Course: Building Web Applications with React and Laravel/PHP

Building web applications with React on the front end and Laravel/PHP on the back end can be a powerful combination. This outline covers key concepts and technologies in back-end development and provides a comprehensive foundation for building robust and scalable server-side applications.

SECTION 1

Module 1: Introduction to Back-End Development

- Understanding the role of back-end development in web applications.
- Key differences between front-end and back-end technologies.
- Exploring the architecture of client-server communication.

Learning Objectives

- Understand the role of back-end development in web applications.
- Differentiate between client-side and server-side technologies.
- Explain the concept of client-server architecture.

Module 2: Basics of Server-Side Programming

- Introduction to server-side programming languages (e.g., PHP, Node.js, Python, Ruby).
- Setting up the development environment for your chosen language (PHP).
- Writing and running a basic server-side script.

Learning Objectives

Recognize the importance of server-side programming languages.

- Set up a development environment for PHP server-side language.
- Write basic server-side scripts and understand their execution

Module 3: Databases and Data Storage

- Introduction to databases: relational vs. NoSQL databases.
- Setting up and configuring a database management system (DBMS).
- Working with SQL: database design, querying, and normalization.
- Exploring NoSQL databases: document-based (MongoDB) and key-value stores.

Learning Objectives

- Explain the significance of databases in web applications.
- Choose between relational and NoSQL databases based on use cases.
- Set up and configure a database management system (DBMS).
- Perform SQL queries, database design, and normalization.

Module 4: API Development and RESTful Architecture

- Understanding APIs (Application Programming Interfaces) and their role.
- Introduction to REST (Representational State Transfer) architecture.
- Designing and building RESTful APIs.
- Implementing CRUD operations (Create, Read, Update, Delete) using API endpoints.

Learning Objectives

- Understand the role of APIs in modern web development.
- Design and implement RESTful APIs for data exchange.
- Handle CRUD operations (Create, Read, Update, Delete) using API endpoints.

Module 5: Authentication and Authorization

- Exploring user authentication and authorization concepts.
- Implementing authentication methods like username/password, tokens, and OAuth.

- Role-based and permission-based access control.
- CSS frameworks (Bootstrap, Foundation, Tailwind CSS)

Learning Objectives

- Understand user authentication and authorization concepts.
- Implement authentication mechanisms like username/password and tokens.
- Define user roles and permissions for controlling access to resources.

Module 6: Web Application Security

- Common security threats and vulnerabilities in web applications.
- Implementing security measures: input validation, sanitization, and escaping.
- Protecting against common attacks: SQL injection, cross-site scripting (XSS), cross-site request forgery (CSRF).

Learning Objectives

- Identify common security threats in web applications.
- Implement security measures to prevent vulnerabilities like XSS and CSRF.
- Apply input validation and sanitization techniques.



Module 7: Server-side Frameworks

- Introduction to back-end frameworks (Laravel, Node.js/Express, Django, Ruby on Rails, etc.).
- Building web applications using a back-end framework (Laravel).
- Understanding routing, middleware, and MVC (Model-View-Controller) architecture.

- Differentiate between server-side frameworks and libraries.
- Set up and use a server-side framework for building applications.
- Implement MVC architecture and understand routing and middleware.

SECTION 2

Module 8: Introduction to React (Next.js) and Laravel/PHP

- Understanding the benefits of using React (Next.js) with Laravel/PHP.
- Overview of the MVC architecture and how it's implemented in Laravel.
- Setting up the development environment with React (front-end) and Laravel (back-end).

Learning Objectives

- Understand the role of React and Laravel/PHP in modern web application development.
- Differentiate between front-end and back-end technologies and their responsibilities.
- Set up the development environment for React and Laravel/PHP projects.

Module 9: Building a Basic Next.js App

- Creating a new Next.js project and integrating it with Laravel as a back end.
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- Configuring routing and layout components in Next.js.
- Building a simple dynamic page using React components.

Learning Objectives

- Create a basic React (Next.js) project and integrate it with a Laravel/PHP back end.
- Define routes and implement layout components using Route.
- Develop dynamic pages using Next.js components.

Module 10: Data Fetching with Next.js

- Fetch data from the server using Next.js data fetching methods.
- Implement Server-Side Rendering (SSR) and Static Site Generation (SSG) with Next.js.
- Manage loading states and errors during data fetching.

- Connect front-end with the back-end to fetch data from the server using Next.js data fetching methods.
- Implementing Server-Side Rendering (SSR) and Static Site Generation (SSG) with Next.js.
- To manage loading states and errors during data fetching.

Module 11: Building User Interfaces with React Components

- Develop reusable and modular React components for user interfaces.
- Utilize props and state to pass data and manage UI states.
- Style React components using CSS-in-JS libraries or CSS modules.

Learning Objectives

- To be acquaint with methods of developing reusable and modular React components for user interfaces.
- Utilizing props (passing data to components) and state to for managing UI states.
- Styling React components using CSS-in-JS libraries (Tailwind CSS).

Module 12: Handling Forms and User Inputs

- Create controlled components to manage form inputs in React.
- Validate user input and submit forms to the Laravel back end.
- Implement form validation and handle errors in form submissions.

- To create controlled components to manage form inputs and restrictions in React.
- To Sanitize user input and submit form requests to the Laravel back end (for storage).
- Learning effecting error reporting during form submissions.

Module 13: User Authentication and Authorization with Laravel

- Set up user authentication using Laravel's authentication system.
- Implement protected routes and user role management with Next.js.
- Develop features like user registration, login, and logout.

Learning Objectives

- Setting up authentication using Laravel's Gates and Middleware.
- To protect reserved routes and implementing role management with Next.js.
- Developing functionalities for user registration, login, forgot password and logout.

Module 14: Real-Time Features with Laravel Echo and Pusher

- Integrate Laravel Echo and Pusher for real-time updates.
- Build real-time features such as chat or notifications in the Next.js application.

Learning Objectives

- Implementing real-time broadcasts and push notifications with Laravel Echo and Pusher.
- Understanding how chats or notifications work in the Next.js application.

Module 15: File Uploads and Handling Images

- Implement file upload functionality in the application.
- Utilize Laravel's file storage system to manage uploaded files.
- Create an image gallery feature using React and Next.js.

- To effectively Implement file uploads to internal or remote storage.
- Utilizing Laravel's inbuilt file storage system to manage uploaded files.
- Learn techniques to create an image gallery using React and Next.js.

Module 16: Deployment and Production Considerations

- Prepare the application for production deployment.
- Deploy both Laravel and Next.js applications to hosting platforms.
- Optimize application performance and handle environment variables.

Learning Objectives

- Best practices in preparing the application for production deployment.
- Learn techniques on how to deploy both Laravel and Next.js applications to hosting platforms/servers.
- Optimizing application for optimal performance.

Module 17: Projects

- Apply the learned concepts to develop a full-stack web application.
- Demonstrate proficiency in integrating React (Next.js) with Laravel/PHP.
- Present the final project, showcasing learned skills and techniques.