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It is recommended that you do this Learning Plan in combination with the C# Learning Plan as knowledge of C# is essential for using .NET.

.NET is a comprehensive and versatile software development platform created by Microsoft. It offers a framework that enables developers to build a wide range of applications, including web, desktop, mobile, cloud, gaming, and IoT applications. The core idea behind .NET is to provide a unified programming model, which allows developers to write code in multiple programming languages such as C#, VB.NET, and F#, among others, while seamlessly integrating different technologies and services.

At the heart of .NET is the Common Language Runtime (CLR), which acts as the execution engine for managed code. It provides automatic memory management, security, and exception handling, making applications more reliable and secure. Additionally, .NET Framework includes a vast class library, offering a rich set of pre-built components and APIs for common tasks, simplifying development and reducing coding efforts.

With the introduction of .NET Core, a cross-platform and open-source implementation of .NET, developers can now build applications that run on Windows, macOS, and Linux systems. Furthermore, .NET Core enables the development of cloud-native applications that can take full advantage of the scalability and flexibility offered by modern cloud platforms. Overall, .NET empowers developers to create robust, scalable, and high-performance applications, leveraging its extensive set of tools, libraries, and frameworks.

Learning Plan Tasks

1. [Introduction to .NET Framework](#)
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- **Microsoft:** [.NET Documentation](#)
- **Microsoft:** [Learn .NET](#)
- **Microsoft:** [.NET Tutorials and Resources](#)
- **Microsoft:** [Getting Started Tutorials](#)
- **FreeCodeCamp:** [.NET Courses](#)
- **FreeCodeCamp:** [ASP.NET Core Crash Course - C# App in One Hour](#)

1. Introduction to .NET Framework

This section covers the following topics:

- Download .NET
- Understand what is .NET Framework

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- Familiarize yourself with the components of the .NET Framework, such as Common Language Runtime (CLR), Base Class Library (BCL), and Application Domain
- Understand the architecture of the .NET Framework
- Understand the benefits of using .NET Framework

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1. Download .NET
 - ☐ Navigate to the [Install .NET](#) page and follow the download instructions for your operating system
 - ☐ Follow the [Create a .NET console application](#) tutorial to create and run a “Hello World” application
2. Understand what is .NET Framework:
 - ☐ Read an [overview of .NET Framework](#) from the Microsoft documentation
 - ☐ Watch a video explaining what is .NET Framework
 - ☐ Search for articles or blogs discussing .NET Framework and read a few to get an idea of what it is
3. Familiarize yourself with the components of the .NET Framework, such as Common Language Runtime (CLR), Base Class Library (BCL), and Application Domain:
 - ☐ [Read about CLR](#) and its role in .NET Framework
 - ☐ Familiarize yourself [with the BCL](#) and its most commonly used classes
 - ☐ Learn what [Application Domain](#) is and how it can be used in .NET applications
4. Understand the architecture of the .NET Framework:
 - ☐ Study the different layers of the .NET Framework architecture
 - ☐ Understand how the layers interact with each other
 - ☐ Search for diagrams or visual aids to help you better understand the architecture
5. Understand the benefits of using .NET Framework:
 - ☐ Read about the advantages of using .NET Framework for application development
 - ☐ Study the performance benefits of using .NET Framework
 - ☐ Look for examples of companies or products that use .NET Framework to understand its real-world applications

Completing these tasks should give you a good understanding of what .NET Framework is, its components, architecture, and the benefits of using it.

2 .NET Class Library

This section covers the following topics:

- Learn about the .NET Class Library and its importance in .NET development

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- Familiarize yourself with commonly used namespaces, such as System, System.IO, System.Collections, and System.Threading
- Understand how to use classes and interfaces from the .NET Class Library in your application

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1. Learn about the .NET Class Library and its importance in .NET development:
 - ☐ Read an overview of the **.NET Class Library** from the Microsoft documentation
 - ☐ Watch a video explaining the importance of the .NET Class Library
 - ☐ Study the most commonly used classes in the .NET Class Library
2. Familiarize yourself with commonly used namespaces, such as System, System.IO, System.Collections, and System.Threading:
 - ☐ Read about the purpose and usage of the System namespace
 - ☐ Study the **System.IO namespace** and its commonly used classes
 - ☐ Understand the usage of the System.Collections namespace and its classes
 - ☐ Study the **System.Threading namespace** and its commonly used classes
3. Understand how to use classes and interfaces from the .NET Class Library in your application:
 - ☐ Learn how to add references to the .NET Class Library in your project
 - ☐ Study how to instantiate objects from the .NET Class Library
 - ☐ Understand how to use methods and properties from the .NET Class Library classes in your application
4. Build Something!
 - **Idea #1 - File Explorer:** Develop a basic file explorer application that utilizes classes and interfaces from the .NET Class Library.
 - **Idea #2 - Contact Management System:** Create a contact management system that uses classes and interfaces from the .NET Class Library to manage contact information
 - Build anything else that uses classes and interfaces from the .NET Class Library.

Completing these tasks should give you a good understanding of the .NET Class Library, commonly used namespaces, and how to use classes and interfaces from the library in your application.

3. ASP.NET

This section covers the following topics:

- Get an introduction to ASP.NET, a popular web application framework for .NET
- Understand the architecture of ASP.NET
- Learn how to create web applications using ASP.NET and C#
- Understand the concept of server controls and data binding in ASP.NET

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1. Get an introduction to ASP.NET, a popular web application framework for .NET:
 - ☐ Read an overview of [ASP.NET from the Microsoft documentation](#)
 - ☐ Watch a video explaining what ASP.NET is and its benefits
 - ☐ Search for articles or blogs discussing ASP.NET and read a few to get an idea of what it is
2. Understand the architecture of ASP.NET:
 - ☐ Study the different components of the ASP.NET architecture, such as the HTTP runtime, HTTP modules, and the page framework
 - ☐ Understand the role of the ASP.NET worker process and application domains in handling requests
 - ☐ Search for diagrams or visual aids to help you better understand the ASP.NET architecture
3. Learn how to create web applications using ASP.NET and C#:
 - ☐ Study the basics of creating an ASP.NET web application, including setting up a project, creating a web form, and adding server controls
 - ☐ Learn how to create a simple web application that displays data from a database using ASP.NET and C#
 - ☐ Study how to handle user input and respond with dynamic content using ASP.NET and C#
4. Understand the concept of server controls and data binding in ASP.NET:
 - ☐ Learn what server controls are and how they are used in ASP.NET
 - ☐ Study the different types of server controls available in ASP.NET, such as text boxes, labels, and buttons
 - ☐ Learn how to use data binding to populate server controls with data from a database
5. Build Something!
 - **Idea #1 - Student Grade Management System:** Create a web application to manage student grades and display them using server controls and data binding.
 - **Idea #2 - Product Management System:** Develop a web application to manage product inventory using server controls and data binding.
 - Build something brand new based on what you have learned so far!

Completing these tasks should give you a good understanding of ASP.NET, its architecture, and how to create web applications using ASP.NET and C#. You should also have an understanding of server controls and data binding in ASP.NET.

4. Advanced Topics in .NET

This section covers the following topics:

- Learn about advanced topics such as LINQ, Entity Framework, and MVC
- Understand the benefits and usage of LINQ for querying data in .NET
- Learn about Entity Framework and its importance in .NET development

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- Understand the Model-View-Controller (MVC) pattern and how to implement it in .NET applications

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1. Learn about advanced topics such as LINQ, Entity Framework, and MVC:
 - ☐ Read an overview of each topic ([LINQ](#), [Entity Framework](#), and [MVC](#)) from the Microsoft documentation
 - ☐ Watch videos that provide an introduction to each topic and explain their importance in .NET development
 - ☐ Search for articles or blogs discussing each topic and read a few to get an idea of what they are and how they are used
2. Understand the benefits and usage of LINQ for querying data in .NET:
 - ☐ Study the syntax of LINQ queries and how they are used to query data in .NET
 - ☐ Learn how to use LINQ to query databases, collections, and arrays
3. Learn about Entity Framework and its importance in .NET development:
 - ☐ Study the basics of Entity Framework, including its architecture and how it is used to access databases in .NET applications
 - ☐ Learn how to use Entity Framework to create, read, update, and delete data in a database
4. Understand the Model-View-Controller (MVC) pattern and how to implement it in .NET applications:
 - ☐ Study the basics of the MVC pattern and how it is used to organize code in .NET applications
 - ☐ Learn how to create an MVC application in .NET, including creating models, views, and controllers
5. Build Something!
 - **Idea #1 - E-commerce Website:** Build a mini e-commerce website that incorporates LINQ, Entity Framework, and MVC.
 - **Idea #2 - Task Management System:** Build a system that allows the user to manage tasks and incorporates LINQ, Entity Framework, and MVC.
 - Build something brand new based on what you have learned so far!

Completing these tasks should give you a good understanding of advanced topics such as LINQ, Entity Framework, and MVC. You should also have an understanding of the benefits and usage of LINQ for querying data, Entity Framework and its importance in .NET development, and the Model-View-Controller (MVC) pattern and how to implement it in .NET applications.

5. .NET Core

This section covers the following topics:

- Learn about .NET Core, the cross-platform version of .NET

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- Understand the differences between .NET Framework and .NET Core
- Learn how to create and run .NET Core applications
- Familiarize yourself with ASP.NET Core, the cross-platform version of ASP.NET

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1. Learn about .NET Core, the cross-platform version of .NET:
 - ☐ Study the history and purpose of .NET Core and why it was created
 - ☐ Learn about the features and benefits of .NET Core compared to .NET Framework
 - ☐ Read the official documentation to get a better understanding of .NET Core
2. Understand the differences between .NET Framework and .NET Core:
 - ☐ Study the major differences between .NET Framework and .NET Core, including their architecture and target platforms
 - ☐ Learn about the differences in performance, features, and tooling between .NET Framework and .NET Core
 - ☐ Study the migration path from .NET Framework to .NET Core, including the challenges and benefits of the transition
3. Learn how to create and run .NET Core applications:
 - ☐ Install the .NET Core SDK and learn how to use the command-line interface (CLI) to create and run .NET Core applications
 - ☐ Learn about the different types of .NET Core projects, including console applications, web applications, and class libraries
 - ☐ Practice creating and running .NET Core applications using the CLI and Visual Studio
4. Familiarize yourself with ASP.NET Core, the cross-platform version of ASP.NET:
 - ☐ Study the architecture of ASP.NET Core and how it differs from ASP.NET Framework
 - ☐ Learn how to create and run ASP.NET Core web applications, including creating controllers and views
 - ☐ Practice creating and running a simple ASP.NET Core web application to get a better understanding of how it works

Completing these tasks should give you a good understanding of .NET Core, the differences between .NET Framework and .NET Core, how to create and run .NET Core applications, and how to create and run ASP.NET Core web applications.

Build Something with .NET

- **Console Application** Build a simple console application that uses the .NET Framework's Base Class Library (BCL). You could create a program that generates a random password, or converts temperatures from Celsius to Fahrenheit.
- **Web Page** Build a simple web page using HTML, CSS, and JavaScript. You could create a todo application or a recipe management app.

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- **Windows Forms Application** Build a simple desktop application using Windows Forms. You could create a text editor or a timer.
- **Mobile App** Build a simple mobile app using Xamarin. You could create a tip calculator app, or a weather app.
- **API** Build a simple RESTful API using ASP.NET Web API. You could create an API for a to-do list, a weather service, or a simple quiz game.

Remember, the goal of these projects is to apply what you've learned and to have fun while doing it. Don't worry too much about making something complex or perfect – focus on building something useful and learning along the way!