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16-Week Free AI & Agent-Building Curriculum

All resources are free. This curriculum focuses on building core Python, data, ML, and AI

Week 1: Python Setup & Scripting Basics

****Key Topics & Resources****

- [Google's Python Class (videos & written)](<https://developers.google.com/edu/python>)
- [Codecademy: Learn Python 3 (free version)](<https://www.codecademy.com/learn/learn-python3>)
- [Python for Everybody (audit free)](<https://www.coursera.org/specializations/python>)

****Project Outline****

- Objective: Write a Python script that pings a REST endpoint and logs JSON results.
- Steps:
 - Set up a virtual environment.
 - Use `requests` to GET API data.
 - Print/log the results to a file.
- Deliverable: Python file with README for setup.

Week 2: Data Wrangling Foundations

****Key Topics & Resources****

- [NumPy Quickstart (docs)](<https://numpy.org/devdocs/user/quickstart.html>)
- [Pandas Official Tutorials](https://pandas.pydata.org/pandas-docs/stable/getting_started/)
- [YouTube: Pandas, NumPy, and Matplotlib for ML](<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vmEHCJc>)

****Project Outline****

- Objective: Load a CSV, clean data, and plot a column histogram.
- Steps:
 - Read CSV using pandas.
 - Apply basic cleaning (drop NAs, fix types).
 - Use matplotlib to plot.
- Deliverable: Jupyter notebook with code and histogram.

Week 3: Python Web APIs

****Key Topics & Resources****

- [FastAPI Official Tutorial](<https://fastapi.tiangolo.com/tutorial/>)
- [Real Python: Python Requests](<https://realpython.com/python-requests/>)
- [ScrapingBee: API Calls in Python](<https://www.scrapingbee.com/blog/python-requests/>)

****Project Outline****

- Objective: Build a FastAPI endpoint that returns cleaned stats from a CSV.
- Steps:
 - Load CSV at server startup.
 - Build an endpoint returning aggregate stats.
 - Test with curl/Postman.
- Deliverable: GitHub project with API repo and setup steps.

Weeks 4-5: Relational Databases & SQL

Key Topics & Resources

- [CS50's Intro to Databases (edX)](<https://www.edx.org/learn/sql>)
- [FreeCodeCamp: SQL Course](<https://www.freecodecamp.org/news/learn-sql-free-relational->)
- [Udemy: Free SQL for Beginners](<https://www.udemy.com/topic/sql/free/>)

Project Outline

- Objective: Import a dataset, run SQL queries, and visualize results in pandas.
- Steps:
 - Spin up SQLite locally.
 - Import data and run JOIN/SELECT queries.
 - Use pandas to analyze and plot.
- Deliverable: Notebook with queries, plots, and sample outputs.

Week 6: Data Visualization

Key Topics & Resources

- [Udemy: Free Data Visualization Courses](<https://www.udemy.com/topic/data-visualization>)
- [Noble Desktop Free Tutorials](<https://www.nobledesktop.com/learn/data-visualization/f>)
- [Simplilearn: Data Visualization (SkillUp)](<https://www.simplilearn.com/quick-guide-dat>)

Project Outline

- Objective: Build a Streamlit mini-dashboard showing key metrics.
- Steps:
 - Choose KPIs from SQL data.
 - Plot with matplotlib/seaborn.
 - Deploy with Streamlit.
- Deliverable: Live dashboard link (or screenshots) and code.

Weeks 7-8: Classical ML Toolkit

Key Topics & Resources

- [Scikit-learn Crash Course](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0B5eIE_1vpU)
- [LabEx scikit-learn Tutorials](<https://labex.io/tutorials/category/sklearn>)
- [Simplilearn: Free ML Basics (SkillUp)](<https://www.simplilearn.com/free-ai-program-ski>)

Project Outline

- Objective: Train a classifier on open data, evaluate with F1/confusion.
- Steps:
 - Use scikit-learn's train/test split.
 - Explore metrics and confusion matrix.
- Deliverable: Notebook with code, plots, and results.

Weeks 9-11: Deep Learning Core

Key Topics & Resources

- [TensorFlow Tutorials](https://www.tensorflow.org/tutorials)
- [YouTube: TensorFlow 2.0 Course](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tPYj3fFJGjk)
- [PyTorch Tutorials](https://docs.pytorch.org/tutorials/)
- [FreeCodeCamp: Learn PyTorch](https://www.freecodecamp.org/news/learn-pytorch-for-deep-

Project Outline

- Objective: Replicate MNIST digit classifier in both TF & PyTorch, compare.
- Steps:
 - Follow beginner notebook in both frameworks.
 - Document setup and results differences.
- Deliverable: Two notebooks and a comparison report.

Week 12: Modern LLMs & GPT

Key Topics & Resources

- [Simplilearn: Introduction to AI (SkillUp)](https://www.simplilearn.com/ai-for-everyone)
- [edX AI & Machine Learning Courses](https://www.edx.org/learn/artificial-intelligence)
- [CS50's Introduction to AI with Python](https://pll.harvard.edu/course/cs50s-introducti

Project Outline

- Objective: Probe GPT-4 (or public GPT-3.5 API) with structured prompts.
- Steps:
 - Document prompt variations.
 - Analyze strengths/weaknesses ("black box" effects).
- Deliverable: Notebook of results and reflection.

Week 13: RAG, LangChain & Agent Frameworks

Key Topics & Resources

- [LangChain Official Docs](https://python.langchain.com/docs/get_started/introduction)
- [edX: Building AI Apps](https://www.edx.org/learn/machine-learning)
- [YouTube: Free LangChain Tutorials](https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=langch

Project Outline

- Objective: Create a retrieval-augmented (RAG) FAQ bot on docs.
- Steps:
 - Index docs with free vector DB (FAISS).
 - Use LangChain to build bot logic.
- Deliverable: Notebook or repo with demo queries.

Week 14: No-Code AI Tools

Key Topics & Resources

- [LangFlow (GitHub)](https://github.com/logspace-ai/langflow)

- [CrewAI: Free Community Tooling](https://crewai.com/)
- [Simplilearn n8n Tutorial](https://www.simplilearn.com/tutorials/n8n-tutorial)

****Project Outline****

- Objective: Recreate FAQ agent with a no-code AI agent builder.
- Steps:
 - Choose a no-code tool (LangFlow, CrewAI, n8n).
 - Import docs/setup flow visually.
- Deliverable: Video/screenshot walkthrough of flow.

Week 15: AI Code Editors & MCP

****Key Topics & Resources****

- [Replit AI (free tier)](https://replit.com/site/ai)
- [Cursor IDE (preview free)](https://www.cursor.so/)
- [YouTube: MCP server demo](https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=mcp+server+ai)

****Project Outline****

- Objective: Refactor ML project with AI-powered code editor, deploy via MCP.
- Steps:
 - Try AI suggestion features.
 - Deploy project on MCP.
- Deliverable: Refactored codebase with AI assist notes.

Week 16: Capstone—Autonomous Business Agent

****Key Topics & Resources****

- [edX: Applied Machine Learning](https://www.edx.org/learn/machine-learning)
- [Simplilearn: Agents & Automation](https://www.simplilearn.com/tutorials/artificial-int)
- [LangChain Open-Source Tutorials](https://python.langchain.com/docs/get_started/introdu

****Project Outline****

- Objective: Ship an agent that triages emails, queries DB, drafts responses.
- Steps:
 - Integrate NLP, DB, and web interface.
 - Add logging, monitor outputs.
- Deliverable: Live demo (or video/screenshots), deployment guide, post-mortem blog.

Study Cadence

- ****Mon-Wed:**** Learn via video, docs, notebooks.
- ****Thu:**** Code-along and push to GitHub.
- ****Fri:**** Build project and write README.
- ****Weekend:**** Reflect, blog, plan next week.

Additional Free Resource Lists

- [edX Free AI/Machine Learning Courses](https://www.edx.org/courses?q=free+online+course

- [Simplilearn SkillUp AI & Data Science](https://www.simplilearn.com/introducing-simpli)

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