

Using SytemLink to Manage LabVIEW and TestStand Deployments



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Abstract

Deployment to run-time environments is why developers have used build specifications for a long time. One challenge that arises is the *actual delivery* of the installer as its size occupies ~1GB.

This presentation demonstrates how we can use the Package build specification and include dependencies to create small packages for NI Package Manager, and even publish them to a SystemLink Server Feed for SystemLink client deployment for both LabVIEW and TestStand systems. SystemLink then will have awareness of all the deployed systems and their configurations.





Overview/Agenda

- Traditional Deployment Strategies
 - LabVIEW
 - TestStand Core
 - TestStand Client Sequence
- New LabVIEW Strategy
- New TestStand Strategy
- Delivery
- SystemLink Server
- SystemLink Client
- Security
- Bonus Topic Replicating Development Machines



To Defy The Laws Of Tradition



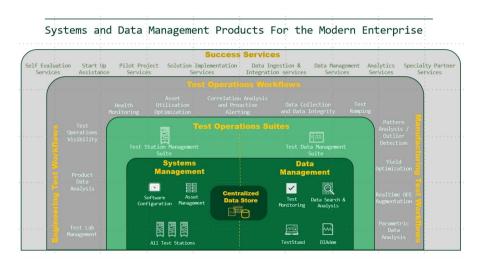
- Build the Executable
- Build the Installer
- Zip and deliver the installer (~1GB in many cases)
- ftp, http, USB Drive, etc.



SystemLink Overview - NI Definition

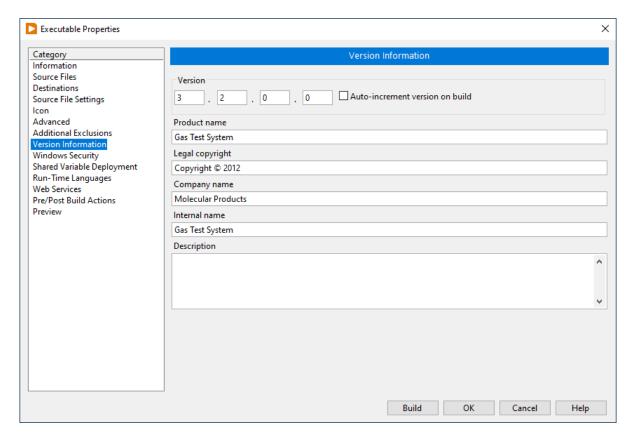
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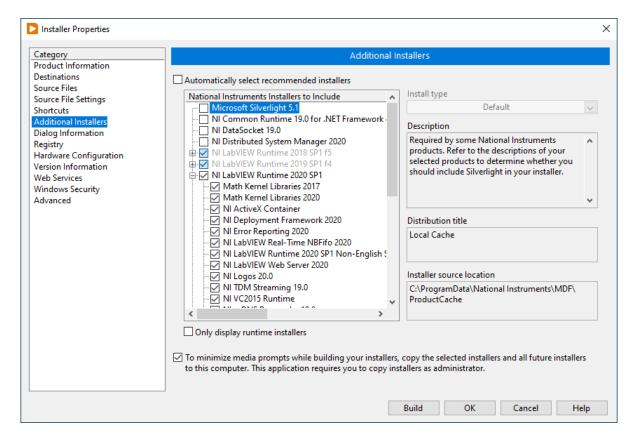
Traditional LabVIEW Strategy Executable



Executable Build Specification



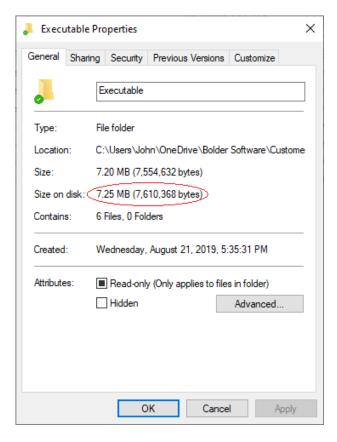
Traditional LabVIEW Strategy Installer



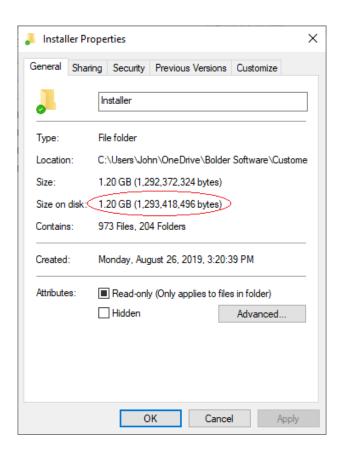
Installer Build Specification



Traditional LabVIEW Strategy Sizes



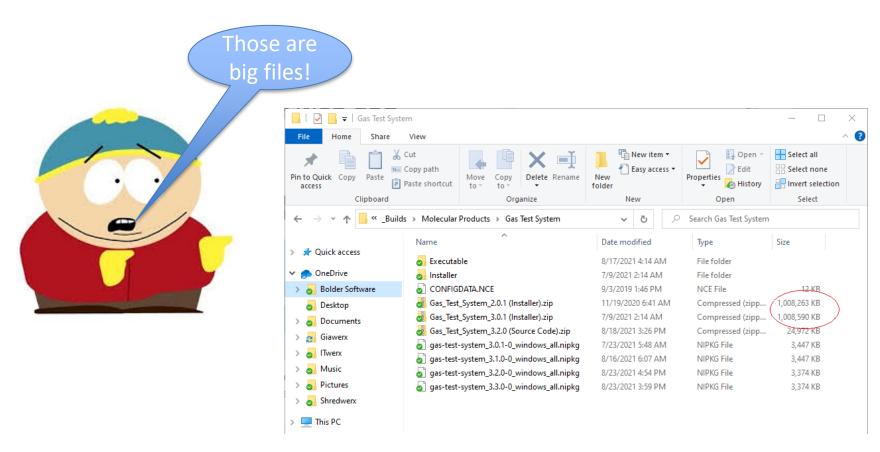
Executable Size



Installer Size



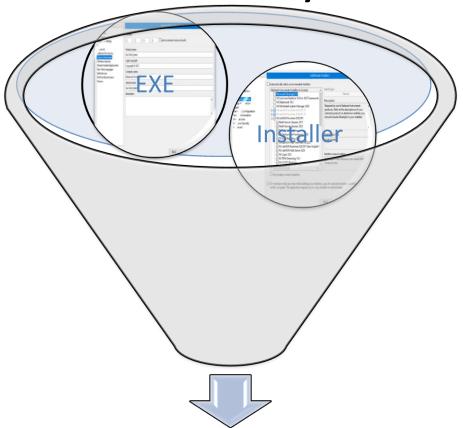
Traditional LabVIEW Strategy Version Sizes



Zipped Sizes



Traditional LabVIEW Strategy Summary



Installer (Zipped = ~1GB)



Traditional TestStand Strategy 2 Deployments

Create 2 deployments for easier upgradability. One large, fairly static deployment for Runtime, etc., and another for the client sequences and tests.

Core Deployment

- TestStand Runtime
- LabVIEW Runtime
- User Interfaces

Client Deployment

- Client Sequence(s)
- Code Modules
- TestStand Cfg
- TestStand Components



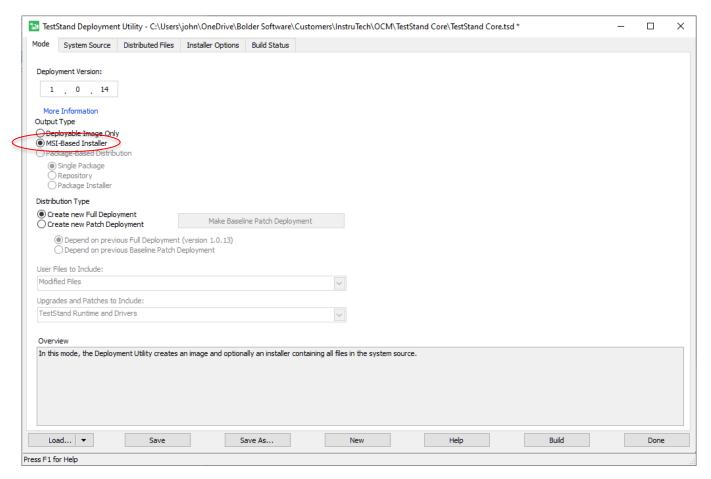
Traditional TestStand Strategy Core Workspace



TestStand Core Workspace



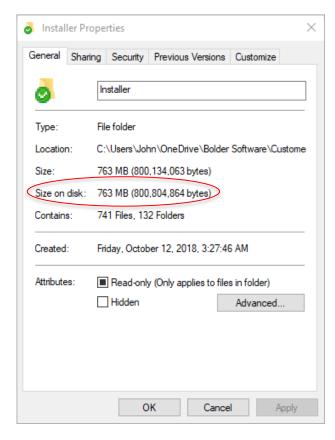
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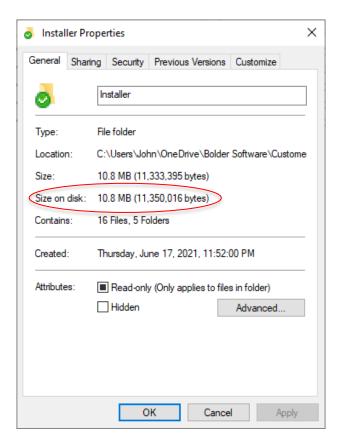
TestStand Core Workspace



Traditional TestStand Strategy Deployment Sizes



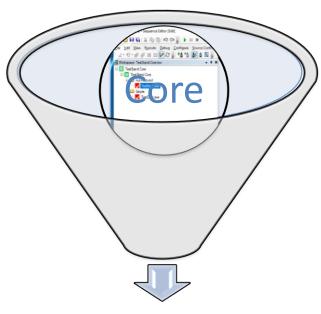
Core Deployment Size



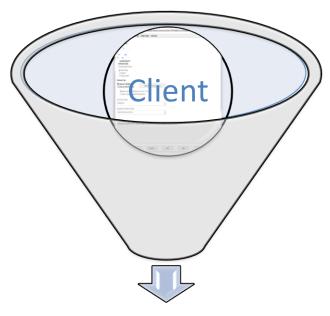
Client Deployment Size



Traditional TestStand Strategy Summary



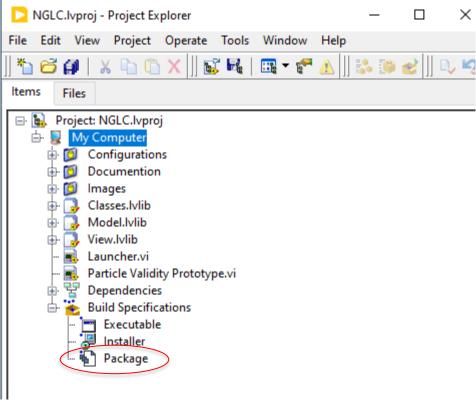
Installer (Zipped = ~1GB)



Installer (Zipped = ~10-20MB)



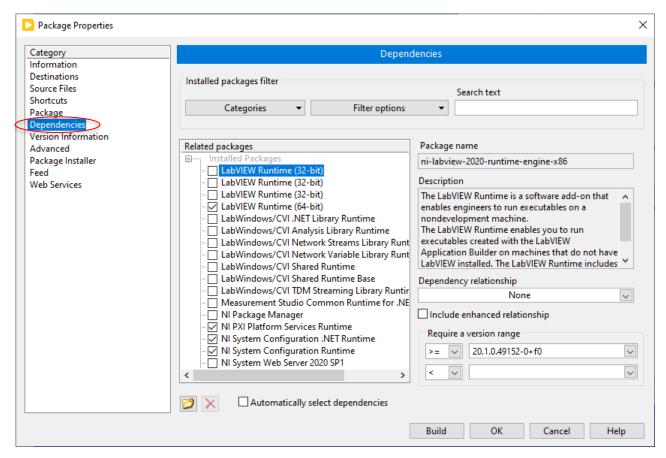
New LabVIEW Strategy Package Build Specification



Build Specifications



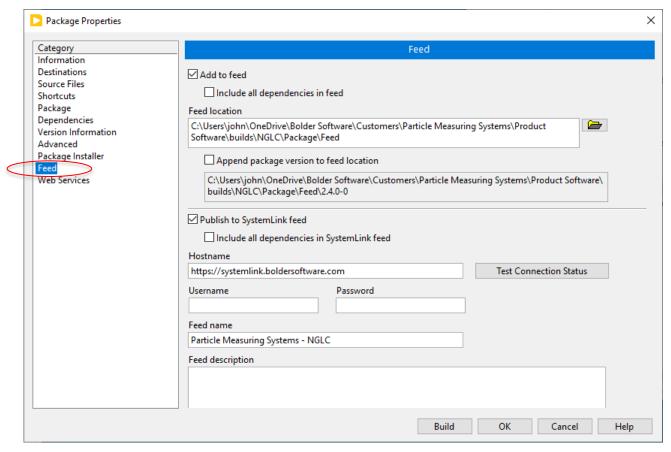
New LabVIEW Strategy Package Dependencies



Build Specification - Package Dependencies



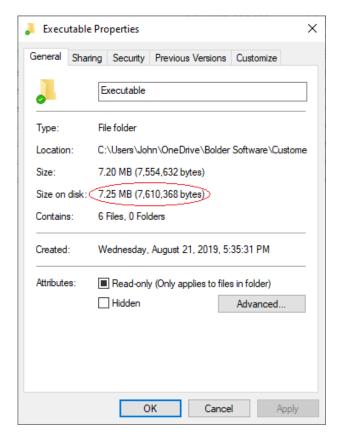
New LabVIEW Strategy Package Feed



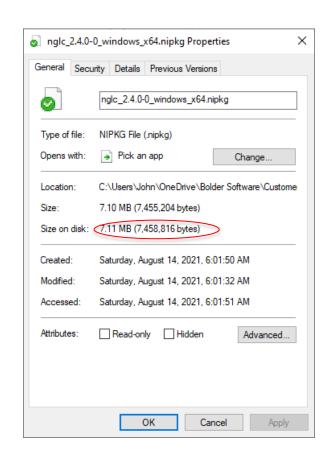
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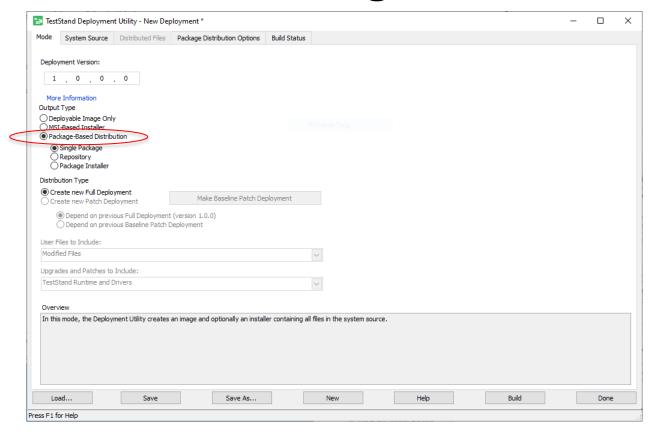
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Package Size



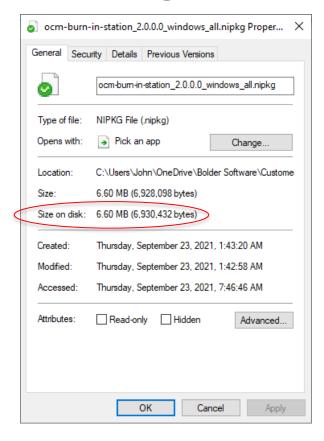
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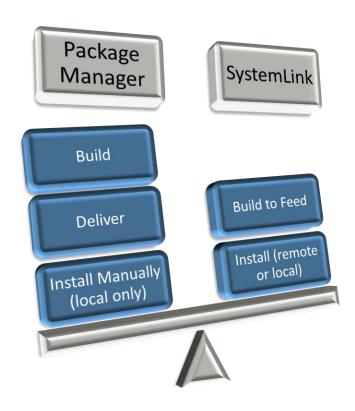
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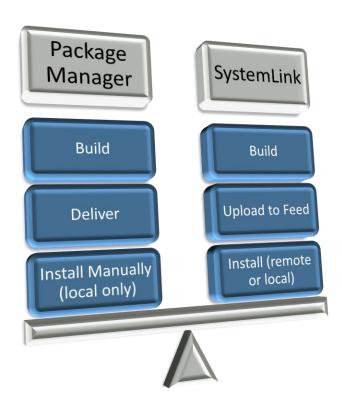


Delivery - LabVIEW



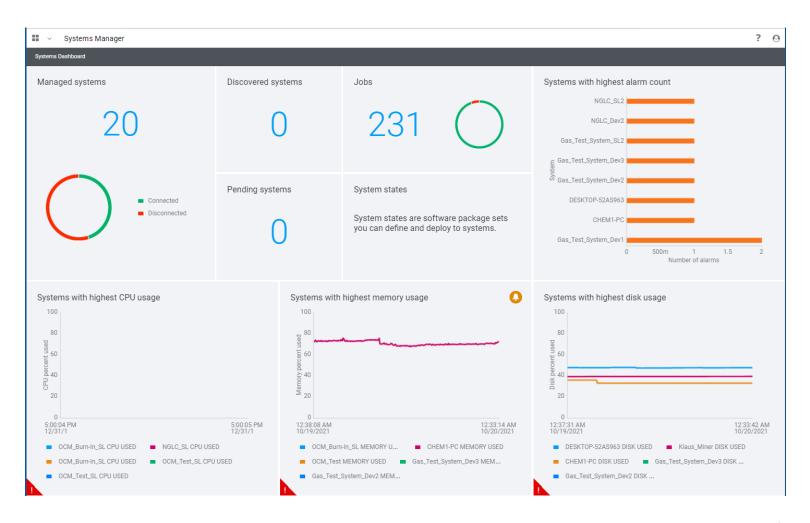


Delivery - TestStand





Have You Seen Junior's Grades?





SystemLink Server Workspaces

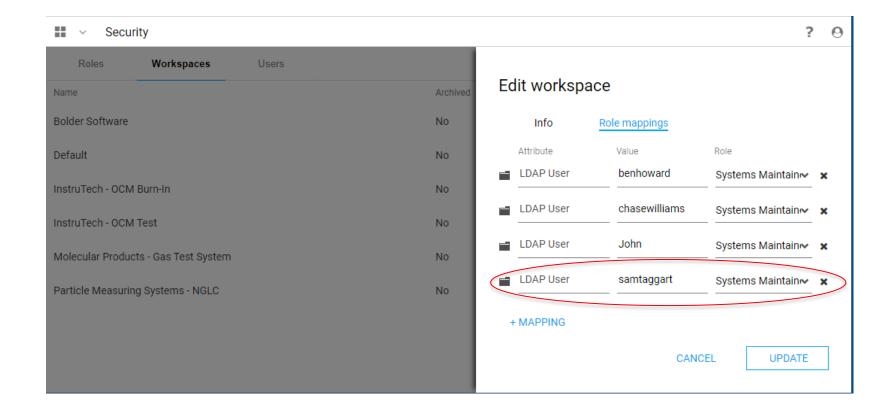
I don't always use SystemLink, but when I do, I start with a Workspace



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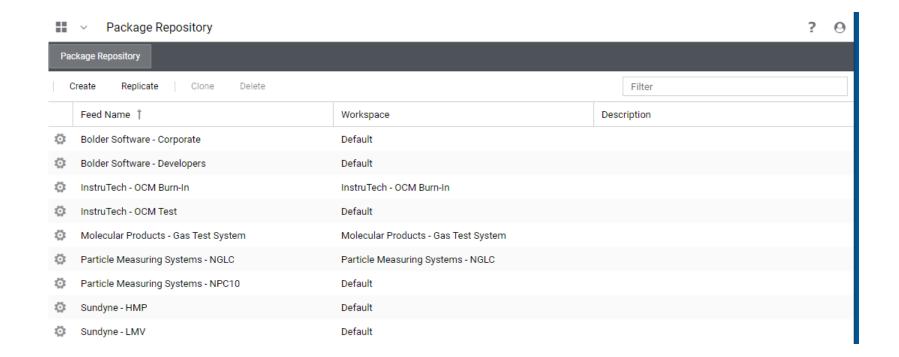


SystemLink Server Workspace Roles



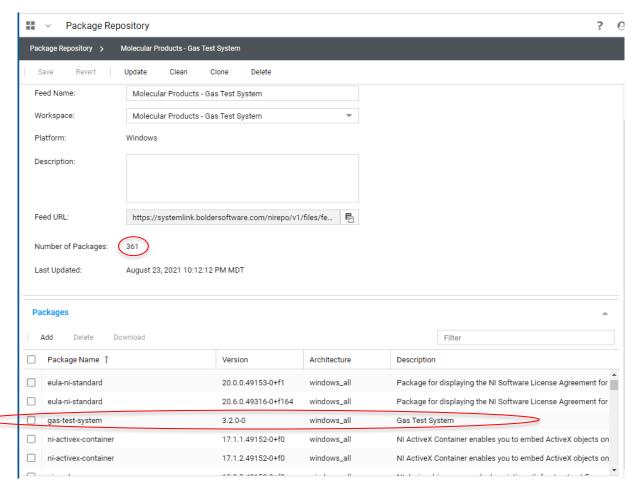


SystemLink Server Package Repository Overview





SystemLink Server Package Repository Example

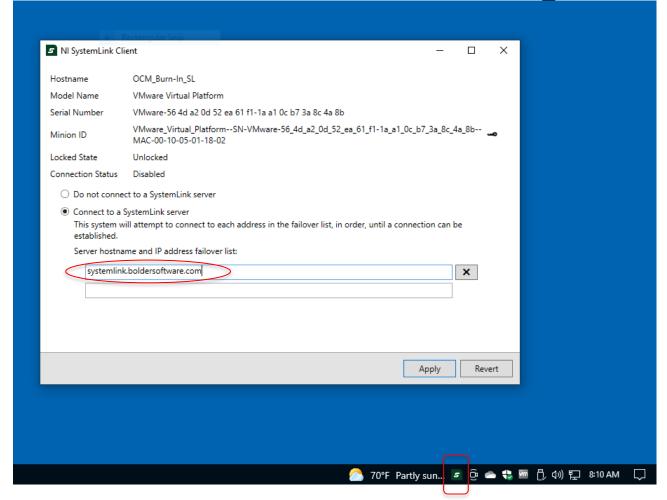




SystemLink Server Managed Systems

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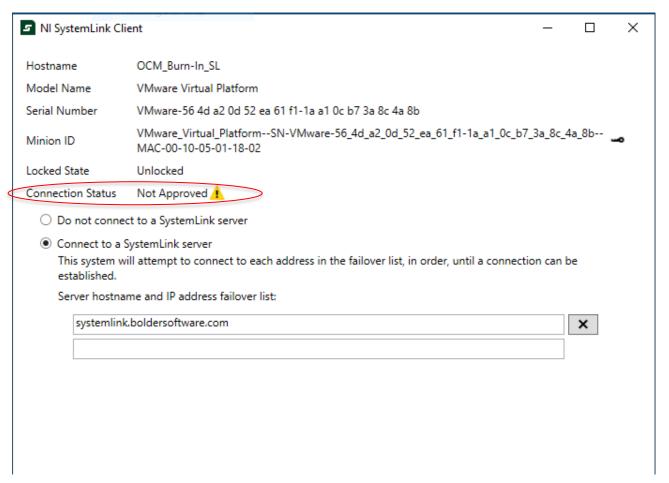
SystemLink Client - Configuration



SystemLink Client Settings



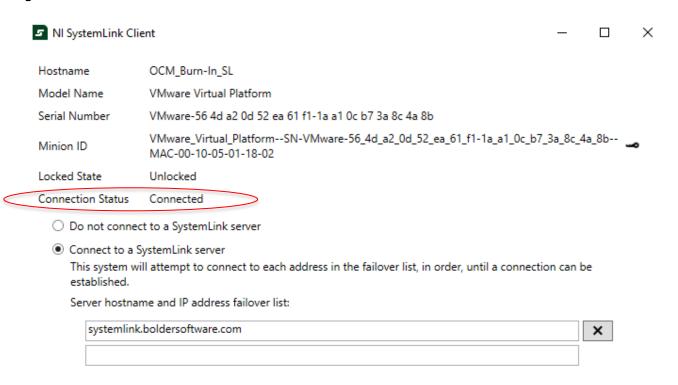
SystemLink Client - Pending Approval



SystemLink Client Pending Approval



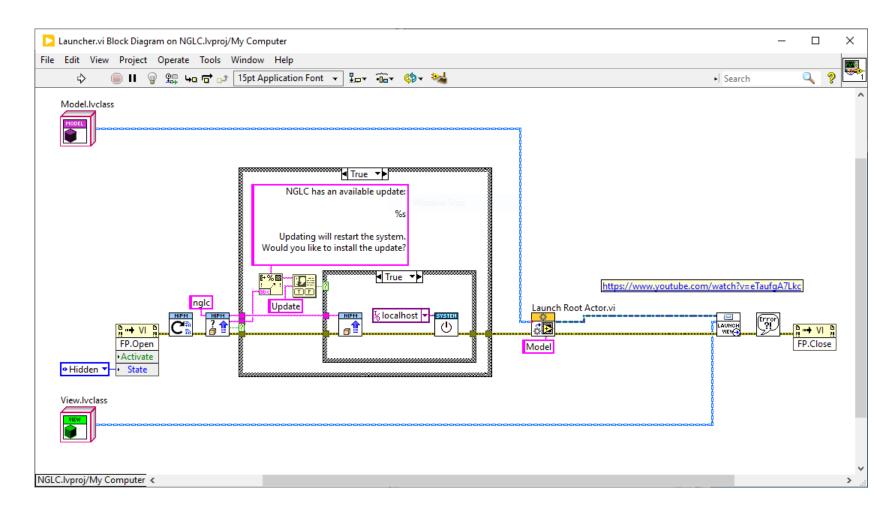
SystemLink Client – Connected



SystemLink Client Connected



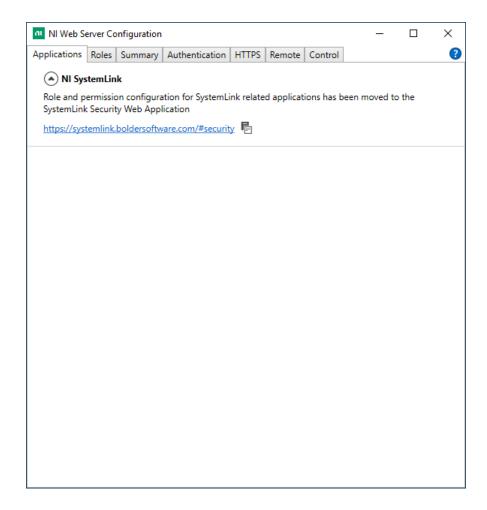
Automated Updates Using NIPM API





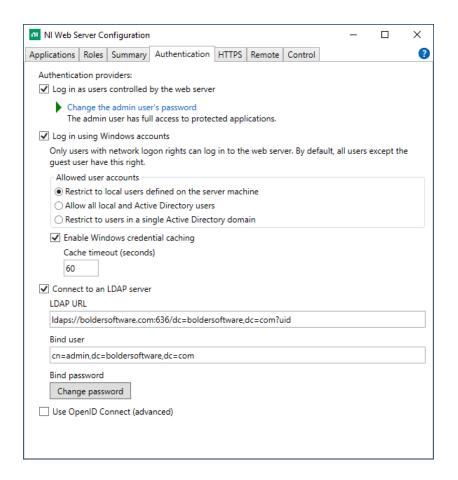
OK, But What About Security?

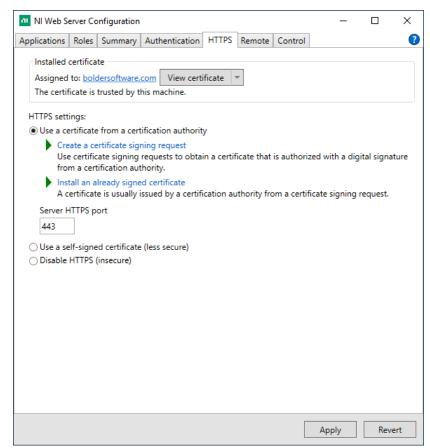






SystemLink Server

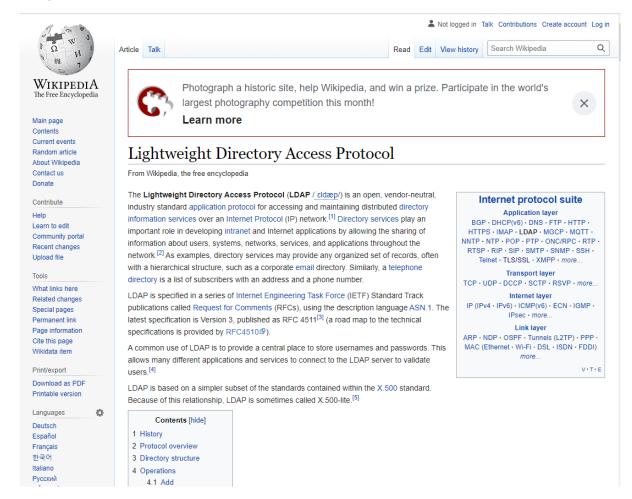




NI Web Server Configuration



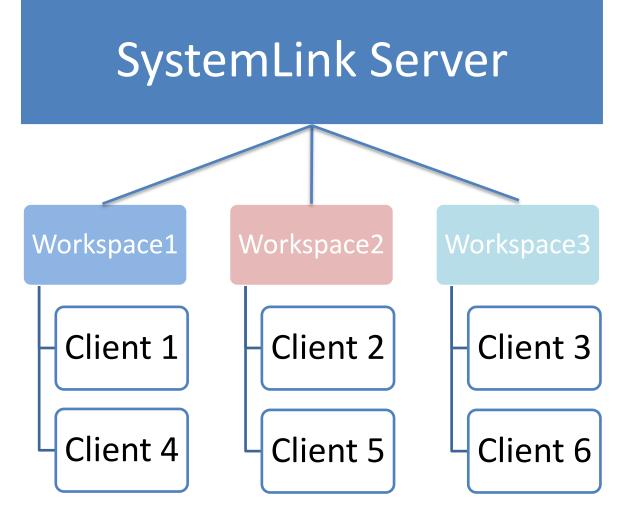
SystemLink Server - LDAP



LDAP

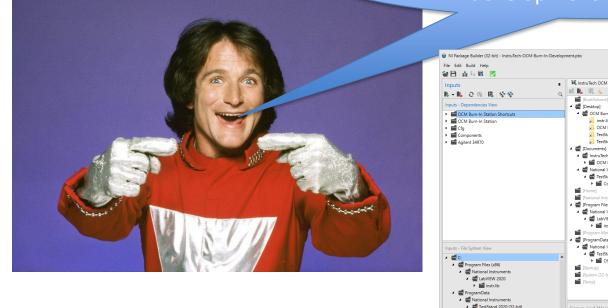


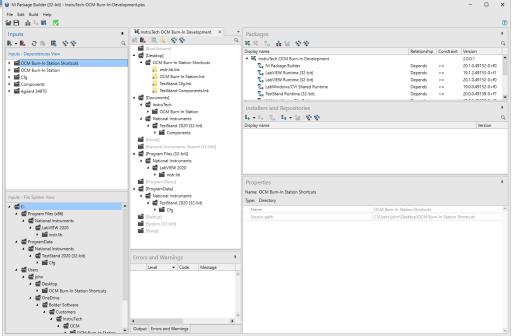
SystemLink Client and Server



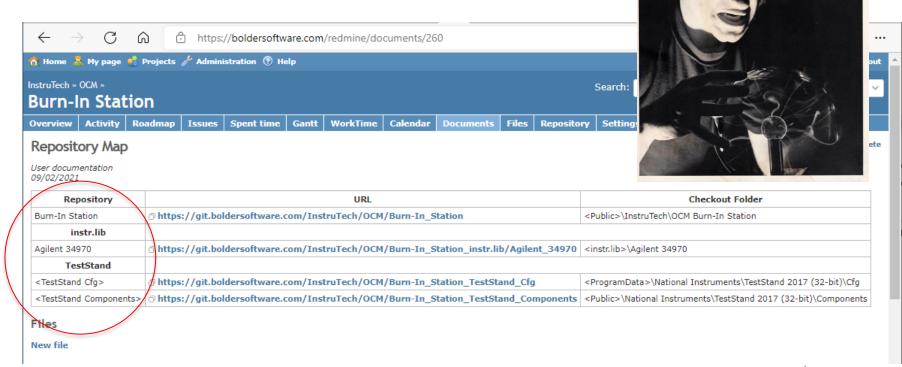


Let's try building a package to replicate development environments!

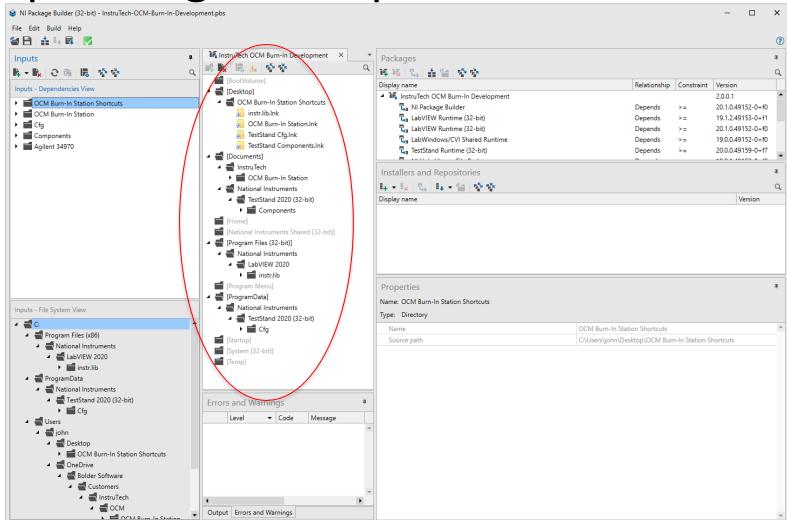




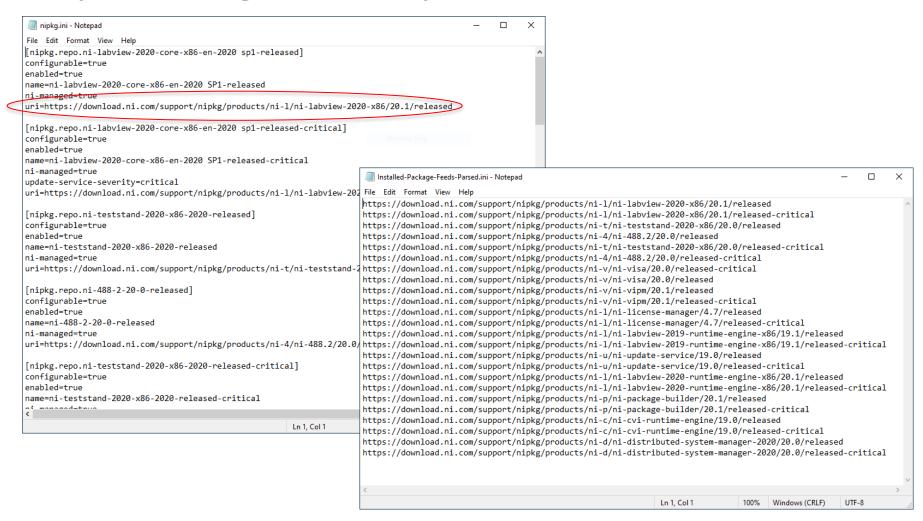














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