Diploma in MERN Stack Development

Duration: 6 Months

Course Overview

The **Diploma in MERN Stack Development** is designed to prepare learners for a career in full-stack web development using the **MERN stack (MongoDB, Express.js, React.js, Node.js)**. This course focuses on developing scalable, efficient, and dynamic web applications by combining front-end and back-end technologies. Students will learn how to build user-friendly interfaces, design and manage databases, create RESTful APIs, and integrate front-end with back-end for complete project deployment.

Course Objectives

- 1. To build strong fundamentals in **front-end development with React.js**.
- 2. To train learners in server-side programming using Node.js and Express.js.
- 3. To provide knowledge of MongoDB for NoSQL database design and management.
- 4. To teach **RESTful API development and integration**.
- 5. To introduce **security and authentication** techniques for web applications.
- 6. To guide learners in **building scalable and real-world full-stack applications**.
- 7. To enable students to **deploy MERN applications on cloud platforms**.
- 8. To enhance problem-solving, teamwork, and project management skills through **real-world projects**.

Course Outcomes

After successful completion of the course, students will be able to:

- Develop interactive front-end applications using React.js.
- Create scalable back-end applications with Node.js and Express.js.
- Design, query, and manage MongoDB databases.
- Build and consume RESTful APIs for client-server communication.
- Implement user authentication and authorization.
- Integrate front-end and back-end to build full-stack apps.

- Deploy **MERN stack applications** on cloud hosting services.
- Work as Full Stack Developers, Front-End Engineers, or Back-End Engineers.

Course Syllabus

Module 1: Introduction to Full Stack Development & MERN

- Overview of Web Development & Full Stack Concepts
- Introduction to MERN Stack (MongoDB, Express.js, React.js, Node.js)
- Setting up Development Environment (Node, npm, MongoDB, Git, VS Code)
- Understanding MVC Architecture

Module 2: Front-End Development with React.js

- Introduction to React.js & JSX
- Components, Props, and State
- Event Handling & Conditional Rendering
- React Hooks (useState, useEffect, useContext)
- Forms & Controlled Components
- React Router Navigation & Dynamic Routing
- State Management (Context API, Redux basics)
- Fetching Data from APIs (Axios/Fetch)
- Building a React Project (To-do/Blog App)

Module 3: Back-End Development with Node.js & Express.js

- Introduction to Node.js & npm
- Modules, Events, and File System
- Building HTTP Servers with Node.js
- Introduction to Express.js Setup & Middleware
- Routing in Express.js
- REST API Design with Express

• Error Handling in Express

Module 4: Database Management with MongoDB

- Introduction to NoSQL & MongoDB
- CRUD Operations (Create, Read, Update, Delete)
- MongoDB Data Models & Schema Design
- Indexing & Aggregation
- Using Mongoose for ODM (Schema & Models)
- Connecting Express.js with MongoDB
- Building CRUD APIs with MongoDB + Express

Module 5: RESTful APIs & Integration

- REST Architecture & Best Practices
- Building REST APIs with Express & MongoDB
- Testing APIs with Postman
- API Error Handling & Validation
- Consuming REST APIs from React Front-End
- Mini Project Employee Management System

Module 6: Authentication & Security

- Authentication vs Authorization
- JSON Web Tokens (JWT) & Sessions
- Password Hashing with bcrypt
- Role-Based Access Control (RBAC)
- Securing APIs (CORS, Helmet, Rate Limiting)

Module 7: Front-End & Back-End Integration

Connecting React Front-End with Express Back-End

- Axios in React for API Calls
- Handling Authentication in React (Login/Signup)
- Building a Full MERN App (CRUD Example)
- Real-Time Communication with Socket.io (Optional)

Module 8: Deployment & Version Control

- Git & GitHub for Version Control
- Environment Variables & Configurations
- Deploying React Apps (Netlify, Vercel)
- Deploying Node.js Apps (Heroku, Render, AWS)
- MongoDB Atlas (Cloud Database)
- Deploying Full MERN Stack Applications

Module 9: Final Project & Assessment

- Planning & Designing a Full MERN Application
- Possible Projects:
 - E-commerce Application
 - Online Learning Platform
 - Job Portal
 - Social Media App
- Project Development (Frontend + Backend + Database + API Integration)
- Final Deployment & Presentation
- Course Assessment & Certification

This syllabus ensures students gain hands-on industry skills in both frontend (React.js) and backend (Node.js, Express, MongoDB), making them fully capable of working as MERN Stack Developers.