WORKFLOWVAULT

Free template | n8n | ~5 min setup

Website Uptime Monitor

Checks your websites every 5 minutes and emails you once when a site goes down, and once when it's back, with how long it was down.

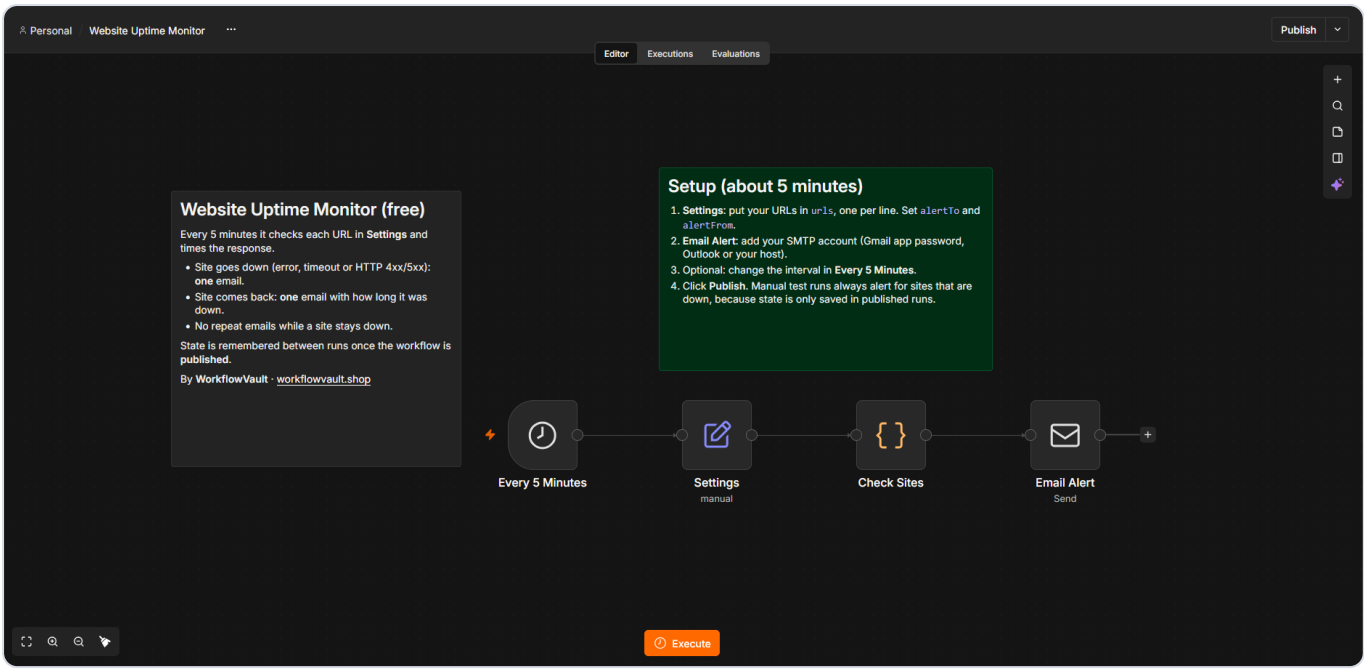
WHAT IT DOES

- Checks any number of URLs on a schedule
- Times every response
- One email per incident, no spam
- Recovery email with downtime minutes

YOU NEED

- n8n (Cloud or self-hosted)
- Any SMTP email account
- About 5 minutes

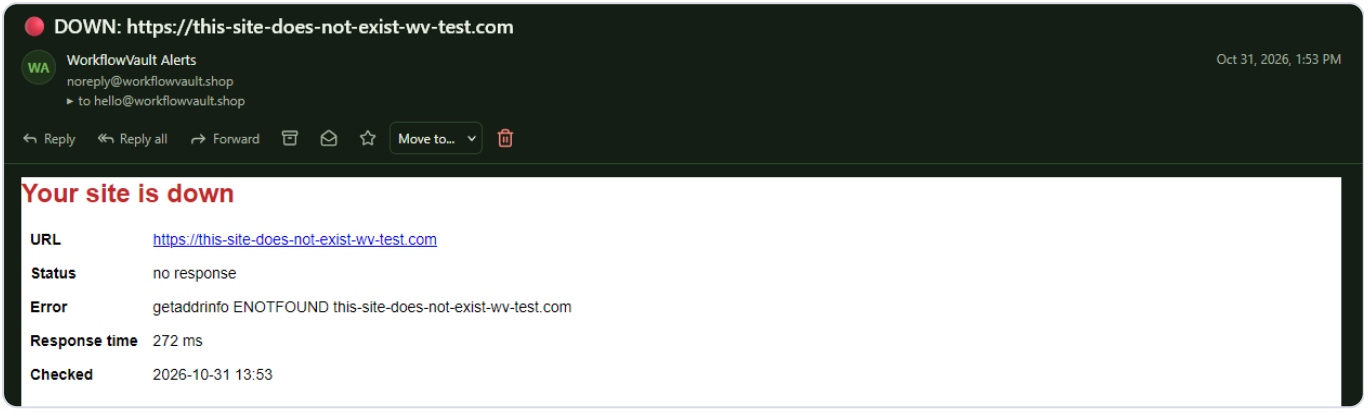
How it works



The whole workflow: schedule, settings, one code step, one email node.

Every 5 minutes → Settings → Check Sites → Email Alert

Check Sites requests each URL, records the status code and response time, and compares it with the last known state. A site counts as **down** on a network error, timeout or HTTP 4xx/5xx. Only changes are emailed: down once, recovered once.



A real alert from the test run.

Setup

1 Import the workflow

In n8n, open **Overview → Create Workflow**, then the ⋯ menu (top right) → **Import from File** and pick the `.json` file you downloaded. The workflow opens with sticky notes that repeat the key setup steps.

2 Fill in Settings

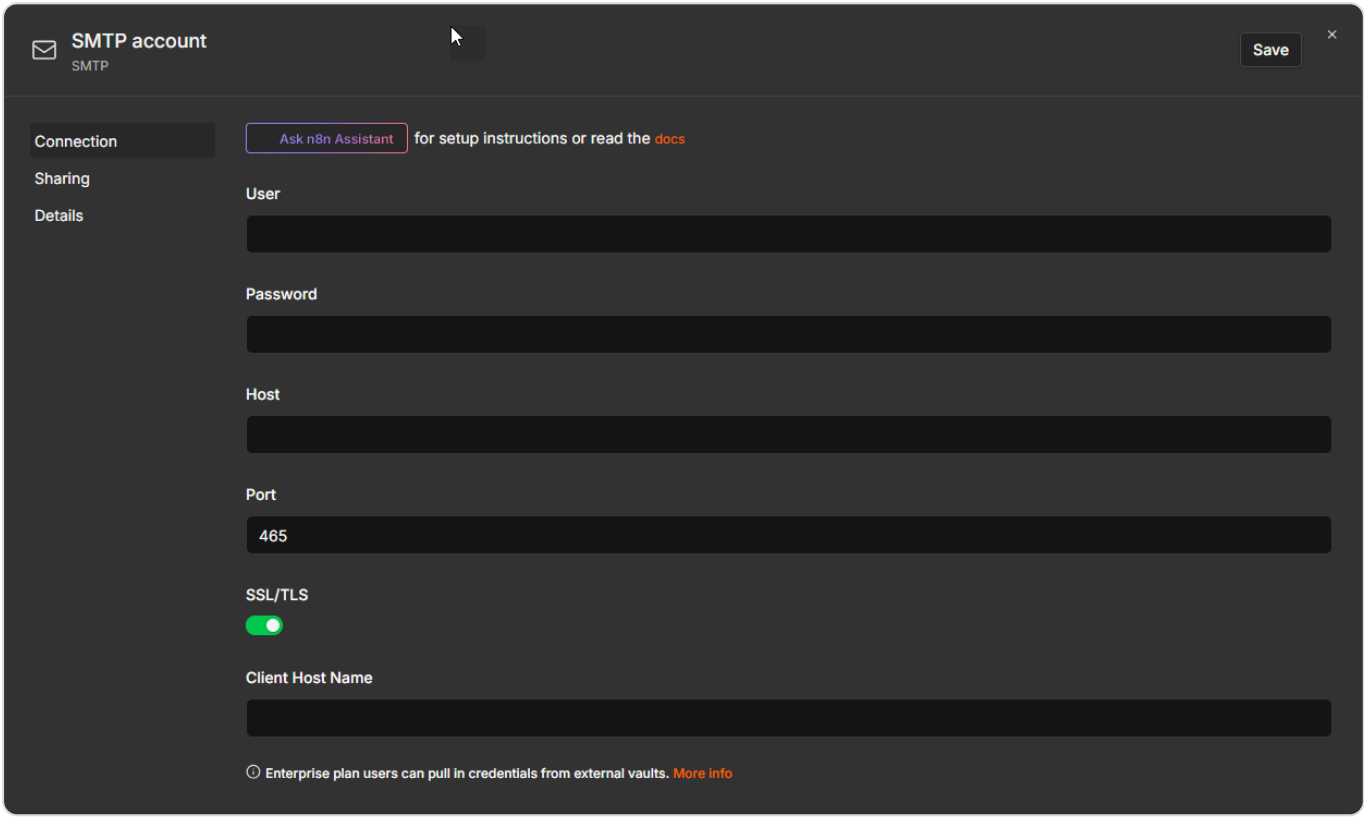
- **urls**: one URL per line, e.g. `https://yoursite.com` and `https://yoursite.com/checkout`.
- **alertTo** / **alertFrom**: who gets alerts and the sender your SMTP account may use.
- **timeoutSeconds**: how long to wait before calling it down (default 15).

3 Connect your email (SMTP)

Open **Email Alert** and add an SMTP credential.

Click **Create credential** in the node, search **SMTP**, and fill in your email provider's details:

Field	Gmail	Outlook / Microsoft 365	Your own domain
Host	`smtp.gmail.com`	`smtp.office365.com`	from your email host
Port / SSL	465, SSL on	587, SSL off (STARTTLS)	usually 465 + SSL
Password	an **App password**	your password or app password	mailbox password



The SMTP credential form. Save it and look for the green “Connection tested successfully”.

4 Publish

Click **Publish**. Change the interval in **Every 5 Minutes** if you like.

> State (up/down and since when) is saved only in **published** runs. A manual test run always alerts for sites that are down, which is handy for testing.

Troubleshooting

I get no email for a site I know is down

It already alerted once for that incident. You'll get the next email when it recovers.

False alarms

Raise **timeoutSeconds**, or check from n8n Cloud if your own server's network is the problem.

A page needs a login

Point it at a public page such as the homepage or a health-check URL.

Need help?

Stuck on a step? Email **hello@workflowvault.shop** with a screenshot of the node and the error message. We usually reply within one business day.

Want it installed for you, or changed for your business? Ask about a **Template install** or a **Custom workflow** at **workflowvault.shop**.

> Your credentials (passwords, API keys) stay inside your own n8n. This template never sends them anywhere else, and they are not included when a workflow is exported.