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Textbook - Overview

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Learn to build powerful automated workflows that save time, reduce errors, and scale your online business—no coding required.

What is n8n?

n8n (pronounced "n-eight-n") is a powerful, fair-code workflow automation platform that allows you to connect different services and applications together to create seamless automated processes. Think of it as the conductor of your business orchestra—coordinating all your tools to work together in perfect harmony.

Unlike traditional automation tools that lock you into expensive subscriptions or limited functionality, n8n gives you complete control. You can self-host it on your own infrastructure, customize it to your exact needs, and integrate with virtually any service through its extensive library of nodes or custom API connections.

Why n8n for Online Entrepreneurs?

Cost-Effective: Self-host for free or use affordable cloud hosting—no per-workflow pricing

Flexible & Powerful: 400+ pre-built integrations plus unlimited custom connections

Visual Workflow Builder: Drag-and-drop interface makes complex automations simple

Business-Focused: Designed for real business problems, not just simple tasks

Scalable: Grows with your business from startup to enterprise

Community-Driven: Active community sharing workflows and solutions

What You'll Learn in This Textbook

This comprehensive 32-chapter textbook takes you from absolute beginner to proficient n8n user, capable of building sophisticated automation workflows that solve real business

challenges. Whether you're running an e-commerce store, managing a service business, or building a digital product company, you'll learn to automate the repetitive tasks that consume your time.

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Comprehensive Chapters	Weeks of Structured Learning	Hands-On Exercises	Real-World Projects

Course Structure

Part I: Foundations (Chapters 1-5)

Master the essential building blocks of workflow automation. You'll learn what automation is, how to install and navigate n8n, understand nodes and data flow, work with expressions, and implement control logic. By the end of Part I, you'll have built multiple working workflows and understand how data moves through automated processes.

Part II: Core Skills (Chapters 6-10)

Develop the practical skills needed for real business automation. You'll explore advanced node types, work with databases, master API integrations, handle webhooks, and implement sophisticated error handling. These chapters focus on the technical skills that transform simple automations into robust business solutions.

Part III: Advanced Techniques (Chapters 11-15)

Take your automation capabilities to the next level with complex data transformations, advanced API patterns, authentication methods, scheduling strategies, and performance optimization. You'll learn to build enterprise-grade workflows that handle edge cases and scale effectively.

Part IV: Real-World Applications (Chapters 16-20)

Apply everything you've learned to actual business scenarios. Build complete automation systems for customer onboarding, e-commerce operations, marketing campaigns, support ticket management, and content distribution. These practical projects mirror real business

needs.

Part V: Specialized Topics (Chapters 21-25)

Explore specialized automation scenarios including AI integration, multi-channel communication, financial operations, data analytics pipelines, and custom integration development. Learn to automate niche business processes specific to your industry.

Part VI: Mastery & Production (Chapters 26-32)

Prepare your automations for production deployment. Master security best practices, monitoring and alerting, team collaboration, version control, disaster recovery, and scaling strategies. Learn to maintain and optimize workflows over time, ensuring your automation infrastructure remains reliable and efficient.

What Makes This Textbook Different?

Designed for Online Entrepreneurs

Unlike generic automation courses, this textbook is specifically written for people building online businesses. Every example, exercise, and project addresses real challenges you face: customer management, order processing, marketing automation, content creation, and business operations.

Hands-On Learning Approach

Each chapter includes practical exercises and real-world projects. You won't just read about automation—you'll build actual workflows that solve genuine business problems. Practice workbooks reinforce concepts with guided exercises and solution guides.

Self-Evaluation & Mastery

Every 5 chapters includes a comprehensive self-evaluation quiz to ensure you've mastered the concepts before advancing. This checkpoint system prevents knowledge gaps and builds confidence as you progress.

Community Integration

As a member of the IOLEBA community, you'll have access to the exclusive forum (launching January 15, 2026) where you can share workflows, ask questions, and collaborate with fellow entrepreneurs building automation solutions.

Who Should Take This Course?

This textbook is perfect for you if you:

- Run an online business and spend too much time on repetitive tasks
- Want to scale your operations without hiring more staff
- Need to integrate different tools and platforms
- Want to reduce errors in manual processes
- Are ready to invest time learning a valuable skill
- Don't have programming experience (though it helps for advanced topics)

- Value efficiency and systems thinking

Time Commitment & Learning Path

6-Week Structured Program: New chapters released weekly, with each week building on previous knowledge. Plan to dedicate 5-8 hours per week for reading, practice exercises, and building real workflows.

Flexible Self-Paced Learning: While we recommend following the weekly schedule, you can move faster or slower based on your availability and learning style. The key is consistent practice—building workflows reinforces concepts better than reading alone.

Lifetime Access: All course materials remain available after completion. Return anytime to refresh concepts or reference specific techniques as your business needs evolve.

Required Tools & Resources

What You'll Need:

- **n8n Installation:** Cloud account (free tier available) or self-hosted setup (covered in Chapter 2)
- **Computer:** Windows, Mac, or Linux with modern web browser
- **Internet Connection:** Required for cloud services and integrations
- **Service Accounts:** Gmail, Slack, or other services you want to integrate (free tiers work)
- **Time to Practice:** Hands-on work is essential for learning

No Programming Required: While n8n supports JavaScript for advanced features, you'll build powerful automations without writing code. Programming knowledge enhances capabilities but isn't necessary to get started.

Learning Outcomes

By completing this textbook, you will be able to:

- Design and build automated workflows that solve real business problems
- Connect different applications and services to work together seamlessly
- Transform and manipulate data as it flows through your workflows
- Implement intelligent decision-making logic in your automations
- Handle errors gracefully and build reliable production workflows
- Integrate with APIs and external services
- Automate customer communications and relationship management
- Build data synchronization between different platforms
- Create scheduled tasks and event-driven processes
- Monitor, maintain, and optimize automation systems
- Scale your business operations without proportional cost increases
- Free up 10-20+ hours per week by automating repetitive tasks

Start Your Automation Journey Today

Every successful online business runs on systems, not just on the founder's energy. The businesses that scale are those that automate intelligently. You're not just learning a tool—you're learning to think systematically about your business operations and identify opportunities for improvement.

The skills you'll develop go beyond n8n itself. You'll gain a deeper understanding of how business processes work, how data flows through systems, and how to design solutions that are both elegant and practical. These are transferable skills that will serve you throughout your entrepreneurial journey.

Ready to Transform Your Business?

Watch Dr. Marcus Lee's welcome video, then dive into Chapter 1 to begin your automation journey. The best time to start was yesterday. The second best time is now.

Join the IOLEBA Community

Become an IOLEBA member for \$44.95/year and gain access to:

- 100+ premium business automation tools
- Exclusive member forum (launching January 15, 2026)
- Advanced workflow templates and solutions
- Monthly member-only training sessions
- Priority support from the community

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