

**PHYC 306L**  
**Contemporary Electronics**

**Fall 2016**

**Instructor: Francisco Elohim Becerra**

# WHAT IS THIS COURSE ABOUT?

**Practical, hands-on experience with electrical circuits, electronics, and instrumentation**

**LabView: Data-flow programming with National Instruments popular software package**

## **HOW THE COURSE WILL WORK**

10 minute quiz at the start of each class. Quiz will test concepts from previous week.

45 minute lecture introducing material for the current lab; LabView instruction

Remaining time for lab work

## **GRADING:**

50%: Weekly quiz scores  
(2 dropped; no makeup quizzes)

25%: Lab work (from lab write-ups), analysis reports, notebook  
(1 dropped, no makeups)

25%: Labview Project Assignments  
(1 dropped, no makeups)

No exams

# Electronics Projects

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**Labs are designed to be completed in one session**

**Students work in teams of 2:** collaboration with everyone is encouraged

**Teams change each week:** List in lab with names/weeks

**Report writing will be minimal. Keep a notebook.**

**Show your work to instructor as you progress through the project.**

**Some analysis will be required. Email analysis reports to instructor BEFORE class.**

# LabView Projects



*\* Labview Project Assignments:*

**Data-flow programming for implementing virtual instruments (VI)**

**Wide variety of freely available tutorials:** videos, manuals, examples

## **Weekly projects**

**Due on Monday 11:30am. Come to my office anytime (or send me an email to meet) before deadline and demonstrate your working VI.**

*Work not reviewed by Monday at 11:30 am will not receive credit.*

*Hint: Do not wait until Monday at 11:30 am ...*

**Work alone or discuss with classmates. Each student responsible for producing, demonstrating, and understanding the assigned VI**



## Where to get it?

**UNM has a site license; see me for install procedure**

**Michael P. Hasselbeck –can provide support too**

Office: P&A 157. Phone: 505-277-0590. Email: [mph@unm.edu](mailto:mph@unm.edu).

**Installed on computers in Jr. Lab (PandA 133)**

**ECE student computer pods**

**Purchase from National Instruments: \$20**

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- This is not an ECE course
- Experimental Physics: It is essential!!!
- ECE and Physics overlap more than most other STEM disciplines
- Learn instrumentation and techniques that will be needed in 307L and 493L
- LabView is a marketable skill: academic, government, industrial research labs
- This course is a common component of undergrad curriculum at many other P&A departments



## **Short biography of the Instructor:**

**2003 BS, Physics (Guadalajara, Mexico)**

**2006 MS Physics (CINVESTAV, Mexico City, Mexico)**

**2009 PhD Physics (CINVESTAV and University of Maryland)**

**2010-2013 Postdoc (NIST, Gaithersburg, MD)**

**2013- Present Assistant Professor (UNM Panda)**

## **Research program:**

**Experimental quantum optics**

**Experimental atomic physics**



Data-flow programming: allows for **parallel execution** of code

**Graphical:** Easy to learn, Drag-and-drop icons

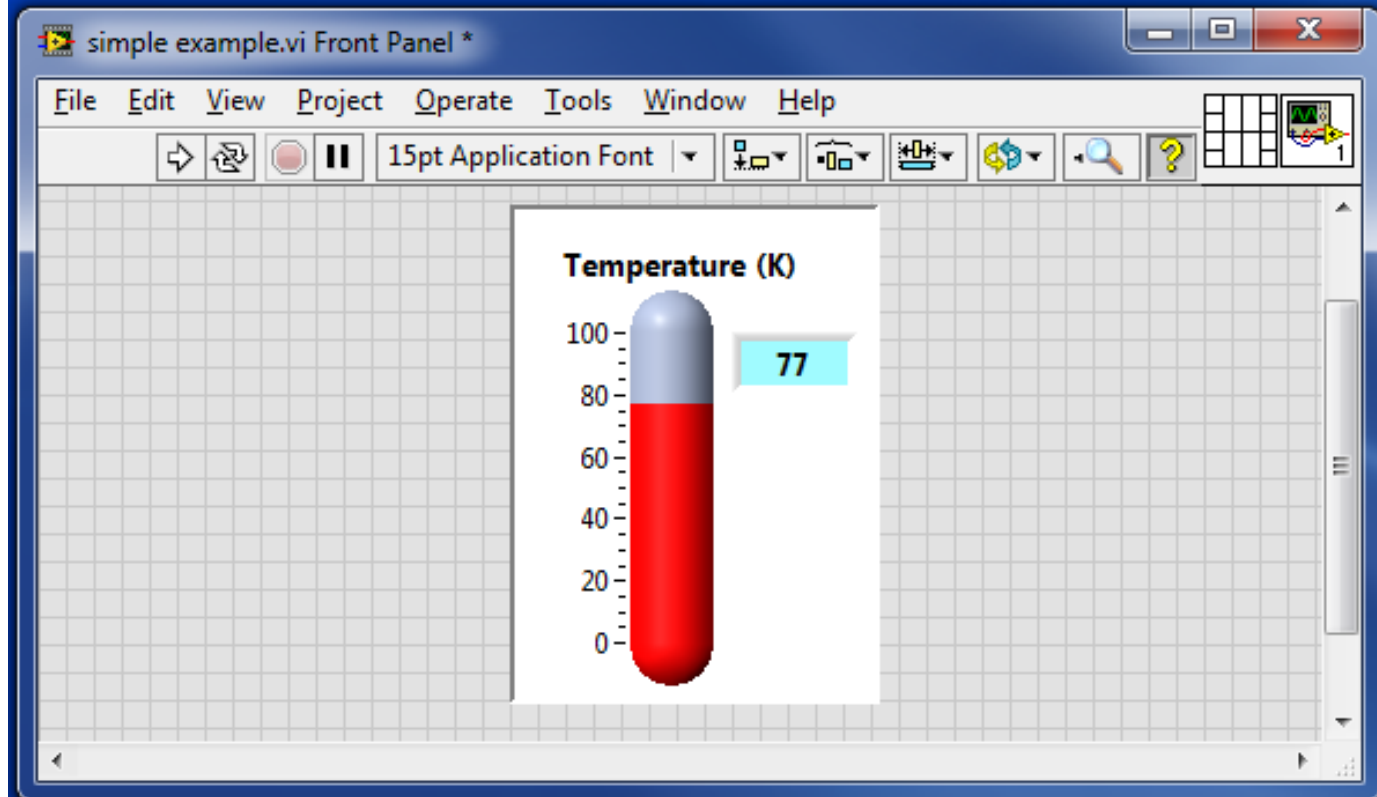
Vast library of **example code** available and **drivers**

Readily **integrates** with NI hardware and many other devices

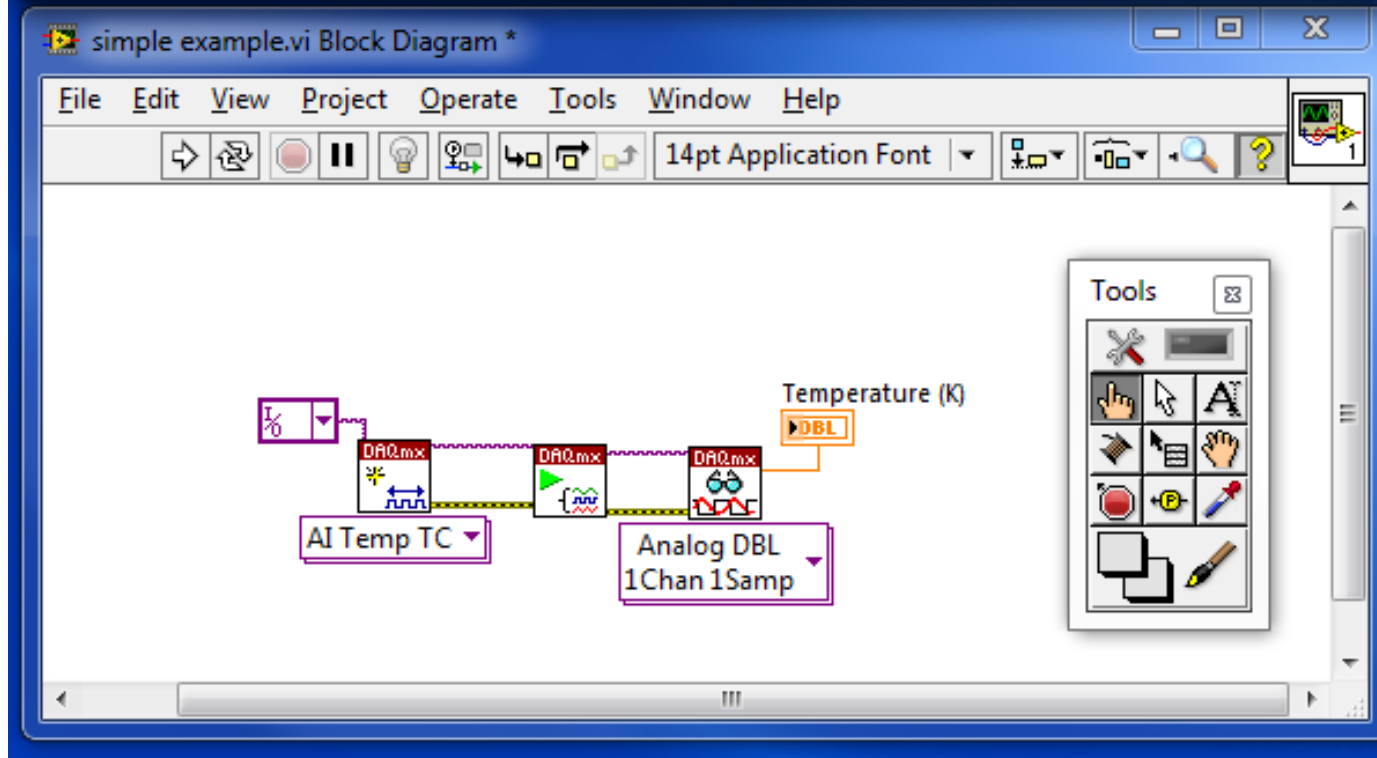
All popular data **buses** supported (GPIB, PCI, ethernet, USB, wireless...)

**Executables** can be generated: Use on computers without LabVIEW

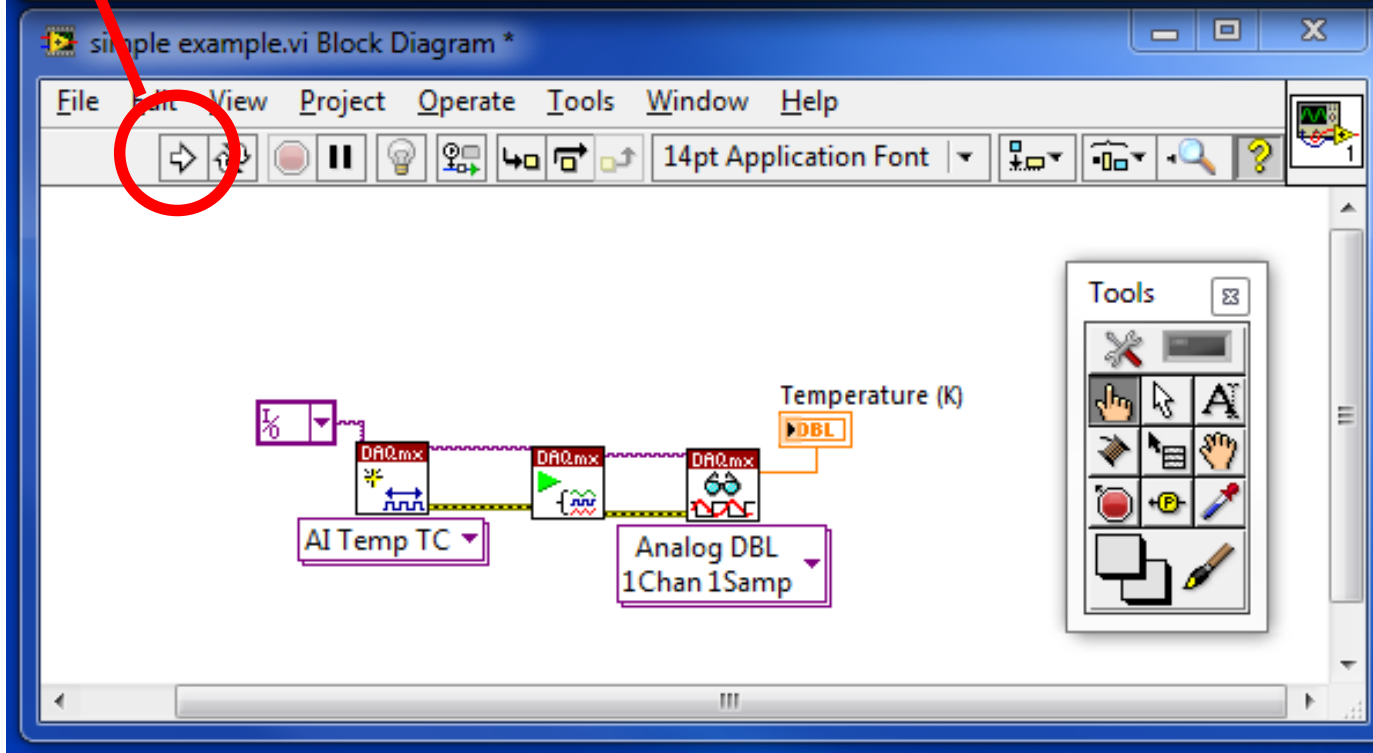
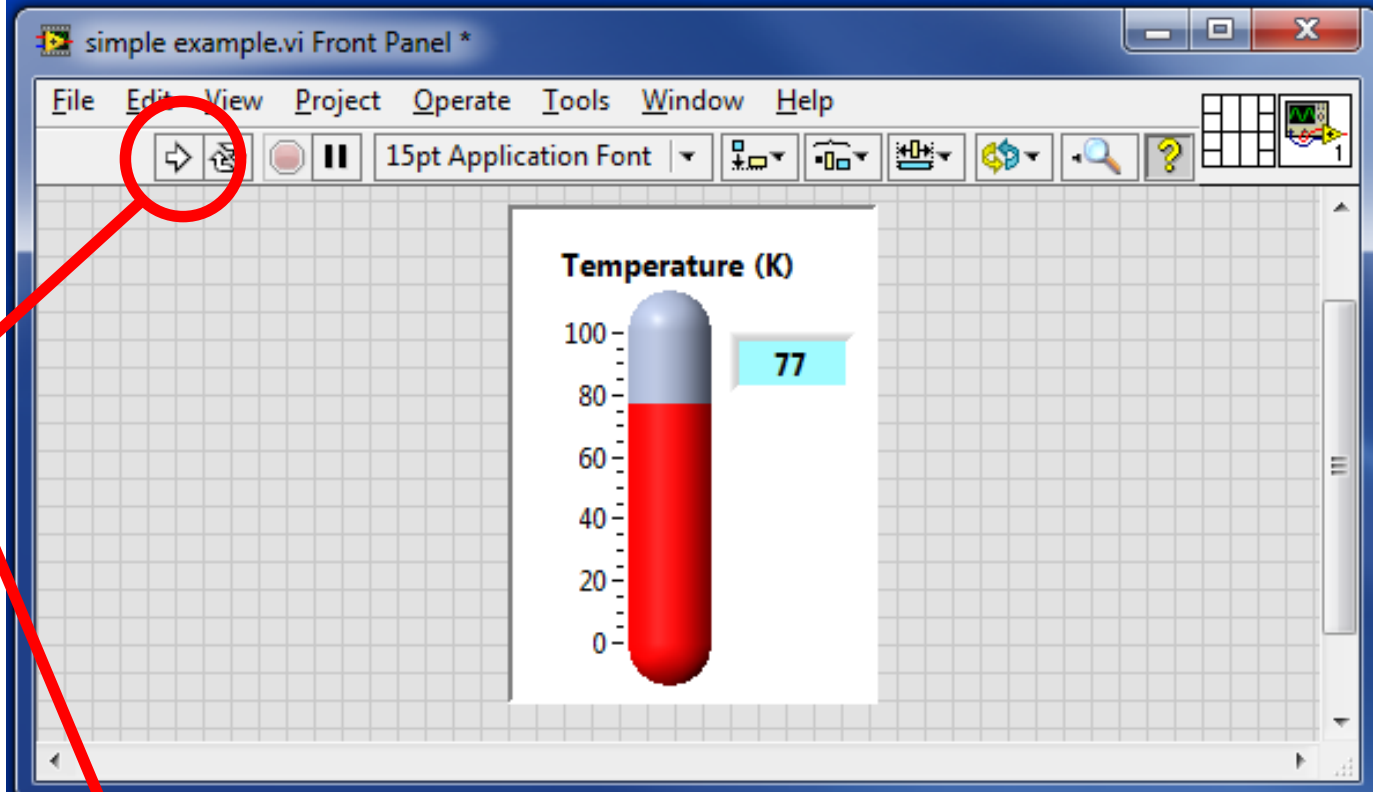
# FRONT PANEL



# BLOCK DIAGRAM

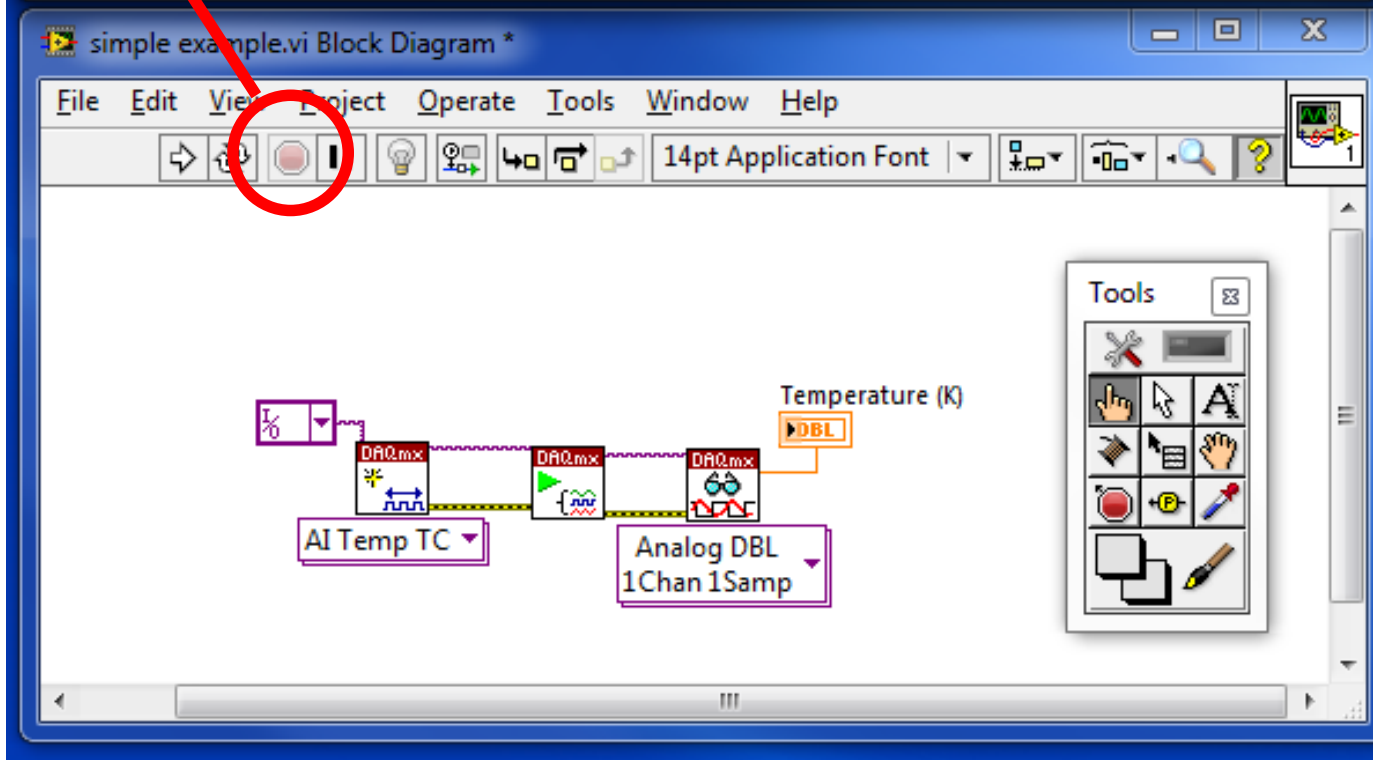
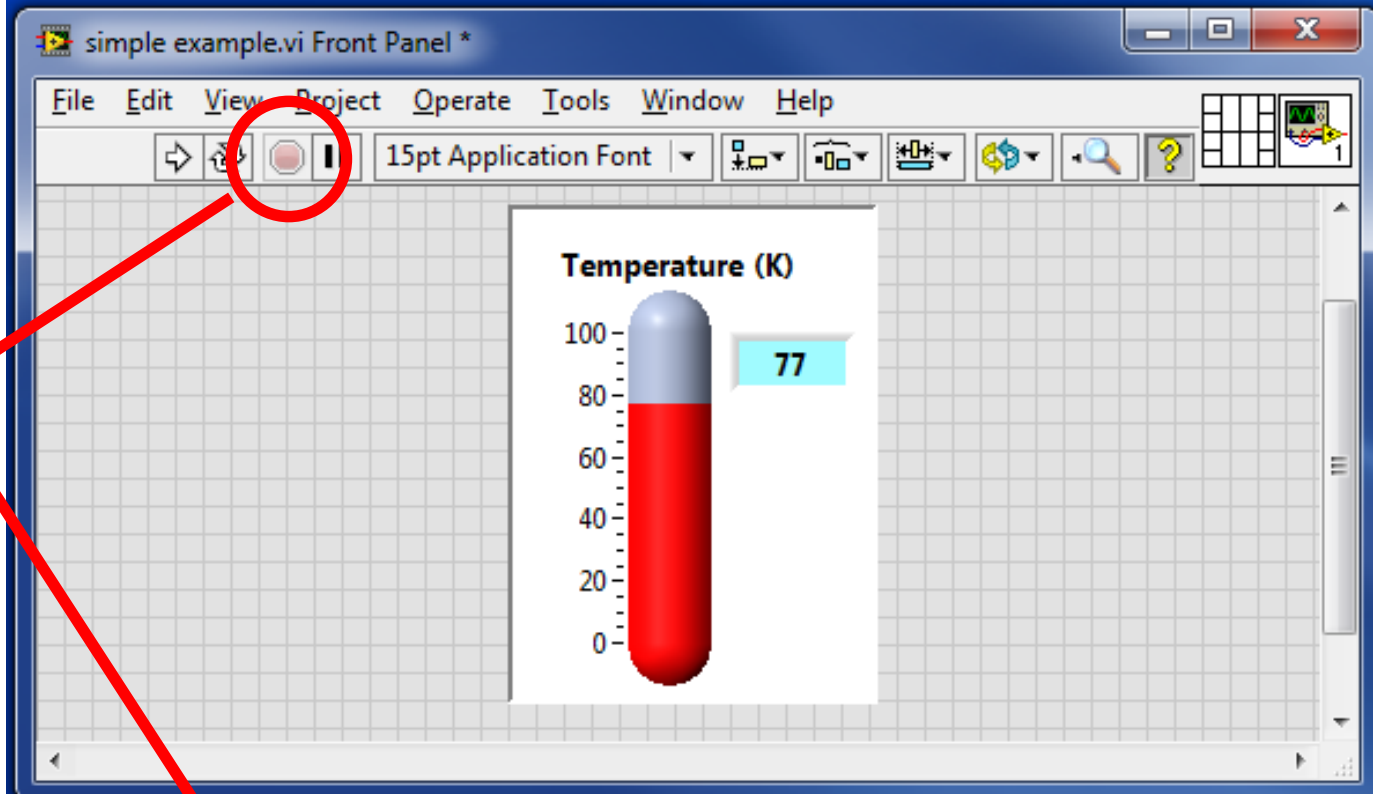


**Run the VI**

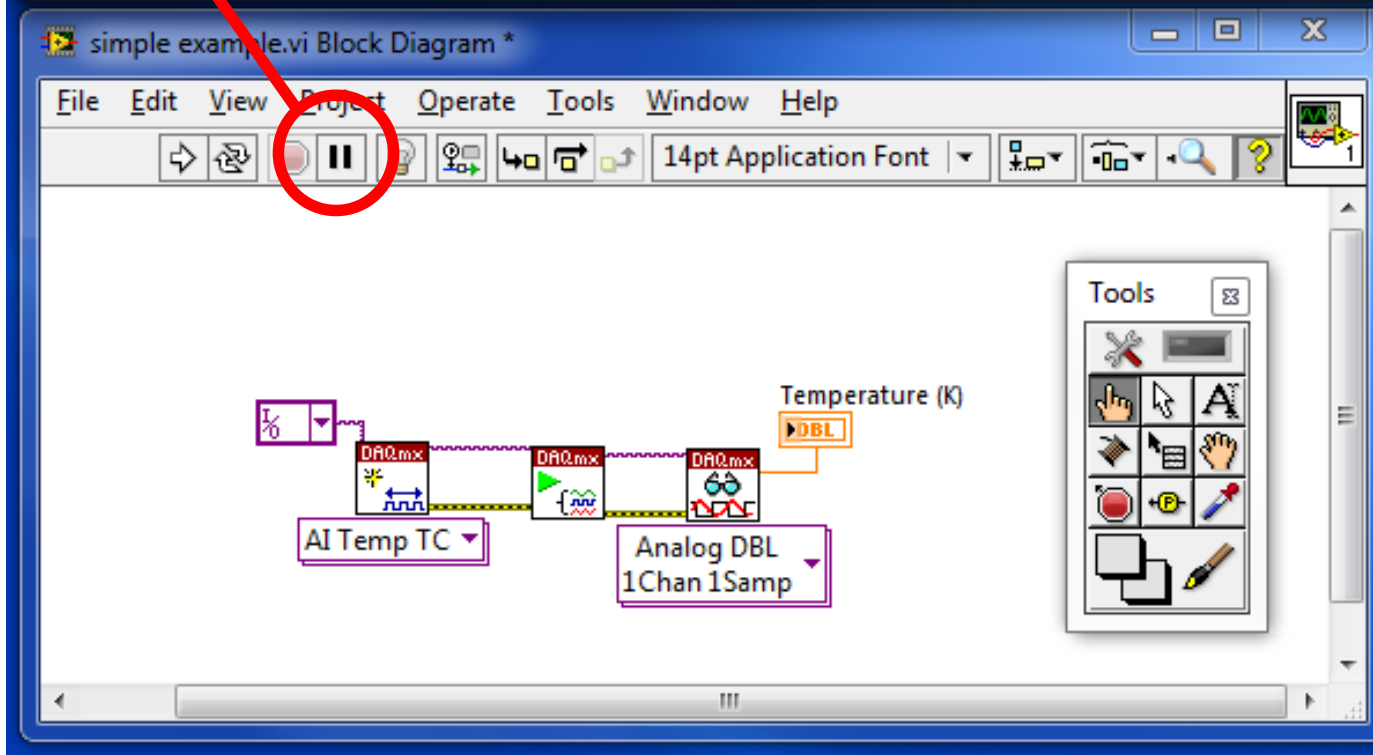
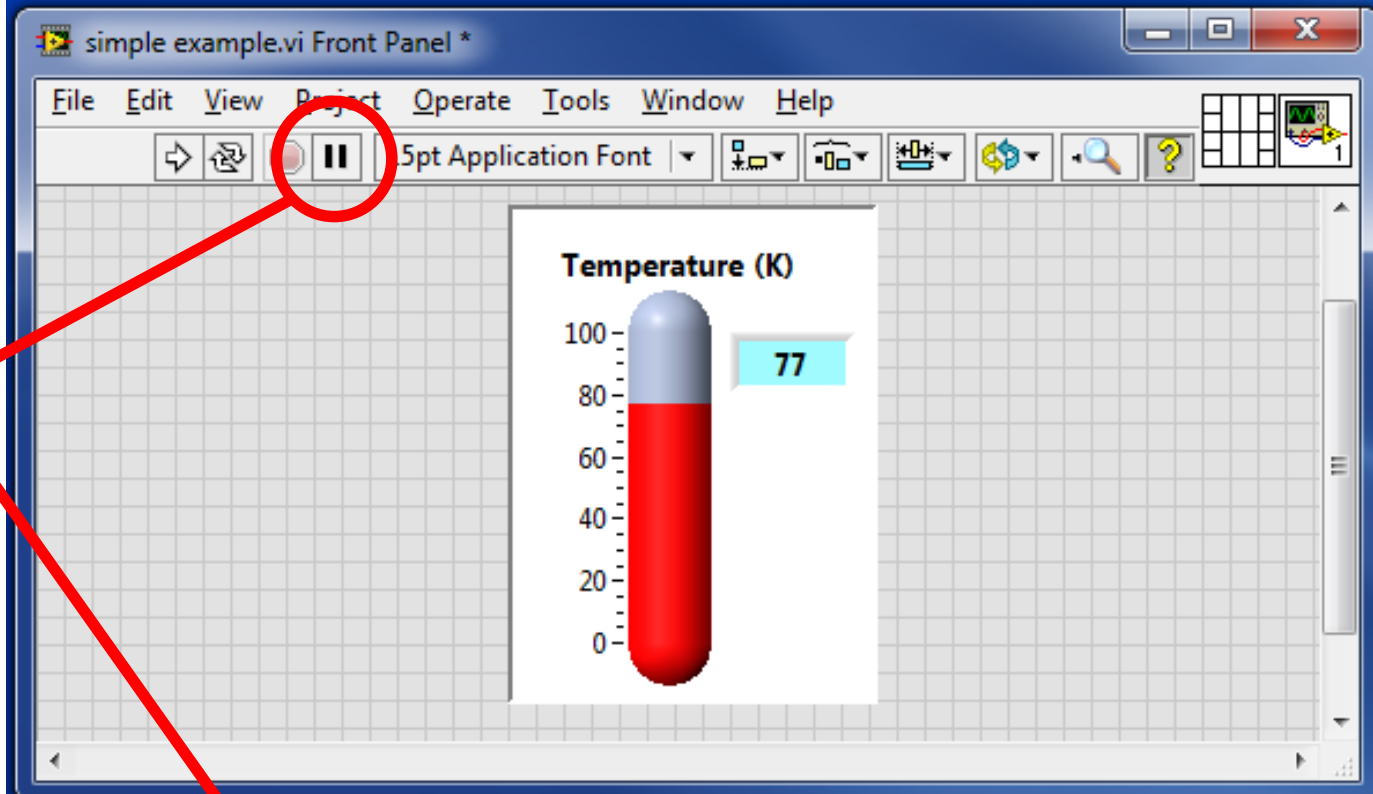


## Abort the VI\*

\* Use this only when all else fails



**Pause the VI**

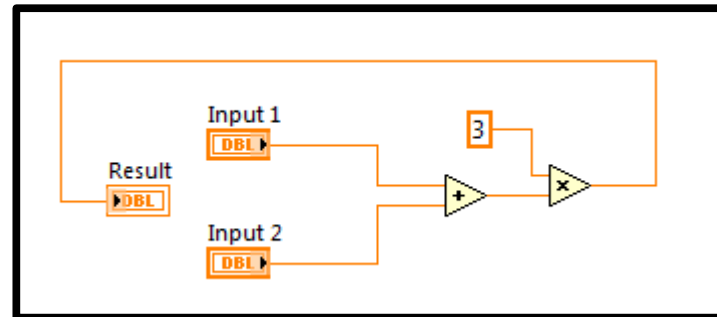
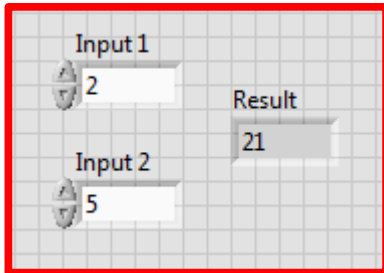
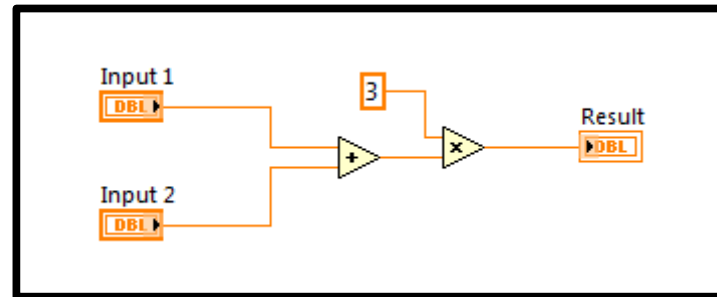
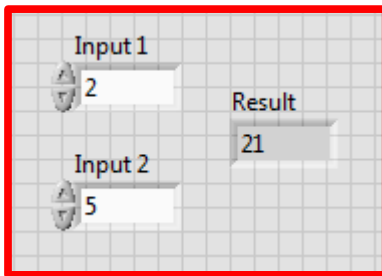


# Data-flow programming on the Block Diagram

Code does not execute left-to-right

Nodes execute depending on availability of data at input terminals

These two VIs are operationally identical:



Setting up Block Diagram to flow left-to-right can help visualize logical flow

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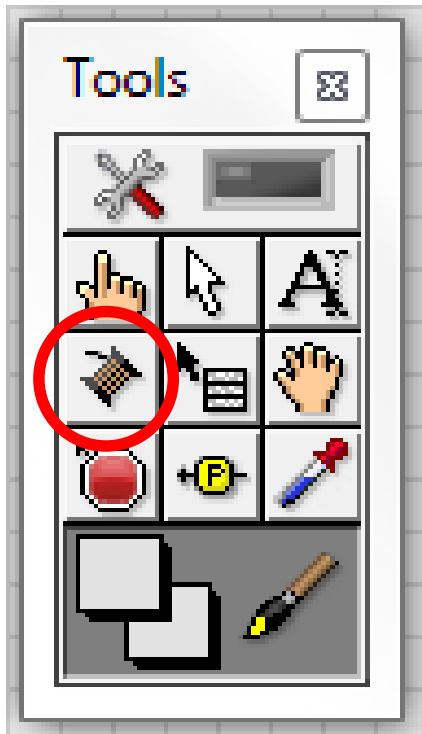
Interact with working VI  
primarily from Front Panel





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## Connect Wire

Connects icons and objects on the Block Diagram

# Handy keyboard shortcuts

**CTRL-Z:** Undo the last operation (has extended memory)

**CTRL-E:** Toggle between Front Panel and Block Diagram

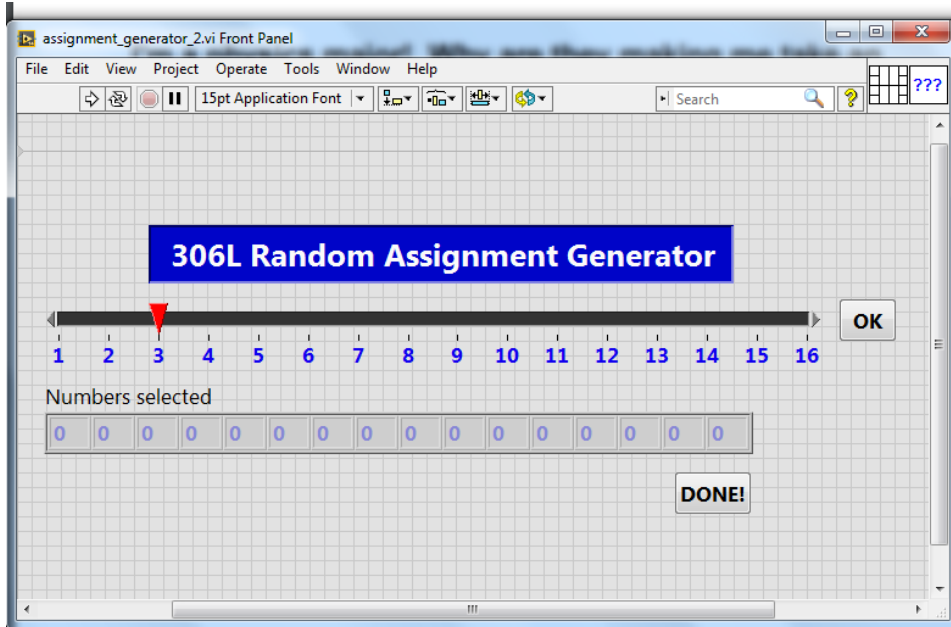
**CTRL-B:** Remove broken wires

**CTRL-H:** Enable context help (hover over components to get specific help)

# Fist LabView Assignment



Make a program that.....



# Lab work

## ELECTRICAL SAFETY

### Electrical energy comes from:

- \* Power supplies, wall outlets
- \* Batteries, capacitors, inductors

### Can cause:

Shock, burns, fires, explosions

It is known that ac voltage levels of around 50V  
can be lethal in certain conditions

# Lab work

## ELECTRICAL SAFETY Capacitor danger

**Same essential physics as a carpet shock**

**Dangerous even when circuits are de-energized**

**All capacitors have a maximum voltage rating**

**Be especially careful with electrolytic capacitors:  
Polarity (+/-) is marked on device.**



# **306L Lab Rules**

**Never work on circuits without someone else in the lab**

**Don't attempt the work if you are excessively tired**

**Double-check circuits before applying power**

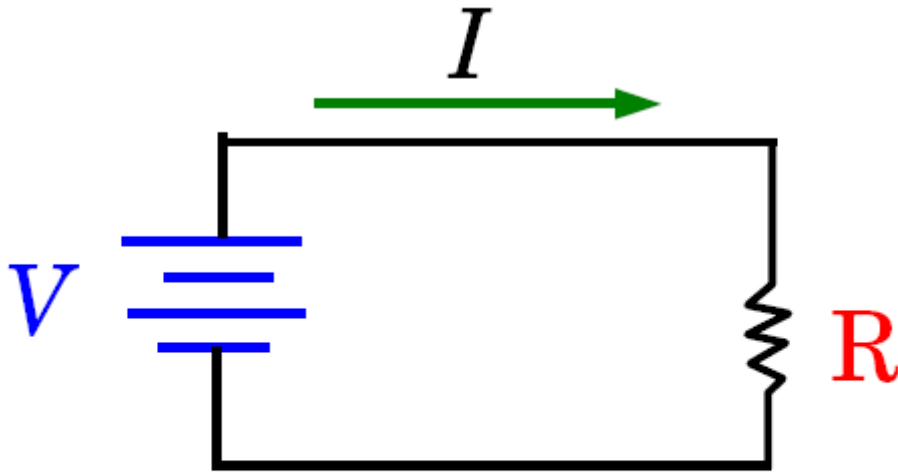
**No food or drink allowed (we are guests here)**

**Know where the safety exits are**

**Know where the fire extinguishers are**

**If in doubt, please ask!**

# Ohm's Law



$$I = V/R$$



Georg Ohm (1789--1854)



**Gustav Kirchhoff (1824—1887)**

**Kirchhoff's Laws (1845)**

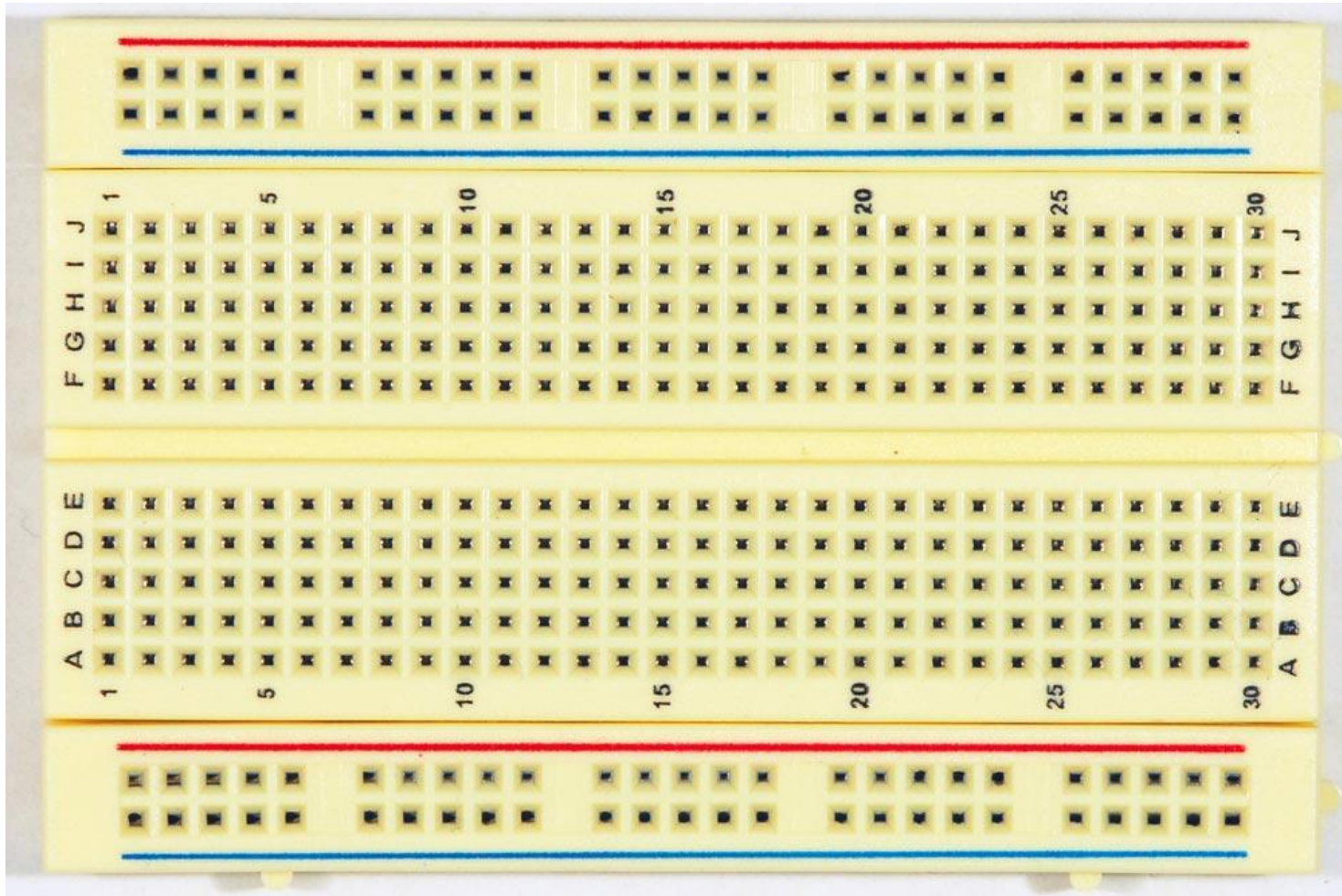
**Kirchhoff's Current Law:**

Sum of currents at a node is zero

**Kirchhoff's Voltage Law:**

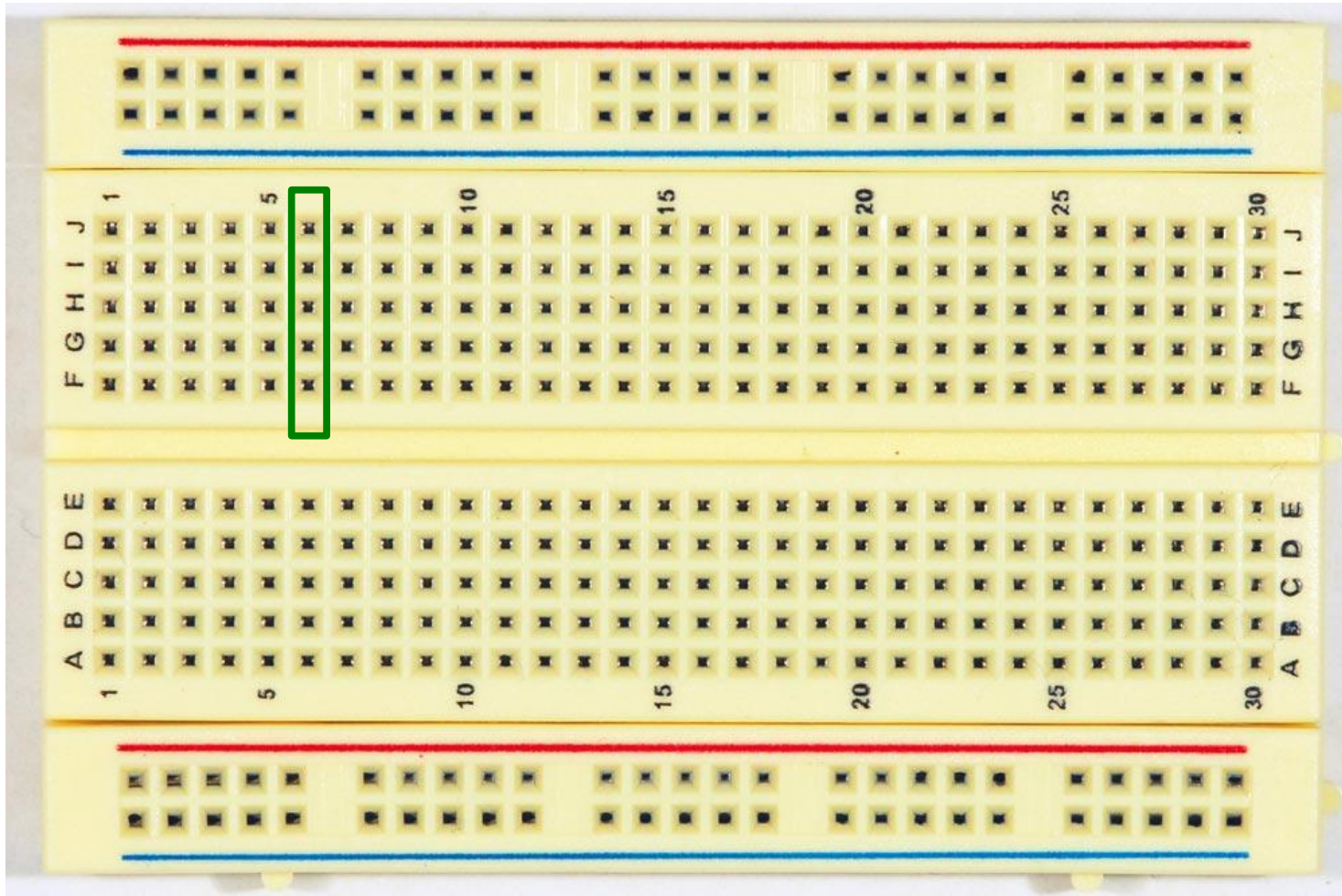
Sum of potential drops around a closed loop is zero.

# HOW TO USE THE BREADBOARD



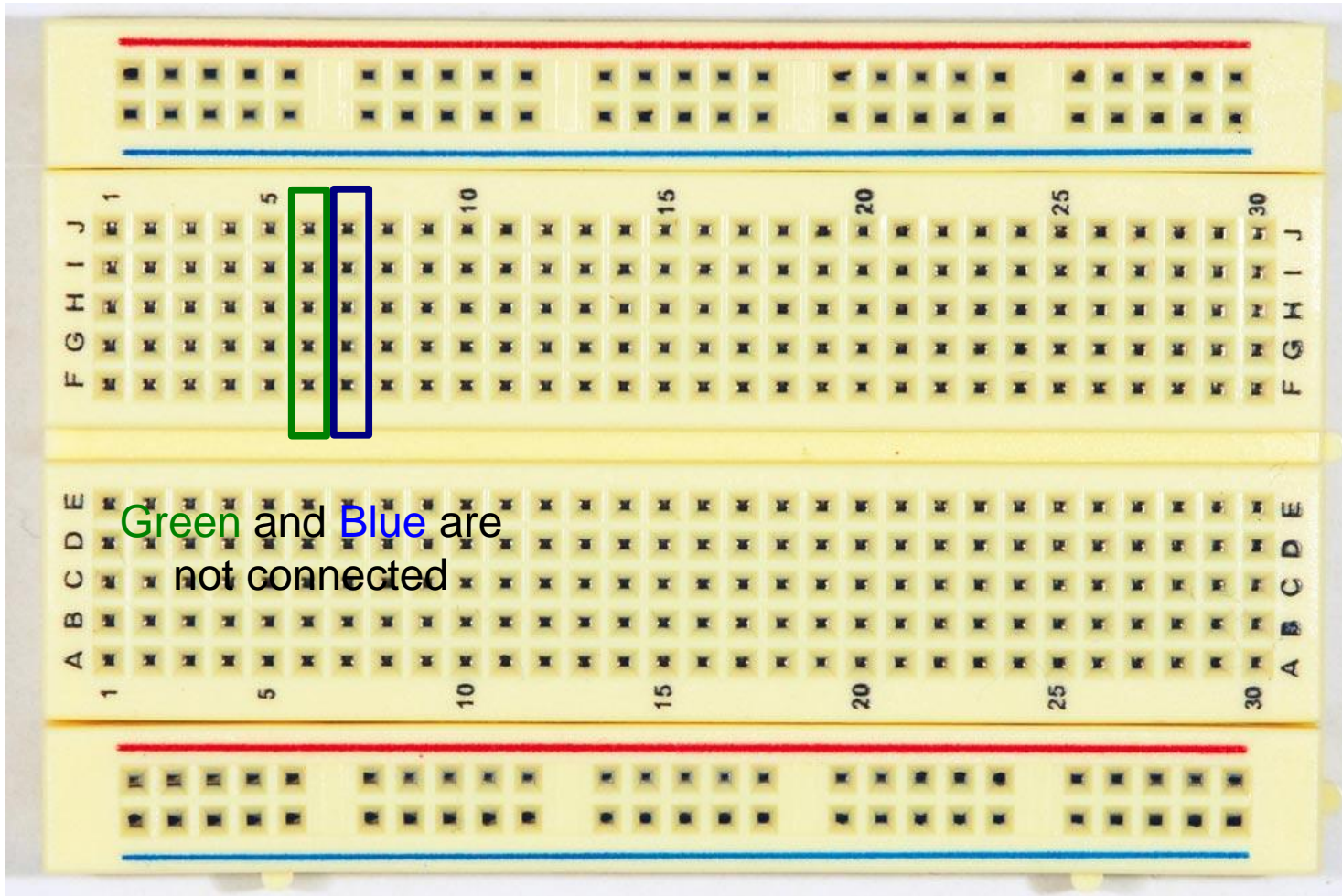
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Columns of 5 holes are connected



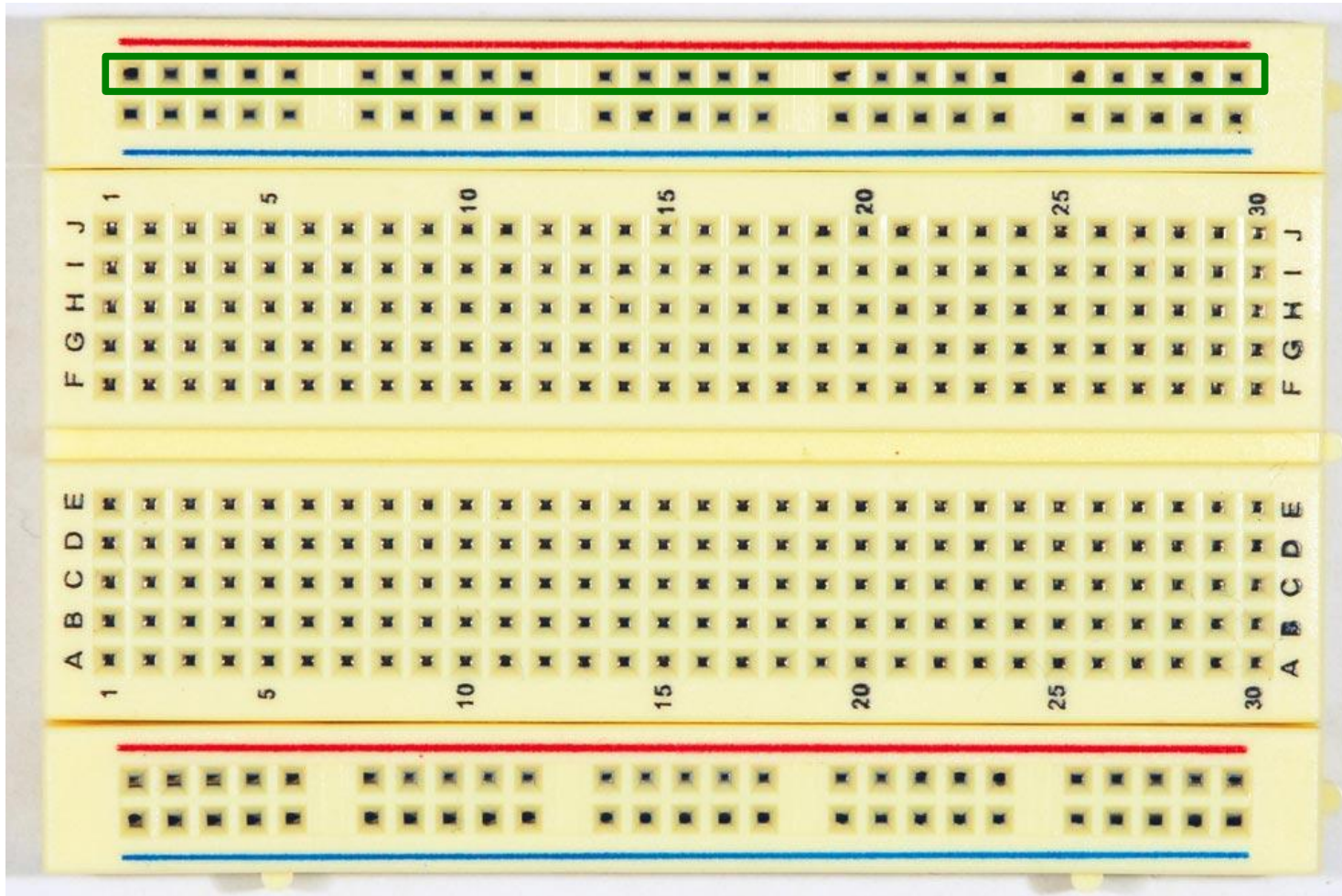
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Columns are all isolated from each other



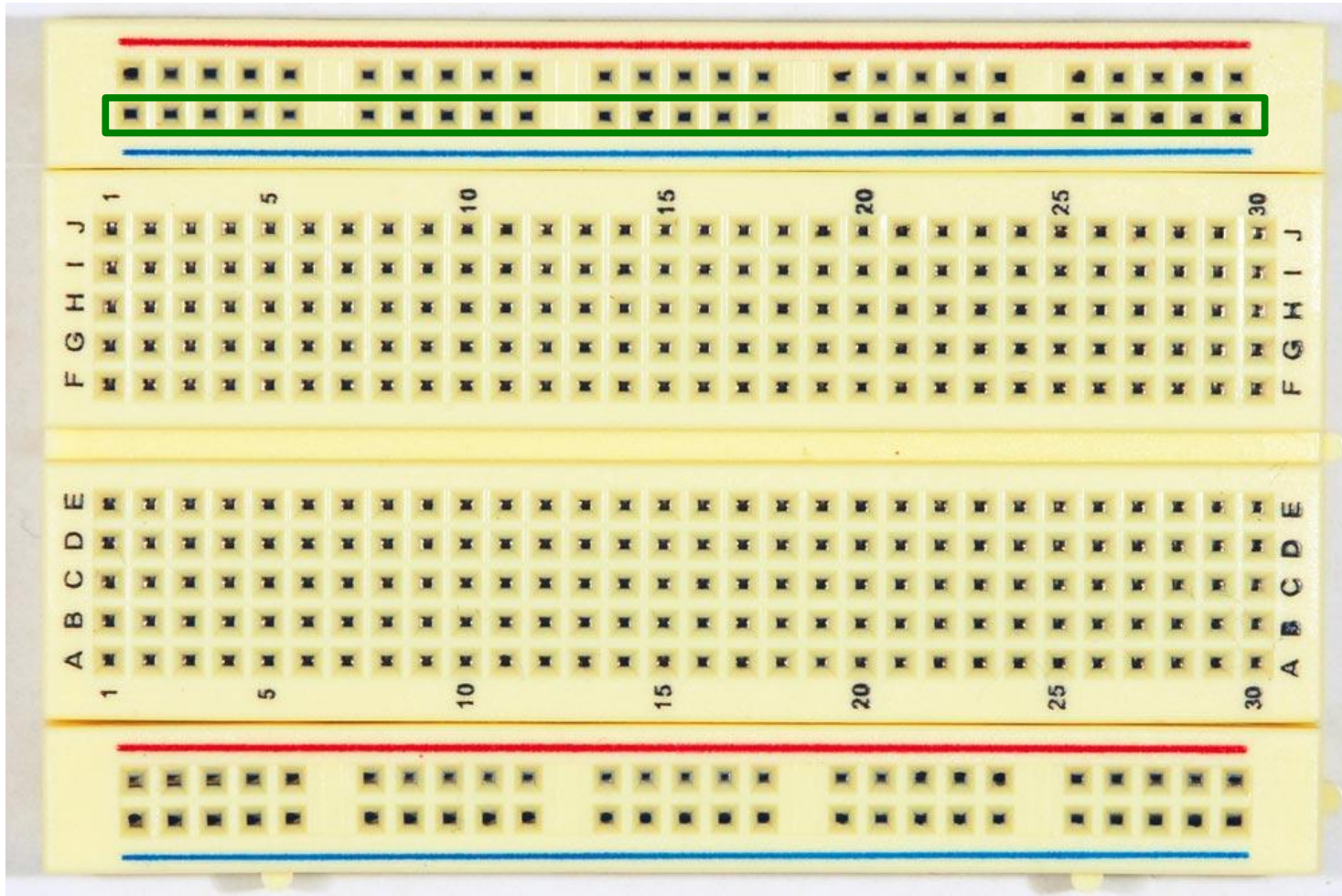
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Rows adjacent to colored lines are all connected



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Go to website and open “Lab1” instructions