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This document provides the curriculum outline of the Knowledge, Skills and Abilities that a Certified Backstage Associate (CBA) can be expected to demonstrate.

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24% - Backstage Development Workflow

- Build and run Backstage projects locally
- Understand local development workflows
- Compile a Backstage project with TypeScript
- Download and install dependencies for a Backstage project with NPM/Yarn
- Use Docker to build a container image of a Backstage project

22% Backstage Catalog

- Understand how/why to use Backstage Catalog
- Populate Backstage Catalog
- Using annotations
- Working with manually registered entity locations
- Troubleshooting entity ingestion
- Working with automated ingestion

22% Backstage Infrastructure

- Understand the Backstage framework
- Configure Backstage
- Deploy Backstage to production
- Understand Backstage client-server architecture

32% - Customizing Backstage

- Understand frontend versus backend plugins
- Customizing Backstage plugins
- Make changes to React code in Backstage App
- Using Material UI components







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