Backend Developer Course Syllabus (7 Days, 2 Hours Daily)

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Course Overview

This 7-day course introduces backend development with Node.js and MongoDB. Each day includes 1 hour of theory, 1 hour of practicals, and a 5-question MCQ test (14 hours total).

Prerequisites

- Basic JavaScript knowledge.
- Computer with Node.js and MongoDB installed.

Daily Breakdown

- Day 1: Backend Basics Theory (1 hr): Server-side concepts, Node.js overview. Node.js Docs
 - Practical (1 hr): Set up a Node.js server.
 - MCQ Test (5 questions):
 - 1. What is backend development? (a) Web design (b) Server-side logic (c) Data visualization (d) None
 - 2. What is Node.js? (a) CSS framework (b) JavaScript runtime (c) Database (d) None
 - 3. What runs a backend server? (a) Browser (b) Server (c) Client (d) None
 - 4. What is a server's role? (a) Display UI (b) Process requests (c) Store styles (d) None
 - 5. Which tool tests APIs? (a) Photoshop (b) Postman (c) Excel (d) None

Answers: b, b, b, b

- Day 2: Express.js Theory (1 hr): Express.js framework, routing. Express.js Docs
 - Practical (1 hr): Build a simple Express server with routes.
 - MCQ Test (5 questions):
 - 1. What is Express.js? (a) Database (b) Web framework (c) CSS library (d) None
 - 2. What is a route? (a) URL path (b) HTML tag (c) JavaScript variable (d) None
 - 3. What does app.get() do? (a) Handles GET requests (b) Deletes data (c) Updates data (d) None
 - 4. What is middleware? (a) Database (b) Request processor (c) Styling tool (d) None
 - 5. Which HTTP method retrieves data? (a) POST (b) GET (c) PUT (d) DELETE

Answers: b, a, a, b, b

- Day 3: RESTful APIs Theory (1 hr): REST principles, HTTP methods. Coursera: Server-Side Development
 - Practical (1 hr): Create a REST API endpoint in Express.
 - MCQ Test (5 questions):
 - 1. What does REST stand for? (a) Representational State Transfer (b) Remote System Test (c) Real-Time System (d) None
 - 2. Which HTTP method updates data? (a) GET (b) POST (c) PUT (d) DELETE

- 3. What is an API endpoint? (a) Database (b) URL path (c) CSS rule (d) None
- 4. What format is used in REST APIs? (a) HTML (b) JSON (c) CSS (d) None
- 5. What does a status code indicate? (a) Data type (b) Request success (c) File size (d) None

Answers: a, c, b, b, b

- Day 4: MongoDB Basics Theory (1 hr): NoSQL databases, MongoDB schema. MongoDB Docs
 - Practical (1 hr): Connect Express to MongoDB, store data.
 - MCQ Test (5 questions):
 - 1. What is MongoDB? (a) SQL database (b) NoSQL database (c) CSS framework (d) None
 - 2. What is a MongoDB collection? (a) Table equivalent (b) File storage (c) Code editor (d) None
 - 3. What stores data in MongoDB? (a) Documents (b) Rows (c) Columns (d) None
 - 4. Which library connects Node.js to MongoDB? (a) Mongoose (b) Pandas (c) Matplotlib (d) None
 - 5. What is a MongoDB schema? (a) Fixed structure (b) Flexible structure (c) CSS rule (d) None

Answers: b, a, a, a, b

- Day 5: CRUD Operations Theory (1 hr): Create, Read, Update, Delete operations. GeeksforGeeks: MongoDB CRUD
 - Practical (1 hr): Implement CRUD operations in an API.
 - MCQ Test (5 questions):
 - 1. What does CRUD stand for? (a) Create, Read, Update, Delete (b) Code, Run, Update, Deploy (c) Create, Render, Update, Design (d) None
 - 2. Which operation retrieves data? (a) Create (b) Read (c) Update (d) Delete
 - 3. What HTTP method maps to Create? (a) GET (b) POST (c) PUT (d) DELETE
 - 4. What does Update modify? (a) Existing data (b) New data (c) Deleted data (d) None
 - 5. Which MongoDB method deletes data? (a) find() (b) remove() (c) update() (d) insert() Answers: a, b, b, a, b
- **Day 6: Authentication Theory (1 hr)**: JWT, user authentication basics. Coursera: Web Security
 - Practical (1 hr): Add JWT authentication to an API.
 - MCQ Test (5 questions):
 - 1. What is JWT? (a) JavaScript Web Token (b) JSON Web Token (c) Java Web Token (d) None
 - 2. What does authentication verify? (a) Data size (b) User identity (c) File type (d) None
 - 3. What is a token? (a) Secure string (b) HTML tag (c) CSS rule (d) None
 - 4. Where is a JWT stored? (a) Database (b) Client-side (c) Server-side (d) None
 - 5. Why use authentication? (a) Improve speed (b) Secure access (c) Change style (d) None Answers: $b,\ b,\ a,\ b,\ b$
- Day 7: Capstone Project Theory (1 hr): API deployment, portfolio basics. Coursera: Career Development
 - Practical (1 hr): Build a complete backend API (e.g., to-do list).
 - MCQ Test (5 questions):
 - 1. What is API deployment? (a) Styling API (b) Hosting API (c) Deleting API (d) None
 - 2. Why build a portfolio? (a) Show skills (b) Store data (c) Change style (d) None
 - 3. Which platform hosts APIs? (a) Heroku (b) Photoshop (c) Excel (d) None
 - 4. What should an API project include? (a) Endpoints (b) HTML tags (c) CSS rules (d) None
 - 5. Why test APIs? (a) Ensure functionality (b) Change style (c) Reduce data (d) None Answers: b, a, a, a, a

Resources

- Node.js
- MongoDB
- Postman