Comprehensive Frontend Developer Roadmap: Basic to Advanced

1. HTML Fundamentals

. Basic HTML Structure

- Document structure (<!DOCTYPE>, <html>, <head>, <body>)
- o Tags, attributes, and elements
- Semantic HTML (<header>, <nav>, <main>, <section>, <article>, <footer>)
- o Block vs. inline elements

HTML Forms

- Form elements and attributes
- o Input types (text, email, number, checkbox, radio, etc.)
- Form validation (required, pattern, min/max)
- Fieldset and legend

Media Elements

- Images (and attributes)
- Audio and video elements
- o Responsive media
- Figure and figcaption

Tables

- o Basic table structure
- o Table headers, rows, and cells
- Spanning rows and columns
- Table accessibility

HTML5 APIs

- Local Storage and Session Storage
- Geolocation API
- Canvas basics
- Drag and Drop API

2. CSS Essentials

CSS Fundamentals

- o Selectors (element, class, ID, attribute)
- o Cascading and specificity
- o Box model (content, padding, border, margin)
- o Units (px, em, rem, %, vh/vw)

· Typography

- Web fonts and font-face
- Text properties (size, weight, style, alignment)
- o Line height and letter spacing
- o Web-safe fonts vs. custom fonts

• Colors and Backgrounds

- o Color formats (hex, RGB, HSL)
- o Background properties
- Gradients
- Opacity and transparency

Layout Basics

- Display property (block, inline, inline-block)
- Positioning (static, relative, absolute, fixed, sticky)
- Floats and clears
- o z-index and stacking context

• Responsive Design Basics

- Media queries
- Viewport meta tag
- o Mobile-first approach
- Breakpoints

3. CSS Advanced

Flexbox

- Flex container properties
- Flex item properties
- Alignment and justification
- Flex direction and wrapping

CSS Grid

- Grid container properties
- o Grid item placement
- o Grid template areas
- o Implicit vs. explicit grids

. Animations and Transitions

- Transition properties
- Keyframe animations
- Animation timing functions
- o Performance considerations

• CSS Preprocessors

- SASS/SCSS basics
- Variables and mixins
- Nesting and partials
- · Functions and operators

CSS Architecture

- BEM methodology
- SMACSS
- OOCSS
- CSS Modules

Advanced Selectors

- Pseudo-classes (:hover, :nth-child, etc.)
- Pseudo-elements (::before, ::after)
- Attribute selectors
- o Combinators (descendant, child, adjacent, general sibling)

4. JavaScript Fundamentals

JavaScript Syntax

- Variables and data types
- o Operators and expressions
- o Control flow (if/else, switch, loops)
- o Functions (declarations, expressions, arrow functions)

Working with Data

- o Objects and properties
- o Arrays and array methods
- String manipulation

JSON parsing and stringifying

• DOM Manipulation

- Selecting DOM elements
- Modifying element content
- o Creating and removing elements
- Traversing the DOM

Events

- Event listeners
- Event propagation (bubbling and capturing)
- Event delegation
- o Common events (click, submit, load, etc.)

• Scope and Closures

- o Global vs. local scope
- Lexical scope
- o Closures and practical uses
- Execution context

5. JavaScript Advanced

· Asynchronous JavaScript

- Callbacks
- Promises
- Async/await
- Error handling with try/catch

ES6+ Features

- o Template literals
- Destructuring
- o Spread/rest operators
- Default parameters
- o Optional chaining and nullish coalescing

• Functional Programming Concepts

- Pure functions
- Higher-order functions
- o Map, filter, reduce
- o Immutability principles

• Object-Oriented Programming

- Prototypal inheritance
- Constructor functions
- ES6 Classes
- o Encapsulation, inheritance, polymorphism

JavaScript Modules

- o CommonJS vs. ES Modules
- Import and export syntax
- o Dynamic imports
- o Module bundling concepts

Web APIs

- Fetch API
- History API
- Intersection Observer
- Web Workers

6. TypeScript Fundamentals

• TypeScript Basics

- Static typing
- Type annotations and interfaces
- Union and intersection types
- Type inference

Advanced Types

- o Generics
- Utility types
- Type guards
- o Enums and literal types

• TypeScript with React

- o Typing props and state
- Event handling with TypeScript
- o Generic components
- Using .tsx files

7. React Fundamentals

• React Core Concepts

- JSX syntax
- Components (functional and class-based)
- Props and prop types
- State and lifecycle

• Component Patterns

- Controlled vs. uncontrolled components
- · Lifting state up
- o Composition vs. inheritance
- o Children props

· React Hooks Basics

- useState
- useEffect
- useContext
- useRef

• Conditional Rendering

- o If/else in JSX
- Ternary operators
- Short-circuit evaluation
- Switch statements

Lists and Keys

- Rendering arrays
- Key prop importance
- o Array manipulation techniques
- List performance

8. React Advanced

Advanced React Hooks

- useReducer
- useCallback
- o useMemo
- Custom hooks

Context API

- Creating context
- o Provider and Consumer
- Context with hooks

Multiple contexts

React Router

- Route configuration
- Dynamic routes
- Nested routes
- Protected routes

• Advanced Component Patterns

- Higher-Order Components (HOCs)
- Render props
- Compound components
- o Custom hooks as patterns

• Optimization Techniques

- Memoization (React.memo)
- Virtual DOM understanding
- Profiling with React DevTools
- React.lazy and Suspense

9. State Management

• Local State Management

- o useState best practices
- useReducer for complex state
- Prop drilling solutions
- o State design patterns

Redux Fundamentals

- Actions and action creators
- Reducers
- Store configuration
- o Connect API vs. hooks API

• Redux Middleware

- Redux Thunk
- Redux Saga basics
- Async actions
- Middleware patterns

• Redux Toolkit

- o createSlice
- o configureStore
- createAsyncThunk
- RTK Query

• Alternative State Management

- o Context + useReducer
- Zustand
- Jotai/Recoil
- MobX basics

• Server State Management

- React Query fundamentals
- SWR
- Caching strategies
- o Optimistic updates

10. Forms in React

Form Basics

- Controlled forms
- Form submission
- Input validation
- o Multi-step forms

Form Libraries

- React Hook Form
- Formik
- Yup validation
- Zod schema validation

Advanced Form Techniques

- o Dynamic form fields
- Form arrays
- o Field-level validation
- Form persistence

11. Styling in React

• CSS-in-JS

- o Styled-components
- Emotion
- CSS Modules with React
- o Style props

· CSS Frameworks with React

- Tailwind CSS integration
- Bootstrap with React
- Material UI
- Chakra UI

• Theming

- ThemeProvider pattern
- o Dark/light mode toggle
- Dynamic theming
- o Design system implementation

12. Testing

• Testing Fundamentals

- Unit vs. integration vs. E2E testing
- o Test-driven development
- Testing pyramids
- Writing testable code

React Testing Tools

- Jest basics
- React Testing Library
- Component testing patterns
- Mocking in tests

Advanced Testing

- Testing hooks
- o Testing Redux stores
- o Testing asynchronous code
- Snapshot testing

• End-to-End Testing

- o Cypress basics
- Playwright
- Testing user flows

13. Performance Optimization

• React Performance

- o Profiling React applications
- o Identifying performance bottlenecks
- Code splitting strategies
- Bundle size optimization

• Runtime Performance

- Avoiding unnecessary renders
- useCallback and useMemo usage
- Virtual list techniques
- React.lazy and Suspense

• Network Performance

- o HTTP/2 and HTTP/3 considerations
- Code splitting
- Resource prioritization
- Caching strategies

Web Vitals

- o Core Web Vitals metrics
- Measuring performance (Lighthouse, WebPageTest)
- o First Contentful Paint optimization
- o Cumulative Layout Shift reduction

14. Advanced React Patterns

· Data Fetching Patterns

- o Data fetching with hooks
- SWR/React Query patterns
- Loading and error states
- o Pagination and infinite scroll

Architectural Patterns

- o Container vs. presentation components
- o Feature-based organization
- o Atomic design in React

o Micro-frontends

• Authentication Patterns

- JWT auth flow
- o OAuth integration
- Protected routes
- · Role-based access control

• Internationalization (i18n)

- React Intl
- o i18next
- o Dynamic language switching
- Right-to-left support

15. Next.js Fundamentals

· Next.js Basics

- Pages and routing
- Static site generation (SSG)
- o Server-side rendering (SSR)
- API routes

Data Fetching

- o getStaticProps
- o getServerSideProps
- o Incremental Static Regeneration
- o SWR with Next.js

Next.js Features

- Image optimization
- Font optimization
- Layouts and nested layouts
- Middleware

• Next.js Deployment

- Vercel deployment
- Static exports
- Environment variables
- Serverless functions

16. Build Tools and Workflows

• Package Managers

- o npm
- o yarn
- o pnpm
- o Package.json configuration

Bundlers

- Webpack basics
- Vite
- Rollup
- esbuild

Task Runners

- o npm scripts
- Build pipelines
- Watch mode
- o Dev server configuration

• Transpilers and Polyfills

- Babel configuration
- TypeScript compilation
- Browserslist
- o Core-js polyfills

17. Version Control and Collaboration

Git Fundamentals

- Basic commands
- Branching strategies
- o Merge vs. rebase
- Resolving conflicts

• GitHub/GitLab Workflows

- Pull/merge requests
- Code reviews
- o GitHub Actions basics
- Issue management

Code Quality Tools

- ESLint
- o Prettier
- o Husky pre-commit hooks
- TypeScript strict mode

18. Accessibility (a11y)

· Accessibility Fundamentals

- WCAG guidelines
- Semantic HTML for accessibility
- Keyboard navigation
- Screen reader testing

React Accessibility

- o Accessible forms
- Focus management
- o ARIA attributes in React
- Accessible routing

• Testing for Accessibility

- Automated a11y testing
- Manual testing procedures
- o axe-core integration
- Accessibility audits

19. Security

• Frontend Security Basics

- XSS prevention
- CSRF protection
- Content Security Policy
- Secure authentication practices

API Security

- Authorization headers
- CORS understanding
- JWT handling
- Secure storage (cookies vs. localStorage)

• Security Testing

- Security audits
- o Dependency scanning
- o OWASP Top 10 for frontend
- Security headers

20. Advanced Concepts

• Server Components

- React Server Components
- Streaming SSR
- Hydration strategies
- o Islands architecture

Web Assembly

- WASM basics
- o Integrating WASM with React
- o Performance considerations
- Use cases for frontend

• Progressive Web Apps

- Service workers
- Web App Manifest
- Offline capabilities
- Push notifications

GraphQL with React

- o Apollo Client
- Query and mutation hooks
- Cache management
- o State management with Apollo

Micro-Frontends

- Module Federation
- o Single-spa
- o Architecture considerations
- o Communication between micro-frontends

21. Deployment and DevOps

CI/CD for Frontend

- o Continuous integration setup
- o Deployment strategies
- Environment management
- o Automated testing in CI

Containerization

- o Docker basics for frontend
- o Multi-stage builds
- Docker Compose for local development
- o Container orchestration concepts

• Monitoring and Logging

- Error tracking (Sentry)
- o Performance monitoring
- o Analytics integration
- · Logging best practices

• Infrastructure as Code

- Netlify/Vercel configuration
- AWS Amplify
- Terraform basics
- GitHub Actions workflows

22. Professional Skills

Technical Documentation

- README documentation
- JSDoc comments
- Storybook for component documentation
- o Architecture decision records

Code Review

- o Code review best practices
- o Giving constructive feedback
- o Addressing technical debt
- Review automation

· Technical Decision Making

- Evaluating libraries and frameworks
- Technical spike methodology
- ROI analysis for technical decisions

Tech radar concept

• Team Collaboration

- Working with designers (design systems)
- o Backend API collaboration
- Cross-functional communication
- Mentoring junior developers