

CHRISTOPHER A. SAVCHICK

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IT Specialist & Educator Windows Systems and Network Administration

IT professional and retired law enforcement officer with over a decade of experience managing Windows-based infrastructure, supporting hybrid environments, and leading local IT initiatives within a global manufacturing organization. Skilled in Active Directory, Windows Server, Office 365, Hyper-V, Azure services, and Group Policy; network expansion, vendor coordination, hardware lifecycle planning, and support for ERP and CAD systems. In addition to hands-on experience, I've taught these technologies at the college level and helped develop a new instructional lab for real-world IT training. I'm especially drawn to IT roles that directly support public safety, community services, or other mission-driven operations where reliability and accountability are critical.

CERTIFICATIONS:

CompTIA Network+ (Certified June 2025); Microsoft Windows Server Hybrid Administrator Associate (in progress)

TECHNICAL PROFICIENCIES:

Active Directory, Group Policy, Windows Server, Hyper-V, VirtualBox, Microsoft 365, foundational Azure administration, network infrastructure, ERP/CAD support, and brief NIST/CMMC exposure. Background in programming (e.g., VBA, Java) with an active interest in scripting and automation (PowerShell, Python) to support systems administration tasks.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Gateway Community and Technical College – Florence, KY

10/2023 - Present

CIT Instructor

Teach a range of Computer and IT-related subjects to first- and second-year college students, with a primary focus on Windows systems administration and networking. Topics include Active Directory, Windows Server Hybrid Infrastructure, Group Policy, and more, including virtualization using Hyper-V and VirtualBox. Coursework is designed to help prepare students for Microsoft and CompTIA certification exams.

Design and lead hands-on labs for advanced Windows Server administration courses, focusing on real-world implementation and troubleshooting skills. Create technical documentation assignments, peer-reviewed projects, and guided scenarios that simulate enterprise IT environments. Emphasize practical learning, teamwork, and professional readiness.

Contribute to the planning and setup of a new instructional lab space to support hands-on learning in systems administration, networking, and IT infrastructure. The lab is designed for shared use across multiple courses, giving students practical experience with Windows and Linux systems, virtualization, and domain-based environments.

Diversified Structural Composites (Exel Composites) – Erlanger, KY

6/2014– 09/2023

IT Specialist

Managed IT systems and infrastructure for a U.S.-based manufacturing facility within a global corporation. Originally hired as a developer to enhance a custom manufacturing operations database built with MS Access and VBA, then evolved over time to lead all local systems administration, user support, and solutions development. Supported the successful transition to Epicor ERP, reduced dependence on third-party IT providers, and helped modernize and stabilize operations through in-house systems management. Also supported users of Solidworks CAD and Epicor ERP, maintained Windows servers, network resources, and domain clients in a hybrid Azure environment, and coordinated with international IT teams and third-party vendors.

- Key contributor in the transition from a custom-built Microsoft Access database application to Epicor ERP, including data migration and database integration tasks in MS SQL Server.
- Designed and developed a labeling application using Access/VBA and SQL Server, enabling serialized product tracking, integrating automated quality control data capture, and providing web-based monitoring dashboard with PHP and IIS.
- Reduced dependence on third-party IT providers by taking over local systems administration and infrastructure support, including hardware lifecycle management, proactive asset replacement planning, network expansion, and routine troubleshooting.
- Provided technical support and user training for Solidworks CAD and Epicor ERP environments, including license server management, software updates, and performance testing.
- Gained NIST/CMMC framework familiarity from hands-on evaluation at the department level; advised leadership on compliance feasibility and consulting needs.

Gateway Community and Technical College – Park Hills, KY**1/2013– 6/2014**

Peer Tutor

While a full-time student, I was selected to serve a diverse student base by providing tutoring services for IT courses including networking, database with MS Access, programming in Java and PHP.

Crossway Community – Walton, KY**12/2013– 5/2014**

IT Specialist, Part Time

Delivered the day-to-day performance of IT operations including training, asset management, and solutions development. Installed, configured, and administered solutions. Enabled remote access for various users, built complex Linux Server with OwnCloud to serve as a backup for remote users.

Newport Police Department – Newport, KY**06/1992– 07/2012**

Traffic Section Supervisor/Assistant Network Administrator/General IT Support

Served in various roles spanning two decades of service for the Newport Police Department. Provided police services across a diverse city population ensuring safety and timely incident response. Conducted investigations and incident reporting. Completed numerous high-risk missions and warrant services as a member of the SWAT team. Mentored and led a platoon of up to 12 officers. Supported the administration of a portfolio of ~30 technical assets with 50+ users. Oversaw the performance and delivery of Traffic Section personnel. Led the civilian school crossing guard program.

- Instrumental in the conversion of incident reporting from manual to digital through the implementation of network software.
- Launched the utilization of in-car video recording systems, expertly devising associated policies, accountability framework, and data retention practices.
- Redesigned impounding practices for scofflaws and achieved revision of city ordinance, ensuring reasonable notice and fair treatment of owners while increasing revenue collection for the city.

Kentucky Air National Guard – Louisville, KY
Air Transportation, Staff Sergeant

01/1990– 01/1996

Engaged with a team of airmen in palletizing, loading, and unloading of cargo from various military aircraft, and recovery from airdrop locations. Primary experience on the C-130, but also C-5 and C-141. Volunteered for deployment in support of operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

- Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal
- National Defense Service Medal
- Air Force Longevity Service Award
- Basic Military Training School Honor Graduate
- Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon, Rifle
- Air Force Training Ribbon
- Kentucky Service Ribbon
- Kentucky Merit Ribbon

EDUCATION

Northern Kentucky University

Bachelor of Science in Computer Information Technology – Database and Web Development, 2016
Graduated magna cum laude

Gateway Community and Technical College

Associate of Applied Science in Computer Information Technology – Programming, 2014
Outstanding CIT Student Award
Butler Scholarship Recipient