# TikTok Organic Post Scraper (Handover Manual & Walkthrough)

# 1. System Overview

This system automates the process of scraping TikTok organic posts, extracting post content and comments, enriching the data with AI analysis, and storing everything in Airtable for structured access. It is designed for marketing research, competitor tracking, and campaign analysis.

The system is built using **n8n workflows**, **Apify actors**, and **Airtable** as the database and User Interface.

# 2. Core Components

#### Airtable Base

- o Tables: Search Requests, Scraped Content, Scraped Comments
- Acts as both the input (search requests) and storage (scraped results, enriched insights).

#### Apify Actors

- TikTok Scraper: Scrapes posts and metadata.
- TikTok Comment Scraper: Collects comments on selected posts.

#### • n8n Workflow

- Orchestrates the scraping, enrichment, and storage.
- o Runs periodically or on demand.

#### Al Modules

- Content summarization.
- Strengths & weaknesses detection.
- Comment analysis & clustering.

## 3. Workflow Flowchart

- 1. Airtable Search Requests flagged for run →
- 2. n8n picks request →
- 3. Apify Scraper fetches posts →
- 4. Posts stored in Scraped Content →
- 5. Comments scraped & stored in Scraped Comments →
- 6. Al analysis enriches both posts & comments →
- 7. Results available in Airtable for review.

## 4. Airtable Tables

## 4.1 Search Requests (tblmQMJURqN6bDDI4)

- Fields: Search Type, Keyword/Account, Country, Date Range, Max Results, Run flag, etc.
- Role: Queue of requests to be processed.

## 4.2 Scraped Content (tblBslptBwdfKEMF1)

• Stores TikTok post metadata, captions, engagement stats, and enrichment analysis.

Linked to Scraped Comments.

#### 4.3 Scraped Comments

• Stores comment text, author, likes, and Al-driven sentiment/cluster tags.

# 5. API & Authentication

- Airtable API: REST + JSON.
- Auth: Bearer Token.
- Rate limits: 5 requests/sec per base.
- Standard HTTP codes for error handling.

# 6. Error Handling

- 2xx → Success.
- **4xx** → User errors (invalid request, missing fields).
- **5xx** → Server errors (retry logic in n8n recommended).

# 7. Scoring Formula

The scoring formula ranks TikTok posts by a custom **Virality Score**, calculated in Airtable.

#### Formula inputs:

• Followers of the creator (tiered brackets).

- Engagement rate (likes + comments + shares ÷ views).
- Recency (boost for posts within last 7 days).

#### **Example structure (pseudo):**

ViralityScore = (EngagementRate \* 0.6) + (FollowerTierScore \* 0.3) + (RecencyBoost \* 0.1)

This ensures fairness across small and large accounts.

# 8. Al Prompts (for OpenAl or Similar LLM)

## **Post Analysis Prompt**

"You are given a TikTok caption, engagement stats, and transcript. Summarize the main theme, identify key strengths and weaknesses, and suggest why it may have gone viral."

#### **Comment Analysis Prompt**

"You are given up to 20 comments from a TikTok post. Cluster them into themes (e.g., humor, criticism, product interest). Highlight dominant sentiment and potential insights."

# 9. n8n Workflow Structure

- Trigger Node → Webhooks.
- **Airtable Nodes** → Fetch search requests, update status, save results.
- Apify Nodes → Run TikTok Scraper + Comment Scraper.
- $\bullet \quad \textbf{OpenAl Nodes} \rightarrow \textbf{Post analysis + Comment analysis}.$
- Gemini Node → Analyze Video content.

## 10. Maintenance Checklist

- Rotate Airtable tokens every 90 days.
- Monitor Apify actor changes (API updates may break scrapers).
- Review n8n logs weekly for failed runs.
- Clear old requests from Search Requests monthly.

# 11. Troubleshooting

- No posts scraped? → Check if TikTok account is private or if Apify actor quota expired.
- Comments missing? → Verify Apify Comment Scraper still supports the post format. Check if the post has more than 20 comments to analyze
- Rate limit errors? → Add a Wait node in n8n between Airtable writes.

# 12. Future Improvements

- Integrate with dashboard tools (e.g., Google Data Studio).
- Expand comment scraping beyond 20 (with batching).
- Add auto-tagging of posts by content theme.

# 13. Appendix

n8n Workflow JSON (full export).

- Screenshots of Airtable schema (tables, fields).
- Prompt library for all Al modules.
- Sample cURL/JS snippets for Airtable API interaction.

n8n workflow: https://dgtlbase.app.n8n.cloud/workflow/2M1sbDdMVAF468TA

Airtable schema: <a href="https://airtable.com/appVkCnLBmEWYndLj/api/docs">https://airtable.com/appVkCnLBmEWYndLj/api/docs</a>

Prompts: section 8 + n8n workflow

JS snippets for webhook automation within Airtable:

```
let table = base.getTable("Search Requests");
let record = await table.selectRecordAsync(recordId);

await
fetch("https://dgtlbase.app.n8n.cloud/webhook/b2cb3eef-c6c3-47e9-81bf-08f1
4e2bdcc3", {
    method: "POST",
    headers: { "Content-Type": "application/json" },
    body: JSON.stringify(record)
});

console.log("Sent to n8n:", record);
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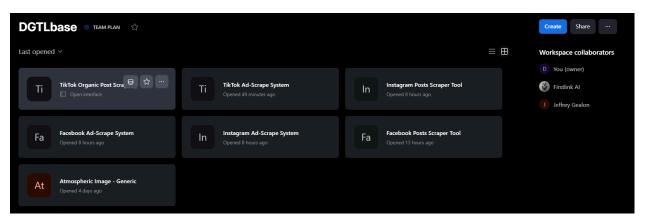
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# **User Guide - Detailed Walkthrough**

This walkthrough gives an operational, illustrated-style guide for team members.

#### A - Access and roles

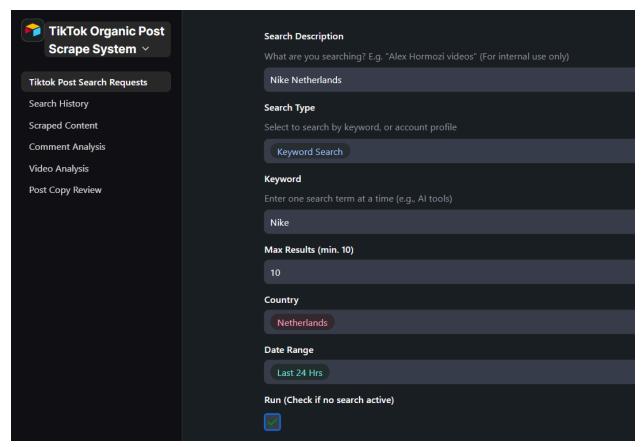
- Who needs access: 1) Marketing editors (Airtable Editor), 2) Ops engineer (n8n access),
   3) Data reviewer (Airtable Viewer+comments).
- Confirm access before running searches.



<sup>&</sup>quot;Airtable permissions - ensure required access levels are set."

## **B** - Create a Keyword Search (step-by-step)

- 1. Open the **Search Requests** table or the Search Request form in Airtable.
- 2. Populate fields:
  - Search Type = Keyword Search
  - o Keywords = "Nike"
  - Country Code = "Netherlands"
  - Date Range = Last 24 Hours
  - Max Results = 50
  - Run = TRUE
- 3. Save record.



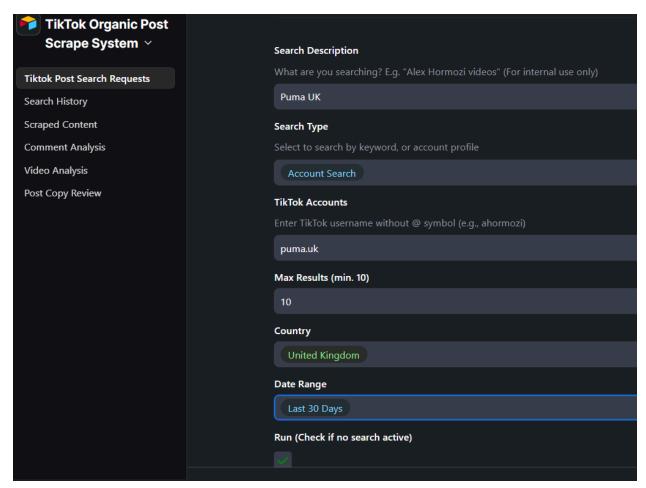
"Create a Keyword Search request."

#### Tips:

- Avoid trailing spaces in keyword fields.
- Use short keyword lists to reduce noise; run multiple targeted searches for variants.

## C - Create an Account Search (step-by-step)

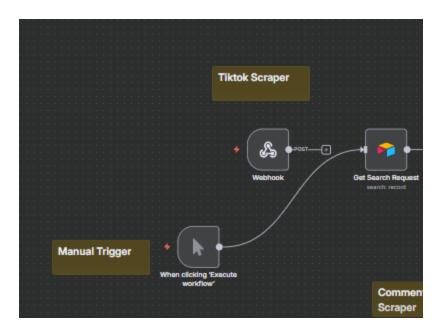
- 1. Choose **Account Search** in Search Type.
- 2. Enter the exact TikTok username in **TikTok Accounts** (no display names).
- 3. Set Max Results and Run = TRUE.



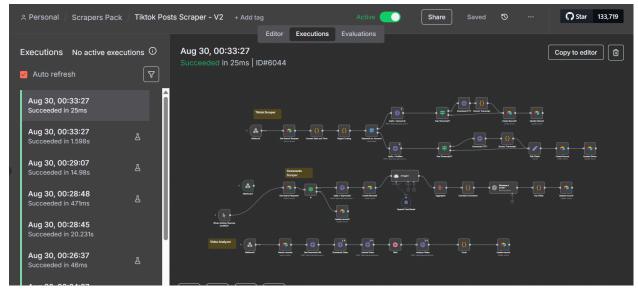
: "Account Search - enter exact username."

## D - Run the Workflow (manual)

- 1. If you want to force a run, open n8n and select Tiktok Posts Scraper V2.
- 2. Click **Execute Workflow** or trigger the webhook (if configured).
- 3. Observe the execution status in n8n.



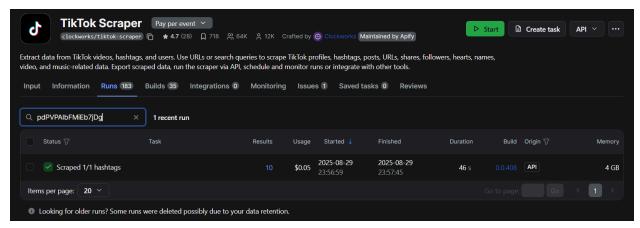
"Manually execute the workflow in n8n for immediate runs."



"Check the execution log for node outputs and errors."

# **E** - Monitor Apify (optional)

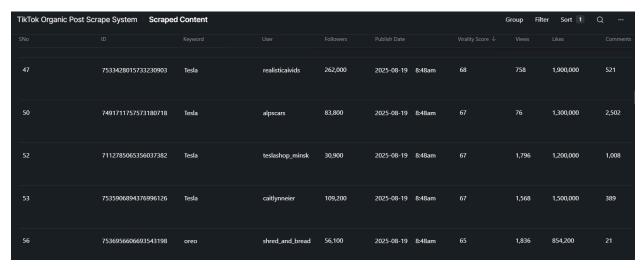
In Apify console, use the run ID to inspect raw dataset output, subtitles, or errors.



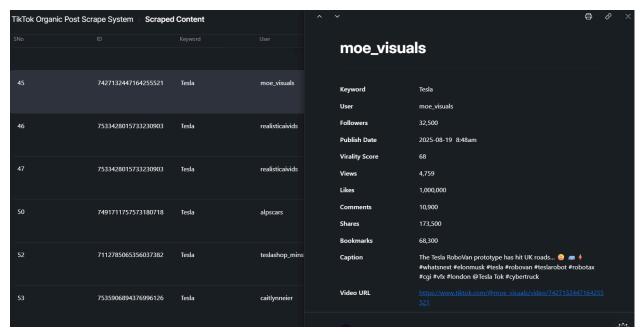
"Apify run details and dataset - verify returned items."

## F - Review Scraped Content

- 1. Open **Scraped Content** view in Airtable.
- 2. Open a record and confirm: Caption, Views, Likes, Comments, Shares, Duration etc.
- 3. Look for analyze\_video and analyze\_comments toggles.



<sup>&</sup>quot;Scraped Content table - use views to filter new items."



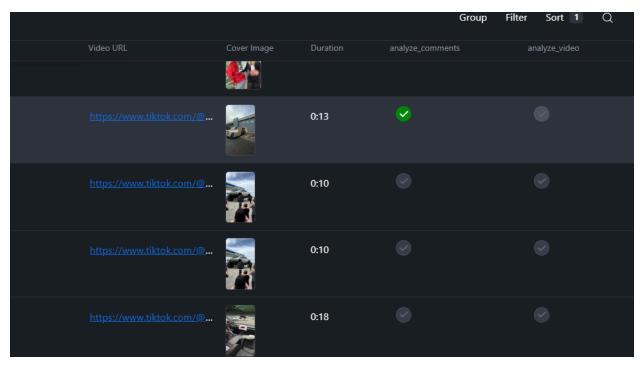
"Record detail - verify User, Followers and Virality metrics etc"

#### Reviewer tips:

- If any field is blank, check if data were available for that post.
- If field output look missing or odd, compare to source post in Apify dataset.

# **G** - Request Analysis (video/comments)

- Toggle analyze\_video or analyze\_comments to TRUE on the record to request analysis.
- 2. For comments analysis: ensure the record has at least 20 comments (threshold).
- 3. Monitor n8n runs for AI processing completion.



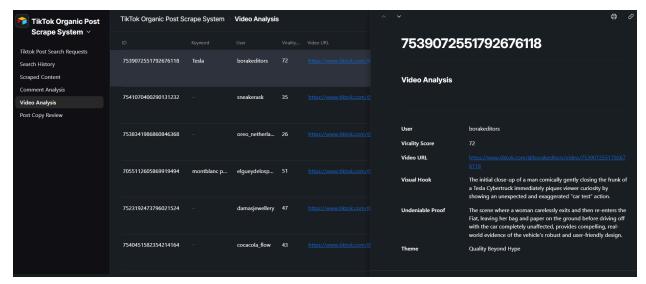
<sup>&</sup>quot;Toggle analysis flags to trigger LLM enrichment."

Timing guidance: LLM jobs may queue - expect variable completion times depending on provider load.

# **H - Interpret AI Outputs and Take Action**

Key fields produced by AI:

- Virality Score use to prioritize content
- Key Insights summary of post's value
- Visual Hook what stops a viewer
- Undeniable Proof credible elements
- Comments\_Sentiment/Comments\_Summary



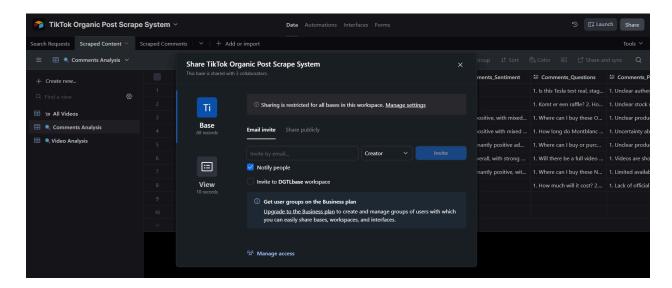
"Al-enriched record - Virality Score and Key Insights."

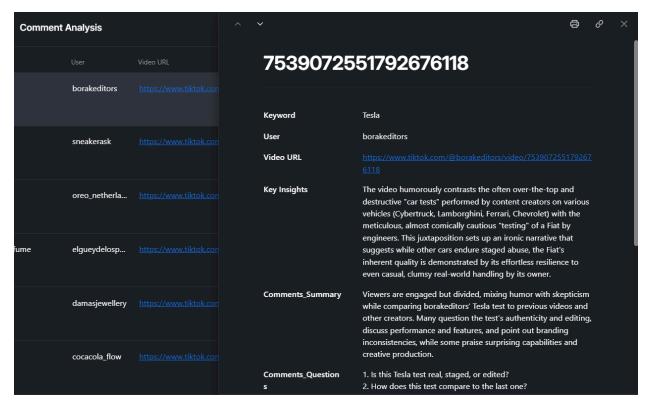
Suggested next steps based on outputs:

- High Virality + positive insights: add to replication pipeline or creative brief.
- Negative sentiment: route immediately to product or support for review.
- High number of questions: collect into FAQ or customer content plan.

## I - Exporting / Sharing

 Create an Airtable view (e.g., Top posts this week) and use Share view or Download CSV.





"Export a view or create a read-only link to share with stakeholders."

## J - Reviewer QA Checklist (short)

Add or use a QA Complete checkbox field in Airtable and follow this checklist before republishing or repurposing content:

- Key Insights accurate to transcript and visuals.
- Any factual claims supported by Undeniable Proof.
- Comments sentiment consistent with a sample of 20 comments.
- Mark QA Complete.

End of detailed walkthrough.