

# 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, ETL, data analysis, automation, and cloud technology**. 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.

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## Relevant Skills

- **Programming & Development:** Python, SQL, JavaScript, TypeScript, C#, Angular, HTML, CSS
  - **Cloud & DevOps:** Azure, Docker, Kubernetes, GitHub, CI/CD, Infrastructure as Code
  - **Data Engineering & Analytics:** ETL, SSIS, SSRS, Data Modeling, Spark, Microsoft Fabric
  - **Security & Systems:** Encryption, Active Directory, Group Policy, FTP Operations
  - **Process & Architecture:** Microservices, Process Automation, Technical Documentation, Cross-functional Leadership
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## Professional Experience

WILSHIRE, Santa Monica, CA

2017 – 2023

### *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Spearheaded **critical technology initiatives** at this global investment advisory firm, transforming outdated systems into **scalable, automated, and secure** solutions.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.

- Managed large-scale **data ingestion pipelines** using **FTP, Python, SSIS, and SQL Server** for encryption, transformation, loading, and automation.
  - Developed a scalable **automated portfolio builder** using **AngularJS and .NET**, later commercialized and [sold to financial institutions](#).
  - Conducted quarterly fiduciary reporting run, reports were built out using **SSRS**, leveraged **SQL stored procedures**, and were generated by the thousands. Reduced generation time from **days to hours** using **microservices**. Automated delivery through FTP and email (**SendGrid**).
  - **Managed and optimized** large production **SQL databases** and complex sets of **stored procedures**.
  - Led cloud migration from on-premises to **Azure**, designing and managing firm-wide databases and applications with **Azure Kubernetes Service (AKS) and Docker**.
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- Modernized legacy systems by implementing **GitHub for version control** and improving documentation standards.
- Strengthened security posture by identifying and mitigating vulnerabilities, protecting critical assets.

**NORTHERN ARIZONA UNIVERSITY**, Flagstaff, AZ

**2006 – 2012, 2013 – 2017**

### **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** network permissions using **Group Policy, Active Directory, and Registry profiles**.
- Developed **testing and documentation** processes to support students with diverse needs.
- Led **documentation standardization**, ensuring smooth team transitions.
- **Extensive troubleshooting** of a myriad of software and hardware issues.
- Assisted in **hiring and training** new team members, fostering technical excellence.

**VIWO, INC.**, Los Angeles, CA

**2012 – 2014**

### **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.
- Migrated SMBs from **Salesforce to Zoho CRM**.
- First in the company to achieve **Google Apps Certified Deployment Specialist** certification.
- Mentored teammates, ensuring **100% certification success rate**.

**Professional Development & Travel** San Francisco, CA

**2023 – Present**

- **Developed and deployed** a full-stack portfolio website using **Astro, TypeScript, and Tailwind CSS**, integrating **CI/CD automation** for streamlined deployments.
- **Mastered** AWS and Azure core services, completing certification training focused on **cloud architecture and infrastructure management**.
- **Built advanced proficiency** in modern web frameworks, including **React and Next.js**, by developing interactive UI components and optimizing performance.
- **Applied AI/ML concepts** by experimenting with **model deployment, fine-tuning LLMs, and integrating AI APIs**.
- **Strengthened** networking and security expertise through hands-on **self-hosting projects**, implementing **containerization, reverse proxies, and access controls** in a home lab environment.

## **Education**

**Bachelor of Science, Computer Science**

Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, AZ

## **Certifications**

Microsoft Certified: Fabric Analytics Engineer Associate