

# Brandon Rivera

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## SUMMARY

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.NET software engineer who works across the stack, from C# microservices and REST APIs down to the SQL and CI/CD that keep them running. Most of what I build lands on systems people depend on daily, including the platform behind roughly 80% of company order entry. I'm comfortable owning a service end to end, untangling production issues under pressure, and coordinating the teams it takes to ship a migration like modernizing legacy APIs or standing up a new CRM environment.

## SKILLS

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**Languages:** C#, SQL, PowerShell, Bash, JavaScript, Python, Java, HTML/CSS, YAML

**Frameworks & Libraries:** .NET (ASP.NET, MVC, Blazor, MAUI, EF, MVVM), Spring Boot, React.js, Node.js, Tailwind CSS, Bootstrap

**Cloud & Tooling:** Azure DevOps, Azure Key Vault, Application Insights, AWS, IIS, SQL Server Management Studio, Visual Studio, Postman, Swagger

**Practices:** Microservice & BFF architecture, REST API design, CI/CD pipelines, token-based auth, unit & functional testing, Agile/Scrum, code review

## EXPERIENCE

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### Software Engineer, Kimball Midwest

Feb 2026 – Present

Columbus, OH

- Stood up the "Thrive" dev and UAT environment for the company's migration to Dynamics 365. This meant filing the requests that got new SQL Server instances, pipelines, hosts, and firewall rules provisioned, then coordinating across DBAs, DevSecOps, Systems Engineering, and our integration partner VelSol. Both sides are now making successful cross-system calls.
- Pushed back on the original plan to deploy duplicate v10 controllers for the migration and argued for forking at the branch level instead. With no automated end-to-end coverage on the data syncs between us and VelSol, redeploying the existing codebase to a separate host was the lower-risk move and left far less to maintain.
- Rewrote MSTARSApi, a ten-year-old .NET Framework service, into MSTARSApi on modern .NET. Added token-based auth, moved logging into Application Insights, and introduced unit and functional tests where there had been none. The service backs about 80% of company order entry.
- Kicked off my part of the .NET 8-to-10 upgrade by getting shared libraries onto stable package references, then wrote up the process so the rest of the team had a path to follow across the remaining ~84 applications.
- Took over the CI/CD pipeline and release process for the Managers App and cleared the Telerik licensing and NuGet authentication failures that were breaking builds.

### Associate Software Engineer, Kimball Midwest

Jun 2024 – Feb 2026

Columbus, OH

- Built and owned ManagersAppClient.api, a backend-for-frontend service that pulls together around 15 downstream microservices (Search, Company, SalesRep, Person, and others) behind a single API for a manager-facing reporting app used by 200+ people.
- Inherited the Managers App after a vendor handoff, refactored it to MVVM, and added the Field Visit Reports and Business Reviews modules. Those replaced a tangle of Excel sheets, Microsoft Forms, and PowerApps that had never captured the data cleanly.
- Ran iOS and Android releases for the app and documented the process so teammates could pick it up.
- Replaced legacy vendor code, which cut a third-party dependency and made the codebase easier to maintain.
- Handled production support across MSTARSApi to keep order entry running, and wrote unit and functional tests that made the deployment pipeline more reliable.

### Help Desk Agent, Tier 1, Kimball Midwest

Mar 2023 – Jun 2024

Columbus, OH

- Worked IT and mobile-app tickets through KACE and wrote PowerShell scripts to automate the repetitive ones.
- Pulled ticket data in SQL to spot recurring problems and bridged communication between business units and IT.

## EDUCATION & CERTIFICATIONS

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**B.S. Computer Science**, Franklin University (2023) • **A.S. Software Development**, Columbus State (2020)

Microsoft Certified: Azure Fundamentals (AZ-900) — 2024 • CompTIA IT Fundamentals+ — 2024