Comprehensive Django REST Framework (DRF) Syllabus

Here's a detailed syllabus that includes both **predefined features** and **user-defined extensions** to DRF, covering topics like **payment integrations**, **map integration**, **email/phone verification**, and more.

1. Introduction to DRF

- What is Django REST Framework (DRF)?
- Difference between Django and DRF.
- REST principles and architecture.
- Installing and configuring DRF.
- Creating a basic DRF project.

2. Core Concepts of DRF

- DRF project structure and settings.
- HTTP Methods: GET, POST, PUT, PATCH, DELETE.
- Status codes and their importance.
- Serializers:
 - o serializers. Serializer vs. serializers. ModelSerializer.
 - o Field-level and object-level validation.
 - Custom fields in serializers.
- Views:
 - Function-Based Views (FBVs).
 - Class-Based Views (CBVs).
 - o APIView.
 - o Generic views and mixins.
 - ViewSets and Routers.

3. Predefined Features in DRF

- Authentication:
 - Session, Token, Basic Authentication.
 - JWT Authentication using djangorestframework-simplejwt.
- Permissions:
 - AllowAny, IsAuthenticated, IsAdminUser.

- Custom permission classes.
- Filtering and Pagination:
 - Filtering with query parameters.
 - o django-filter integration.
 - Pagination classes: PageNumberPagination, LimitOffsetPagination, CursorPagination.
- Throttling:
 - o AnonRateThrottle and UserRateThrottle.
- Versioning APIs.
- · Content negotiation and response rendering.

4. User-Defined Extensions in DRF

Email Verification

- Sending OTP for user registration using django.core.mail.
- Implementing email verification using tokens (e.g., itsdangerous or JWT).

Phone Number Verification

- SMS-based OTP verification using APIs like Twilio, Nexmo, or Fast2SMS.
- Storing and validating OTP in the database.

Maps Integration

- Google Maps API integration for geocoding and location-based services.
- Displaying and guerying locations using latitude and longitude.

Payment Integration

- Using payment gateways like Razorpay, Stripe, or PayPal.
- Implementing payment workflows:
 - Generating payment links.
 - Verifying payment status.
 - Handling webhooks for payment updates.

Social Authentication

- Google, Facebook, and other OAuth integrations using django-allauth.
- JWT integration for social logins.

5. Testing APIs

- Unit testing using Django's TestCase.
- Writing tests for DRF APIs using APITestCase and APIClient.
- Mocking external APIs in tests.

6. Deployment

- Preparing DRF apps for production.
- Setting up a server with Gunicorn/NGINX.
- Deploying using Docker.
- Using CI/CD pipelines for automated deployments.

7. Advanced Topics

- Asynchronous programming with async views in DRF.
- File upload/download handling.
- WebSocket integration with Django Channels for real-time APIs.
- Building GraphQL APIs alongside DRF using libraries like graphene-django.

8. Capstone Projects

1. E-Commerce API:

- o Product catalog.
- Cart and checkout system.
- Payment integration.
- User authentication.

2. Food Delivery App API:

- Restaurant listings with geolocation.
- Order placement and tracking.
- Payment processing.

3. Real-Time Chat API:

- WebSocket-based communication.
- User authentication and chat history.

4. Event Management API:

- CRUD operations for events.
- User registration and ticketing.
- Map-based location display.

Predefined vs. User-Defined Features in DRF

Feature Examples
Type

Predefined Authentication (Session/Token/JWT), Permissions, Pagination, Serializers,

Throttling.

User-Define Email/Phone verification, Payment integrations, Maps, Custom validation

d rules, GraphQL.

9. Tools and Libraries

Predefined Tools:

- o DRF for serializers, views, and authentication.
- django-filter for advanced querying.
- o djangorestframework-simplejwt for JWT authentication.

User-Defined Libraries:

- o twilio for phone verification.
- googlemaps for location services.
- o razorpay or stripe for payment processing.
- celery for background tasks like email notifications.

Custom DRF Extensions

- 1. File Upload Handling: Upload images, files, and videos using DRF.
- Background Tasks: Use Celery for sending emails, OTPs, or processing large tasks asynchronously.
- 3. **Realtime Notifications**: Use Django Channels for WebSocket-based notifications.

10. Future Enhancements

- Al Integration: Integrating DRF APIs with AI services like OpenAI or TensorFlow.
- **IoT Applications**: Using DRF with MQTT protocols for IoT systems.
- Scalable Systems: Best practices for building scalable and distributed systems using DRF.

If you'd like, I can create a PDF for this syllabus or provide more detailed examples on any specific topic! Let me know.