Troubleshooting

# Troubleshooting and errors#

## Error: Missing packages#

n8n installs community nodes directly onto the hard disk. The files must be available at startup for n8n to load them. If the packages aren't available at startup, you get an error warning of missing packages.

If running n8n using Docker: depending on your Docker setup, you may lose the packages when you recreate your container or upgrade your n8n version. You must either:

• Persist the contents of the ~/.n8n/nodes directory. This is the best option. If you follow the Docker installation guide, the setup steps include persisting this directory.

~/.n8n/nodes

• Set the N8N\_REINSTALL\_MISSING\_PACKAGES environment variable to true.

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true

The second option might increase startup time and may cause health checks to fail.