

Software Engineering — Backend

Power Web Applications with Robust Server-Side Architecture

| Duration | Level | Course Fee | Delivery |
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| 10 Weeks (Full-Time) / 20 Weeks (Part-Time) | Beginner to Intermediate | NGN 60,000 | In-Person Abuja & Kaduna |

Course Overview

The Backend Software Engineering programme teaches students to build the server-side logic, databases, and APIs that power modern web applications. Using Python with the Django framework alongside Node.js/Express, students learn how to design RESTful APIs, model relational and non-relational databases, implement authentication systems, and deploy production-ready applications. The course covers software engineering best practices including testing, CI/CD, and cloud deployment.

Course Curriculum

| Week | Topic | What You Will Learn |
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| Wk 1 | Python for Backend Development | Python refresher, OOP principles, modules, pip, virtual environments, file I/O, error handling |
| Wk 2 | Databases & SQL | Relational databases, SQL (DDL/DML), CRUD operations, joins, indexing, PostgreSQL setup |
| Wk 3 | Django Fundamentals | MTV architecture, URL routing, views, templates, models, Django ORM, migrations, admin panel |
| Wk 4 | Django REST Framework (DRF) | Serializers, API views, ViewSets, routers, pagination, filtering, authentication (Token/JWT) |
| Wk 5 | Node.js & Express.js | Node.js runtime, event loop, NPM, Express routing, middleware, request/response cycle |
| Wk 6 | NoSQL Databases & MongoDB | Document model, CRUD in MongoDB, Mongoose ODM, schema design, aggregation pipelines |
| Wk 7 | Authentication & Security | Password hashing (bcrypt), JWT, OAuth 2.0, session management, API rate limiting, CORS |
| Wk 8 | Software Testing | Unit tests, integration tests, Pytest/Jest, TDD principles, mocking, test coverage |

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| Wk 9 | Deployment & DevOps Basics | Linux CLI, Docker containers, Nginx, Gunicorn, CI/CD pipelines, Heroku / Railway / AWS EC2 |
| Wk 10 | Capstone Project & Career Prep | Full REST API project (Django or Node), documentation with Swagger, GitHub portfolio, interviews |

Learning Outcomes

By the end of this course, students will be able to:

- ✓ Design and build RESTful APIs with Django and Node.js
- ✓ Implement secure authentication and authorisation systems
- ✓ Deploy applications to cloud platforms using Docker
- ✓ Write clear API documentation for frontend teams
- ✓ Model relational and non-relational databases effectively
- ✓ Write automated tests for backend applications
- ✓ Manage code with Git and follow CI/CD best practices
- ✓ Solve real-world backend engineering problems

Tools & Technologies Covered

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| Python | Django / DRF | Node.js / Express | PostgreSQL |
| MongoDB | Docker | Nginx | Git / GitHub |
| Postman | Pytest / Jest | | |

Career Opportunities

- Backend Developer
- API Developer
- Django Developer
- Node.js Developer
- Junior DevOps Engineer
- Junior Full-Stack Developer

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