Week 1-3: Backend Foundations (Node.js, Express.js & MongoDB)

Week 1: Node.js & Express.js Core

Understanding Node.js runtime

**Event Loop & Asynchronous Programming** 

Creating an HTTP server with Node.js (http module)

Introduction to Express.js

Middleware & Routing in Express

Handling Requests & Responses

Week 2: RESTful APIs & MongoDB

**RESTful API Design Principles** 

Connecting Express to MongoDB

**CRUD Operations with Mongoose** 

Data Validation & Schemas

Error Handling & Logging in Express

Week 3: Authentication & Authorization

User Authentication with JWT

Password Hashing with bcrypt

Role-Based Access Control (RBAC)

Session Management & Cookies

Security Best Practices (Helmet, CORS, Rate Limiting)

Week 4-6: Advanced Backend Development

Week 4: File Management & API Enhancements

File Uploads with Multer

Sending Emails with Nodemailer

Implementing Search & Filtering

API Versioning & Documentation (Swagger/Postman)

Week 5: Caching & Performance Optimization

Caching with Redis

API Pagination & Query Optimization

Load Balancing & Rate Limiting

**Profiling & Monitoring APIs** 

Week 6: Real-Time Features & Testing

WebSockets for Real-Time Communication

**Implementing Push Notifications** 

Unit & Integration Testing with Jest & Supertest

**Debugging & Error Handling Strategies** 

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Week 7-8: Deployment & Scaling

Week 7: Production-Ready API Development

**Environment Variables & Configuration** 

API Logging with Winston & Morgan

Queue Processing with BullMQ

Week 8: Deployment & CI/CD

Dockerizing an Express.js App

CI/CD Pipelines with GitHub Actions

Deploying to Heroku, Digital Ocean, or AWS

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Week 9-10: Capstone Project

Week 9: Full-Stack Integration & Project Development

Integrating Express.js Backend with a React/Next.js Frontend

Serverless Functions with AWS Lambda/Vercel

Start Capstone Project: Build a real-world API

Week 10: Project Deployment & Documentation

Finalize & Optimize the API

Write API documentation (Swagger/Postman)

Deploy & Present the project

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**Final Deliverables** 

Fully deployed API project

GitHub repository with code & documentation

API documentation (Swagger/Postman)

Performance optimization & testing reports