A nitrile is any organic compound with a −C≡N functional group. The prefix cyano- is used interchangeably with the term nitrile in literature. Nitriles used to be known as cyanides; the smallest organic nitrile is ethanenitrile, CH$_3$CN, (old name: methyl cyanide or acetonitrile - and sometimes now called ethanonitrile).

- Nomenclature of Nitriles
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- Reactivity of Nitriles
- Synthesis of Nitriles