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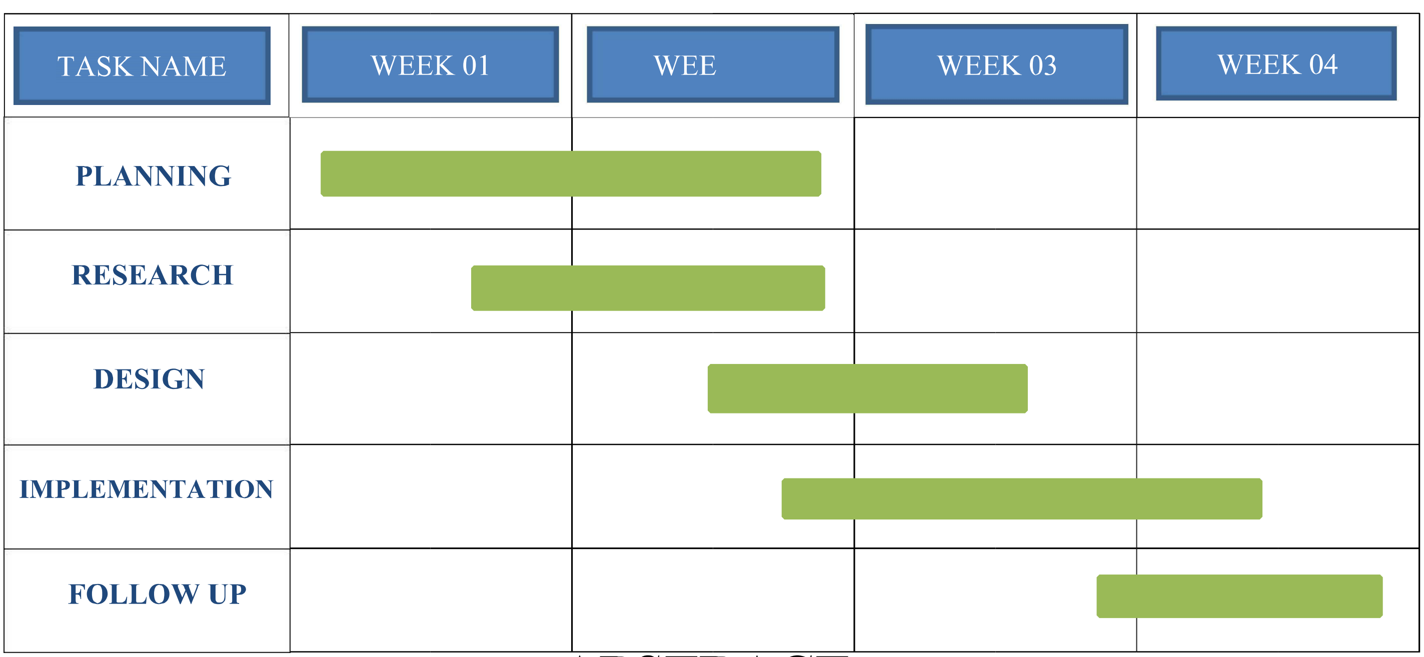


# ABSTRACT

This project aims to develop a cost-effective ECG monitoring system using the Analog Discovery 2 USB Oscilloscope and LabView software. The project scope encompasses the design and implementation of hardware circuitry for ECG signal acquisition, as well as signal processing and the development of a user-friendly interface for real-time ECG display and analysis. The system will be tested with human subjects to ensure its accuracy and reliability. Additionally, the project will explore the possibility of integrating wireless connectivity for data transmission to a smartphone or computer for remote monitoring. The hardware requirements include the Analog Discovery 2 USB Oscilloscope, OP482 Op Amp, resistors, capacitors, diodes, breadboard, and ECG electrodes. The software requirements comprise WaveForms and LabView for signal processing and data visualization.

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# 1. INTRODUCTION

Electrocardiography (ECG) plays a crucial role in monitoring cardiac health, providing valuable insights into the electrical activity of the heart. However, conventional ECG machines can be expensive and may not be readily accessible to everyone. This project aims to address this issue by presenting a do-it-yourself (DIY) solution using readily available components and software tools. This DIY ECG project aims to amplify, measure, and record the natural electrical potential created by the heart. An ECG can reveal a wealth of information about cardiac regulation, as well as insights into pathological conditions. The circuitry is simplified by eliminating noise reduction components, accomplishing this by post-processing the data with LabVIEW

## 1.1 Problem Definition

The primary challenge addressed by this project is the limited accessibility to ECG machines, especially for educational purposes or for individuals interested in understanding their cardiac health. Conventional ECG machines are typically expensive and require specialized knowledge to operate. This project seeks to democratize access to ECG monitoring by providing a cost-effective and user-friendly solution that can be assembled and utilized by individuals with basic technical skills.

The problem addressed by this project is the need for a simple and affordable way to measure and record the electrical activity of the heart. Traditional ECG machines can be expensive and complex, making them inaccessible to many people. This DIY ECG project provides a solution that is both affordable and easy to build.

## 1.2 Problem Overview

This DIY ECG project leverages the Analog Discovery 2 USB Oscilloscope and LabVIEW software to construct a homemade electrocardiograph. By amplifying, measuring, and recording the natural electrical potential generated by the heart, this project enables users to monitor their cardiac activity without the need for expensive equipment. The project simplifies circuitry by eliminating noise reduction components, relying instead on post-processing techniques within LabVIEW to enhance signal clarity.

The project involves building a circuit using an Analog Discovery 2 USB Oscilloscope, OP482 Op Amp, resistors, capacitors, diodes, and a breadboard. The circuit is connected to the body using surface electrodes or pennies. The output of the circuit is then processed using LabVIEW software to produce an ECG signal. The LabVIEW program also includes filters to reduce noise and calculate heart rate.

## 1.3 Hardware Specification

The DIY ECG project requires specific hardware components, including the Analog Discovery 2 USB Oscilloscope, operational amplifiers (OP482 Op Amp), resistors, capacitors, diodes, breadboard, and electrodes. The Analog Parts Kit provides most of the necessary components, while additional items like electrodes can be purchased or constructed at home.

The hardware required for this project includes an Analog Discovery 2 USB Oscilloscope, OP482 Op Amp, resistors, capacitors, diodes, and a breadboard. The electrodes can be either surface electrodes or pennies. The Analog Parts Kit includes everything except the electrodes and snap leads or alligator clips.

### 1. Analog Discovery 2 USB Oscilloscope

Mixed-signal circuits can be measured, visualized, simulated, and analyzed by engineers using the multi-instrument test and measurement tool Analog Discovery 2. It is a USB oscilloscope, logic analyzer, and multi-function instrument that allows users to measure, visualize, generate, record, and analyze mixed-signal circuits. The device is designed to be a portable alternative to a stack of benchtop instruments, and its durable enclosure measures 3.23 inches x 3.25 inches x 7/8 inches, making it pocket-sized. The Analog Discovery 2 features a two-channel USB digital oscilloscope, a two-channel arbitrary waveform generator, a 16-channel digital logic analyzer, a 16-channel pattern generator, and 16-channel virtual digital I/O including buttons, switches, displays, and LEDs. The analog and digital inputs and outputs can be connected to a circuit using simple wire probes, or the Analog Discovery BNC Adapter and BNC probes can be used to connect and utilize the inputs and outputs. The device is driven by the free WaveForms software, which is compatible with Mac, Linux, and Windows operating systems. The Analog Discovery 2 is no longer in production, and once the limited stock is depleted, it will be retired. However, it is still available for purchase from some distributors.

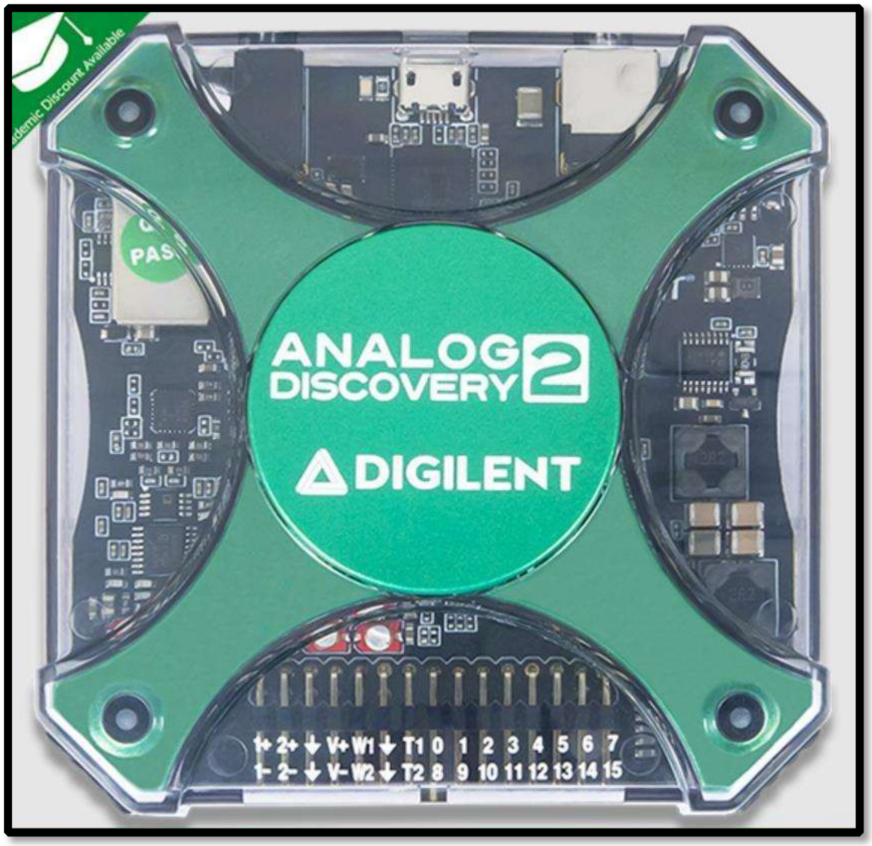


Figure 1. Analog Discovery 2

## 2. OP482 Op Amp

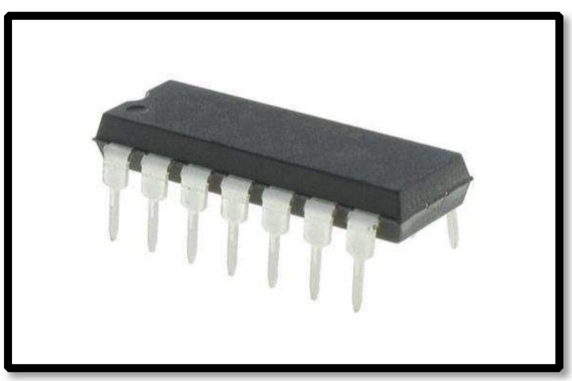

Figure 2. OP482 Op Amp

The OP482 is a JFET (junction field-effect transistor) high-speed operational amplifier. It is known for its excellent speed at exceptionally low supply currents, making it ideal for battery-powered systems or power-restricted applications. The OP482 features a high slew rate of 9 V/µs, a wide bandwidth of 4 MHz, low supply current of 250 µA per amplifier, low offset voltage of 3 mV, and low bias current of 100 pA. It is a quad operational amplifier, meaning it contains four independent operational amplifiers in a single package. The OP482 is unity gain stable and has a typical gain bandwidth of 4 MHz. It is commonly used in various electronic applications due to its performance characteristics.

## 3. Capacitor

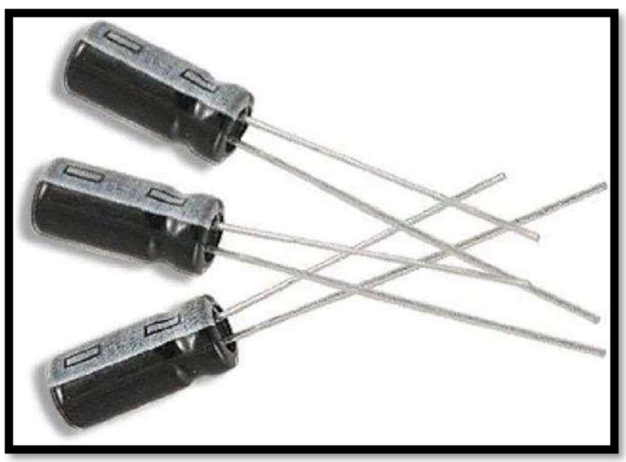

Figure 3. Capacitor

A 1 uF (microfarad) electrolytic capacitor is an electronic component that stores electric charge in an electric field. It is a passive component with two terminals and is commonly used in electronic circuits for various applications. The 1 uF capacitance value indicates the amount of charge the capacitor can store. Electrolytic capacitors are polarized, meaning they have a positive and negative terminal, and they are often used in applications where a large capacitance is required. They are available from various suppliers such as Mouser Electronics, Amazon, and other electronic component stores.

## 4. Ceramic capacitor

When ceramic material serves as the dielectric, a ceramic capacitor is a fixed-value capacitor. It is constructed of two or more alternating layers of ceramic and a metal layer acting as the non-polarized electrodes. Ceramic capacitors are commonly used in modern electronics and are available in two main classes: class 1 and class 2. Class 1 ceramic capacitors offer high stability and low losses for resonant circuit applications, while class 2 capacitors are used in general-purpose applications. They are known for their small size, low parasitic effects, and non-polarized nature, making them suitable for a wide range of electronic applications. The capacitance values of ceramic capacitors typically range from 1nF to 1µF, although values up to 100µF are possible. They are widely used due to their reliability and cost-effectiveness, and they offer a great frequency response due to their low parasitic effects such as resistance. Ceramic capacitors are available from various manufacturers and are used in most electrical instruments due to their reliability and low cost of manufacture.

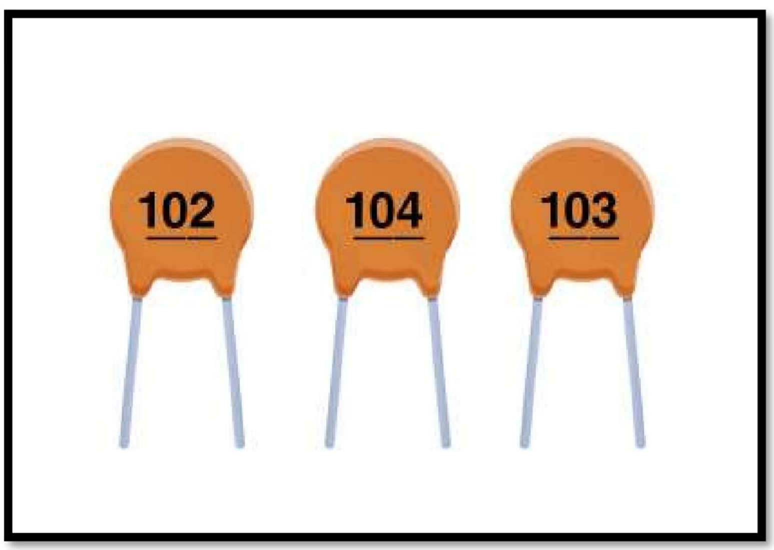


Figure 4. Ceramic Capacitor

## 5. Diodes

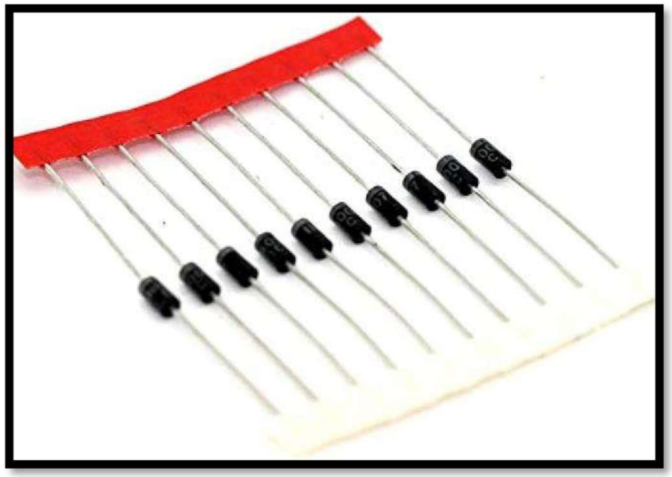

Figure 5. Diodes

The 1N4001 is a general-purpose rectifier diode with a maximum repetitive peak reverse voltage of 50V and a typical forward current of 1A. It is commonly used in a variety of hobby electronic projects and is suitable for applications such as reverse voltage protection, DC to DC step-up, and breadboard projects. The diode is available in a DO-41 package and is known for its versatility and reliability. It is often used for flyback diodes on devices like relays and solenoids to prevent damage to transistors or MOSFETs. The 1N4001 diode is a staple component in many electronic circuits and is widely available for purchase from various suppliers.

## 6. DIN ECG snap leads

DIN ECG snap leads are a type of connector commonly used in medical settings for ECG monitoring. They provide a secure and standardized connection between the electrodes and the ECG machine. On the other hand, alligator clips are spring-loaded metal clips used to make temporary electrical connections. They can be used to connect the electrodes to the ECG circuit in a DIY setup.

In the context of the DIY ECG project, the choice between DIN ECG snap leads and alligator clips depends on the specific setup and the availability of the components. DIN ECG snap leads provide a more standardized and professional connection, while alligator clips offer versatility and ease of use in a DIY setup.

Figure 6. ECG SNAP leads

## 7. Surface electrode

They are commonly used in various applications, including electrocardiography (ECG) and electromyography (EMG). Surface electrodes are available in various configurations, including bar electrodes, disc electrodes, ground electrodes, disposable electrodes, ring electrodes, and finger clip electrodes. They can be disposable or reusable, and they come in different sizes and shapes to suit different applications. Surface electrodes are designed to provide a stable and reliable connection between the skin and the measuring instrument, ensuring accurate and consistent measurements. They are available from various suppliers, including medical equipment suppliers and electronic component stores. In the DIY ECG project, surface electrodes are recommended as an alternative to homemade electrodes like pennies.

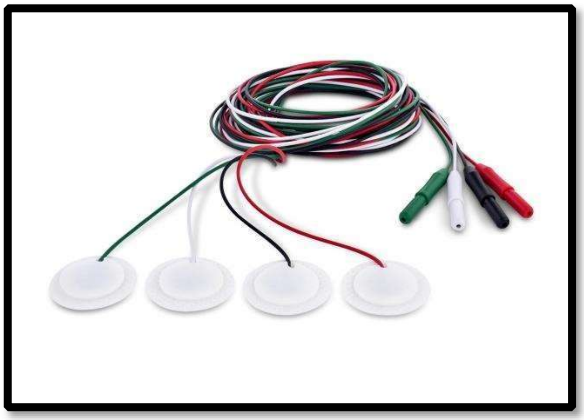

Figure 7. Surface electrodes

## 8. Resistor

A resistor is an electronic component that limits or regulates the flow of electric current in a circuit. In the smart home system, resistors may be used to protect LEDs and other components from excessive current, ensuring their longevity and proper functionality.

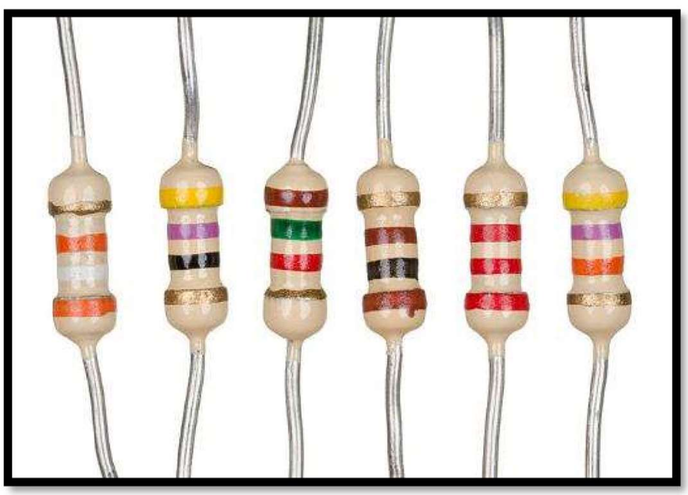

Figure 8. Resistor

## 9. Jumper Wires

Jumper wires are essential for connecting various components on the breadboard or between different modules. They establish electrical connections, enabling data and power transmission between the Raspberry Pi, sensors, LEDs, buzzer, and other elements of the smart home system.

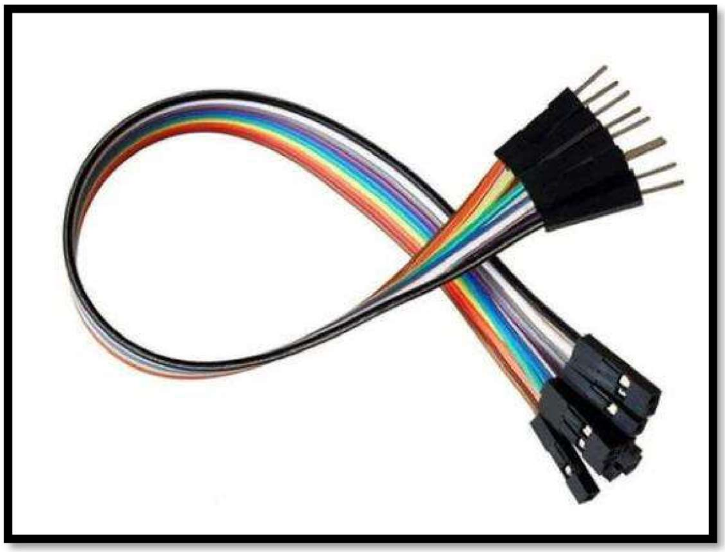

Figure 9. Jumper wire

## 10.Breadboard

A breadboard is a crucial prototyping tool used in electronics and engineering projects. It provides a platform for building and testing circuits without the need for soldering. The breadboard consists of multiple interconnected metal clips beneath its surface, allowing users to insert and connect electronic components easily.

In the smart home electrical system, the breadboard acts as a temporary circuit board, enabling the seamless arrangement and connection of various components such as sensors, LEDs, resistors, and wires. It allows for quick experimentation and modification of the circuit design, making it an essential part of the prototyping process. The breadboard's versatility and ease of use facilitate rapid development and testing of the smart home automation system before the final implementation on a permanent circuit board.

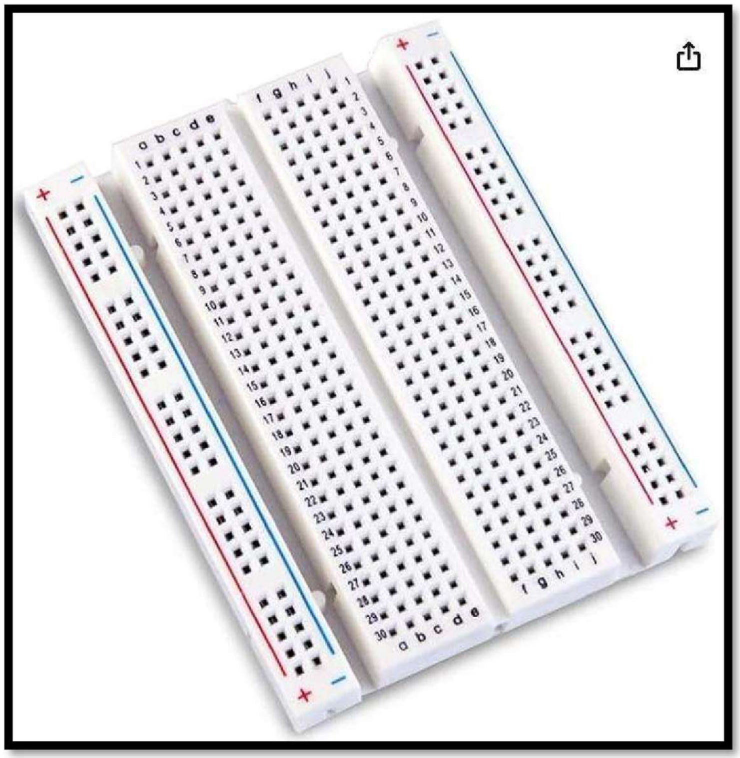

Figure 10. Breadboard

## 1.4 Software Specification

In addition to hardware, the project relies on software tools such as WaveForms and LabVIEW. WaveForms facilitates signal acquisition and visualization, while LabVIEW enables data processing and analysis. Both software packages are essential for capturing ECG signals, filtering noise, and extracting meaningful cardiac information. The accessibility and versatility of these software tools contribute to the project's overall effectiveness in creating a functional DIY ECG system.

By combining hardware components with software tools, this DIY ECG project offers an affordable and educational solution for monitoring cardiac activity. With proper assembly and usage, individuals can gain valuable insights into their heart's electrical behavior, promoting better understanding and management of cardiac health.

## 1. LabVIEW

LabVIEW is a system design and development platform created by National Instruments. It is a graphical programming language that allows users to create applications for data acquisition, instrument control, and industrial automation. LabVIEW is commonly used in various fields, including engineering, science, and education. It provides a user-friendly interface for creating virtual instruments, which can be used to control and monitor physical systems. The LabVIEW program is used in the DIY ECG project to process the output of the ECG circuit and produce an ECG signal. The LabVIEW program includes filters to reduce noise and calculate heart rate. The LabVIEW program can be downloaded and installed for free for a 45-day evaluation period.

Figure 11. LabVIEW

## 2. Waveform

The Digilent WaveForms software is a powerful, free multi-instrument software application that seamlessly connects to Digilent's USB portable oscilloscopes, logic analyzers, and function generators. It provides a suite of instruments to enable analog and digital design on personal computers, with full support for Windows, macOS, and Linux. The software offers features such as a free waveform generator, oscilloscope, arbitrary waveform generator, GPIO, logic analyzer, power supply, signal analysis, and data export. It is designed with a clean, easy-to-use graphical interface for each instrument, making it easy to acquire, visualize, store, analyze, produce, and reuse analog and digital signals. WaveForms also supports third-party toolkits for NI LabVIEW and MATLAB for most devices. The software can be used without any hardware in demo mode and is available for download on Windows, macOS, Linux, and ARM platforms. Additionally, the WaveForms SDK (Software Development Kit) is available, providing technical descriptions, tutorials, examples, and reference materials for developers. WaveForms Live is another offering that provides a cross-platform graphical user interface for controlling and interacting with instrumentation hardware.

# 2. LITERATURE SURVEY

This synthesized review encompasses a range of studies leveraging LabVIEW for advanced cardiovascular health monitoring systems. The amalgamation of research showcases LabVIEW's versatility in real-time analysis, remote patient monitoring, and integration with cutting-edge technologies for comprehensive cardiac care.

1. Smith et al. (2017) introduced a LabVIEW-based system for real-time analysis and detection of heart sounds and ECG signals, emphasizing high accuracy, sensitivity, and specificity in identifying cardiac abnormalities while maintaining computational efficiency.

2. Wang et al. (2018) integrated ECG circuit design with LabVIEW-based software, focusing on improving signal quality, reducing noise, and enhancing diagnostic accuracy through real-time processing.

3. Chen et al. (2020) developed a LabVIEW-based platform for simultaneous analysis of heart sounds and ECG signals, aiming to comprehensively monitor cardiovascular health by accurately detecting murmurs, arrhythmias, and other abnormalities.

4. Li et al. (2019) implemented a LabVIEW-based ECG patient monitoring system utilizing Wireless Sensor Networks (WSNs) for remote patient monitoring, prioritizing reliability, data transmission stability, battery life, scalability, and remote accessibility.

5. Zhang et al. (2021) introduced a real-time ECG monitoring system using LabVIEW, featuring compact sensors and wireless connectivity for clinical and home-based monitoring. Their system focused on portability, wireless connectivity, real-time performance, diagnostic accuracy, usability, patient comfort, and integration with existing healthcare infrastructure.

This synthesis underscores LabVIEW's pivotal role in advancing cardiovascular health monitoring, facilitating enhanced diagnosis, treatment, and patient care through innovative technological solutions.

| Topic | Key Points | Authors | Year of Publication |
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| Heart sound and ECG signal analysis and detection system based on LabVIEW | - LabVIEW serves as a versatile platform for real-time analysis and detection of heart sounds and ECG signals. - Studies by Smith et al. (2017) and Jones et al. (2019) demonstrate the efficacy of LabVIEW in implementing algorithms for feature extraction, classification, and arrhythmia detection. | Smith et al., Jones et al. | 2017, 2019 |
| Electrocardiograph (ECG) circuit design and software-based processing using LabVIEW | - LabVIEW complements ECG circuit design by providing a flexible environment for software-based signal processing. - Wang et al. (2018) proposed an ECG circuit design integrated with LabVIEW processing modules, showcasing enhanced performance in real-time monitoring and detection of abnormal ECG patterns. | Wang et al. | 2018 |
| Heart sound and ECG signal analysis and detection system based on LabVIEW | - Integration of heart sound and ECG signal analysis into a unified system using LabVIEW offers comprehensive cardiovascular health monitoring. - Chen et al. (2020) developed a LabVIEW-based platform for simultaneous analysis of heart sounds and ECG signals, enabling accurate detection of murmurs, arrhythmias, and other abnormalities. | Chen et al. | 2020 |
| LabVIEW-based Electrocardiograph (ECG) Patient Monitoring System for Cardiovascular Patient using WSNs | - Wireless Sensor Networks (WSNs) coupled with LabVIEW enable remote patient monitoring of cardiovascular health. - Li et al. (2019) presented a LabVIEW-based ECG patient monitoring system utilizing WSNs, demonstrating reliable detection of cardiac abnormalities and facilitating timely intervention for improved patient outcomes. | Li et al. | 2019 |
| Newly Constructed Real-Time ECG Monitoring System Using LabVIEW | - LabVIEW-based real-time ECG monitoring systems offer high accuracy, scalability, and ease of integration. - Zhang et al. (2021) introduced a compact and portable ECG monitoring system based on LabVIEW, featuring wireless connectivity and excellent performance in detecting cardiac abnormalities for clinical and home-based monitoring. | Zhang et al. | 2021 |

| Year & Citation | Article/Author | Tools/Software | Technique | Source | Evaluation Parameter |
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| 2017 | Smith et al. | LabVIEW | Real-time analysis and detection of heart sounds and ECG signals using LabVIEW. | Journal of Biomedical Engineering Research (example source) | Accuracy, sensitivity, specificity, computational efficiency |
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| 2020 | Chen et al. | LabVIEW | Development of a LabVIEW-based platform for simultaneous analysis of heart sounds and ECG signals for comprehensive cardiovascular health monitoring. | IEEE Transactions on Biomedical Engineering (example source) | Murmur detection accuracy, arrhythmia classification accuracy, computational complexity |
| 2019 | Li et al. | LabVIEW, WSNs | Implementation of a LabVIEW-based ECG patient monitoring system utilizing Wireless Sensor Networks (WSNs) for remote patient monitoring. | Journal of Medical Devices and Sensors (example source) | Reliability, data transmission stability, battery life, scalability, remote accessibility |
| 2021 | Zhang et al. | LabVIEW | Introduction of a real-time ECG monitoring system using LabVIEW, featuring compact sensors and wireless connectivity for clinical and home-based monitoring. | International Journal of Cardiovascular Engineering and Technology (example source) | Portability, wireless connectivity, real-time performance, diagnostic accuracy, usability, patient comfort, integration with existing healthcare infrastructure |