

Make vs n8n

Software comparison report

A practical side-by-side comparison of pricing, free plans, strengths, limitations, and best-fit use cases. Data comes from the current WiseTechList tools database.

QUICK COMPARISON

At a glance

Compare	Make	n8n
Starting price	\$9/mo	20/mo billed annually
Free plan	Yes	Yes
Free trial	No	Yes
Difficulty	Medium	Medium
Best for	Visual workflow automation that connects apps, APIs, AI tools, and business processes.	Technical teams and small businesses that need flexible app, API, data, and AI automation with optional self-hosting.
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KEY DIFFERENCES

Where each tool stands out

Make

Key strength: Powerful visual automation builder with thousands of app integrations and flexible workflow logic.

Main limitation: Complex scenarios can become difficult to understand and credit usage can be confusing for beginners.

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Key strength: Highly flexible workflows with unlimited steps per execution, strong API support, and a free self-hosted Community Edition.

Main limitation: It requires more technical comfort than beginner-focused automation tools, especially when self-hosting or debugging complex workflows.

USE CASES

What can you use them for?

Make

- App integration
- Workflow automation
- Data synchronization
- API automation
- AI workflows

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- Workflow automation
- API integration
- AI workflows
- Data synchronization
- Internal operations
- Self-hosted automation

PROS AND CONS

Trade-offs to consider

Make

What we like

- + Powerful visual workflow builder
- + Flexible branching and data transformation
- + Large integration library
- + Free plan available
- + Good value for complex automations

What to consider

- Steeper learning curve than simpler automation tools
- Credit usage can be confusing
- Large scenarios can become difficult to maintain

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What we like

- + Flexible visual workflow builder
- + Strong API and AI workflow support
- + Self-hosted Community Edition
- + Unlimited workflow steps per execution on cloud plans
- + Good fit for complex business processes

What to consider

- Steeper learning curve than simple automation tools
- Self-hosting requires technical maintenance
- Cloud pricing is based on workflow executions

BEST FIT

Who should choose each tool?

Make

Best fit: Choose Make if you need flexible multi-step workflows, branching logic, data transformation, or API-based automation and are comfortable spending some time learning the platform.

Skip it if: Skip Make if you only need a few very simple automations and prefer the easiest possible setup over deeper workflow control.

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Best fit: Choose n8n if you need flexible multi-step automation, API access, AI workflows, or self-hosting and your team is comfortable with more technical setup.

Skip it if: Skip n8n if you only need a few simple app automations and want the easiest possible setup with minimal technical maintenance.