

n8n_nginx v3.0 Implementation Plan

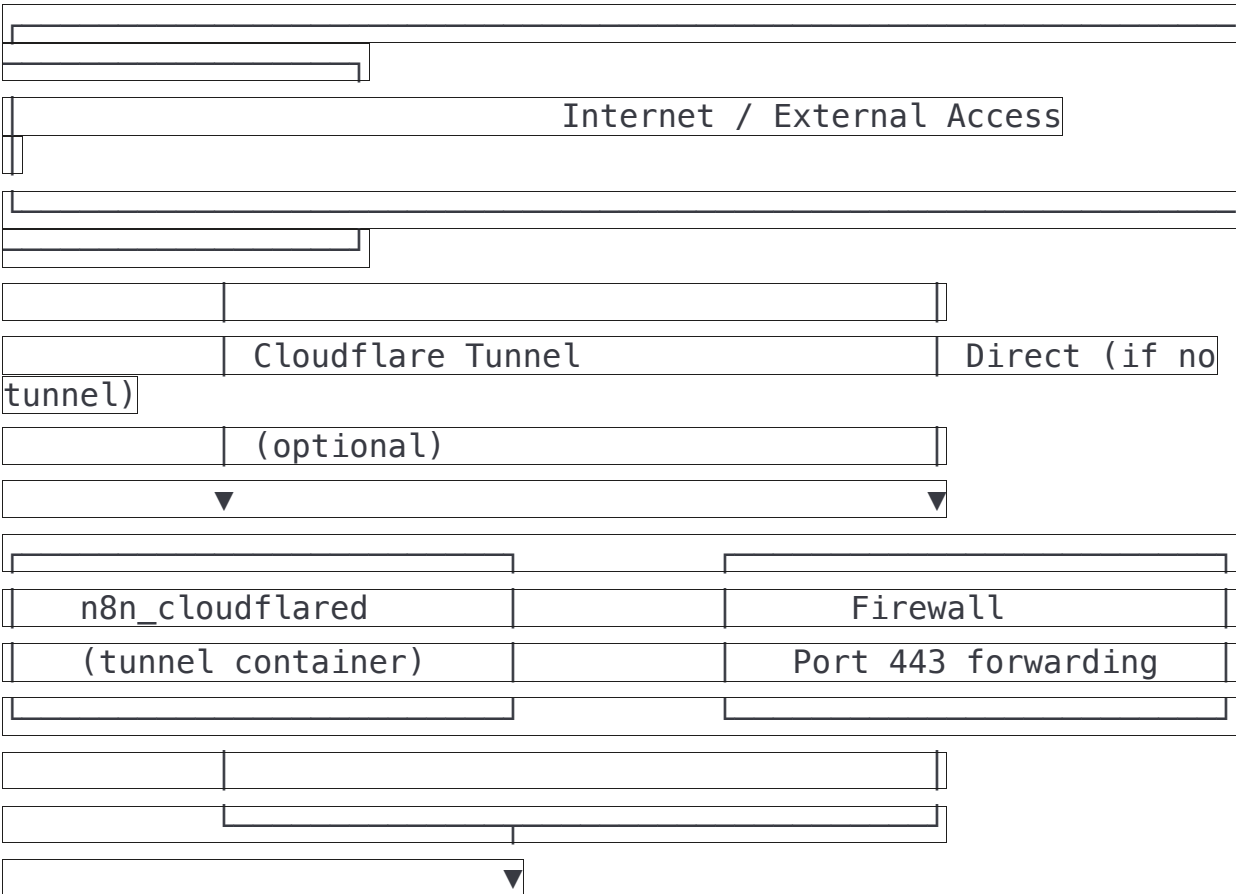
Project Overview

Vision

Transform n8n_nginx from a simple deployment stack into a comprehensive, enterprise-ready n8n management platform with:

- Automated backup and recovery system
- Web-based management console
- Container orchestration and monitoring
- NFS-based centralized storage
- Optional Cloudflare tunnel integration
- Optional Tailscale for secure remote management

Updated Architecture

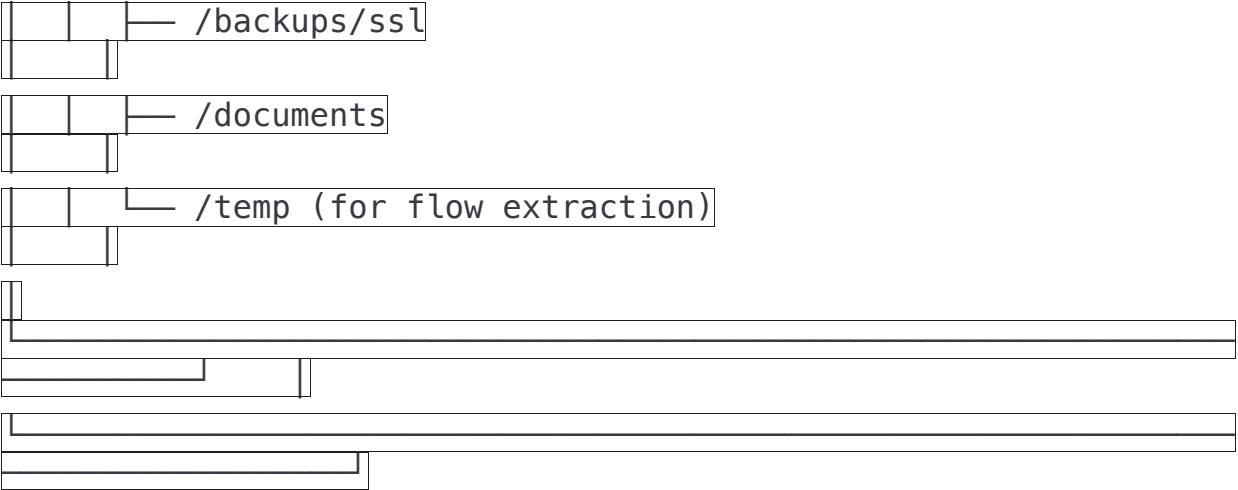




The diagram illustrates a network topology with several components and their interconnections:

- Top Section:** A horizontal bar at the top represents a network or interface. Below it, a box labeled "Adminer" is connected to a box labeled "Flow Extract".
- Second Section:** A box labeled "(optional)" is connected to a box labeled "Service".
- Third Section:** A horizontal bar is shown, with a box labeled "Portainer" connected to a box labeled "Tailscale".
- Fourth Section:** A box labeled "Temp PG Container" is connected to a box labeled "(optional)".
- Fifth Section:** A box labeled "(optional)" is connected to a box labeled "(optional)".
- Sixth Section:** A box labeled "(for flow extraction)" is connected to a box labeled "(optional)".
- Seventh Section:** A box labeled "NFS Mount: /mnt/nvme/loftai (from loft-scale02.loft.aero)" is connected to a box labeled "/backups/postgres".
- Eighth Section:** A box labeled "/backups/n8n" is connected to a box labeled "/backups/postgres".

The diagram uses a combination of boxes and lines to represent the network structure, with some components being optional or for specific purposes like flow extraction or backups.



Phase Breakdown

Phase 1: Foundation & Infrastructure

Goal: Setup.sh enhancements for NFS, notifications, and state management

Task ID	Task	Priority	Dependencies
1.1	Setup state persistence system	High	None
1.2	NFS package installation & configuration	High	
1.3	NFS directory structure creation	High	
1.4	Notification system setup (email/pushbullet/twilio)	Medium	
1.5	Docker volume mapping for NFS paths	High	1.3

Phase 2: Cloudflare Tunnel & Tailscale Integration

Goal: Add optional tunnel and VPN containers

Task ID	Task	Priority	Dependencies
2.1	Cloudflare tunnel container configuration	High	Phase 1
2.2	Tunnel exposure options (webhooks/UI/management)	High	2.1
2.3	Tailscale container configuration	Medium	Phase 1
2.4	README documentation for Cloudflare setup	High	2.1, 2.2
2.5	README documentation for Tailscale setup	Medium	2.3

Phase 3: Backup System Core

Goal: Build the backup service with scheduling and retention

Task ID	Task	Priority	Dependencies
3.1	PostgreSQL backup service (pg_dump + compression)	High	1.3
3.2	n8n volume backup service	High	1.3
3.3	SSL certificate backup service	Medium	1.3

Task ID	Task	Priority	Dependencies
3.4	Environment/secrets backup (encrypted)	Medium	1.3
3.5	Backup scheduler with intuitive configuration	High	3.1-3.4
3.6	Retention policy engine	High	3.1
3.7	Backup failure detection & notification	High	1.4, 3.1
3.8	Manual backup trigger API	Medium	3.1

Phase 4: Management Container Base

Goal: Create the n8n_management container structure

Task ID	Task	Priority	Dependencies
4.1	Debian-based container Dockerfile	High	None
4.2	Internal nginx configuration (SSL via certbot)	High	4.1
4.3	SSL certificate for loftaimgmt.loft.aero	High	4.2
4.4	Supervisor/process manager setup	High	4.1
4.5	Docker socket access for container management	High	4.1
4.6	Integration with docker-compose.yaml	High	4.1-4.5

Phase 5: Web UI Storyboarding (No Backend)

Goal: Create 4 visual storyboard designs for approval

Task ID	Task	Priority	Dependencies
5.1	Modern Minimal Design #1	High	None
5.2	Modern Minimal Design #2	High	None
5.3	Dashboard Heavy Design #1	High	None
5.4	Dashboard Heavy Design #2	High	None
5.5	Icon asset collection from Flaticon	Medium	5.1-5.4
5.6	User approval and design selection	High	5.1-5.5

Phase 6: Web UI Implementation

Goal: Build the selected UI design with full backend

Task ID	Task	Priority	Dependencies
6.1	Technology stack finalization	High	5.6
6.2	Authentication system (single admin + subnet)	High	6.1
6.3	Dashboard home page	High	6.2
6.4	Backup management pages	High	6.3
6.5	Backup schedule configuration UI	High	6.4
6.6	Container health dashboard	High	6.3
6.7	Host system monitoring (CPU/RAM/Disk/NFS)	High	6.3
6.8	Container controls (stop/restart/compose)	High	6.6
6.9	Host power controls with confirmation	Medium	6.3
6.10	Dozzle integration for logs	High	6.6
6.11	Adminer integration (SSO)	Medium	6.2

Task ID	Task	Priority	Dependencies
6.12	Portainer link integration	Low	6.3

Phase 7: Flow Extraction System

Goal: Build the backup flow extraction and restoration feature

Task ID	Task	Priority	Dependencies
7.1	Backup browser and selector UI	High	6.4
7.2	Temporary PostgreSQL container spawner	High	7.1
7.3	PostgreSQL version detection from backup	High	7.2
7.4	Backup mounting and database restoration	High	7.2
7.5	Flow listing from restored database	High	7.4
7.6	Flow JSON export with complete data	High	7.5
7.7	Flow import to production (with auto-rename)	High	7.6
7.8	Temporary container cleanup service	Medium	7.2
7.9	pg_dump to SQL conversion tool	Low	6.4

Phase 8: Setup.sh Integration

Goal: Integrate all new features into interactive setup

Task ID	Task	Priority	Dependencies
8.1	NFS configuration prompts	High	Phase 1
8.2	Cloudflare tunnel prompts	High	Phase 2
8.3	Tailscale configuration prompts	Medium	Phase 2
8.4	Management container prompts	High	Phase 4
8.5	Adminer configuration prompts	Medium	Phase 6
8.6	Portainer detection and prompts	Medium	Phase 6
8.7	Backup configuration prompts	High	Phase 3
8.8	Notification setup prompts	Medium	1.4
8.9	State resume functionality	High	1.1
8.10	Port availability checking	Medium	8.4

Phase 9: Documentation & Polish

Goal: Complete README updates and final testing

Task ID	Task	Priority	Dependencies
9.1	README: Cloudflare tunnel walkthrough	High	Phase 2
9.2	README: NFS configuration guide	High	Phase 1
9.3	README: Management interface guide	High	Phase 6
9.4	README: Backup and restore guide	High	Phase 3, 7
9.5	README: Flow extraction guide	High	Phase 7
9.6	README: Tailscale setup guide	Medium	Phase 2
9.7	In-app help system	Medium	Phase 6
9.8	End-to-end testing	High	All

Task ID	Task	Priority	Dependencies
9.9	Version bump to 3.0.0	High	9.8

Agent Definitions & Prompts

Update Todos

- Create comprehensive v3.0 implementation plan
- Define project phases and milestones
- Creating agent task breakdown with prompts
- Design storyboard specifications

Below are the specialized agents I recommend, with their task domains and detailed prompts for each.

Agent 1: Infrastructure Agent

Purpose: Handle NFS setup, notifications, and state persistence in setup.sh

Infrastructure Agent Prompt

Context

You are working on the n8n_nginx v3.0 project. Read these files first:

- /home/user/n8n_nginx/README.md
- /home/user/n8n_nginx/setup.sh
- /home/user/n8n_nginx/docker-compose.yml

Your Tasks

Task 1.1: State Persistence System

Create a state persistence mechanism for setup.sh that:

- Writes to a ``.n8n_setup_state`` file after each major step completes
- Stores: current step number, completed steps, all gathered configuration values
- On restart, detects this file and asks user: "Previous installation detected at step X. Resume or start fresh?"

- If resume: skip completed steps, restore variables, continue from last incomplete step
- If fresh: backup old state file, start new installation
- Format: JSON for easy parsing

Task 1.2: NFS Package Installation

Modify setup.sh to add NFS setup section:

- Detect OS and install appropriate NFS packages:
 - Debian/Ubuntu: ``nfs-common``
 - CentOS/RHEL/Rocky/Alma: ``nfs-utils``
- Prompt for NFS server hostname/IP (e.g., ``loft-scale02.loft.aero``)
- Prompt for NFS export path (e.g., ``/mnt/nvme/loftai``)
- Prompt for local mount point (default: ``/mnt/nfs/n8n``)
- Test mount with temporary mount, verify access, then unmount
- Add permanent mount to /etc/fstab with options:
``rw,sync,hard,intr,nfsvers=4``
- Handle failure gracefully: if mount fails, save state, show error, exit with instructions

Task 1.3: NFS Directory Structure

After successful NFS mount:

- Check if mount point is empty
- If empty, ask: "Create recommended directory structure? [Y/n]"
 - If yes, create:
 - ``backups/postgres`` - PostgreSQL dumps
 - ``backups/n8n`` - n8n volume backups
 - ``backups/ssl`` - SSL certificate backups
 - ``documents`` - General document storage
 - ``temp`` - Temporary files (flow extraction)
 - If no, prompt for each directory:
 - "PostgreSQL backup directory path:"
 - "n8n backup directory path:"

- "Documents directory path:"
- Allow "skip" for optional directories
- If not empty, show contents and ask if this is the correct directory
- Ask: "Do you need additional directories? [y/N]"
- If yes, prompt for: directory name, which container needs access, read-only or read-write

Task 1.4: Notification System

Add notification configuration section:

- Ask: "Configure notifications for backup failures and alerts? [Y/n]"
- If yes, present options:
 - 1) Email (SMTP)
 - 2) Pushbullet
 - 3) Twilio SMS
 - 4) Skip notifications
- For Email:
 - SMTP server, port, username, password (hidden input)
 - From address, To address
 - Test send functionality
- For Pushbullet:
 - API token
 - Test push functionality
- For Twilio:
 - Account SID, Auth Token, From number, To number
 - Test SMS functionality
- Store notification config in ``.n8n_notifications_config``
- If they skip: remind them to check management interface regularly

Task 1.5: Docker Volume Mapping

Update docker-compose.yaml generation to:

```
- Add NFS-based volumes for containers that need them:
  - n8n: documents directory (read-write)
  - n8n_postgres: no direct NFS (backups go TO NFS, not FROM)
  - n8n_management: full NFS access for backup operations
- Use bind mounts from host NFS mount point
- Example volume syntax:
  ```yaml
 volumes:
 - /mnt/nfs/n8n/documents:/home/node/documents:rw
 - /mnt/nfs/n8n/backups:/backups:rw
```

## Output Requirements

- Modify setup.sh in place
- Follow existing code style (use existing print\_\* functions, confirm\_prompt, etc.)
- Add new sections after existing configuration but before deployment
- Update CONFIG\_FILE saves to include new NFS and notification settings
- Test all error paths and edge cases

```

```

```
Agent 2: Tunnel & VPN Agent
```

```
Purpose: Cloudflare tunnel and Tailscale container
integration
```

```
```markdown
```

```
# Tunnel & VPN Agent Prompt
```

```
## Context
```

```
You are working on the n8n_nginx v3.0 project. Read these files  
first:
```

```
- /home/user/n8n_nginx/README.md
```

- /home/user/n8n_nginx/setup.sh
- /home/user/n8n_nginx/docker-compose.yml

Your Tasks

Task 2.1: Cloudflare Tunnel Container

Add n8n_cloudflared container configuration:

- Container: `cloudflare/cloudflared:latest`
- Container name: `n8n_cloudflared`
- Command: `tunnel --no-autoupdate run --token <TOKEN>`
- No exposed ports (tunnel handles routing)
- Restart: always
- Network: n8n_network
- Make it optional (commented out if user says no)

Task 2.2: Tunnel Exposure Options

Modify setup.sh to ask about tunnel exposure:

1. "Expose n8n webhooks externally via tunnel? [Y/n]" (default: yes)
 - Required for external workflow triggers
2. "Expose n8n UI externally via tunnel? [y/N]" (default: no)
 - Warn: "The n8n UI will be accessible from the internet. Ensure strong authentication."
3. "Expose management interface via tunnel? [y/N]" (default: no)
 - Warn: "NOT RECOMMENDED. Management should remain internal-only."

Store responses and use them when configuring the tunnel ingress rules in the README instructions.

Task 2.3: Tailscale Container

Add n8n_tailscale container configuration:

- Container: `tailscale/tailscale:latest`

```
- Container name: `n8n_tailscale`  
- Environment:  
  - TS_AUTHKEY: (user provides during setup)  
  - TS_STATE_DIR: /var/lib/tailscale  
  - TS_EXTRA_ARGS: --advertise-tags=tag:n8n  
- Volumes:  
  - tailscale_state:/var/lib/tailscale  
  - /dev/net/tun:/dev/net/tun  
- Capabilities: NET_ADMIN, NET_RAW  
- Network mode: host (for VPN functionality)  
- Make it optional
```

Setup.sh prompts:

```
- "Set up Tailscale for secure remote management? [y/N]"  
- If yes: "Enter your Tailscale auth key (from  
admin.tailscale.com):"  
- Explain: "Tailscale provides secure remote access to internal  
services without exposing ports."
```

Task 2.4: Cloudflare Tunnel README Section

Create comprehensive README documentation:

```
```markdown
```

## ## Cloudflare Tunnel Setup

### ### Prerequisites

1. A Cloudflare account with your domain added
2. Domain must use Cloudflare nameservers

### ### Step 1: Create a Tunnel

1. Go to [Cloudflare Zero Trust Dashboard](https://one.dash.cloudflare.com/)
2. Navigate to **Access** → **Tunnels**

3. Click **\*\*Create a tunnel\*\***

4. Name your tunnel (e.g., `n8n-tunnel`)

5. Copy the tunnel token (starts with `ey...`)

### ### Step 2: Configure Tunnel Ingress

In the Cloudflare dashboard, add these public hostnames:

Subdomain	Service	Path
-----	-----	-----
n8n.yourdomain.com	http://n8n_nginx:443	/webhook/*
[Add more rows based on user selections]		

### ### Step 3: Enter Token During Setup

When running `setup.sh`, paste your tunnel token when prompted.

### ### Why Use a Tunnel?

- No need to open port 443 on your firewall
- Cloudflare handles DDoS protection
- Easy to disable/enable without firewall changes
- Works behind NAT/CGNAT

## Task 2.5: Tailscale README Section

Create Tailscale documentation section explaining:

- What Tailscale is and why use it
- How to create an auth key
- How to access services after connection
- Recommended ACL policies for n8n

## Output Requirements

- Update `docker-compose.yaml` generation in `setup.sh`
- Add new configuration sections to `setup.sh`
- Create README sections as specified

- Ensure containers are properly commented out when not selected

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### ### Agent 3: Backup System Agent

**\*\*Purpose\*\*:** Build the complete backup service

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Backup System Agent Prompt

Context

You are working on the n8n_nginx v3.0 project. The backup system runs inside the n8n_management container.

Your Tasks

Task 3.1: PostgreSQL Backup Service

Create a backup script `backup_postgres.sh`:

- Connect to n8n_postgres container
- Use pg_dump with custom format (-Fc) for pg_restore compatibility
- Compress with gzip (configurable compression level)
- Filename format: `postgres_backup_YYYY-MM-DD_HH-MM-SS.dump.gz`
- Store in NFS backup directory
- Log success/failure with timestamp
- Return exit code for scheduler

Task 3.2: n8n Volume Backup Service

Create `backup_n8n_volume.sh`:

- Backup /home/node/.n8n from n8n container
- Use tar with gzip compression
- Filename: `n8n_volume_YYYY-MM-DD_HH-MM-SS.tar.gz`

- Exclude temporary files, caches
- Store in NFS backup directory

Task 3.3: SSL Certificate Backup

Create `backup_ssl.sh`:

- Backup from letsencrypt Docker volume
- Include all certificate files and account data
- Filename: `ssl_backup_YYYY-MM-DD_HH-MM-SS.tar.gz`

Task 3.4: Environment Backup (Encrypted)

Create `backup_env.sh`:

- Collect: docker-compose.yaml, .env files, cloudflare.ini (sensitive!)
- Encrypt with user-provided passphrase (set during setup)
- Use openssl enc with AES-256-CBC
- Filename: `env_backup_YYYY-MM-DD_HH-MM-SS.tar.gz.enc`

Task 3.5: Backup Scheduler

Create backup scheduler service:

- Config file format (YAML or JSON):

```
```yaml
```

```
 schedules:
```

```
 postgres:
```

```
 enabled: true
```

```
 frequency: daily # hourly, daily, weekly, monthly
```

```
 time: "02:00" # for daily/weekly/monthly
```

```
 day: 1 # for weekly (1=Monday) or monthly (1-28)
```

```
 n8n_volume:
```

```
 enabled: true
```

```
 frequency: daily
```

```
 time: "02:30"
```

```
ssl:
```

```
enabled: true
```

```
frequency: weekly
```

```
time: "03:00"
```

```
day: 7
```

- Use Python schedule library or cron-like implementation
- Support for multiple schedules per backup type
- Next run time calculation and display
- Manual trigger capability via Unix socket or HTTP API

### Task 3.6: Retention Policy Engine

Create retention manager:

- Config format:

```
• retention:
```

```
• hourly: 24 # keep last 24 hourly backups
```

```
• daily: 7 # keep last 7 daily backups
```

```
• weekly: 4 # keep last 4 weekly backups
```

```
• monthly: 12 # keep last 12 monthly backups
```

- Run after each backup completes
- Identify backup age and category
- Delete expired backups
- Log deletions
- Never delete last remaining backup of each type

### Task 3.7: Backup Failure Handling

Implement failure detection:

- Capture exit codes from backup scripts
- Retry failed backup after 5 minutes
- If retry fails, trigger notification
- Log failure details for debugging
- Set status flag readable by web UI



- Create `backup_status.json`:

```
• {
 • "postgres": {
 • "last_success": "2025-12-04T02:00:00Z",
 • "last_attempt": "2025-12-04T02:00:00Z",
 • "status": "success",
 • "error": null
 }
}
```

### Task 3.8: Manual Backup API

Create HTTP endpoint or Unix socket API:

- POST `/api/backup/postgres` - trigger immediate postgres backup
- POST `/api/backup/n8n` - trigger immediate n8n volume backup
- POST `/api/backup/all` - trigger all backups
- GET `/api/backup/status` - return `backup_status.json`
- Protect with same auth as management UI

### Task 3.9: pg\_dump to SQL Conversion

Create conversion utility:

- Input: `.dump.gz` file path
- Output: `.sql` file in same directory
- Use `pg_restore` with `-f` flag to output SQL
- Handle large files efficiently

## Output Requirements

- All scripts go in management container at `/opt/backup/`
- Python preferred for scheduler (easier scheduling logic)
- Shell scripts for actual backup operations (simpler Docker interaction)
- Include Dockerfile additions for required packages

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### ### Agent 4: Management Container Agent

**\*\*Purpose\*\*:** Build the n8n\_management container infrastructure

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Management Container Agent Prompt

Context

You are building the n8n_management container for the n8n_nginx v3.0 project.

Your Tasks

Task 4.1: Container Dockerfile

Create `management/Dockerfile`:

```dockerfile

FROM debian:bookworm-slim

# System packages

RUN apt-get update && apt-get install -y \

nginx \

python3 \

python3-pip \

python3-venv \

postgresql-client \

docker.io \

curl \

jq \

supervisor \

&& rm -rf /var/lib/apt/lists/\*

```
Python virtual environment
```

```
RUN python3 -m venv /opt/venv
```

```
ENV PATH="/opt/venv/bin:$PATH"
```

```
Python dependencies
```

```
COPY requirements.txt /tmp/
```

```
RUN pip install -r /tmp/requirements.txt
```

```
Directory structure
```

```
RUN mkdir -p /opt/backup /opt/webapp /var/log/management
```

```
Copy application files
```

```
COPY backup/ /opt/backup/
```

```
COPY webapp/ /opt/webapp/
```

```
COPY nginx/ /etc/nginx/
```

```
COPY supervisor/ /etc/supervisor/conf.d/
```

```
EXPOSE 443
```

```
CMD ["supervisord", "-n", "-c",
"/etc/supervisor/supervisord.conf"]
```

## Task 4.2: Internal Nginx Configuration

Create `management/nginx/management.conf`:

- Listen on 443 (SSL)
- SSL certificate paths for `loftaimgmt.loft.aero`
- Proxy pass to webapp (Flask/FastAPI on port 8000)
- Location for Adminer (`/adminer`)
- Location for Dozzle proxy (`/logs`)
- Subnet restriction support (optional, configurable)

## Task 4.3: SSL Certificate for Management

Modify `setup.sh` to:

- Ask for management domain (default: loftaimgmt.loft.aero)
- Request SSL certificate using same DNS-01 challenge
- Store certificate in letsencrypt volume
- Configure certbot renewal for both domains

#### Task 4.4: Supervisor Configuration

Create `management/supervisor/supervisord.conf`:

- nginx (web server)
- backup-scheduler (Python scheduler)
- webapp (Flask/FastAPI application)
- dozzle (optional, if embedded)

#### Task 4.5: Docker Socket Access

Configure container for Docker management:

- Mount docker.sock: `/var/run/docker.sock:/var/run/docker.sock`
- Add capability if needed
- Ensure webapp can execute docker commands
- Security consideration: limit to specific operations

#### Task 4.6: Docker Compose Integration

Add to `docker-compose.yaml`:

```
management:
 build: ./management
 container_name: n8n_management
 restart: always
 ports:
 - "443:443" # This conflicts! Need different port on routing
 volumes:
 - /var/run/docker.sock:/var/run/docker.sock:ro
 - /mnt/nfs/n8n:/nfs:rw
 - letsencrypt:/etc/letsencrypt:ro
 - ./management/config:/config:ro
```

#### environment:

- ADMIN\_USERNAME=\${MGMT\_ADMIN\_USER}
- ADMIN\_PASSWORD\_HASH=\${MGMT\_ADMIN\_HASH}
- ALLOWED\_SUBNETS=\${MGMT\_ALLOWED\_SUBNETS}

#### depends\_on:

- postgres
- n8n

#### networks:

- n8n\_network

Note: Need to resolve port 443 conflict with n8n\_nginx. Options:

1. Management on different external port (e.g., 8443)
2. Route through n8n\_nginx with SNI-based routing
3. Use separate IP if available

Recommend option 1: Management on port 8443, so:

- <https://loftai.loft.aero:443> → n8n
- <https://loftaimgmt.loft.aero:8443> → management

Or, since internal-only, could use port 443 internally but map to 8443 externally.

## Output Requirements

- Create management/ directory structure
- All configuration files ready for build
- Update setup.sh to prompt for management configuration
- Handle port selection and conflict detection

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### Agent 5: Storyboard Designer Agent

**\*\*Purpose\*\*:** Create 4 visual UI storyboard designs

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Storyboard Designer Agent Prompt

Context

You are creating UI storyboard designs for the n8n management interface. These are functional HTML/CSS mockups that work without backend – all data is hardcoded for visualization.

Design Requirements

- Internal-only management interface
- Single admin user
- Modern, professional appearance
- Colored icons from Flaticon
- Fast and responsive feel
- Built-in help tooltips

Pages to Design

1. Login Page

- Username and password fields
- "Remember me" checkbox
- Clean, centered card design

2. Dashboard Home

- System health overview (all containers status)
- Quick stats: backup status, disk usage, last backup time
- Quick action buttons
- Alerts/warnings section

3. Backup Management

- List of all backups (sortable, filterable)
- Backup type tabs (Postgres, n8n, SSL, Env)
- Download button per backup

- Delete button (with confirmation)
- "Backup Now" button

4. Backup Schedule

- Visual schedule editor (NOT cron syntax)
- Enable/disable toggles per backup type
- Frequency selector (hourly/daily/weekly/monthly)
- Time picker
- Retention settings per type

5. Container Dashboard

- Card per container showing:
 - Name, image, status (running/stopped)
 - Uptime, memory usage
 - Action buttons (restart, stop, logs)
- Overall compose controls (down/up)
- Expandable container details (config, ports, volumes)

6. Host System Monitor

- Real-time CPU usage graph
- Memory usage (used/total/percent)
- Disk usage per mount (including NFS)
- Host info (hostname, OS, uptime)
- Power controls (shutdown/reboot with confirmation modal)

7. Flow Extraction

- Backup selector dropdown
- "Load Backup" button
- Progress indicator during temp container spin-up
- Flow list from backup
- Per-flow actions: Download JSON, Import to Production
- Cleanup status

8. Settings Page

- Notification configuration
- Subnet restrictions
- Password change
- Log level settings

9. Log Viewer (Dozzle Integration)

- Container selector
- Live log stream
- Search/filter box
- Clear/pause controls

Create 4 Variations

Design A: Modern Minimal #1

- Color scheme: White background, blue (#2563eb) accents, gray text
- Typography: Inter or system-ui, generous line-height
- Layout: Sidebar navigation, lots of whitespace
- Cards: Subtle shadows, rounded corners (8px)
- Animations: Subtle fade-ins

Design B: Modern Minimal #2

- Color scheme: Light gray (#f8fafc) background, teal (#0d9488) accents
- Typography: Plus Jakarta Sans
- Layout: Top navigation bar, content below
- Cards: Flat design, thin borders
- Animations: None (snappy feel)

Design C: Dashboard Heavy #1

- Color scheme: Dark sidebar (#1e293b), white content, orange (#f97316) accents
- Typography: Roboto
- Layout: Collapsible sidebar, dense information
- Charts: Line charts for CPU/memory, pie for disk
- Cards: Colored headers, metrics prominent
- Animations: Chart animations on load

Design D: Dashboard Heavy #2

- Color scheme: Full dark mode, purple (#8b5cf6) and cyan (#06b6d4) accents
- Typography: JetBrains Mono for metrics, Inter for text
- Layout: Grid-based dashboard, draggable widgets (visual only)
- Charts: Area charts, radial progress for disk
- Cards: Glassmorphism effect
- Animations: Smooth transitions

Technical Requirements

- Each design is a standalone HTML file with embedded CSS
- Use hardcoded data (no JavaScript fetch)
- Use placeholder images for icons (note which Flaticon icons to find)
- Responsive (works on 1024px+ screens)
- Include all pages in a single HTML using tabs/sections
- Add comments noting where dynamic data would come from

Deliverables

- `storyboard_modern_1.html`
- `storyboard_modern_2.html`
- `storyboard_dashboard_1.html`
- `storyboard_dashboard_2.html`
- `icon_requirements.md` - list of icons needed with descriptions

Icon Categories Needed

- Container status (running, stopped, error)
- Backup (database, archive, download, delete)
- System (cpu, memory, disk, network)
- Actions (refresh, power, settings, logout)
- Navigation (dashboard, backups, containers, settings)
- Alerts (success, warning, error, info)

Agent 6: Web Application Agent

Purpose: Build the actual web application after design approval

Web Application Agent Prompt

Context

You are building the management web application for n8n_nginx v3.0. Wait for design approval before starting.

Prerequisites

- Selected storyboard design file
- Technology stack decision (recommend based on selected design)

Technology Recommendations

If Modern Minimal Selected:

- ****Backend****: Python + Flask
- ****Frontend****: HTMX + Alpine.js + TailwindCSS
- ****Why****: Fast development, minimal JavaScript, clean architecture

If Dashboard Heavy Selected:

- ****Backend****: Python + FastAPI

- ****Frontend****: Vue 3 + TailwindCSS or React + Chakra UI
- ****Why****: More interactivity needed for charts, real-time updates

Your Tasks

Task 6.1: Technology Finalization

Based on selected design:

1. Confirm tech stack with user
2. Create project structure
3. Set up development environment
4. Create requirements.txt / package.json

Task 6.2: Authentication System

Implement:

- Single admin user (username + bcrypt password hash)
- Session-based auth (secure cookies)
- Optional subnet restriction check
- Login/logout endpoints
- Password change functionality
- Session timeout (configurable, default 24h)

Task 6.3-6.12: Page Implementation

Implement each page according to selected design:

- Use real data from:
 - Docker API for container info
 - /nfs/backups for backup listings
 - /proc for system stats
 - backup_status.json for backup health
- Implement all interactions (buttons, forms, modals)
- Add loading states
- Add error handling

- Add help tooltips

API Endpoints Needed

POST /api/auth/login POST /api/auth/logout POST /api/auth/change-password
GET /api/dashboard/stats GET /api/containers POST /api/containers/{id}/restart POST /api/containers/{id}/stop GET /api/containers/{id}/logs
GET /api/backups GET /api/backups/{type} POST /api/backups/trigger/{type} DELETE /api/backups/{id} GET /api/backups/{id}/download
GET /api/schedule PUT /api/schedule GET /api/retention PUT /api/retention
GET /api/system/stats POST /api/system/shutdown POST /api/system/reboot
GET /api/flows/backups POST /api/flows/load/{backup_id} GET /api/flows/list GET /api/flows/{id}/download POST /api/flows/{id}/import POST /api/flows/cleanup

Output Requirements

- All code in management/webapp/
- Include unit tests
- Include API documentation
- Follow security best practices

Agent 7: Flow Extraction Agent

Purpose: Build the backup flow extraction system

Flow Extraction Agent Prompt

Context

Building the flow extraction feature that allows users to recover individual workflows from PostgreSQL backups.

Your Tasks

Task 7.1: Backup Browser UI

Create UI component:

- List all postgres backups from NFS
- Show: filename, date, size
- Sort by date (newest first)
- Filter by date range
- Select backup button

Task 7.2: Temporary Container Spawner

Create Python service to:

- Accept backup file path
- Detect PostgreSQL version from backup metadata
- Pull matching pgvector/pgvector:pgXX image
- Create temporary container:
 - Random name: ``pg_restore_temp_{uuid}``
 - No exposed ports (internal network only)
 - Mount: backup file, temp data directory
 - Environment: POSTGRES_USER, PASSWORD from main config
- Wait for container to be healthy
- Return container ID and connection info

Task 7.3: Version Detection

Implement backup version detection:

```
```python
```

```
def detect_pg_version(backup_path):
```

```
 # pg_restore -l outputs header with version info
```

```
 # Parse: "; Archive created at ... by pg_dump (PostgreSQL)
16.x"
```

```
 # Return major version number (e.g., 16)
```

### Task 7.4: Database Restoration

After temp container is running:

1. Create temporary database
2. pg\_restore backup into temp database
3. Verify restoration success
4. Return success/failure status

### Task 7.5: Flow Listing

Query restored database for workflows:

```
SELECT
 id,
 name,
 active,
 created_at,
 updated_at,
 (SELECT COUNT(*) FROM workflow_entity) as node_count
FROM workflow_entity
ORDER BY name;
```

Return as JSON list for UI display.

### Task 7.6: Flow Export

Export single workflow as importable JSON:

```
SELECT json_build_object(
 'name', name,
 'nodes', nodes,
 'connections', connections,
 'settings', settings,
 'staticData', "staticData",
 'pinData', "pinData"
) FROM workflow_entity WHERE id = :id;
```

- Wrap in n8n import format
- Include version info

- Save to temp file and return download path

### Task 7.7: Flow Import to Production

Import flow into live n8n\_postgres:

1. Parse exported JSON
2. Check for name conflicts:

3. `SELECT id FROM workflow_entity WHERE name = :name;`

4. If conflict, auto-rename: `{name}_restored_{timestamp}`
5. Insert into production database
6. Return success and final workflow name

### Task 7.8: Cleanup Service

Implement cleanup:

- Track spawned temp containers
- Set timeout (default: 30 minutes of inactivity)
- Auto-cleanup on session end
- Manual cleanup button
- Remove temp container
- Remove copied backup file (if on local temp)
- Remove temp directory

### Task 7.9: SQL Export Tool

Create backup format converter:

- Input: .dump.gz file
- Decompress
- Use pg\_restore -f to output SQL
- Compress output as .sql.gz
- Return download path

## Output Requirements

- All code in management/webapp/services/flow\_extraction/
- Include error handling for all Docker operations

- Log all operations for debugging
- Include timeout handling

---

### Agent 8: Setup.sh Integration Agent

**\*\*Purpose\*\*:** Integrate all new features into setup.sh

```markdown

Setup.sh Integration Agent Prompt

Context

Integrate all v3.0 features into the existing setup.sh script.

Current Setup.sh Flow

1. Welcome screen
2. Root check
3. LXC container check
4. Docker installation
5. System checks
6. DNS provider configuration
7. Domain configuration
8. Database configuration
9. Container names
10. Email & timezone
11. Encryption key
12. Portainer agent
13. Summary & confirmation
14. Generate files
15. Deploy

New Sections to Add (in order)

After Step 6 (DNS Provider):

- Cloudflare tunnel configuration (Task 8.2)
- Tailscale configuration (Task 8.3)

After Step 12 (Portainer):

- NFS configuration (Task 8.1)
- Management container setup (Task 8.4)
- Management domain & port (Task 8.10)
- Backup configuration (Task 8.7)
- Notification setup (Task 8.8)
- Adminer configuration (Task 8.5)
- Full Portainer detection & options (Task 8.6)

New: State Resume (Task 8.9)

At the very beginning, after welcome:

- Check for .n8n_setup_state file
- If exists, offer resume or fresh start

Task Details

Task 8.1: NFS Prompts

```
```bash
```

```
configure_nfs() {
```

```
 print_section "NFS Storage Configuration"
```

```
 if ! confirm_prompt "Configure NFS storage for backups and documents?"; then
```

```
 NFS_ENABLED=false
```

```
 return
```

```
 fi
```

```
Install NFS packages
Prompt for server
Prompt for export path
Prompt for local mount point
Test mount
Configure directories
Add to fstab
Save to state
}
```

## Task 8.2: Cloudflare Tunnel Prompts

```
configure_cloudflare_tunnel() {
 print_section "Cloudflare Tunnel Configuration"

 echo "Cloudflare Tunnels provide secure external access
without opening firewall ports."
 echo "Prerequisites: Domain on Cloudflare, tunnel created in
Zero Trust dashboard"

 if ! confirm_prompt "Set up Cloudflare Tunnel?"; then
 TUNNEL_ENABLED=false
 return
 fi

 # Prompt for tunnel token
 # Ask about webhook exposure
 # Ask about UI exposure (with warning)
 # Ask about management exposure (with strong warning)
 # Save to state
}
```

### Task 8.3: Tailscale Prompts

```
configure_tailscale() {
 print_section "Tailscale VPN Configuration"

 echo "Tailscale provides secure remote access to your
management interface."

 if ! confirm_prompt "Set up Tailscale for remote
management?"; then
 TAILSCALE_ENABLED=false
 return
 fi

 # Prompt for auth key
 # Save to state
}
```

### Task 8.4: Management Container Prompts

```
configure_management() {
 print_section "Management Interface Configuration"

 if ! confirm_prompt "Set up web-based management
interface?"; then
 MANAGEMENT_ENABLED=false
 return
 fi

 # Domain for management
 prompt_with_default "Management interface domain"
"loftaimgmt.loft.aero" "MGMT_DOMAIN"

 # Admin credentials
```

```

 prompt_with_default "Admin username" "admin"
 "MGMT_ADMIN_USER"

 prompt_with_default "Admin password" "" "MGMT_ADMIN_PASS"
 # Generate hash

 # Subnet restriction

 if confirm_prompt "Restrict management access to specific
subnets?"; then
 prompt_with_default "Allowed subnets (comma-separated)"
"10.0.0.0/8,172.16.0.0/12,192.168.0.0/16" "MGMT_ALLOWED_SUBNETS"
 fi

 # Save to state
}

```

### Task 8.5: Adminer Prompts

```

configure_adminer() {
 print_section "Database Management (Adminer)"

 if ! confirm_prompt "Include Adminer for database
management?"; then
 ADMINER_ENABLED=false
 return
 fi

 ADMINER_ENABLED=true
 echo "Adminer will be accessible through the management
interface."

 # Note: No separate port needed – accessed via management UI
}

```

### Task 8.6: Portainer Detection

```

configure_portainer_enhanced() {
 print_section "Portainer Configuration"

 # Check if Portainer or agent is already running
 if docker ps --format '{{.Names}}' | grep -qE
 '(portainer|portainer_agent)'; then
 print_info "Portainer detected already running"
 PORTAINER_SKIP=true
 return
 fi

 echo "Portainer provides container management UI."
 echo ""
 echo "Options:"
 echo " 1) Install Portainer Agent (you have Portainer
elsewhere)"
 echo " 2) Install full Portainer CE (first Portainer
installation)"
 echo " 3) Skip Portainer"

 # Handle selection
}

```

## Task 8.7: Backup Prompts

```

configure_backups() {
 print_section "Backup Configuration"

 # Already covered if NFS was configured
 if ["$NFS_ENABLED" != true]; then
 print_warning "NFS not configured. Backups will use
local storage."

 # Prompt for local backup directory
 fi
}

```

```

fi

Schedule configuration
echo "Configure backup schedule:"
echo " 1) 24 hourly, 7 daily, 4 weekly, 12 monthly
(recommended)"
echo " 2) 7 daily, 4 weekly, 12 monthly"
echo " 3) Custom (configure in management interface)"

Encryption passphrase for env backups
prompt_with_default "Passphrase for encrypted backups" ""
"BACKUP_PASSPHRASE"
}

```

## Task 8.8: Notification Prompts

(As defined in Infrastructure Agent)

## Task 8.9: State Resume

```

check_resume_state() {
 if [-f "$STATE_FILE"]; then
 print_section "Previous Installation Detected"

 source "$STATE_FILE"
 echo "Found installation at step: $CURRENT_STEP"
 echo "Completed: $COMPLETED_STEPS"

 if confirm_prompt "Resume previous installation?"; then
 RESUME_MODE=true
 return 0
 else
 mv "$STATE_FILE" "${STATE_FILE}.backup.$(date +%s)"
 return 1
 fi
 fi
}

```

```
 fi
 return 1
}
```

## Task 8.10: Port Checking

```
check_port_available() {
 local port=$1
 if ss -tulpn 2>/dev/null | grep -q ":$port " || \
 netstat -tulpn 2>/dev/null | grep -q ":$port "; then
 return 1
 fi
 return 0
}

get_management_port() {
 local default_port=8443

 while true; do
 prompt_with_default "Management interface port"
 "$default_port" "MGMT_PORT"

 if check_port_available "$MGMT_PORT"; then
 print_success "Port $MGMT_PORT is available"
 break
 else
 print_error "Port $MGMT_PORT is already in use"
 ((default_port++))
 fi
 done
}
```

## Output Requirements

- Modify setup.sh in place
- Maintain existing style and helper functions
- Update all file generation functions for new features
- Update configuration summary to show new options
- Test all code paths

```

```

```
Agent 9: Documentation Agent
```

```
Purpose: Write comprehensive README documentation
```

```
```markdown
```

```
# Documentation Agent Prompt
```

```
## Context
```

```
Update README.md for n8n_nginx v3.0 with all new features.
```

```
## Documentation Structure
```

```
### Update Version & What's New
```

```
```markdown
```

```
Version: 3.0.0
```

```
Release Date: [DATE]
```

```
What's New in v3.0.0
```

```
Management Interface
```

```
- Web-based dashboard for managing your n8n stack
```

```
- Real-time container monitoring and logs
```



- One-click backup and restore
- Flow extraction from backups

### ### Backup System

- Automated PostgreSQL, n8n, and SSL certificate backups
- Flexible scheduling (hourly, daily, weekly, monthly)
- Configurable retention policies
- NFS storage support for enterprise deployments

### ### Cloudflare Tunnel Integration

- Secure external webhook access without port forwarding
- Optional UI exposure with authentication
- Step-by-step setup guide

### ### Tailscale VPN

- Secure remote management access
- Zero-config VPN setup

### ### Enhanced Portainer Support

- Full Portainer CE or Agent installation
- Automatic detection of existing installations

## New Sections to Add

### Cloudflare Tunnel Setup (Task 9.1)

- Prerequisites checklist
- Creating a tunnel in Cloudflare dashboard
- Configuring tunnel ingress rules
- Token integration during setup
- Troubleshooting common issues

### NFS Configuration (Task 9.2)

- When to use NFS vs local storage

- NFS server requirements
- Export configuration example
- Mount options explanation
- Directory structure guide

### **Management Interface (Task 9.3)**

- Accessing the interface
- Dashboard overview
- Backup management
- Container controls
- System monitoring
- Settings configuration

### **Backup & Restore (Task 9.4)**

- Backup types explained
- Schedule configuration
- Retention policies
- Manual backup triggering
- Restoring from backup
- Disaster recovery scenarios

### **Flow Extraction (Task 9.5)**

- When to use flow extraction
- Step-by-step extraction process
- Importing extracted flows
- Cleanup procedures

### **Tailscale Setup (Task 9.6)**

- Creating Tailscale account
- Generating auth keys
- Accessing services via Tailscale
- ACL recommendations

### **In-App Help (Task 9.7)**

Create help content for each management UI page:

- Contextual help tooltips
- Page-specific guidance
- Troubleshooting tips
- Link to full documentation

## Output Requirements

- Update README.md
- Create additional docs if needed (e.g., docs/backup-guide.md)
- Include screenshots (create placeholder sections)
- Maintain existing README style



### ## Storyboard Specifications

#### Update Todos

Create comprehensive v3.0 implementation plan  
Define project phases and milestones  
Create agent task breakdown with prompts  
Designing storyboard specifications

#### Storyboard Design Specifications

Each storyboard will be a self-contained HTML file with all CSS embedded. Here are the detailed specifications:

##### Pages Included in Each Storyboard

Page	Key Elements	Mock Data Needed
Login	Username/password, logo, remember me	None
Dashboard	5 container cards, backup status, system stats	Container names, status, mock metrics
Backups	Table of 15 backups, filters, actions	Backup files with dates/sizes
Schedule	Visual scheduler, retention settings	Current schedule config
Containers	5 containers with details, logs preview	Docker ps output
System	CPU/RAM/Disk charts, NFS status, power controls	System metrics
Flows	Backup selector, flow list, actions	5 mock workflows
Settings	Form fields for all settings	Current config
Logs	Live log area, container selector	Mock log lines

## Color Palettes

### Design A (Modern Minimal #1):

- Background: #ffffff
- Surface: #f8fafc
- Primary: #2563eb (blue-600)
- Secondary: #64748b (slate-500)
- Success: #22c55e (green-500)
- Warning: #f59e0b (amber-500)
- Error: #ef4444 (red-500)
- Text: #1e293b (slate-800)

### Design B (Modern Minimal #2):

- Background: #f8fafc
- Surface: #ffffff
- Primary: #0d9488 (teal-600)
- Secondary: #6b7280 (gray-500)
- Success: #10b981 (emerald-500)
- Warning: #f97316 (orange-500)
- Error: #dc2626 (red-600)
- Text: #111827 (gray-900)

### Design C (Dashboard Heavy #1):

- Sidebar: #1e293b (slate-800)
- Background: #f1f5f9 (slate-100)
- Surface: #ffffff
- Primary: #f97316 (orange-500)
- Secondary: #3b82f6 (blue-500)
- Success: #22c55e
- Warning: #eab308
- Error: #ef4444
- Text: #0f172a

### Design D (Dashboard Heavy #2 - Dark):

- Background: #0f172a (slate-900)
- Surface: #1e293b (slate-800)
- Glass: rgba(255,255,255,0.1)
- Primary: #8b5cf6 (violet-500)
- Secondary: #06b6d4 (cyan-500)

- Success: #22c55e
- Warning: #f59e0b
- Error: #ef4444
- Text: #f8fafc

### Icon Requirements (for icon\_requirements.md)

Category	Icons Needed	Style
Navigation	Dashboard, Database, Container, Settings, Logout, Menu	Colored, 32x32
Status	Running (green circle), Stopped (red circle), Warning (yellow triangle), Error (red X)	Colored, 24x24
Containers	Docker whale, PostgreSQL elephant, Nginx, n8n logo, Server	Colored, 48x48
Actions	Refresh, Download, Delete, Play, Stop, Restart, Edit, Save	Colored, 24x24
Backup	Database backup, Archive, Calendar, Clock, Folder	Colored, 32x32
System	CPU chip, RAM stick, Hard drive, Network, Power, Reboot	Colored, 32x32
Alerts	Info (blue i), Success (green check), Warning (yellow !), Error (red x)	Colored, 24x24
Misc	Help (?), External link, Copy, Eye, Eye-off, Lock	Colored, 24x24

## Recommended Execution Order

### Stage 1: Parallel Foundation Work

Run these agents simultaneously:

- **Agent 1 (Infrastructure)** - NFS, notifications, state
- **Agent 2 (Tunnel & VPN)** - Cloudflare, Tailscale
- **Agent 5 (Storyboard)** - UI designs

### Stage 2: After Stage 1 Completes

- **User Review:** Select storyboard design
- **Agent 3 (Backup System)** - Depends on NFS being ready
- **Agent 4 (Management Container)** - Depends on storyboard selection

### Stage 3: After Stage 2 Completes

- **Agent 6 (Web Application)** - Depends on design + container base
- **Agent 7 (Flow Extraction)** - Depends on backup system

## Stage 4: Integration

- **Agent 8 (Setup.sh Integration)** - Requires all other agents complete

## Stage 5: Final

- **Agent 9 (Documentation)** - After everything is integrated

## Questions Answered - Dry Run Preview

You asked about "dry-run preview" for flow imports. What I meant was:

Before actually importing a flow into production, show a preview of:

- Flow name (and proposed renamed name if conflict)
- Number of nodes
- Node types used
- Any credentials referenced (without values)
- Confirmation: "This will create workflow 'MyFlow\_restored\_2025-12-04'. Proceed?"

**Based on your answer, I'll skip this feature** - we'll just auto-rename and import directly since users can delete unwanted flows afterward.

## Next Steps

### Update Todos

Create comprehensive v3.0 implementation plan  
Define project phases and milestones  
Create agent task breakdown with prompts  
Design storyboard specifications

## Summary

I've created a comprehensive implementation plan that includes:

1. **9 Phases** with 60+ individual tasks

2. **9 Specialized Agents** with detailed prompts
3. **4 Storyboard Designs** with complete specifications
4. **Execution Timeline** showing parallel work opportunities

## To Begin Implementation

When you're ready to start, tell me which of these approaches you prefer:

**Option A: Start with Storyboards** "Spin up Agent 5 to create the 4 UI storyboards so I can pick a design first."

**Option B: Start with Infrastructure** "Spin up Agents 1 and 2 in parallel to build the NFS/notification system and tunnel integration while we work on storyboards."

**Option C: Full Parallel Start** "Spin up Agents 1, 2, and 5 simultaneously to maximize parallel work."

## Final Clarifications Needed

Before we begin, please confirm:

1. **Management Interface Port**: Since n8n uses 443, the management interface will need a different port. I recommend **8443** so the URL becomes `https://loftaimgmt.loft.aero:8443`. Alternatively, if you have multiple IPs on the host, we could use 443 on a different IP. **Which do you prefer?**
2. **Dozzle Integration**: Should Dozzle run as:
  - **Embedded** in the management container (one less container, integrated auth)
  - **Separate container** with proxy through management UI (easier updates, official image)
3. **NFS Mount Options**: For your specific NFS server (loft-scale02.loft.aero), are there any specific mount options required? Standard options would be:

```
rw, sync, hard, intr, nfsvers=4.2
```