

Build a bot that answers one question.

Receive a real test message through your own Telegram bot.

Build one thing

Check it works

Choose an extension

Before you start.

01

You already know

Module 07. Telegram account and prepared HTTPS n8n webhook instance.

02

Open these tools

BotFather, Telegram Trigger and Telegram Send Message in n8n.

03

Check the requirement

n8n hosting terms vary. This first bot uses a fixed response, no model API.

Your first small win.

Design a short factual welcome for a fictional community bot. Say it is a test bot, answers only practice FAQs and is not monitored for urgent requests. Do not invent meetup dates, links or services.

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What happens between input and output?

- 1 A bot is a message interface, not automatically AI.
- 2 Telegram sends an event to an HTTPS webhook.
- 3 The workflow chooses and sends the reply.

Step 01. Create your own test bot.

- 1 Open the verified BotFather account in Telegram.
- 2 Send /newbot and follow its name/username questions.
- 3 Store the token privately; never paste it into the AI chat.

Step 02. Connect credentials.

- 1 Create a test workflow and add Telegram Trigger.
- 2 Put your token in n8n Telegram credentials.
- 3 Select message events and confirm the public webhook uses HTTPS.

Step 03. Start a test event.

- 1 Use the trigger test/listen control.
- 2 Open your bot chat and send a test message.
- 3 Inspect `message.chat.id` and `message.text` in n8n.

Step 04. Add one fixed reply.

- 1 Connect Telegram with Message: Send Message.
- 2 Set Chat ID to `{{$.json.message.chat.id}}`.
- 3 Use the reviewed welcome text as the message.

Step 05. Test in your own chat.

- 1 Send a second message and check the reply.
- 2 Check it returns only to the triggering chat.
- 3 Keep the bot unpublished while testing.

Step 06. Choose a next step.

- 1 Review before publishing a production workflow.
- 2 Use a separate test bot: Telegram supports one webhook per bot.
- 3 Add an AI summary only after this fixed reply is reliable.

Make the working version.

Write three practice FAQ answers for my test bot using only these fictional facts: free learning group; topics include prompts and automation; the next date is unconfirmed. For other questions say Ask the organiser. No urgent-service claims.

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Ask for a review. Then check it.

Review this bot welcome and FAQ for invented information, ambiguous promises and inappropriate urgent-use claims. Keep it clear that this is a workshop test bot. Text: [paste].

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Prove your result works.

- 1 A test message appears in the trigger output.
- 2 Reply goes to your own triggering chat.
- 3 Unconfirmed dates stay unconfirmed.

When it does not work yet.

01

HTTPS webhook error

Use the prepared public HTTPS n8n address and correct WEBHOOK_URL.

02

Testing stops production

Use separate test/production bots or unpublish before testing.

Choose your next challenge.

01

Core complete

Show one checked output to a partner.

02

Extension 1

Route a known question with an If node.

03

Extension 2

Add a checked AI reply with explicit scope and cost controls.

Keep the result. Keep the evidence.

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Save your files

Save your prompt

Name the next change

Sources you can check.

01

Telegram

Create a bot

02

n8n

Telegram webhook issues