

Branden Gardner

PROFILE

Dynamic Systems Administrator with 10+ years of experience designing, automating, and maintaining Azure and hybrid cloud infrastructures. Expert in PowerShell scripting, Active Directory, Azure governance, and infrastructure automation. Proven record of improving uptime, enhancing scalability, and optimizing performance.

CONTACT

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SKILLS

SQL
Python
ERP
Office Suite
Server Management (Virtual/Physical)
Cloud computing (Azure)
Data Visualization
Interpersonal Skills
HTML
Firewall maintenance.
CMD/Scripts
ELT (Extract, Load, Transform)
Networking
Automation
MS Intune (SCCM)
IAM (Identity Access Management)
SSO, MFA

CERTIFICATIONS

[DP-100] Azure Data Scientist Associate

[PCEP-30-02] Certified Entry-Level Python Programmer

[AZ-900] Azure fundamentals

[PCAP] Certified Associate-Level Python Programmer (in progress)

[SEC +] CompTIA Security+ (in progress)

WORK EXPERIENCE

Freelance System Administrator

Self-Employed | Dec. 2025 – Present

- Provided systems administration support for small business and Individual clients, managing user accounts and permissions in Active Directory and Microsoft 365
- Configured and secured cloud environments in Microsoft Azure, including MFA and access controls
- Troubleshoot and resolved issues related to user access, email, and workstation performance

System Administrator I & II

1path LLC.

Jan. 2022 – Aug. 2026

- Implemented governance, RBAC, and compliance policies; created Power BI dashboards for performance insights.
- Automated 20+ recurring tasks using PowerShell, reducing manual workload
- Performed mass Integration of clients for Azure Automation of server task using PowerShell
- Built ELT pipelines cutting latency 40% and led Azure client migrations improving scalability. Managed cloud-based infrastructures such as Azure.
- Implemented security best practices by managing user accounts and governance across systems and databases (IAM)
- Monitored performance of servers and data-based pipelines. Set up alerts to identify and resolve issue
- Troubleshooted system outages as well as pipeline failures
- Collaborated across IT and data teams to ensure stable environments for operations and analytics
- Configured and managed network security protocols including firewalls, VPNs, DNS, DHCP, load balancing solutions, and information security best practices to safeguard data integrity.
- Front-end troubleshooting (HTML, CSS, UX design)
- Supported Salesforce environments by assisting with user access management, troubleshooting platform issues, and coordinating configuration updates to ensure reliable performance across Sales and Service Cloud workflows.

Associate Sys. Administrator

1Path LLC.

Oct. 2019 - Jan. 2022

- Managed AD and Windows Server for 300+ users. Authored SOPs reducing recurring tickets 20%.
- Implemented monitoring/alerting improving SLA adherence 15%. Supported Office 365 and hybrid Azure AD sync.
- Reduced workload of next level engineers, with preemptive troubleshooting
- Collaborated with next level engineers for learning purposes
- Created documentation for future resolves, helped reduce time spent on reoccurring issue.
- Supported disaster recovery planning by configuring backup solutions for NoSQL databases like Cassandra or MongoDB and traditional RDBMS (on-call rotation)

ITT Specialist

Georgia State University

2015-2019

- Perform technology services for students., execution and implementation of removing malware/viruses and installing protective software
- Develop processes and tools at a basic level to provide greater quality and consistency when helping students or professors
- Interact with teams and leaders to identify and implement standards for providing a better service for the campus technology wise
- Fix technological issues when a professor is having trouble, or not used to, operating the systems in place

EDUCATION

Georgia State University

Bachelor of Managerial Science -BAS, IT Management
