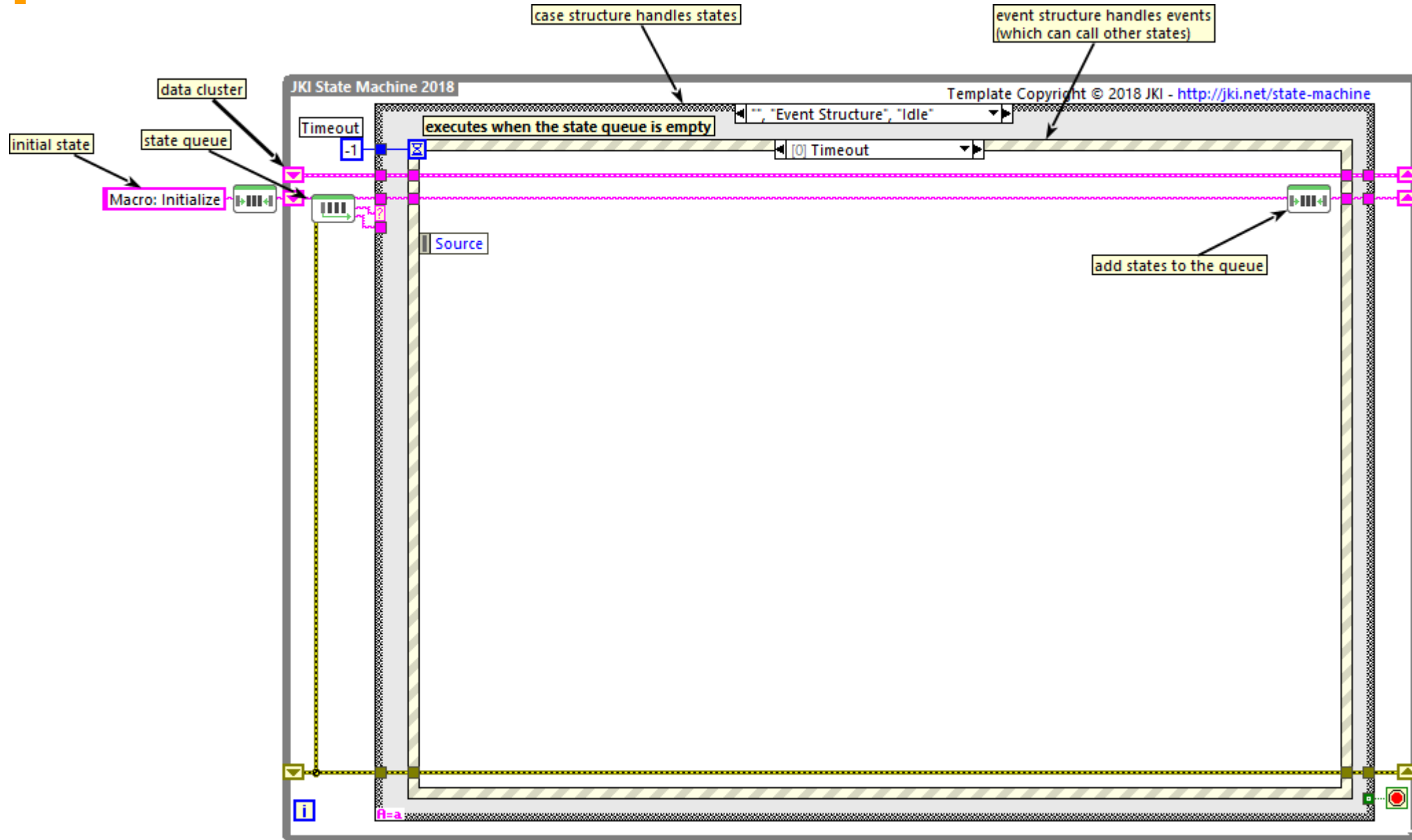
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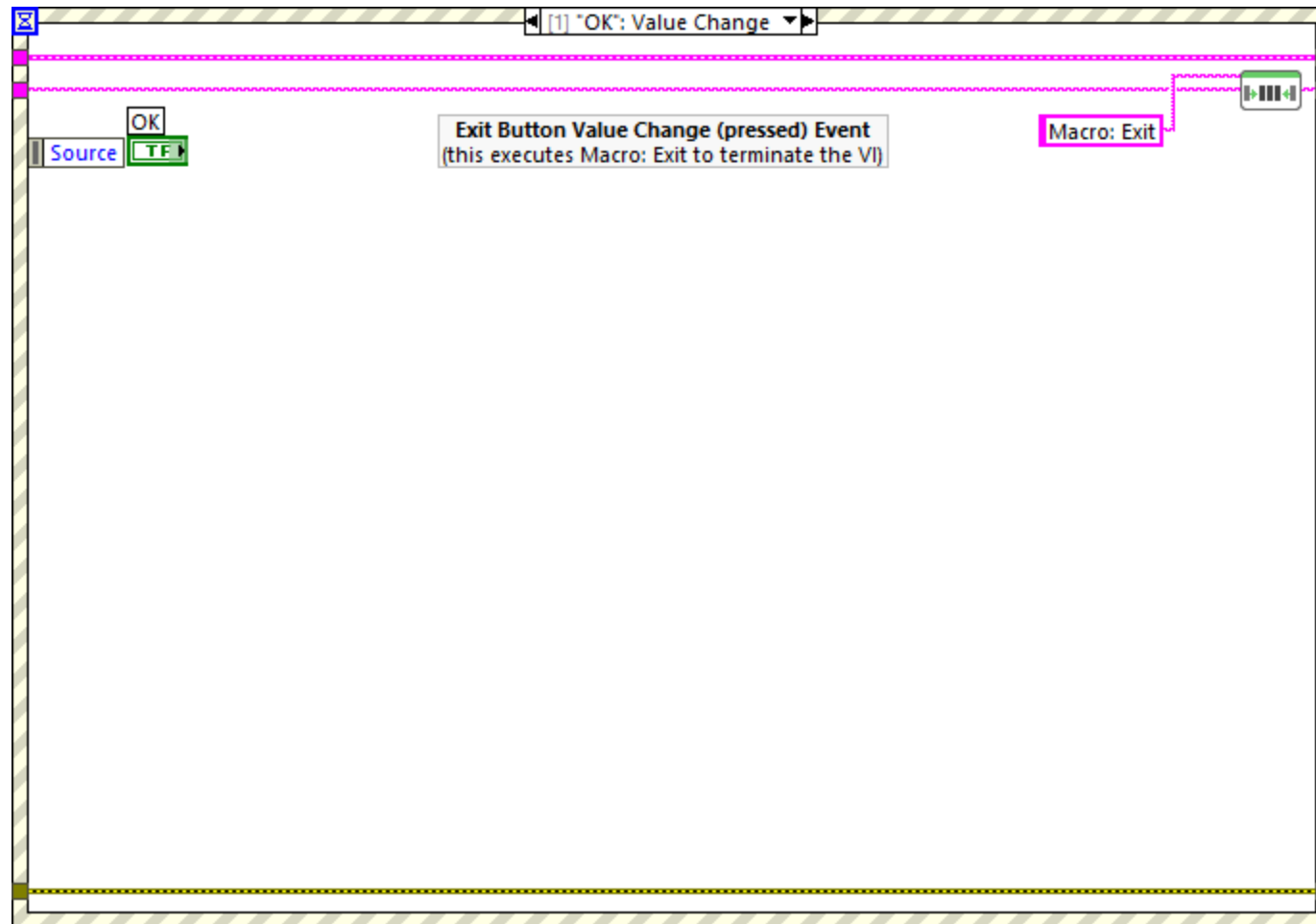
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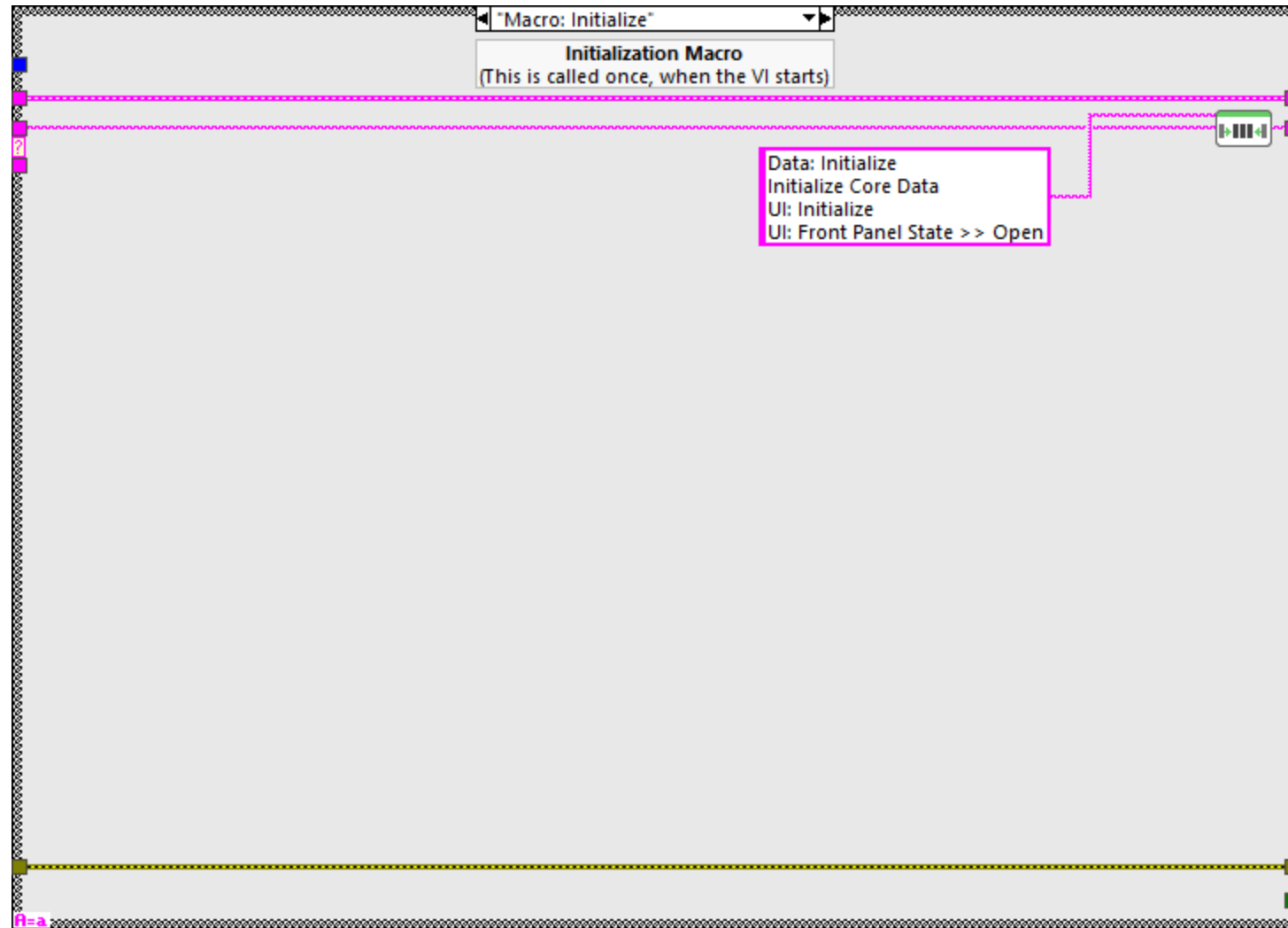
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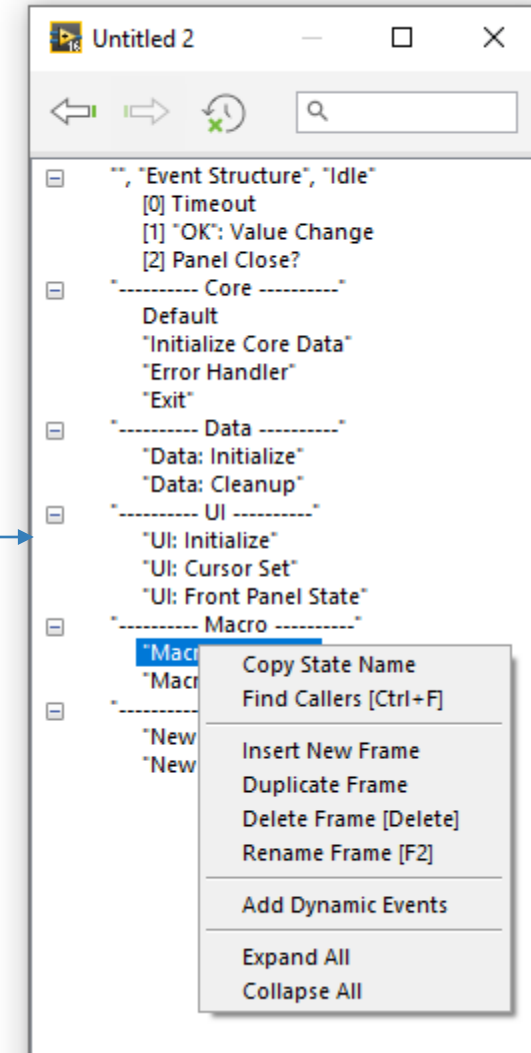
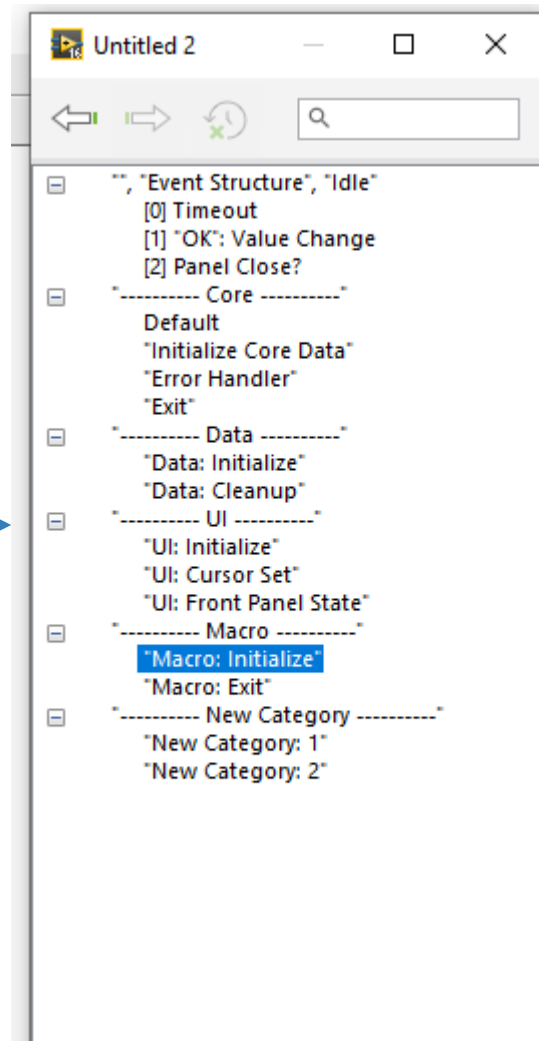
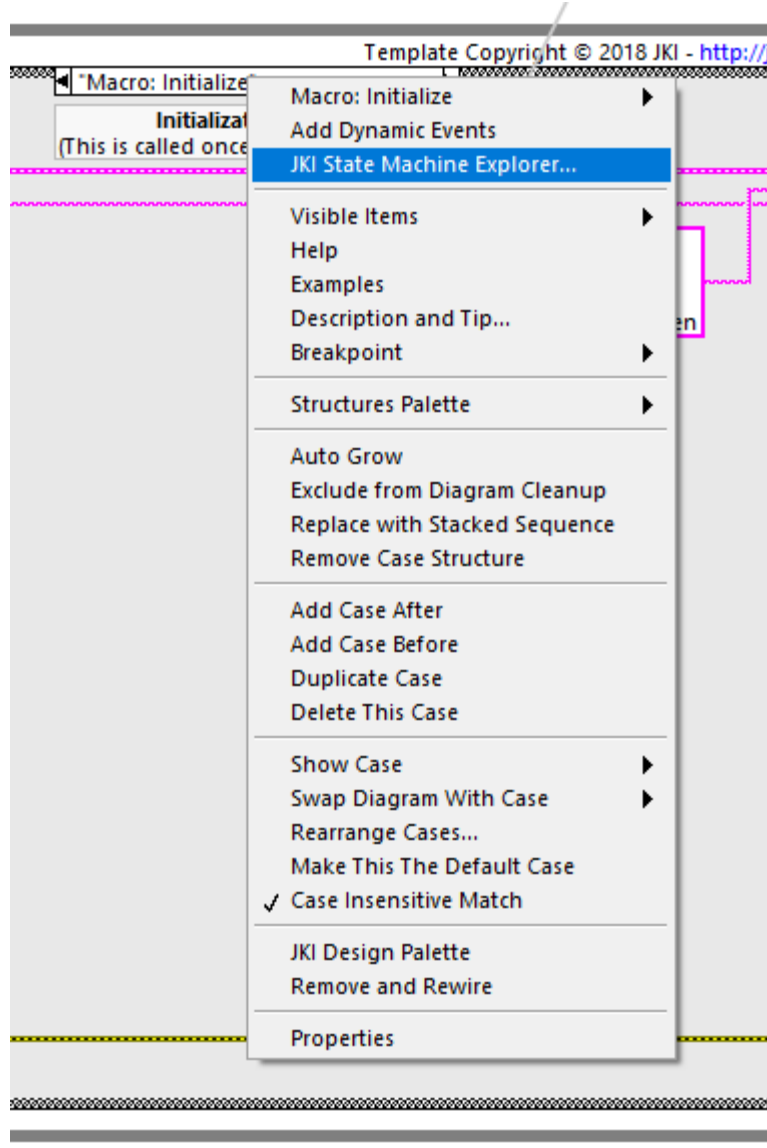
Event example:



State example:



JKI State Machine Explorer



<http://blog.jki.net/products/state-machine/jki-state-machine-best-practices>

1. [Don't hide your state strings in subVIs](#)
2. [Don't add code and logic inside the Event Structure](#)
3. [Keep the Original Size \(i.e. don't grow the structures\)](#)
4. [Use macros instead of "chaining" together sequential states](#)
5. [Left-justify State Strings instead of Right-justify](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XJFujhluZdU>
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JKI State Machine *Objects*

The screenshot displays a LabVIEW interface for a State Machine Object (SMO). The front panel (top) contains several controls: a dropdown menu set to "Does not request parent to run", an "error in" indicator, a text field for "Process Name (Optional)" with the value "SMO.Basic", a "Forces Self to Run (F)" checkbox, and an "error out" indicator. A help text box explains the "Forces Self to Run" control, stating it forces the process loop to run even when the parent class states it is not requested to run, and provides examples of when to use it.





The block diagram (bottom) is titled "JKI - String-Based Queued State Machine (Basic) v1.0" and includes a copyright notice for 2008 JKI. It features a "Macro: Initialize" block, a "Data: Initialize" block (Initialize Core Data, Events: Register), a "Process: Sync" block, and a "UI: Initialize" block (UI: Front Panel State >> Close, //Instrument: Wait, Instrument: Open, Instrument: Log All to DSC). The diagram also includes a "This VI" block, an "Exec.State" block, and a "Run top level" block. A "System_Label" is visible at the bottom.

(You should set this control to TRUE in any case where the functionality of this process are essential to accomplishing critical tasks that the children implementations cannot take care of.)

System_Label

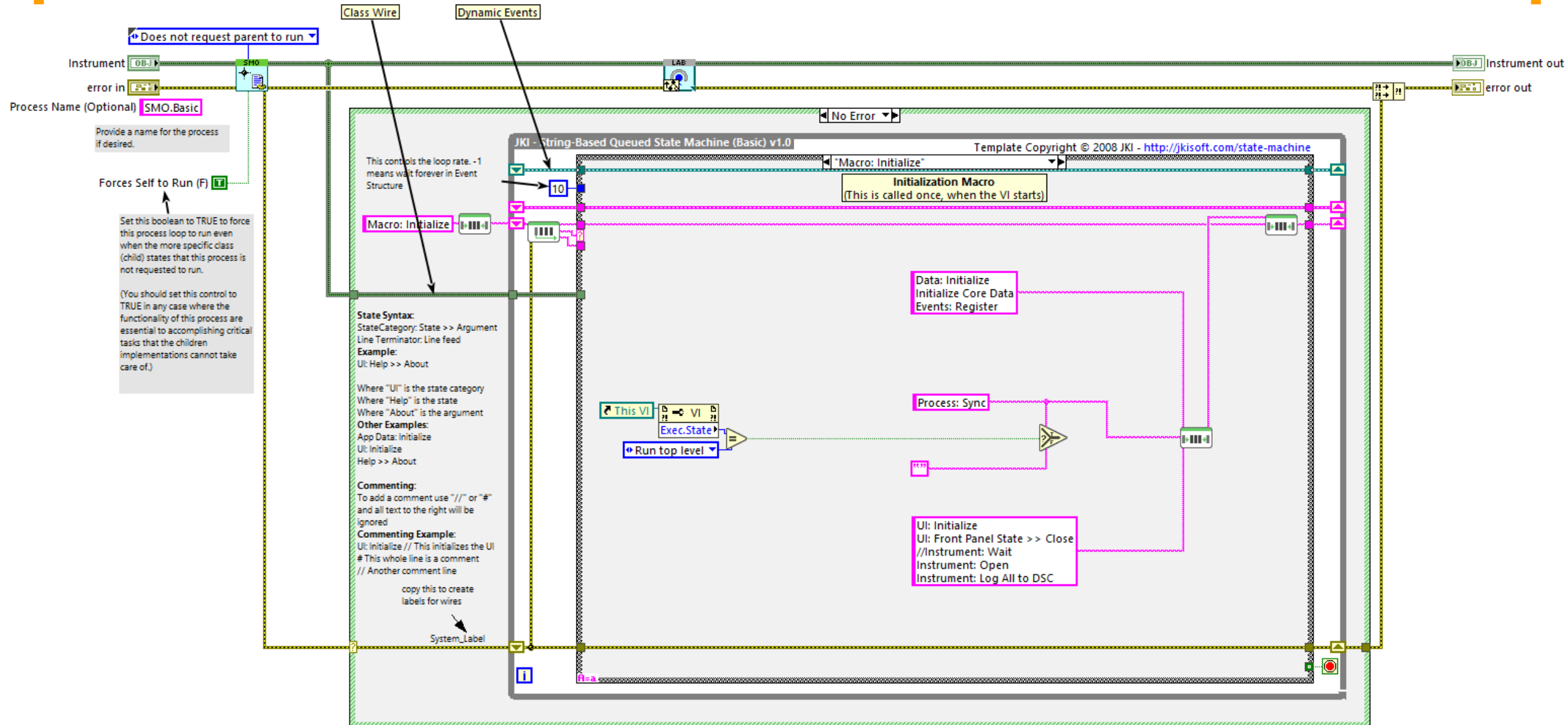
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UI: Initialize
UI: Front Panel State >> Close
//Instrument: Wait
Instrument: Open
Instrument: Log All to DSC
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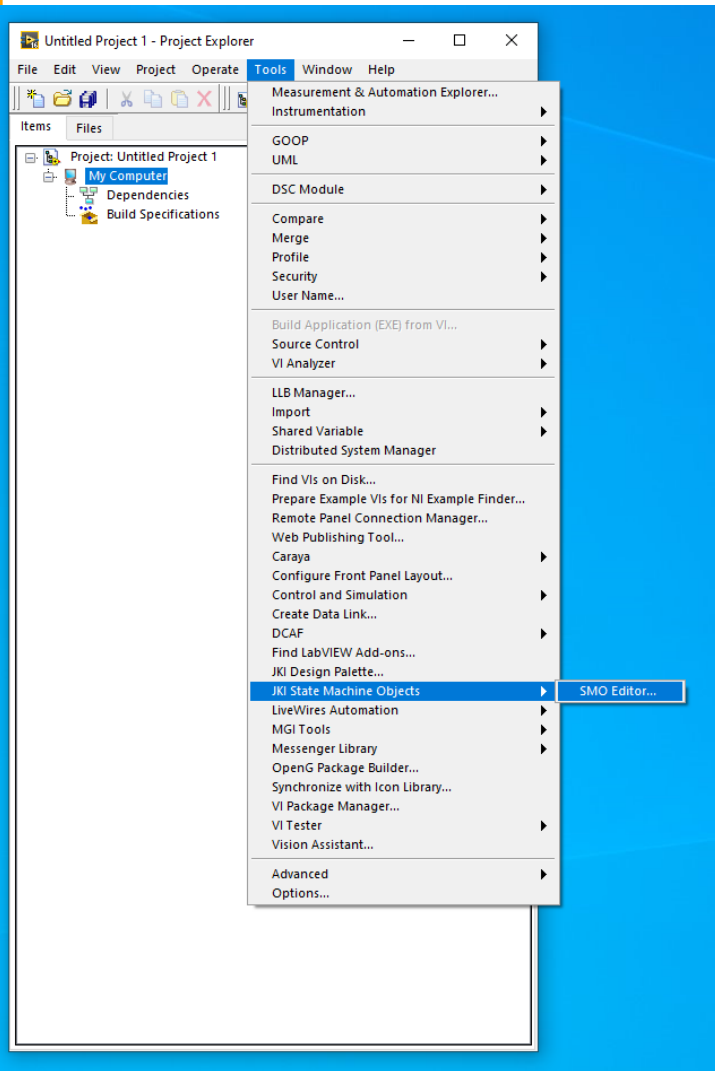
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Run top level

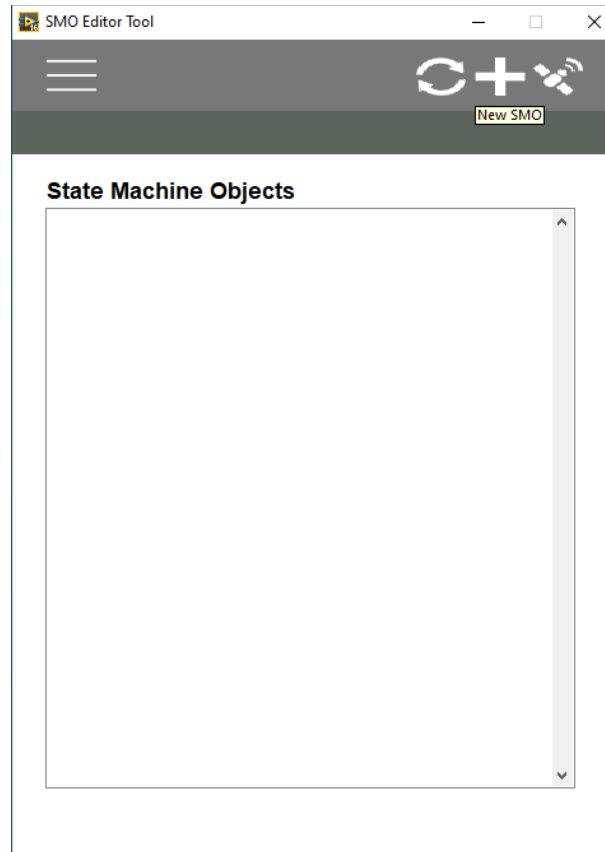
State Machine Objects



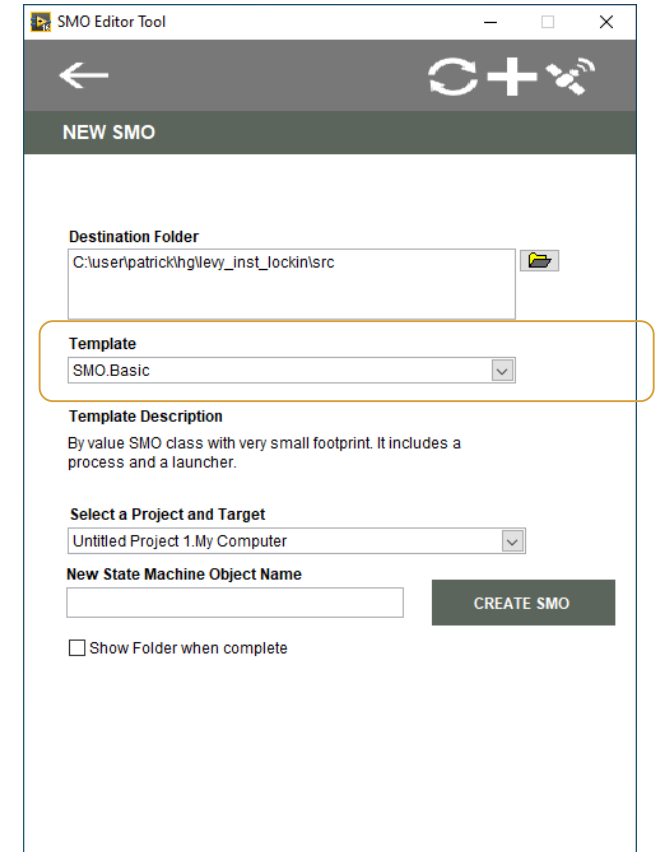
Awesome! How do I make an SMO?



1. Open the SMO Editor

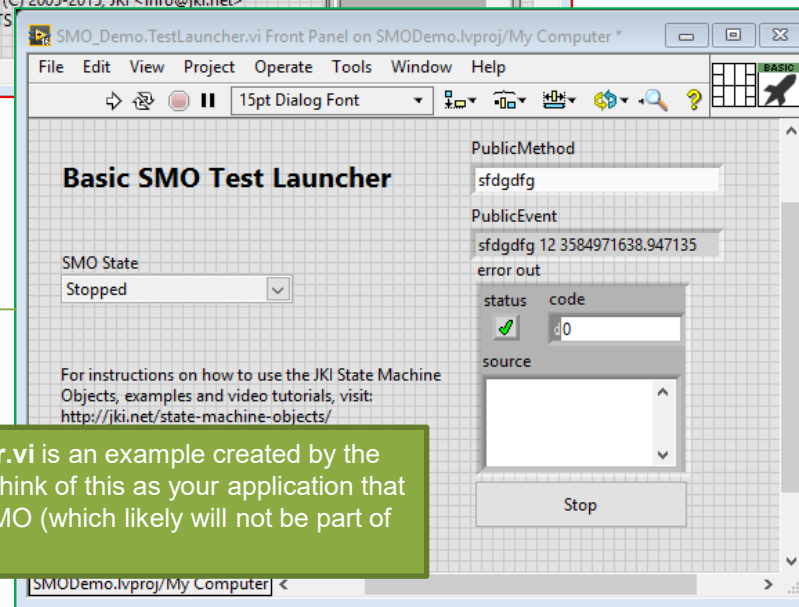
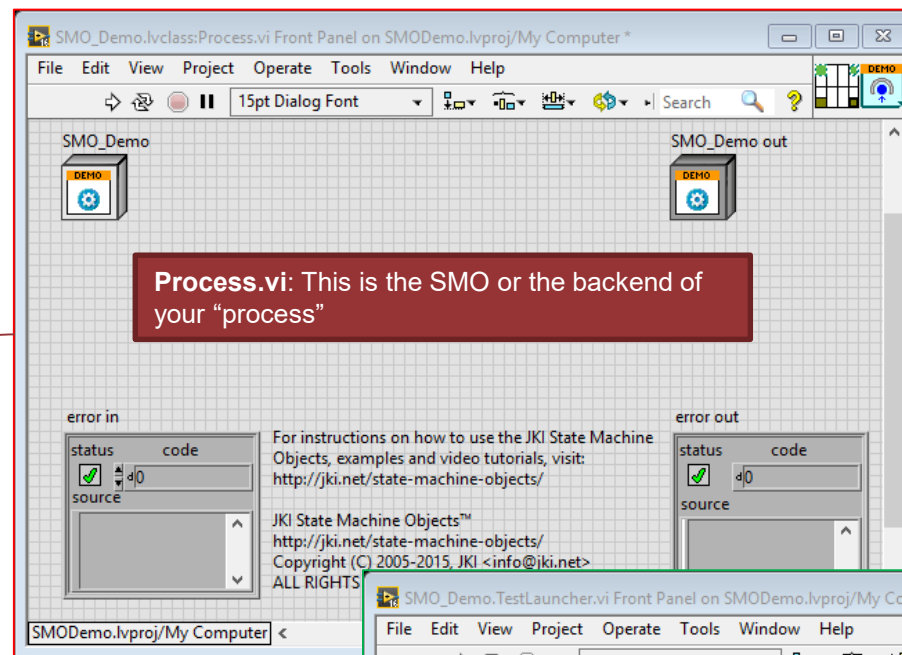
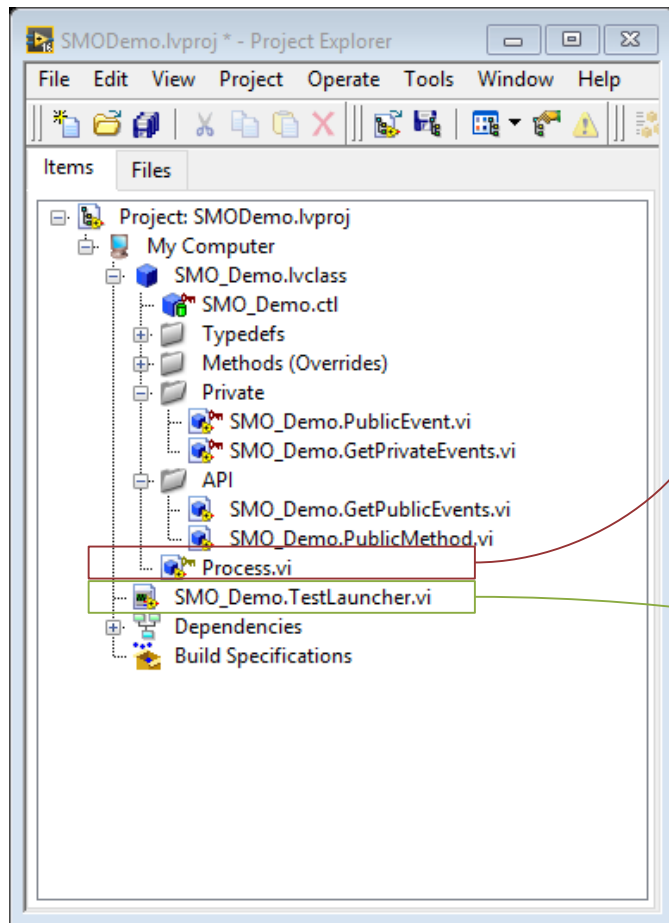


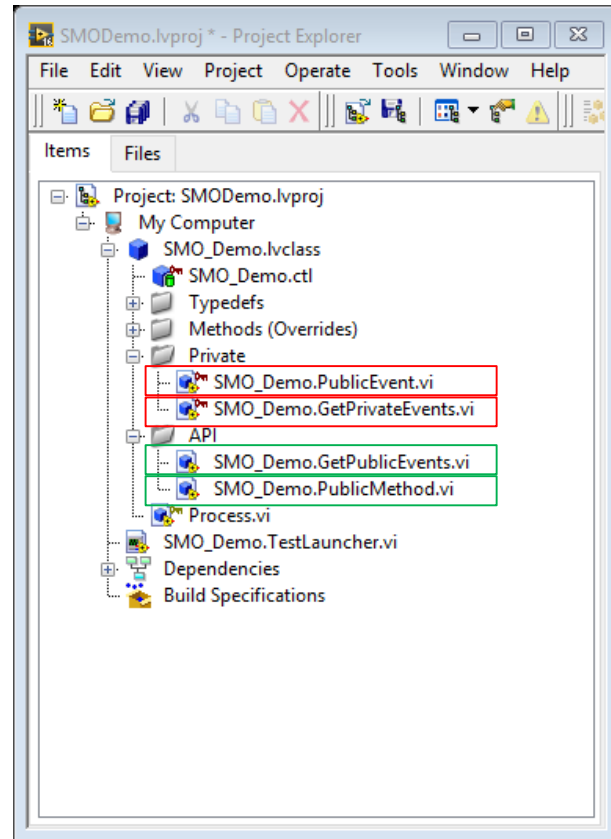
2. Click "New SMO"



3. Choose SMO Type

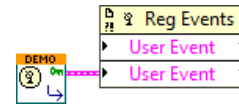
SMO Intro 1





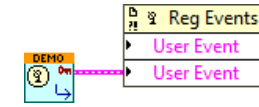
Startup:

Test Launcher



Register for public events

Process.vi

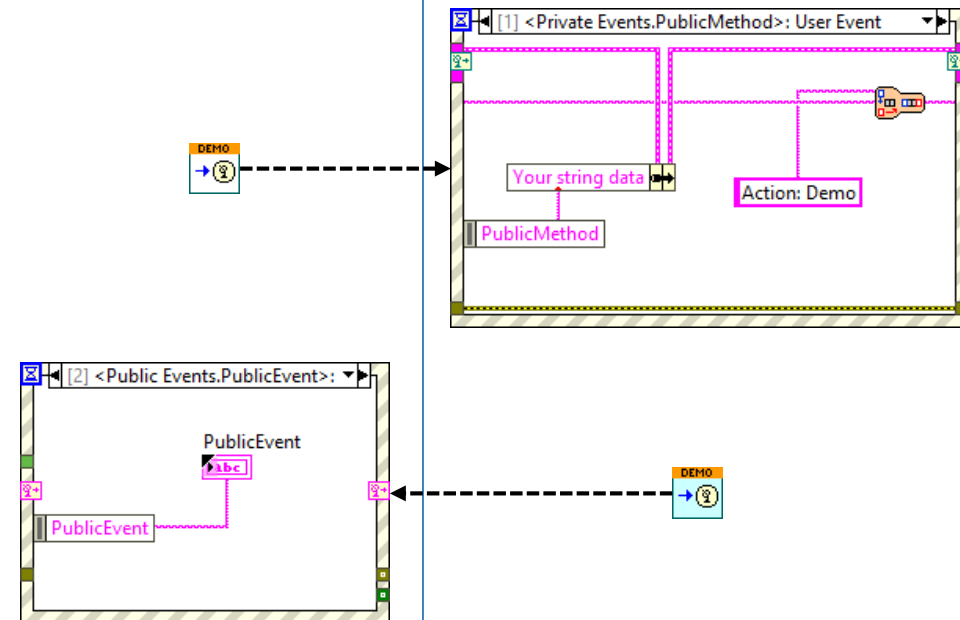


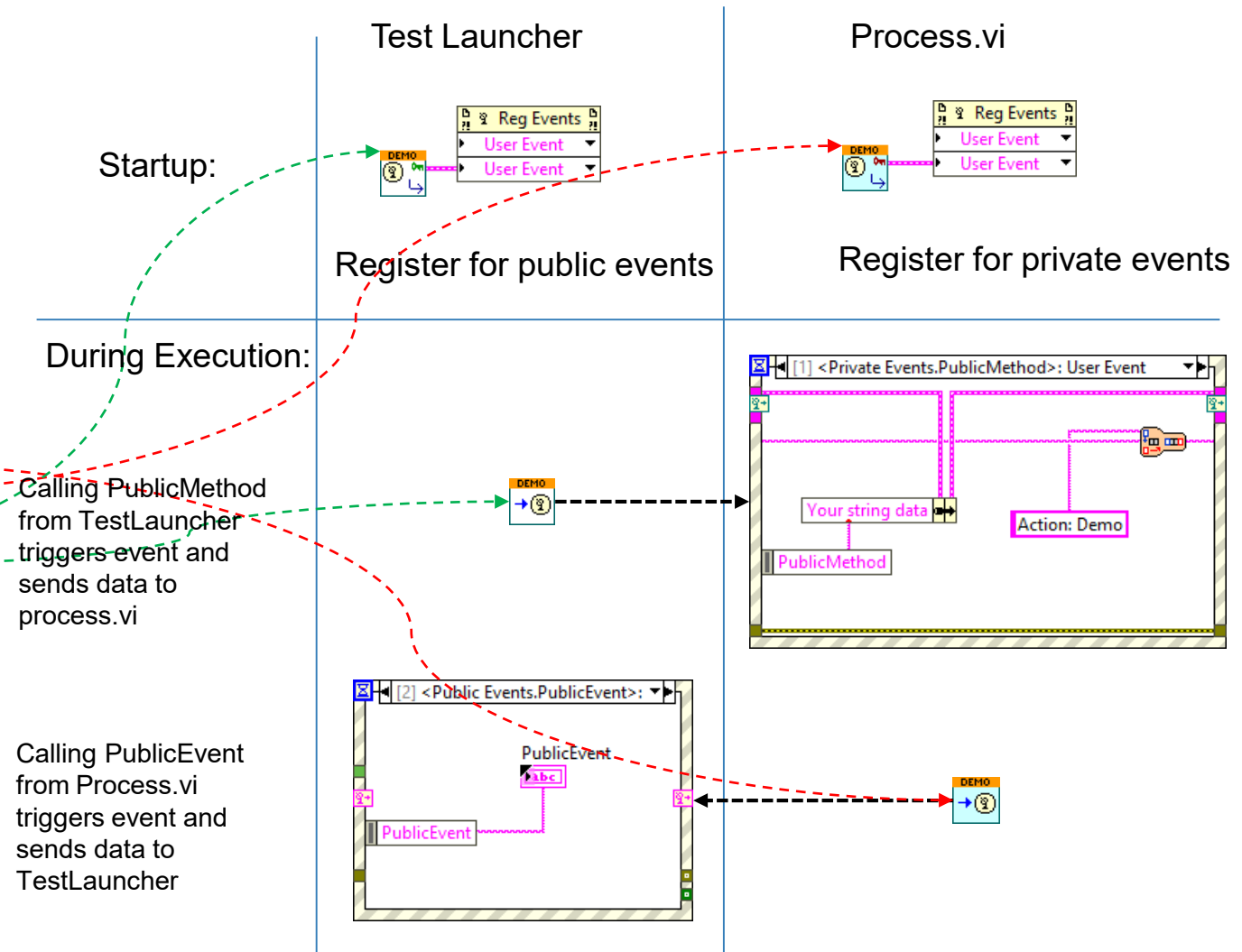
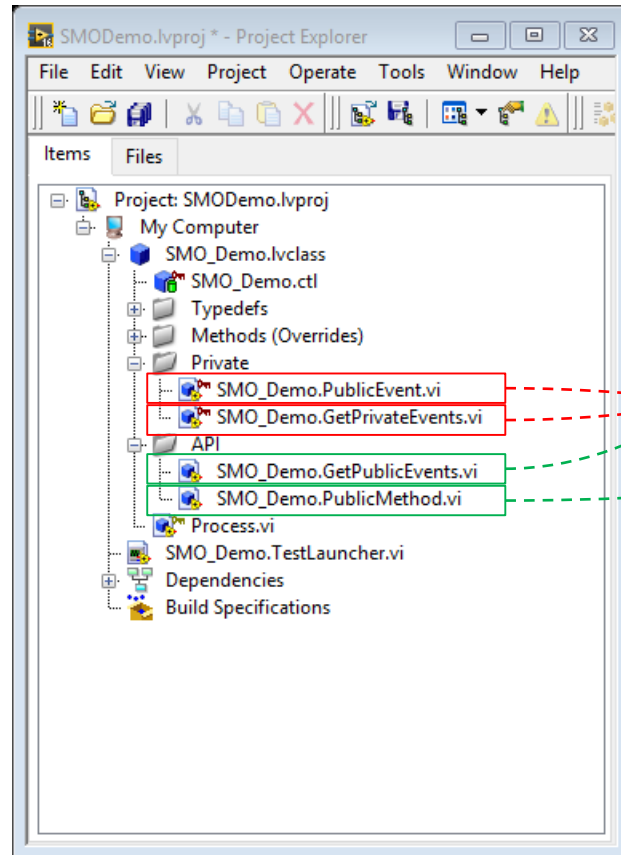
Register for private events

During Execution:

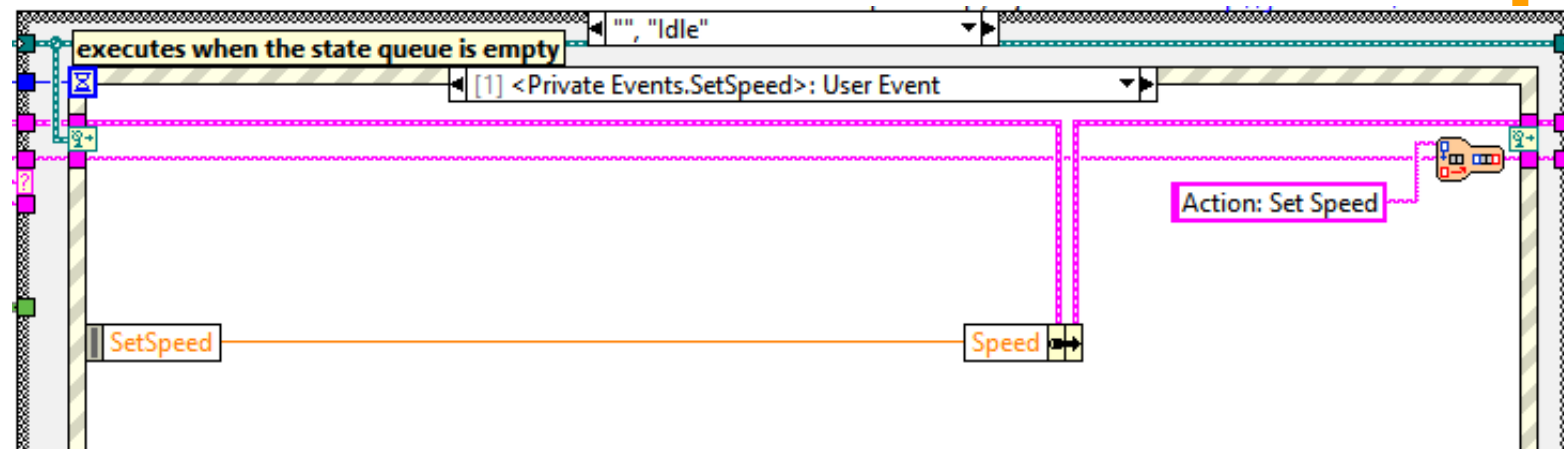
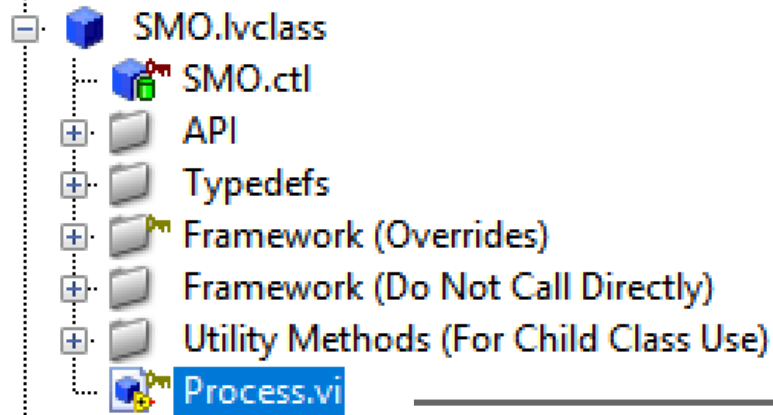
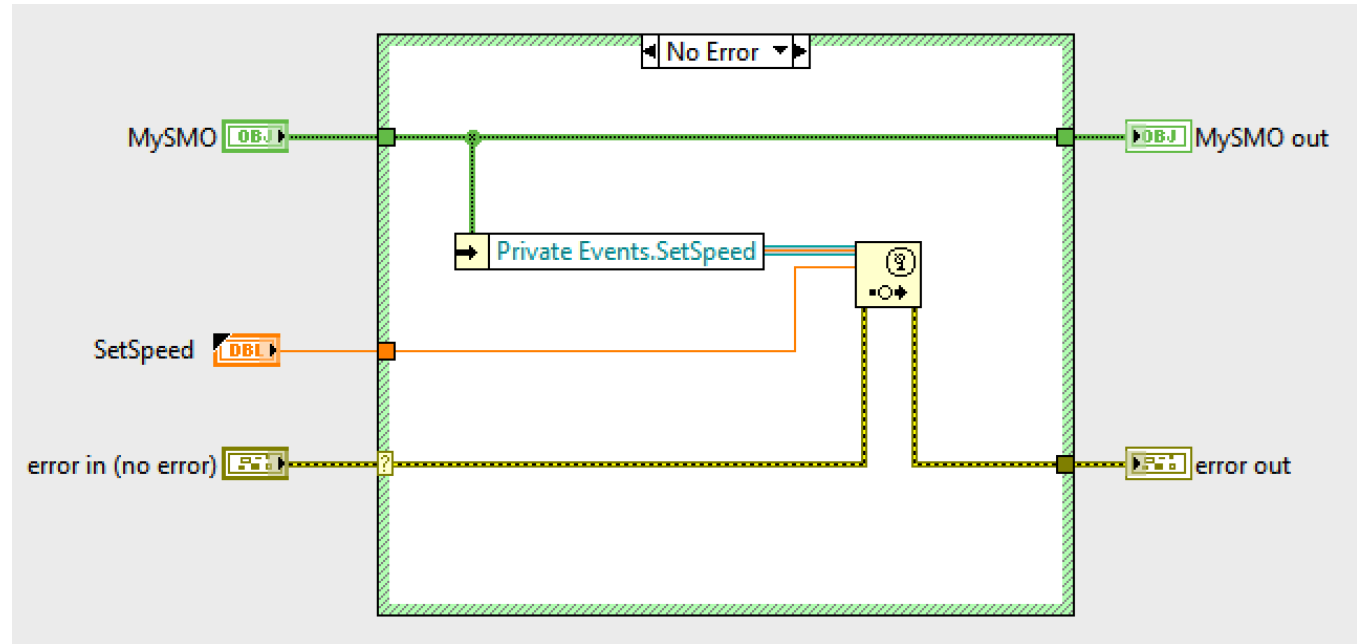
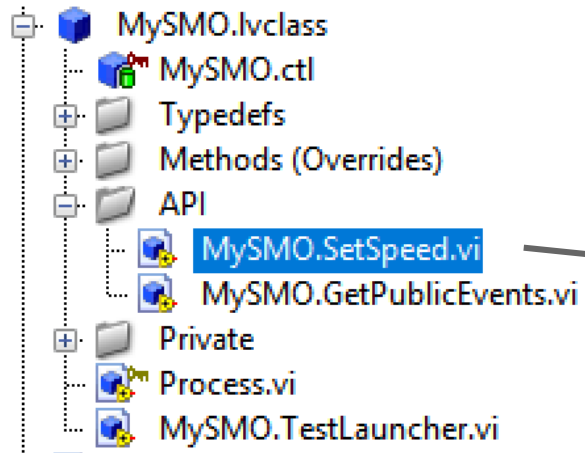
Calling
PublicMethod from
TestLauncher
triggers event and
sends data to
process.vi

Calling PublicEvent
from Process.vi
triggers event and
sends data to
TestLauncher





State Machine Objects: Dynamic Events



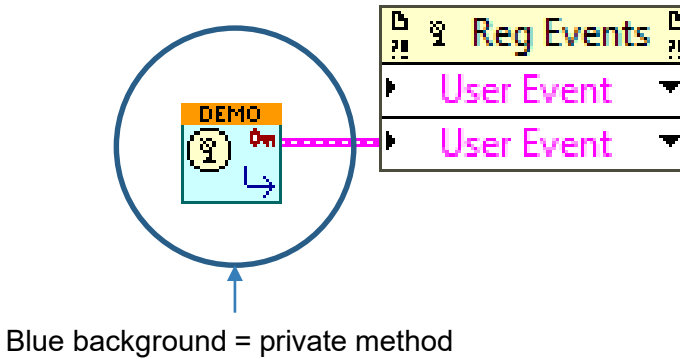
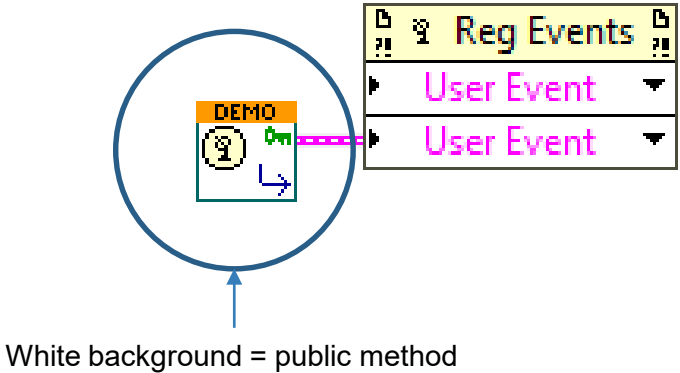
Use SMO Editor to create Public Events and Public Methods

The screenshot shows the SMO Editor Tool window. The title bar reads "SMO Editor Tool". The interface has a dark grey header bar with a back arrow, a refresh icon, a plus icon, and a signal icon. Below the header, a dark grey bar displays "NEW EVENT: LEVYLAB". The main form area is white and contains the following elements:

- Event Name:** A text input field.
- Type:** A dropdown menu with "Public Event" selected. The dropdown list is open, showing three options: "Public Event" (checked), "Public Method", and "Private Event".
- CREATE:** A dark grey button.
- Drop below the controls you want to add to the event:** A text label above a large grey grid area.

Partial text from the next slide is visible on the right side of the image: "event to which external components" and "(e)".

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