



GK Copilot Bootcamps

Instructors

Name: Mike Lively

Instructor for the following Bootcamps (Jan, Feb, Mar '26 Sessions):

Jan - Code Smarter, Not Harder: Supercharge Development with GitHub Copilot (AZ-2007) Bootcamp

Jan - Extend Copilot: Build Declarative Agents with VS Code (MS-4010) Bootcamp

Feb - Copilot Studio Bootcamp: Create Intelligent Agents with Ease (PL-7008) Bootcamp

Feb - From Data to Apps: Unlock Dataverse with Power Apps (PL-7003) Bootcamp

Bio: Mike Lively is a DevOps Tech Lead, QA Architect, IT Evangelist, and Educator. A Microsoft Certified Trainer (MCT) and PMI-ACP Scrum Master, he builds CI/CD pipelines with Git & GitHub, Terraform (AWS/Azure), and custom automation to drive digital transformation. He holds multiple degrees, including a PhD (ABD) in Nuclear Physics, and is pursuing a PhD in Generative AI. An active AI hackathon leader, he has guided eight teams to global victories.

Mike serves as Vice President of Professional Development for the Southwest Ohio PMI chapter, teaches AI at Johns Hopkins University, delivers Microsoft courses as a freelance instructor, and runs a 2,000-member cloud meetup. Founder of QuantumAI, he researches the intersection of neural networks and quantum computing.

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Name: Brad Bird

Instructor for the following Bootcamps (Jan, Feb, Mar '26 Sessions):

Jan - Secure Your Workloads: Networking Essentials for Azure Pros (AZ-1002) Bootcamp

Jan - Cybersecurity Skilling: Build Secure Pipelines with Azure DevOps (AZ-2001) Bootcamp

Feb - AI-Powered Productivity: Transform Workflows with Generative AI (AB-730T00) Bootcamp

Feb - Cloud Compliance Bootcamp: Secure Azure with Defender for Cloud (SC-5002) Bootcamp

Mar - Lock Down Your Data: Secure Azure Files and Blob Storage (AZ-1003) Bootcamp

Mar - Secure Identity Management: Administer AD Domain Services (AZ-1008) Bootcamp

Bio: Brad Bird is a dedicated learner with multiple Microsoft certifications and nearly 25 years of consulting experience with Microsoft technology, including M365, Azure, security, operating systems, and network products. His extensive consulting expertise covers the full spectrum of Microsoft solution design, implementation, migration, and troubleshooting. Brad excels at translating complex problems into coherent stories and dialogues. He has led numerous Microsoft technical workshops, presentations, and training sessions, helping individuals from technical specialists to executives understand and effectively utilize Microsoft technologies.

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Name: Rick Robb

Instructor for the following Bootcamps (Mar '26 Sessions):

Mar - Managing Copilot Made Simple: Agent Administration Essentials (AB-900) Bootcamp

Mar - Unlock Insights: Knowledge Mining with Azure AI Search (AI-3022) Bootcamp

Bio: "Preparation, Passion, Respect (Two-way), Empathy and Patience. These are the five things I think it takes to be a successful instructor. I endeavor to deliver a class that I would enjoy attending as a learner. Not everyone has the same level of knowledge, background, or experience. However, I'd like to think that the learner is here in our classes to improve themselves...their family...their organization. I strive to remember that our learners want to perfect their craft They want to learn things that will positively impact their organization. They want to succeed!" – Rick Robb

The above quote characterizes Rick Robb's approach to training delivery since he began delivering technical training in 1999. During this 25-year period Rick has delivered training on every major operating system, network technology, cloud platform and office product released by Microsoft. He has been delivering training in Azure AI and CoPilot technologies since their inception and has been an early adopter and evangelist for these products.

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