**Setting Up n8n Community Edition with Docker Desktop**

To use the n8n community version, it is required to access n8n from Docker. It can be opened through the Docker terminal or from Docker Desktop. To use it from Docker Desktop, you need to install Docker Desktop first. To download Docker Desktop, go to <https://www.docker.com/products/docker-desktop/> and click on **Download Docker Desktop**.

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From the following list, select your operating system and the download will start automatically.

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Run **Docker Desktop Installer.exe** file and install Docker Desktop in your workstation.



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Once installed, you need to restart your Windows to complete installation.

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If you already have a Docker account, you can login into that account, otherwise you need to create an account. The community edition is free to use.

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If you click **Create an account**, you will be redirected to the browser for creating it.

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You can sign into the account by clicking the **Sign in** button.

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Once your account is created and login is successful, navigate to **Images** from the left-side menu bar.

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There is a search bar at the top of the screen. You need to type 'n8n' and it will show a list of items related to n8n.



Now, you need to hover over **n8nio/n8n:latest** and you will see a **Pull** option. If you click on it, the container will start downloading in Docker. Once it's installed and the pull option disappears, you need to click on the **Run** option. The following window will appear on screen:

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If you expand **Optional settings**, you will see the following window:

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You can input your preferred container name. You can also assign any customized port in the host port input box to customize the port. But it might give errors when using different other services, so use the default here. Then click on the **Run** option. The following screen will appear with relevant logs:

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At the bottom of the screen, you will see a URL after **Editor is now accessible via**. If you click it, you will be navigated to the browser.

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You will need to create an n8n account for the first time for this container.

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After filling in the information, if you click **Next**, you will see the canvas for developing workflows.

You need to select **Create Workflow** from the top left of the canvas.

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You are now ready to automate any workflow.

You can manage your containers right from the Containers section. Click **Containers** from the left-side menu bar.

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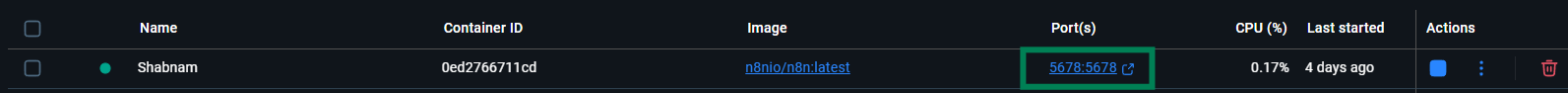
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You can start or stop the required container. Only one container with the same port can be run at a time.

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Once the container is started, the port will be clickable. Click on it to access it, and it will redirect you to the browser.



The rest of the process is similar to the process shared above.