Create and run

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A workflow is a collection of nodes connected together to automate a process. You build workflows on the workflow canvas.

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• Select the button in the upper-left corner of the side menu. Select workflow.

• If your n8n instance supports projects, you'll also need to choose whether to create the workflow inside your personal space or a specific project you have access to. If you're using the community version, you'll always create workflows inside your personal space.

• Get started by adding a trigger node: select Add first step...

Or:

• Select the create button in the upper-right corner from either the Overview page or a specific project. Select workflow.

• If you're doing this from the Overview page, you'll create the workflow inside your personal space. If you're doing this from inside a project, you'll create the workflow inside that specific project.

• Get started by adding a trigger node: select Add first step...

If it's your first time building a workflow, you may want to use the quickstart guides to quickly try out n8n features.

## Run workflows manually#

You may need to run your workflow manually when building and testing, or if your workflow doesn't have a trigger node.

To run manually, select Test Workflow.

## Run workflows automatically#

All new workflows are inactive by default.

You need to activate workflows that start with a trigger node or Webhook node so that they can run automatically. When a workflow is inactive, you must run it manually.

To activate or deactivate your workflow, open your workflow and toggle Inactive / Active.

Once a workflow is active, it runs whenever its trigger conditions are met.