

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")
def approve_document(current_user=Depends(admin_only)):
```

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