

n8n Story Development Implementation Plan - Revision Summary

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Revised File: /home/ubuntu/n8n_story_development_implementation_plan.md

Overview

The implementation plan has been updated to match the actual form submission fields shown in the uploaded screenshot (/home/ubuntu/Uploads/2026-01-02_153712.png).

Form Field Changes

Old Fields (Removed)

- `story_title` → Replaced with `book_name`
- `initial_idea` → Replaced with `outline_of_story`
- `target_word_count` → Now calculated from `number_of_chapters` * `word_counter_per_chapter`
- `deadline` → Removed (not in actual form)
- `submitter_name` → Removed (not captured in form)
- `submitter_email` → Removed (not captured in form)
- `key_themes` → Removed (not in actual form)
- `target_audience` → Removed (not in actual form)
- `tone` → Removed (not in actual form)
- `special_requirements` → Removed (not in actual form)

New/Updated Fields (Matching Actual Form)

1. **book_name** - Text input (optional)
2. **outline_of_story** - Textarea (REQUIRED - marked with *)
3. **genre** - Text input (optional)
4. **number_of_chapters** - Number input with steppers (optional)
5. **word_counter_per_chapter** - Number input with steppers (optional)
6. **calculated_total_words** - Calculated field ($\text{number_of_chapters} \times \text{word_counter_per_chapter}$)

Sections Updated

1. Section 3.2: Google Sheets - Form_Submissions Table

Updated: Column schema to match new form fields

Changes:

- Replaced old form fields with new ones
- Added `calculated_total_words` column for derived total word count
- Removed submitter information columns (can be added via workflow if needed)

2. Section 5.1: Story Initialization Workflow

Updated: Webhook trigger node expected input

Changes:

- Updated webhook expected JSON input to use new field names
- Modified Function Node to calculate total word count: `numberOfChapters * wordsPerChapter`
- Updated Google Sheets mapping to use `book_name`, `outline_of_story`, etc.
- Updated duplicate check to look for `book_name` instead of `story_title`
- Updated folder creation to use `book_name`
- Updated HTTP Request node that triggers Synopsis Workflow to pass new fields
- Updated email notification to show new fields

3. Section 5.2: Synopsis Development Workflow

Updated: Webhook trigger and AI prompt generation

Changes:

- Updated webhook expected input to use `book_name`, `outline_of_story`, etc.
- Modified OpenAI prompt to use new field names
- Updated Function Node for formatting synopsis to use `book_name`
- Updated email subject line to use `book_name`

4. Section 5.3: Character Development Workflow

Updated: Webhook trigger

Changes:

- Updated expected input to use `book_name` instead of `story_title`

5. Section 5.4: Worldbuilding Development Workflow

Updated: Webhook trigger

Changes:

- Updated expected input to use `book_name` instead of `story_title`

6. Section 5.5: Chapter Planning Workflow

Updated: AI prompt for chapter count determination

Changes:

- Updated prompt to use `number_of_chapters` and `word_counter_per_chapter` from form
- Changed from calculating optimal chapter count to using provided count

7. Section 8.1: AI Prompt Templates - Synopsis Generation

Updated: AI prompt template

Changes:

- Replaced `story_title` with `book_name`
- Replaced `initial_idea` with `outline_of_story`
- Removed `target_audience`, `tone`, `key_themes`, `special_requirements`
- Added `number_of_chapters` and `word_counter_per_chapter`
- Updated word count calculations for Acts to use new formula

8. Section 9.1: Form Fields Design

Completely Replaced: New field specifications matching actual form

Changes:

- Removed all old field specifications
- Added minimal 5-field form specification matching screenshot
- Noted that only “Outline of Story” is required
- Added notes about calculated fields and missing submitter info

9. Section 9.2: Form HTML Template

Completely Replaced: New HTML form matching screenshot design

Changes:

- Created simpler form with clean, minimal design
- Matches exact styling from screenshot:
- White background with subtle shadow
- Centered layout with max-width 600px
- “Story Idea” / “Receive Story Ideas” header
- 5 form fields exactly as shown
- Salmon/coral-colored submit button
- n8n branding in footer with circles logo
- Added form submission JavaScript:
- Converts number fields to integers
- Posts JSON data to webhook
- Shows success/error messages
- Resets form after submission
- Removed all complex multi-section form structure
- Removed unnecessary optional fields

Field Name Mapping Reference

For developers implementing or modifying the workflows:

Old Field Name	New Field Name	Type	Required
story_title	book_name	Text	No
initial_idea	outline_of_story	Textarea	YES
genre	genre	Text	No
target_word_count	(calculated)	Number	-
-	number_of_chapters	Number	No
-	word_counter_per_chapter	Number	No
submitter_name	(removed)	-	-
submitter_email	(removed)	-	-
key_themes	(removed)	-	-
target_audience	(removed)	-	-
tone	(removed)	-	-
special_requirements	(removed)	-	-
deadline	(removed)	-	-

Important Notes for Implementation

- Total Word Count Calculation:** The system now calculates total word count as:

```
javascript
targetWordCount = number_of_chapters * word_counter_per_chapter
```
- Required Validation:** Only `outline_of_story` is required. All other fields are optional.
- Missing Submitter Information:** The form no longer captures submitter name/email. If needed:
 - Add hidden fields to the form
 - Capture via authentication in n8n
 - Add as separate form fields
 - Use a default value in workflows
- Chapter Count:** The form now allows users to specify chapter count upfront, which the system uses directly rather than calculating an optimal count.
- Backward Compatibility:** Existing workflows referencing old field names need to be updated or will fail. Review all:
 - Webhook triggers

- Google Sheets mappings
 - Email templates
 - AI prompts
 - Data flow between workflows
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Testing Checklist

After implementing these changes, test:

- ☐ Form displays correctly with all 5 fields
 - ☐ Only “Outline of Story” is required (form validates)
 - ☐ Form submits to webhook successfully
 - ☐ Story ID is generated correctly
 - ☐ Total word count is calculated properly
 - ☐ Google Drive folder structure is created
 - ☐ Google Sheets records are inserted with correct field names
 - ☐ Synopsis workflow receives correct data
 - ☐ Email notifications include correct field values
 - ☐ Chapter planning uses provided chapter count
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Files Modified

1. `/home/ubuntu/n8n_story_development_implementation_plan.md` - Main implementation plan
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End of Revision Summary