James Keenan

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Full stack software engineer with hands-on training in JavaScript, React, Node.js, and SQL. Focused on building reliable, user-centered software that solves real-world problems. Experienced in team coordination, fast problem solving, and workflow optimization from years of leadership in high-pressure environments. Passionate about writing clean code and crafting intuitive digital experiences.

Skills

Programming Languages: JavaScript, HTML, CSS
Frameworks: React, Redux, REST APIs, NodeJs
Testing/Debugging: Jest
Package Managers: npm, Yarn
Version Control: GitHub

Work Experience

The Red Bar, Fort Walton Beach, FL | 2014 - PRESENT

Promoted from Barback to Bartender to Server at The Red Bar, a high-volume, well-established restaurant in Fort Walton Beach, by consistently demonstrating critical thinking, exceptional work ethic, and strong performance in a fast-paced environment.

Front-of-House Lead / Server Manager - (2022-Present)
- Manage high-volume shifts, maximizing table coverages and ensuring exceptional guest experience
- Resolve service disruptions and operational challenges to maintain flow during peak hours
- Demonstrate composure during busy shifts, helping the team stay focused and guests feel cared for
- Improved setup and communication workflows, reducing delays and enhancing team efficiency

Education

Springboard - *Software Engineering* (2025 - 2026)

- Completed 800+ hours of full-stack development training via Springboard's Software Engineering Bootcamp
- Received 1:1 mentorship from industry experts and completed 4 in-depth portfolio projects
- Mastered front-end and back-end development, databases, and data structures and algorithms
- Gained hands-on experience with JavaScript, React, Node.js, Express, SQL, and testing best practices
- Built and deployed responsive web applications using RESTful APIs and Git-based version control
- Applied real-world debugging strategies to optimize performance and user experience

Projects

Space Travel Web Application (October, 2025)

- Developed a multi-page React application simulating interplanetary evacuation logistics
- Built features for spacecraft management, planet dispatching, and route handling
- Integrated mock API and local storage for data handling and persistence
- Implemented form validation, error handling, and modular component architecture

Tech Stack: React, JavaScript, Local Storage API, CSS