Chapter **2**

Configuring Windows and Mac Clients

A mong the most basic aspects of using a network is configuring your computer to connect to the network. In particular, you have to configure each client computer's network interface so that it works properly, and you have to install the right protocols so that the clients can communicate with other computers on the network.

Fortunately, the task of configuring client computers for the network is child's play in Windows. For starters, Windows automatically recognizes your network interface card when you start up your computer. All that remains is to make sure that Windows properly installed the network protocols and client software.

With each version of Windows, Microsoft has simplified the process of configuring client network support. In the first half of this chapter, I describe the steps for configuring networking for Windows 10. The procedures for previous versions of Windows are similar.

Configuring a Mac computer for networking is just as easy. The second half of this chapter shows you how to dial in networking using Apple's latest incarnation of the macOS, known as Catalina. The procedures are similar for previous macOS versions.