

Steve Buckner

Microsoft Azure Solutions Architect

Cloud Computing + Microsoft 365 Administration Expert + Microsoft Certified Trainer

Profile Summary

Friendly, experienced, certified, and well-rounded senior IT services professional with over 20 years in the IT industry. Proven track record of success in services architecture, cloud computing solutions, and technical training and documentation. Extensive knowledge of IT architecture, Microsoft technologies, network administration, cloud migrations, data protection, disaster recovery, business continuity, systems virtualization, IT transformation/modernization, and cloud infrastructure (IaaS, PaaS, SaaS, DRaaS). Strong written and verbal communication skills, excelling in both onsite and virtual environments. Committed to customer satisfaction and exceeding organizational business objectives.

Core Competencies

Solutions Architect	Leadership and Team Development
Infrastructure Architect	Azure Virtual Desktop - AVD
Datacenter, Public Cloud, Hybrid	Mobile Device Management
Microsoft Certified Trainer	Mobile Application Management
Technical Documentation	Active Directory – Azure AD
Network Administration	Systems Integrator
Microsoft 365	Project Management
Enterprise Mobility and Security	MSS Center Configuration Manager
Monitoring and Alerting	MEM / Intune
Virtualization and Migration	Planning and Strategy
Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery	IT Modernization and Migration
Data Protection and Information Assurance	Windows Server Administration
Presales Proposal Generation and Technical Responses	Oral Proposal Presentations

Selected Career Highlights

- *Blair Technology Services:* Opened and ran a successful technology business with my wife providing exceptional service to our local business community.
 - *Project Management:* Obtained the Project Management Professional Certification (PMP) from the Project Management Institute in 2004. Utilized the skills attained to manage high profile projects.
 - *Microsoft Technical Training:* Obtained Microsoft's Certified Trainer Certification (MCT) in 2003. Utilized these skills to conduct classroom and web-based courses for hundreds of users.
 - *Cloud Migrations:* Cloud solutions architect; designed and implemented Azure migrations of on-premises systems including Exchange, file servers, networking, backup, disaster recovery, systems redundancy, and numerous business applications.
 - *IT Certifications:* Microsoft Azure Solutions Architect Expert, Microsoft 365 Enterprise Administrator Expert, Microsoft Azure Administrator Associate, MCSE, MCSA, Microsoft Certified Trainer (MCT), Cisco Certified Network Associate (CCNA), VMware Certified Associate, CompTIA A+, Server+, Network+, iNet+, Cloud Essentials.
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Professional Experience

Ascent Global Logistics, Downers Grove, IL - Manager, Systems Engineering, Sr. Azure Engineer, Azure Solutions Architect (2/2023 – present)

Beyond Impact, LLC, St. Louis Park, MN - Sr. Azure Engineer – Azure Solutions Architect (8/2022 – 2/2023; 3/2021 – 9/2021)

Microsoft, Redmond, WA – Azure Technical Trainer – Microsoft Technical Trainer (9/2021 – 8/2022)

City of Niles, Niles, MI - Azure Solutions Architect, Systems Engineer, Technical Trainer (9/2018 – 11/2020)

Tek-Systems, Grand Rapids, MI - IT Contract – Microsoft Engineer and Technical Trainer (3/2018 – 8/2018)

Eagle Technology Group, Bridgman, MI - Cloud Solutions Architect, Network Administrator, Technical Trainer (3/2016 – 3/2018)

Blair Technology Services, Manteno, IL - Owner, Services Solution Architect, Technical Trainer (2006 – 2015)

CCC Information Services, Chicago, IL - Network Systems Engineer, Manager Network Operating Systems, Technical Trainer (2000 – 2006)