Phidget Interface Kit

- 1. <u>Download</u> the Phidgets software for your OS from www.phidgets.com/ drivers.php.
- 2. <u>Install</u> it. Choose 32 bit or 64 bit version to match your OS and the version of Java you installed
- 3. <u>Download</u> the phidget.jar file from www.phidgets.com/ programming_resources.php.
- 4. <u>Unzip</u> it to someplace where you can find it again.
- 5. <u>Open</u> you Phidget kit and <u>find</u>
 - 1. USB cable to connect the interface board to your computer
 - 2. Interface board (1018)
 - 3. Force sensor (1106) with its cable
 - 4. A gree LE
- 6. <u>Connect them</u> as in the image
 - USB from laptop to interface board
 - Force sensor to Analog In1
 - LED wired between GND and Digital Out 0
 - Short wire in GND, long in Digital Out 0
 - Use the screwdriver for the LE



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- If you have installed the Phidget software, you should see a Phidge icon in your taskbar:
- Click it. It should bring up the Phidget test application
 - If it brings up the Phidget control panel, click the General tab and then double clic the Phidget interface kit device to bring up the test app
- Press the Phidget force sensor button. Watch the reading change.
- Click Digital Out box 0

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Phidgets and Java

- Download PressureController.java and compile it in a new project
 - You get errors because Eclipse can't find the Phidget.jar file, the library that tells Java how to communicate with Phidgets
- Open the Java Properties/Java Build Path popup by right clicking on the project
- Click "Add External Jars..." and navigate to where you unzipped the phidget21.jar file
- Select it and click Open, and then O
 - Next slide shows before and after shots
 - Errors will disappear from java files
- Run PressureController

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Phidget21.jar

- Jar file is a Java archive
 - Zip format of compiled (byte code) Java classes
- By placing it in your project, you can use all its classes
- See its documentation (API Reference) for a list of classes and methods. Download from
 - phidgets.com/programming_resources.php
 - Unzip
 - Bookmark it in your browser
- Also look at Java Getting Started Guid

Phidgets Javadoc

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