BackEnd Engineer RoadMap

1. Computer Science Fundamentals (Understanding core concepts that fuel the technology)

- Basics of Computers & How They Work
- Data Structures
- Algorithms
- Networking Fundamentals
- Database Fundamentals

2. Internet Basics (As a back-end engineer, understanding how the internet works is crucial)

- Understanding How the Internet Works
- Basics of DNS & Hosting
- HTTP/HTTPS & APIs
- Email & SMTP

3. Version Control System (Manage and track changes to your code)

- Git
  - Basic Commands
  - Branching & Merging
  - Conflict Resolution

4. Programming Languages (Choose at least one, learn the syntax and principles)

- Python
- Node.js (JavaScript)
- Java
- Ruby
- PHP
- Rust
- Go

5. Middleware (Enhance request/response processing pipelines)

- Express Middleware (Node.js)
- Django Middleware (Python)

6. Object-Relational Mapping (Interact with your database with your language of choice)

- Sequelize (JavaScript)
- Hibernate (Java)
- SQLAlchemy (Python)

7. Understanding and Writing APIs (Learn to develop and use APIs)

- REST
- GraphQL
- Websockets

8. Deep Dive into GraphQL (Explore more about this modern data query and manipulation language)

- Writing Schema & Resolvers
- Authentication & Authorization with GraphQL

9. Databases (Learn to store, retrieve, and manipulate data)

- SQL Databases (PostgreSQL, MySQL)
- NoSQL Databases (MongoDB, Cassandra)
- Key-value Stores (Redis, Memcached)
- Document Stores (MongoDB, CouchDB)
- Full-text Search Engines (Elasticsearch)
- Graph Databases (Neo4j, Amazon Neptune)

10. Advanced Databases (Explore more types of databases for specific use-cases)

- Distributed Databases (CockroachDB)
- Columnar Databases (Redshift)
- Time-series Databases (InfluxDB)
- In-memory Databases (Redis)

11. Learning about Servers (Understand and manage servers)

- Linux Basics and Command Line
- Server Configuration (nginx, Apache)
- Deployment (VPS providers: Digital Ocean, Linode, AWS EC2)
- Docker (Containerization)
- Kubernetes (Container Orchestration)
- Cloud Providers (AWS, GCP, Azure)

12. Web Security Knowledge (Protect your application and data)

- HTTPS
- CORS
- OWASP Security Risks
- JWT

13. Backend Frameworks (Choose one based on your language of choice)

- Django (Python)
- Flask (Python)
- Express.js (Node.js)
- Spring Boot (Java)
- Rails (Ruby)
- Laravel (PHP)

14. Architectural Patterns (Learn to structure your applications)

- MVC Architecture
- Microservices
- Serverless Architecture

15. Testing (Ensure your application works as expected)

- Unit Testing
- Integration Testing
- End-to-End Testing

16. CI/CD (Automate the process from code to deployment)

- Continuous Integration
- Continuous Deployment
- Tools (Docker, Jenkins, GitHub Actions, GitLab)

17. Scalability and High Availability (Manage system growth efficiently)

- Horizontal vs Vertical Scaling
- Stateless Applications
- Redundancy & Failover Strategies
- Load Distribution

18. Service Mesh (Manage service-to-service communication in complex services)

- Istio
- Linkerd

19. API Design Principles and Best Practices (Create efficient, secure and user-friendly APIs)

- RESTful API Design
- GraphQL

20. Performance (Ensure your services are fast and efficient)

- Load Balancing
- Caching
- Profiling
- Monitoring and Alerts (Prometheus, Grafana)

21. Advanced Topics (Delve deeper into back-end technologies and principles)

- Message Brokers (RabbitMQ, Kafka)
- Event-Driven Architecture
- Real-Time Communication (WebSockets, Server-Sent Events)
- Advanced Security (OAuth, OpenID, SAML, Encryption & Hashing)
- Distributed Systems (Clustering, Sharding, Replication)
- Content Delivery Network (CDN)
- Design Patterns (Singleton, Factory, Decorator, Observer, Module)
- Networking (TCP/IP, UDP, WebRTC)
- DevOps Tools and Practices (Ansible, Chef, Puppet, Terraform, Monitoring, Logging)