# MERN Syllabus

For Apprenticeship Training Program



















MERN stands for **MongoDB**, **Express.js**, **React.js**, **and Node.js**. These four technologies come together to form a powerful stack that allows developers to build dynamic, full-stack web applications with ease. Each component in the MERN stack serves a specific role, contributing to a seamless development process that is ideal for building both modern, user-friendly websites and robust, scalable web applications.

**MongoDB** is a NoSQL database that stores data in a flexible, JSON-like format. It allows developers to handle large amounts of data in a highly scalable and efficient way. Unlike traditional relational databases, MongoDB is schema-less, meaning that data can be easily modified and expanded as your application grows. This flexibility makes it a perfect choice for applications that require the storage and retrieval of unstructured or semi-structured data.

**Express.js**, a web application framework for Node.js, simplifies the process of building web applications by providing robust features for routing, handling HTTP requests, and managing middleware. Its minimalist approach allows developers to build scalable web applications and APIs quickly, without getting bogged down in the complexities of the server-side code. By using Express.js, developers can focus more on the logic and functionality of their applications rather than worrying about the infrastructure.

React.js, the front-end library in the MERN stack, is renowned for its ability to build fast, interactive, and highly dynamic user interfaces. Developed by Facebook, React allows developers to create reusable UI components that update efficiently as the application's data changes. Its virtual DOM ensures optimal performance, making React a preferred choice for building single-page applications (SPAs) and large-scale web projects that require dynamic, real-time user experiences.

Finally, **Node.js** is a powerful, event-driven JavaScript runtime that allows developers to run JavaScript on the server side. It enables fast and efficient execution of code, which is crucial for handling high volumes of requests in real-time applications. Node.js is built on Chrome's V8 engine, giving it exceptional performance capabilities. Moreover, its non-blocking I/O model makes it ideal for building scalable network applications, where thousands of connections can be handled simultaneously.



















#### **HTML: MODULE 1**

#### **Introduction:**

- What is HTML?
- 1. Definition and importance of HTML
- 2. Role of HTML in web development
- 3. Overview of how HTML works with CSS and JavaScript
- History Of HTML?
- 1. Evolution of HTML from HTML 1.0 to HTML5
- 2. Key milestones and developments in HTML history
- 3. Impact of HTML advancements on web development
- Basic Structures of a Web Page
- 1. Fundamental structure of an HTML document
- 2. Understanding the <!DOCTYPE html> declaration
- 3. Introduction to HTML elements and attributes

#### **HTML Head Tags:**

- Purpose and Use of the <head> Section
- 2. Using meta tags for SEO and responsive design

#### **HTML Body Tags:**

- Structure and Purpose of the <body> Section
- 1. Creating and organising content within the body
- 2. Basic HTML tags for structuring web pages

#### **HTML Basic Tags:**

- <br> and <hr> Tags
- 1. Usage and examples of line breaks with <br>
- 2. Creating horizontal rules with <hr>
- , <h1> to <h6>, <a>, <img>, , , , <div>, <span>,</strong>, <em>, , , , , <form>, <input>,

#### **HTML Link Creation:**

- HTML Anchor Tags
- 1. Creating hyperlinks with the <a> tag
- 2. Understanding href attribute and link destinations
- 3. Opening links in new tabs or windows with target attribute

#### **HTML Tables**

- HTML Tables
- 1.Constructing tables with , , , and tags
- 2. Basic table structure and usage



- HTML Nested Tables
- 1. Creating tables within tables
- 2. Managing nested table layouts
- HTML Merging Cells
- Merging table cells with colspan and rowspan attributes
- 2. Practical examples of cell merging
- HTML Text Wrapping
- 1. Wrapping text within table cells
- 2. Handling overflow and text alignment
- HTML Table Background Image
- 1. Adding background images to tables or cells
- Customising table aesthetics with background images
- HTML Table Cell Alignment
- 1. Aligning text and content within table cells
- 2. Using align and valign attributes

#### HTML: MODULE 2

#### **HTML Lists:**

- HTML Unordered Lists
- 1. Creating bulleted lists with
- 2. Using <ii> for list items
- 3. Styling unordered lists
- HTML Ordered Lists
- 1. Creating numbered lists with
- 2. List item customization and attributes
- 3. Nested lists and their formatting

#### **HTML Image Insertion:**

- Inserting Images with the <img> Tag
- 1. Understanding src and alt attributes
- 2. Image dimensions and alignment

#### **HTML Embedding Videos:**

- Embedding Videos Using the <video> Tag
- 1. Video attributes: controls, autoplay, loop, muted
- 2. Supporting different video formats

#### **HTML Forms:**

- Introduction to Forms
- 1. Purpose and structure of HTML forms
- 2. Basic form elements and their roles





- HTML Form Tags and Attributes
- 1. Essential form tags: <form>, <input>, <label>, <fieldset>
- 2. Understanding form attributes: action, method, name, id
- HTML Forms Post vs. Get
- 1. Differences between POST and GET methods
- 2. Appropriate use cases for each method
- HTML Forms Input Text Fields
- 1. Creating text input fields with <input type="text">
- 2. Attributes for text fields: placeholder, maxlength, required
- HTML Forms Select Menus
- 1.Creating drop-down lists with <select> and <option> tags
- 2. Handling multi-select menus
- HTML Forms Checkboxes and Radio Buttons
- 1.Using <input type="checkbox"> and <input
  type="radio">
- 2. Grouping radio buttons for exclusive selection
- HTML Forms Text Areas and Buttons
- 1. Creating multi-line text input with <textarea>
- 2.Adding buttons: <button>, <input type="submit">, <input type="reset">

#### TAILWIND CSS FUNDAMENTALS: MODULE 1

#### **Introduction to Tailwind**

- What is Tailwind CSS?
- Why use utility-first CSS?
- Comparison: Tailwind vs. traditional CSS

#### Setting Up Tailwind

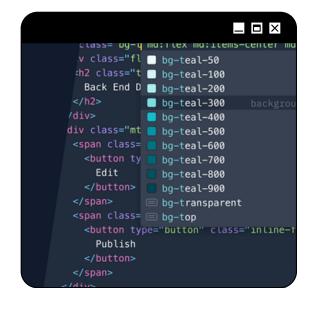
- Create a basic HTML file
- Add Tailwind CDN link
- Verify Tailwind classes work (e.g., bg-red-500)

#### **Working with Utility Classes**

- Text & Font: text-lg, text-red-500, font-bold
- Background & Color: bg-blue-500, textwhite, bg-gray-100
- Spacing: m-4, p-2, mt-8

#### **Border and Radius Utilities**

- Add borders: border, border-2
- Customize radius: rounded, rounded-full
- Border color & shade: border-gray-300, border-red-500





#### TAILWIND CSS LAYOUT & POSITIONING: MODULE 2

#### **Flexbox Layout**

- Enable flex: flex
- Center content: justify-center, items-center
- Direction and gap: flex-col, gap-4

#### **Grid Layout**

- Basic grid: grid, grid-cols-2
- Responsive grids: md:grid-cols-3, lg:gridcols-4
- Grid spacing: gap-2, gap-x-4, gap-y-6

#### **Responsive Design**

- Screen prefixes: sm:, md:, lg:
- Example use: text-sm md:text-lg
- Hide/show: hidden md:block

#### **Position and Alignment**

- Use relative, absolute
- Align content with text-center, text-right
- · Center items vertically using flexbo

#### TAILWIND CSS INTERACTIONS & PROJECT : MODULE 3

#### **Hover and Focus Effects**

- Background hover: hover:bg-green-500
- Text hover: hover:text-blue-700
- Focus styles: focus:outline-none, focus:ring

#### **Shadow & Transitions**

- Basic shadow: shadow, shadow-md
- On hover: hover:shadow-lg, hover:shadow-xl
- Smooth transition: transition, duration-300, ease-in-out

#### **Button and Card Styling**

- Buttons: bg-blue-500 text-white px-4 py-2
- Cards: p-6 shadow rounded-lg
- Hoverable cards: hover:bg-gray-100

#### Mini Project - Landing Page or Card

- Use layout utilities (flex/grid)
- Make it responsive with sm:, md:, lg:
- Add hover effects, spacing, and transitions



#### **JAVASCRIPT: MODULE 1**

Introduction: In this module we will learn about what JavaScript is and the benefits of the language. We can also learn how to write the first JavaScript program.

- JavaScript Introduction
- First Javascript program
- Benefits of Javascript

#### **JAVASCRIPT: MODULE 2**

Language Syntax: In this module we will learn about JavaScript language syntax and how to use the program level. And we can also learn to understand the arrays.

- Variable declaration
- Operators
- Control Statements
- Error Handling
- Understanding arrays
- Function Declaration

#### **JAVASCRIPT: MODULE 3**

HTML Forms: In this module we will learn about how to use the forms. What are the properties in JavaScript? HTML form validation can be done by JavaScript.

- HTML Document object Model
- Working with HTML form and its elements

#### **JAVASCRIPT: MODULE 4**

**HTML DOM:** In this module we will learn about how JavaScript can access and change all the elements of an HTML document.

- HTML Document object Model
- · Working with HTML form and its elements





#### **INTRODUCTION: MODULE 1**

Introduction
What is the "MERN STACK"?
MERN - A FIRST OVERVIEW
Course Outline
How To Get The Most Out Of The Course
Using the Course Resources
Course Setup

#### THE MERN STACK: MODULE 2

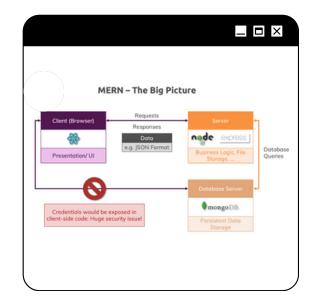
Module Introduction
Understanding the Big Picture
Diving Into the Frontend
Understanding the Backend
REST vs GraphQL
Connecting Node & React
MERN - Essentials
Creating our Development Environment & the Development Servers
Diving Deeper Into the Code
Useful Resources & Links

#### PLANNING THE APP: MODULE 3

Module Introduction
Understanding the General App Idea
Sketching out the Frontend
Data & API Endpoints used in our App
Required SPA Pages for the Frontend

#### **REACT.JS - A REFRESHER: MODULE 4**

Module Introduction
What is React?
A Note About The NodeJS Version
React 18
Setting Up a Starting Project
Understanding JSX
Understanding Components
Working with Multiple Components
Using Props to pass Data between Components
Rendering Lists of Data
Handling Events
Efficient Child<=>Parent Communication
Working with "State"
More on State
Fetching User Input (Two-way Binding)





React.js Basics Useful Resources & Links

#### **REACT.JS - BUILDING THE FRONTEND: MODULE 5**

Module Introduction

Important: Use React Script v5

Starting Setup, Pages & Routes

Adding a UsersList Page / Component

Adding a UserItem Component

Styling our App & More Components

Presentational vs Stateful Components

Adding a Main Header

**Adding Navlinks** 

Implementing a Basic Desktop & Mobile Navigation

**Understanding Portals** 

Handling the Drawer State

Animating the Sidedrawer

Rendering User Places & Using Dynamic Route Segments

**Getting Route Params** 

**Adding Custom Buttons** 

Adding a Modal

Rendering a Map with Open Streets Maps

Continuing without a Credit Card

Optional: More on the useEffect() Hook

Adding a Custom Form Input Component

Managing State in the Input Component

Adding Input Validation

Sharing Input Values & Adding Multiple Inputs

Managing Form-wide State

Finishing the "Add Place" Form

Starting Work on the "Update Place" Page

Adjusting the Input Component

Creating a Custom Form Hook (useForm)

Optional: More on (Custom) React Hooks

Adjusting the Form Hook

Fixing Minor Issues

Showing a Deletion Warning

Adding an "Auth" Page & Login Form

Adding Signup + "Switch Mode" Button

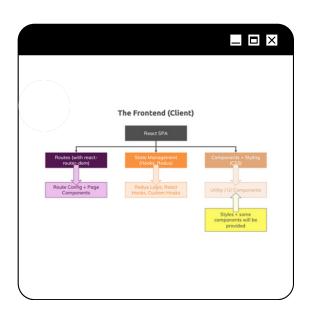
Adding Auth Context for App-wide State Management

Listening to Context Changes

Adding Authenticated & Unauthenticated Routes

More Auth Context Usage

**Useful Resources & Links** 





#### **NODE.JS & EXPRESS.JS - A REFRESHER: MODULE 6**

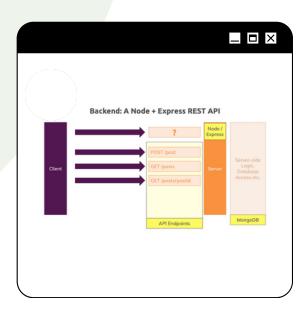
Module Introduction
What is Node.js?
Writing our First Node.js Code
Sending Requests & Responses
What is Express.js?
Adding Express.js
Understanding the Advantages of Express.js
How Code Execution Works
Node & Express Basics
Useful Resources & Links

#### NODE.JS & EXPRESS.JS - BUILDING OUR REST API: MODULE 7

Module Introduction Setting up our Project **Implementing Basic Routing** Adding Place-Specific Routes Getting a Place By User ID **Handling Errors** Adding our own Error Model Adding Controllers Adding a POST Route & Using Postman Handling Errors for Unsupported Routes Adding Patch Routes to Update Places **Deleting Places** Finalizing the "Get Places by User ID" Resource Setting Up the User Routes (Signup, Login, Get Users) Validating API Input (Request Bodies) Validating Patch Requests & User Routes Useful Resources & Links

#### **WORKING DEEP WITH MONGO DB & MONGOOSE: MODULE 8**

Module Introduction
What is MongoDB?
SQL vs NoSQL
Connecting React to a Database?
Setting Up MongoDB
Creating a Simple Backend & with the Database
Creating a Document with MongoDB
Getting Data from the Database
Installing Mongoose
Understanding Models & Schemas
Creating a Product





Connecting to the Database & Saving the Product Getting Products
Understanding the ObjectID

#### CONNECTING THE BACKEND TO THE DATABASE - MONGO DB & MONGOOSE: MODULE 9

Module Introduction

Installing Mongoose & Connecting our Backend to MongoDB

Creating the Place Schema & Model

Creating & Storing Documents in the Database

Getting Places by the PlaceID

Getting Places by the UserID

**Updating Places** 

**Deleting Places** 

How Users & Places are Related

Creating the User Model

Using the User Model for Signup

Adding the User Login

**Getting Users** 

Adding the Relation between Places & Users

Creating Places & Adding it to a User

Deleting Places & Removing it From the User

Getting Places - An Alternative

Cleaning Up our Code

**Useful Resources & Links** 

#### **CONNECTING THE REACT.JS FRONTEND TO THE BACKEND: MODULE 10**

**Module Introduction** 

**Initial Setup** 

Sending a POST Request to the Backend

Optional: The fetch() API

Handling CORS Errors

Getting Started with Error Handling

Proper Error Handling in the Frontend

Sending a Login Request

Getting Users with a GET Request

Creating a Custom Http Hook

Improving the Custom Http Hook

Using the Http Hook to GET Users

Adding Places (POST)

Loading Places by User Id

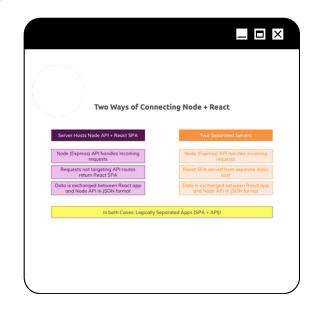
**Updating Places** 

**Deleting Places** 

Fixing NavLinks & "My Places"

Final Adjustments

**Useful Resources & Links** 





#### **ADDING FILE UPLOAD: MODULE 11**

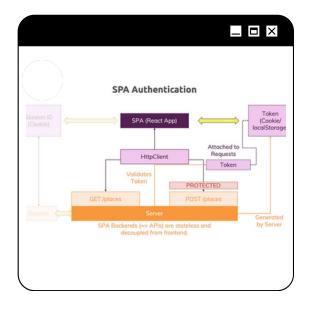
Module Introduction
Building an ImageUpload Component
Finishing & Using the ImageUpload Component (in a Form)
On the Backend: Using Multer to Save Files
Filtering Files on the Backend (Images Only!)
Wiring Frontend and Backend Up
Connecting Users to Images
Serving Images Statically
Uploading Images for New Places
Deleting Images When Places Get Deleted
Useful Resources & Links

#### **ADDING AUTHENTICATION: MODULE 12**

Module Introduction How Authentication Works (in a MERN App) Hashing the User Password Logging Users In (with Hashed Passwords) Generating Tokens (JWT) on the Backend Optional: More on JSON Web Tokens Backend Route Protection with Auth Middleware Using & Attaching JWT (Tokens) in React Using Tokens to Update and Delete Places Adding Authorization Authorization on "Delete Places" Storing the Token in the Browser Storage Adding Auto-Login (Basic Version) Managing the Token Expiration Date Finished Auto-Login & Auto-Logout Creating a Custom Authentication Hook **Authentication - Summary General App Improvements** Authentication & Authorization

#### **APPLICATION DEPLOYMENT: MODULE 13**

Module Introduction
Deployment Steps Overview
Using Environment Variables (Node.js)
Environment Variables in React Apps
Preparing API Keys & Credentials
Building the React App
Adding Code Splitting to React
Understanding Possible Deployment Alternatives
Deploying a Standalone REST API (Example: Heroku)





#### WHAT IS AN AI IMAGE GENERATOR?

An AI image generator uses machine learning models to create images based on textual descriptions or other input data.

#### **OVERVIEW OF THE MERN STACK FOR THE PROJECT**

The MERN stack consists of MongoDB (database), Express (backend framework), React (frontend framework), and Node.js (runtime environment).

## SETTING UP THE FOLDER STRUCTURE FOR A MERN PROJECT

The folder structure includes separate directories for backend (server), frontend (client), and shared components like utilities or assets.

#### INSTALLING NECESSARY DEPENDENCIES FOR THE BACKEND AND FRONTEND

Use npm to install dependencies like Express for the backend, and React along with MUI for the frontend.

#### CREATING A GIT REPOSITORY FOR VERSION CONTROL

Initialize a Git repository and commit your project to maintain version control and collaborate efficiently.

#### BACKEND DEVELOPMENT (NODE.JS + EXPRESS + MONGODB)

Set up Node.js and Express to create the backend API that communicates with MongoDB to store and retrieve data.

#### SETTING UP UNSPLASH API, CLOUDINARY

Obtain credentials for Unsplash API and Cloudinary, and securely store MongoDB credentials to access the services.

### CREATING API ENDPOINTS FOR FETCHING AND STORING IMAGES

Implement API endpoints to interact with the image sources (Unsplash and Cloudinary), allowing image fetch and storage operations.





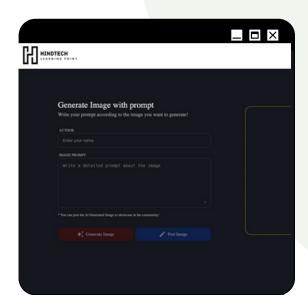
#### PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

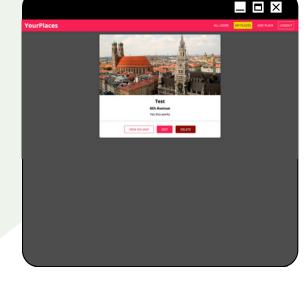
- 1. AI Chat & Gen (MAJOR PROJECT 1)
- 2. YOUR PLACES (MAJOR PROJECT 2)

**DURATION: 180 DAYS** 

#### **OUTCOME:**

- Build Fullstack MERN Apps: Master the MERN stack (MongoDB, Express, React, Node) to create powerful fullstack applications from scratch.
- Add Authentication & File Uploads: Learn how to implement user authentication, authorization, and file uploads for real-world web applications.
- Deploy Fullstack Projects: Understand various deployment strategies to take your MERN stack applications live on different hosting platforms.
- Master Database Integration with MongoDB:
   Understand how to effectively integrate
   MongoDB with Node.js and Express to manage data seamlessly in fullstack web applications
- Real-Time Features with Socket.io: Learn how to integrate real-time functionalities such as chat systems.





**MAJOR PROJECT 1** 

**MAJOR PROJECT 2** 



## MERN APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING SYLLABUS PROGRESS TRACKER

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