

**Barry Belford**

*Barry Belford, Lead Software Designer, TBG Systems & TBG Software*

Barry Belford began work for Advantage Information Services, Inc. in 1998, and he and his wife, Angela, bought the company (today known as The Belford Group) a year later. He has been developing software solutions for clients ever since.

Born in Etobicoke, Ontario, Canada, Barry was something of a computer-programming prodigy. He moved to Fayetteville in 1992 to attend the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, where he earned a bachelor's degree in Computer Information Systems & Quantitative Analysis. While pursuing his degree, he tutored fellow students in computer-programming and began writing institutional software for clients. His first project, while still in school, was a 9-1-1 emergency response system written for Washington County. The county uses the system to this day. Upon graduating, Barry worked for a time in the Campus Card Office at the university, before joining Advantage Information Services. He is proficient in Visual Basic, ASP, Java Script, HTML, Cobol and other programming languages and systems.

The Belfords live in southwestern Fayetteville, with their three children.

**Responsibilities:**

Barry leads the computer software design, deployment and maintenance efforts of the entire enterprise, identifying project objectives and mapping out effective strategies for implementation. He directs the work of programmers who develop and maintain software systems for TBG Software and TBG Systems and consults on the website-development projects carried out by The Belford Group as needed. In addition, he conducts analysis of software performance, troubleshoots glitches, identifies opportunities for improvement and outlines remedial tactics.