


# Karen Valadez

Software Developer

Creative Software Developer with previous franchise operation experience and passionate about optimizing production to increase sales through heightened consumer experience. Improving user experience through software allows me to incorporate creativeness to tech development and inject innovative solutions that meet the needs of my future company and clientele.

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## Education

### Codeup

Certificate of Completion  
Mar 2021 - Sept 2021

A fully-immersive, project-based, and intensive 22-week Full-Stack Java Career Accelerator that provides students with 670 hours of expert instruction in software development.

## Technical Skills

HTML, CSS, Bootstrap,  
JavaScript, jQuery,  
Java SE, Java EE (Servlets, JSP),  
Spring, Thymeleaf, MySQL,  
Object-Oriented Programming,  
Test-Driven Development, Version  
Control with Git, Paired  
Programming

## Volunteer Experience

Spent a year volunteering at the Arboretum & Garden in Dallas, TX.

Spent four years volunteering at Mary Immaculate's Catholic Church Fall Festival.

## Development Projects

### [Applitraq](#)

An application that allows users to keep track of their job applications and it's status to make applying for jobs easier by staying organized. This pair-programming project included a full-stack use of HTML, CSS, jQuery, Thymeleaf, MySQL, Bootstrap, Java, Javascript, Clearbit's API, Spring Boot, and Kanban workflow visualization board.

### [Cinema Application](#)

A pair-programming project resembling a movie application that allows users to add, edit, and delete movies from the existing database using JSON, HTML, CSS, jQuery, Bootstrap, and Javascript.

### [Five Days of Forecast](#)

Open weather application that displays a five-day forecast. It allows users to search for a specific location to display the current five-day weather. The application used Mapbox API, OpenWeatherApp's API, CSS, HTML, jQuery, Bootstrap, and Javascript.

## Professional Experience

### **In-N-Out Burger** - Dallas, TX

*Grill Cook* / August 2017 - March 2021

- Increased order sales from 50 to 82 orders per hour, leading to a 98% customer service satisfaction
- Reduced operational time to increase production outputs; increasing 22.4% of sales
- Training 50+ new employees in procedural and operational logistics to reduce customer's waiting time by 10.7%

### **Dollar Tree** - Dallas, TX

*Cashier* / Jun 2015 - August 2017

- Successfully handled up to \$1000 in cash and credit card sales within 8 hour periods
- Increased weekly sales by 14.2% through impeccable attention to detail of all transactional procedures
- Organized inventory and curated displays of rotating seasonal products to decrease inventory check by 7.8%