

Backend Developer Task (FastAPI)

Allowed: Any LLM, frameworks, libraries (explain your choices in the README)

Not allowed: Copy-paste of tutorials without understanding

Submission: Working code (or runnable skeleton) + README with design decisions + short answers to the role-specific questionnaire below.

We are evaluating **thinking and design**, not polish.

Objective

Build a **secure, well-structured API** for document lifecycle management — **without** implementing OCR or LLM logic. This is an API engineering and system design task.

What to Build

1. Authentication (Mandatory)

- **JWT access token** and **refresh token**
- Token expiry handling

Endpoints:

POST /auth/login
POST /auth/refresh

2. Document APIs

Endpoint	Responsibility
POST /documents/upload	Accept PDF/DOCX, store file locally, save metadata to DB, log events. Return e.g. { "document_id": "..."}.
GET /documents	Return list: document ID, filename, status, created time.
POST /documents/{id}/process	Validate document exists, update status to PROCESSING, run processing asynchronously . For this task simulate processing (e.g. sleep then set COMPLETED + mock result). No real LLM.
GET /documents/{id}/status	Return current status, optional progress/message. Values: UPLOADED, PROCESSING, COMPLETED, FAILED.
GET /documents/{id}/result	When COMPLETED, return processed output (mock JSON/text). Otherwise appropriate error.

3. Storage

- **Files:** Local file storage (abstraction so you could swap to S3 later).
- **DB:** Metadata (SQLite OK): document_id, filename, file_path, status, timestamps. Optionally store result (e.g. extracted JSON).
- Clear separation between file storage and metadata.

4. Logging (Important)

- **Structured logs** (e.g. JSON or key-value)
- Request lifecycle: request_id, method, path, status, duration
- Document lifecycle: document_id, event (uploaded, process_started, process_completed, process_failed)
- Errors with context, no secrets in logs

5. CI/CD Preparation

You do **not** need to deploy. Include:

- **Dockerfile** that builds and runs the API
 - **Basic CI** (e.g. GitHub Actions / GitLab CI): Lint, Tests (minimal OK), Build
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Out of Scope

- OCR, LLM, LangGraph
 - WebSocket/SSE (polling is enough)
 - RBAC
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Questionnaire (answer in README)

1. Why should processing be **decoupled** from upload?
 2. How would you make `POST /documents/{id}/process` **idempotent**?
 3. How would you scale this to **1,000 concurrent uploads**?
 4. Where would the LangGraph/ML pipeline fit later?
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Deliverables

- [] Working FastAPI app (runnable locally and/or via Docker)
- [] JWT login + refresh; all five document endpoints above
- [] File storage + DB; structured logging; Dockerfile + basic CI
- [] README with setup, design decisions, and answers to the four questions above