

CHRIS BLAZER

Software Engineer | Cloud & Data Solutions Developer

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Innovative and results-driven **Software Engineer & Cloud Solutions Developer** with a proven track record of rapid promotions, technical leadership, and high-impact project execution. A natural problem-solver with a **strong ability to anticipate challenges and proactively develop solutions before they become bottlenecks**.

Recognized as the **go-to expert** for high-priority initiatives, trusted to lead cloud migrations, automation projects, and modern infrastructure development. Adept at designing and implementing **scalable, secure, and efficient** technology solutions that drive business success.

Brings a **rare blend of technical expertise and strategic vision**, with deep proficiency in **Python, SQL, Azure, Kubernetes**, and **microservices**. Passionate about mentoring teams, modernizing legacy systems, and streamlining complex workflows to improve operational efficiency. Known for thriving under pressure, delivering results ahead of schedule, and consistently exceeding expectations.

Relevant Skills

- **Programming:** Python, SQL, JavaScript, Angular, C#, HTML, CSS, Typescript
 - **Cloud & DevOps:** Azure, Docker, Kubernetes, GitHub, CI/CD Pipelines
 - **Data & Analytics:** ETL, SSIS, SSRS, Data Modeling, Microsoft Fabric
 - **System & Security Operations:** FTP Operations, Encryption, Active Directory, Group Policy
 - **Project & Process Management:** Technical Documentation, Microservices Architecture, Process Automation, Cross-functional Leadership
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Professional Experience

WILSHIRE, Santa Monica, CA

2017 – 2022

Application Developer

Spearheaded **critical technology initiatives** at this global investment advisory firm, transforming outdated systems into **scalable, automated, and secure** solutions. Frequently selected to lead **high-stakes projects** due to **technical expertise, problem-solving skills, and ability to execute under pressure**. Drove firm-wide cloud adoption, built revenue-generating software, and proactively mitigated security risks. **Promoted three times in five years** (Analyst → Senior Analyst → Associate) due to outstanding leadership and execution.

- Led cloud migration from on-premises to **Azure**, designing and managing firm-wide databases with **Azure Kubernetes Service (AKS) and Docker**.
- Modernized legacy systems by implementing **GitHub for version control** and improving documentation standards.
- Developed a scalable **automated portfolio builder** using **AngularJS and .NET**, later commercialized and sold to financial institutions.
- Automated quarterly reporting, reducing **processing time from 3 days to 4 hours** with **Python, SSRS, and microservices**.
- Managed large-scale **data ingestion pipelines** using **Python, SSIS, and SQL Server** for encryption, transformation, and automation.
- Strengthened security posture by identifying and mitigating vulnerabilities, protecting critical assets.

System Administrator

Played a **key role in managing and securing** the university's IT infrastructure, ensuring **system stability for thousands of students and faculty**. Trusted to **train and mentor** junior team members while leading **IT process improvements** that increased efficiency and security across campus-wide computer labs.

- **Built, maintained, and deployed** campus-wide computer lab infrastructure with **Symantec Ghost** for imaging.
- **Created and managed** group policy and network permissions using Active Directory and registry profiles.
- Developed **testing** and **documentation** processes to support students with diverse needs.
- Led **documentation standardization**, ensuring smooth team transitions.
- Assisted in **hiring and training new team members**, fostering technical excellence.

Google Apps Deployment Specialist

Recognized as a **top technical expert** in deploying **Google Apps (now Google Workspace)** for SMB clients. Known for **quick problem resolution**, technical leadership, and training teammates to achieve certification.

- Led **Google Apps deployments**, managing data migration, setup, and user training.
- Resolved **high-priority escalations**, becoming the team's go-to expert.
- First in the company to achieve **Google Apps Certified Deployment Specialist** certification.
- Mentored teammates, ensuring **100% certification success rate**.

Developed and deployed a full-stack portfolio website using **Astro**, **TypeScript**, and **Tailwind CSS**, with **CI/CD** automation.

- Expanded cloud expertise through **AWS and Azure certification training**.
- Explored modern web frameworks, including **React and Next.js**.

Education

Bachelor of Science, Computer Science

Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, AZ

Certifications

Microsoft Certified: Fabric Analytics Engineer Associate