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Roadmap for ML becoming a

Successful ML engineer

ML Engineer Roadmap for Beginners

Following is the roadmap to learning **AI Engineer** (also known as **ML Engineer**) skills for a total beginner. It includes FREE learning resources for technical skills (or tool skills) and soft (or core) skills

Prerequisites: You must have skills or interests to build skills in Coding and Math. Without these two you cannot become an ML engineer.

Total Duration: **6 Months (2 hours** of study Every Day) Also,

ML Engineer = Data scientist + Software Engineer

Week 0: Do Proper Research and protect yourself from SCAMS.

Unfortunately, a lot of systematic scams are happening in ed tech, especially in the data field where aspirants are provided with false promises like a 100% job guarantee or trapped into “Masterclasses” which are nothing but sales pitches to upsell their low-grade courses at exorbitant prices. You need to do complete research about the market and mentors before starting your journey. Providing you the links to a few posts that we have made in this regard which will support your research.

Even though these posts are **NOT** sufficient, do your additional research.

- <https://bit.ly/4at9Jaw>
- <https://bit.ly/477IOOs>
- <https://bit.ly/3GPD7dp>

Week 1 and 2: Beginners Python

. Topics

- o Variables, Numbers, Strings
- o Lists, Dictionaries, Sets, Tuples
- o If condition, for loop
- o Functions, Lambda Functions
- o Modules (pip install) o Read, Write files
- o Exception handling
- o Classes, Objects

▪ Learning Resources

[Python Tutorials \(Codebasics\) on YouTube \(first 16 videos\)](#)

. Assignment

- ☐ Track A: Finish all these exercises: <https://bit.ly/3k1mof5>
- ☐ Track B: Finish exercises and quizzes for relevant topics
- ☐ Create a professional-looking LinkedIn profile.

Topics

- o Data structures basics, Big O notation
- o Data structures: Arrays, Linked List, Hash Table, Stack, Queue
- o Data structures: Tree, Graph
- o Algorithms: Binary search, Bubble sort, quick sort, merge sort
- o Recursion

Learning Resources

- o DSA YouTube Playlist: <https://bit.ly/3uiW2Lf>

• Motivation

- o How Kaggle helped this person become ML engineer: <https://bit.ly/3RFVruy>

• Assignment

- Finish all these exercises in this same playlist: <https://bit.ly/3uiW2Lf>

Week 5, 6: Advance Python

. Topics

- o Inheritance, Generators, Iterators
- o List Comprehensions, Decorators
- o Multithreading, Multiprocessing

. Learning Resources

- o Python Tutorials (Codebasics) on YouTube (17th to 27th video)
- <https://bit.ly/3X6CCC7>

. Assignment

- Finish all these exercises in this same playlist: <https://bit.ly/3X6CCC7>

Week 7 Version Control (Git, Github)

. Topics

- o What is the versioncontrol system? What is Git and GitHub?
- o Basic commands: add, commit, push.
- o Branches, reverting change, HEAD, Diff and Merge
- o Pull requests.

. Learning Resources

- o YT playlist (codebasics): <https://bit.ly/3SECQQ7>
- o YT playlist (Corey): <https://bit.ly/3T0Yrmb>

Week 8, 9: SQL

. Topics

- o Basics of relational databases.
- o Basic Queries: SELECT, WHERE LIKE, DISTINCT, BETWEEN, GROUP BY, ORDER BY
- o Advanced Queries: CTE, Subqueries, Window Functions
- o Joins: Left, Right, Inner, Full
- o Database creation, indexes, stored procedures.

. Learning Resources

- **Khan academy** SQL course: <https://bit.ly/3WFku20>
- **sqlboltYT** video: <https://youtu.be/Rm0xH2Vpfi0?si=6ZLK8A5LvGqN4NmT>
- **Ankit Bansal** video: <https://youtu.be/Rm0xH2Vpfi0?si=6ZLK8A5LvGqN4NmT>
- **TechTFQ** video: <https://youtu.be/Rm0xH2Vpfi0?si=6ZLK8A5LvGqN4NmT>

. Assignment

- Participate in SQL resume project challenge on <https://codebasics.io/>
 - Link: <https://codebasics.io/challenge/codebasics-resume-project-challenge/7>
These challenges help you improve technical skills, soft skills and
 - business understanding.

Week 10: Numpy, Pandas, Data Visualization

. Tech Skills

o Numpy

- numpy YouTube playlist: <https://bit.ly/3GTppa8>

o Pandas, Matplotlib, Seaborn

- Go through chapter 3 in this course (entire chapter is free):
<https://codebasics.io/courses/math-and-statistics-for-data-science>

Week 12,13,14,15: Math & Statistics for AI

. Math and Statistics for AI

o Topics to Learn

- Basics: Descriptive vs inferential statistics, continuous vs discrete data, nominal vs ordinal data
- Linear Algebra: Vectors, Metrics, Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors
- Calculus: Basics of integral and differential calculus
- Probability basics Distributions: Normal distribution Correlation and covariance Central limit theorem Hypothesis
- testing: p value, confidence interval, type 1 vs type 2 error,
- Z test
- Measures of dispersion: variance, standard deviation
- Measures of central tendency: mean, median, mode
- Basic plots: Histograms, pie charts, bar charts, scatter plot etc.

- o Learning Resources
 - statquest YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/@statquest>
 - 3 blue 1 brown YT : <https://www.youtube.com/@3blue1brown>
 - Learn the above topics from this excellent Khan academy course on statistics and probability.
Course link: <https://www.khanacademy.org/math/statistics-probability>

• Assignment

- ☐ Finish all exercises in this playlist: <https://bit.ly/3QrSXis>
- ☐ Finish all exercises in Khan academy course.
- ☐ Track B: Finish exercises and quizzes for relevant topics.

Week 16: Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA)

• Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA)

- o <https://www.kaggle.com/code?searchQuery=exploratory+data+analysis>
- o Use the above link to search for exploratory data analysis notebooks.
- o Practice EDA using at least 3 datasets.
 - e.g. <https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/rishabhkarn/ipl-auction-2023/data>

• Assignment

- ☐ Perform EDA (Exploratory data analysis on **at least 2 additional datasets** on Kaggle)

Week 17,18, 19, 20: Machine Learning

Machine Learning: Preprocessing

- o Handling NA values, outlier treatment, data normalization
- One hot encoding, label encoding , Feature engineering,
- Train test split & Cross validation

Machine Learning: Model Building

- o Types of ML: Supervised, Unsupervised
- Supervised: Regression vs Classification
- o Linear models
 - Linear regression
 - logistic regression
 - Gradient descent
- o Nonlinear models (tree-based models)
 - Decision tree
 - Random forest
 - XGBoost
- o Model evaluation
 - Regression: Mean Squared Error, Mean Absolute Error, MAPE
 - Classification: Accuracy, Precision-Recall, F1 Score, ROC Curve, Confusion matrix
- o Hyperparameter tuning: GridSearchCV, RandomSearchCV
- o Unsupervised: K means, Hierarchical clustering, Dimensionality reduction (PCA)

- **Learning Resources**

Complete ML Playlist : <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLeo1K3hjS3uvCeTYTeyfe0-rN5r8zn9rw>

- **Assignment**

- Complete all exercises in ML playlist: <https://bit.ly/3io5qqX>
- Work on **2 Kaggle ML notebooks**
- Write **2 LinkedIn posts** on whatever you have learnt in ML

Week 21: ML Ops

- **Topics**

- o What is API? FastAPI for Python server development
- o DevOps Fundamentals: CI/CD pipelines, containerization (Docker, Kubernetes)
- o Familiarity with at least one cloud platform (AWS, Azure etc.)

- **Learning Resources**

- Docker tutorial: <https://bit.ly/3uCNpeE>
- FastAPI tutorial: <https://bit.ly/497p6Ex>

Week 22 - 26: Machine Learning Projects with Deployment

You need to finish **two** end to end ML projects. One on **Regression**, the other on **Classification**

Regression Project: Bangalore property price prediction

- o YouTube playlist link: <https://bit.ly/3ivycWr>
- o Project covers following
 - Data cleaning Feature engineering
 - Model building and hyper parameter tuning
 - Write flask server as a web backend
 - Building website for price prediction
 - Deployment to AWS

Classification Project: Sports celebrity image classification

- o YouTube playlist link: <https://bit.ly/3ioaMSU>
- o Project covers following
 - Data collection and data cleaning
 - Feature engineering and model training
 - Flask server as a web backend Building website and deployment