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- CompactDAQ (older technology) Inexpensive. Compatible with many third party products. Measurement with sensors. Excellent for development. Simple projects.
- 2) PXI (mature)
 - Industry standard.
 - Huge ecosystem
 - Test and prototypes.
 - Complex projects.
 - Expensive.
- 3) CompactRIO (new)
 - FPGA native
 - Best for unattended execution.
 - Complex control and monitoring.
 - Affordable.
 - Rugged. Best for harsh environments.
 - Needs host PC for deployment and monitoring. Development more complex.

