

Multi-Room Availability Check & Appointment Confirmation Automation

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1. Project Overview

This automation handles end-to-end room booking requests without human intervention. An inbound webhook receives a booking request, the system checks availability across up to five rooms in parallel, books the first available room, and sends a personalized confirmation email to the requestor. If no rooms are available, a fallback notification is dispatched automatically.

The workflow is built on an event-driven architecture using a low-code/no-code automation platform (Make.com or n8n). Google Sheets serves as the availability data source, and Gmail handles all outbound email communication.

1.1 Objectives

- Automate room availability verification across multiple rooms simultaneously
- Eliminate manual booking confirmation emails
- Deliver personalized, real-time responses to requestors
- Handle all failure and edge-case scenarios without silent failures

1.2 Scope

- Rooms covered: 5 (expandable)
- Trigger: inbound webhook from external booking source
- Data source: Google Sheets schedule
- Notification channel: Gmail (outbound email)
- Error handling: per-room API error emails + all-rooms-unavailable fallback

2. Business Impact

This automation solves a deeply manual, error-prone administrative process. The table below summarizes the core business value delivered:

Impact Area	Detail
Operational efficiency	Eliminates manual room checks and confirmation drafting. Recovers staff hours at scale.
Customer experience	Requestors receive instant, named confirmation emails instead of waiting hours for manual replies.

Error reduction	Router logic prevents double-bookings. Error-state emails fire automatically rather than silently failing.
Scalability	Adding a new room requires duplicating one branch — not hiring additional staff.
Audit trail	Google Sheets serves as a structured, reviewable booking log without additional tooling.

3. Workflow Architecture

3.1 Process Flow

The workflow follows a linear trigger-to-outcome pipeline with parallel branching for multi-room evaluation:

#	Step / Node	Description
1	Webhook trigger	Receives inbound booking request from an external source (website form, CRM, scheduler). Acts as the entry point for the entire automation.
2	Google Sheets read	Queries a Google Sheets schedule to retrieve existing room bookings and availability data for cross-reference.
3	Room availability check	Evaluates whether a specific room (1–5) is free for the requested time slot based on data retrieved from the sheet.
4	Router	Branches the workflow into up to 5 parallel tracks — one per room — to run simultaneous availability checks.
5	Book room	If the room is available, executes the booking action via the calendar API and reserves the slot.
6	Get first & last name	Extracts the requestor's first and last name from the webhook payload for use in personalizing the outbound email.
7	Confirmation email	Sends a personalized appointment confirmation email to the requestor upon successful booking.
8	API / Technical error email	Fires when the booking API returns an error. Notifies the requestor that the system encountered a technical issue.
9	All rooms unavailable email	Fallback path triggered when none of the 5 rooms are available. Informs the requestor and prevents a silent failure.

3.2 Parallel Routing Logic

The router node fans the workflow into 5 simultaneous tracks — one per room. Each track operates independently, meaning a failure on one room branch does not block evaluation of other rooms. This parallel architecture ensures the fastest possible response time and the highest chance of finding an available room.

Each room branch contains the same 4-node sequence:

- Availability check → Book room → Get first & last name → Send confirmation or error email

3.3 Outcome Paths

- Room available: booking confirmed, personalized email dispatched
- API / technical error: error notification email sent to requestor
- All rooms unavailable: single fallback email informs requestor no rooms are free

4. Technical Rating

4.1 Overall Score

Overall Technical Rating
7.8 / 10

Competent, well-structured automation with solid happy-path logic. Gaps exist in operational maturity: retry logic, logging, and internal alerting. Those three additions would push this to a 9.2+.

4.2 Dimension Breakdown

Dimension	Score	Status
Trigger design	9.0 / 10	Strong
Routing logic	8.5 / 10	Strong
Personalization	8.5 / 10	Strong
Fallback / edge case coverage	8.0 / 10	Strong
Error handling	7.5 / 10	Partial
Modularity / maintainability	7.0 / 10	Partial
Scalability	6.5 / 10	Partial
Observability / alerting	4.0 / 10	Missing

Retry / resilience logic	3.0 / 10	Missing
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4.3 Dimension Analysis

Trigger design — 9.0 / 10

Webhook-based entry is the correct architectural choice: event-driven, near real-time, and decoupled from internal logic. Minor deduction for the absence of visible input validation or payload schema enforcement at the trigger layer.

Routing logic — 8.5 / 10

Parallel 5-branch routing is well-designed. A failure on one room does not block others. Slight deduction for no visible priority ordering — rooms should ideally be checked in a defined preference sequence to optimize resource allocation.

Personalization — 8.5 / 10

Extracting first and last name before each confirmation email is the correct pattern for customer-facing communication. Minor deduction for no visible null-check on the name variables — a blank salutation is an avoidable failure mode.

Fallback / edge case coverage — 8.0 / 10

The all-rooms-unavailable email path is the standout design decision in this workflow. Most implementations omit this scenario entirely. Score reflects uncertainty about whether the fallback handles partial-availability scenarios intelligently.

Error handling — 7.5 / 10

Per-branch API error emails demonstrate awareness of failure states. However, error emails appear routed only to end users. A production workflow should also fire an internal Slack or Teams alert so the development team is aware of failures.

Modularity / maintainability — 7.0 / 10

The 4-node booking sequence is fully repeated across 5 branches with no shared sub-flow abstraction. An email template change requires updates in 5 places. Platforms supporting sub-scenarios or callable modules should refactor this into a reusable booking sub-flow.

Scalability — 6.5 / 10

Adding a 6th room requires manual branch duplication. A more scalable architecture would use an iterator node cycling through a configurable room list from the spreadsheet, rather than hardcoded parallel branches.

Observability / alerting — 4.0 / 10

No logging layer is visible. When something goes wrong in production, there is no data trail to diagnose failures. Each branch outcome should write a timestamped row to a log sheet with room ID, requestor name,

and result status.

Retry / resilience logic — 3.0 / 10

No retry nodes exist on any booking step. Cloud APIs fail transiently. A network timeout routes directly to the error email with no retry attempt. A 2-retry loop with a 5-second delay per booking step would dramatically improve real-world reliability.

5. Identified Gaps & Recommendations

Critical — Retry Logic

Add a retry mechanism (2 attempts, 5-second delay) on each room booking step before escalating to the error email path. This handles transient API failures without impacting end users.

Critical — Observability

Implement a logging step on every branch outcome. Write a timestamped record (room ID, requestor, result, timestamp) to a dedicated Google Sheet log tab. Add a Slack/Teams alert for any error-state outcome.

Recommended — Modularity

Refactor the 4-node booking sequence into a reusable sub-scenario or callable module. Call it once per room from the router rather than duplicating it across 5 branches.

Recommended — Scalability

Replace hardcoded parallel branches with an iterator that reads a room list dynamically from the Google Sheet. This allows new rooms to be added via spreadsheet without modifying the scenario.

Minor — Null Variable Guard

Add a conditional check on the Get First & Last Name step. If either variable is null or empty, substitute a generic salutation to prevent a blank email greeting.

6. Recommended Workflow Title

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This title communicates four essential pieces of information in a single scannable label: the scale of the operation (multi-room), the core decision logic (availability check), the customer-facing output (appointment confirmation), and the nature of the artifact (automation). It remains accurate regardless of future room additions and requires no context to understand six months after creation.

7. Revision History

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1.0	April 16, 2026	Senior Automation Specialist	Initial documentation release

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