n8n Hosting Documentation and Guides

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This section provides guidance on setting up n8n for both the Enterprise and Community self-hosted editions. The Community edition is free, the Enterprise edition isn't.

See Community edition features for a list of available features.

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Self-hosting knowledge prerequisites

Self-hosting n8n requires technical knowledge, including:

• Setting up and configuring servers and containers

• Managing application resources and scaling

• Securing servers and applications

• Configuring n8n

n8n recommends self-hosting for expert users. Mistakes can lead to data loss, security issues, and downtime. If you aren't experienced at managing servers, n8n recommends n8n Cloud.