

Goal

Build a Document Management API where:

Users can register & login

Users can upload documents

Admin can approve/reject documents

Only approved documents are publicly accessible

Role-based access control is enforced

Timeline Plan (5 Days)

Day 1 – Project Setup + Authentication

Setup FastAPI project structure (proper modular)

JWT Authentication (access + refresh token)

Password hashing

User registration & login

Role system (admin, user)

Day 2 – Database Design (Relational)

Design tables:

users

documents

document_status_history (optional but recommended)

Use:

SQLAlchemy ORM

Alembic migrations

Day 3 – File Upload + Storage

Upload document (PDF, image only)

Store file locally

Save metadata in DB:

file_path

uploaded_by

status = pending

Day 4 – RBAC (Role Based Access Control)

Rules:

User:

Upload document

View only their documents

Admin:

View all documents

Approve / Reject document

If they implement this properly → they understand dependencies & security.

Day 5 – Background Task

When document is approved:

Trigger background task:
Log approval
Or simulate email sending
Use:
FastAPI BackgroundTasks

✅ Day 6 – Filtering, Pagination, Search

Admin endpoint:
Filter by status
Filter by date range
Pagination
Search by filename

✅ Day 7 – Testing + Documentation

Write basic pytest for testing functions
Add Swagger customization
Proper exception handling
Custom error response format

📌 Detailed Task Requirements

1 Authentication System

Must implement:
JWT token
Refresh token
Password hashing (bcrypt)
Token dependency injection
Token expiration

2 Proper Project Structure

They must NOT write everything in main.py
Expected structure:
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```
app/
├── main.py
├── models/
├── schemas/
├── routes/
├── services/
├── core/
├── dependencies/
└── utils/
```

3 Role-Based Access Control

Create role field in user model
Create dependency to check role
Protect routes properly

Example:

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Python

```
@router.post("/approve")
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def approve_document(current_user=Depends(admin_only)):
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4 File Validation

Validate file type
Limit file size
Handle invalid upload safely
Beginner will ignore validation.

5 Advanced Querying

Admin endpoint should support:

?status=approved

?start_date=

?end_date=

?search=

Pagination

6 Proper Error Handling

Use HTTPException properly
Global exception handler
Structured error responses