

# James Keenan

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## Summary

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Full stack software engineer who builds clean, intuitive, and reliable web applications. I focus on thoughtful architecture, smooth user experiences, and solving real problems with practical solutions. My background leading teams in high pressure environments gives me strong communication skills, fast problem solving, and the ability to deliver polished work with consistency.

## Skills

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- **Languages & Frontend:** JavaScript, TypeScript, HTML, CSS, React, Redux, Next.js, Tailwind
- **Backend & Databases:** Node.js, Express, REST APIs, Authentication, MongoDB, Mongoose, SQL
- **Testing & Tools:** Jest, Supertest, React Testing Library, Git/GitHub, Postman, VS Code, Vercel, Netlify

## Projects

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### ***FreepLink — Full-Stack Social Platform (2026)***

Built a MERN social app where users create groups, share posts, comment in threads, and react with emojis.

- Designed a secure REST API with JWT auth, bcrypt hashing, and role-based permissions
- Built a modular React frontend with feature-based architecture and Context-driven state
- Implemented posts, threaded comments, reactions, invitations, and notifications
- Wrote Jest/Supertest integration tests for core API features

**Tech Stack:** React, Node.js, Express, MongoDB, Mongoose, JWT, Jest, Supertest

### ***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

## Experience

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### **Software Engineering Apprentice | Springboard** | 2025 - 2026

Completed a structured, project-based apprenticeship focused on full stack application development.

- Built and deployed multiple real-world applications using modern engineering practices
- Collaborated with a senior engineer mentor through code reviews and debugging sessions
- Applied clean architecture, testing strategies, and iterative development to improve project quality

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

Promoted through multiple roles by demonstrating strong problem solving, clear communication, and reliability in a fast paced environment.

- Led teams during high volume shifts and maintained a calm, focused environment
- Resolved issues quickly to prevent service disruptions and support a positive guest experience
- Improved communication workflows, reducing delays and increasing team efficiency

## Education

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### **Springboard Software Engineering Career Track** | 2025 - 2026

- Completed a 700+ hour curriculum covering full-stack development and software engineering fundamentals
- Built multiple full-stack applications with mentorship, code reviews, and iterative development practices