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Okay, the problem is solved. Here's what helped:

1. I triple-checked for firewalls. Lo and behold, it turns out that my new computer came with a Norton firewall installed as part of the package. The tutorials I found at <http://www.leeindy.com/> helped me configure ZoneAlarm and Norton Internet Security to allow networking, file-sharing and internet access. Further scanning of old posts in this group let me know that "Internet worm protection" in Norton Antivirus works like a firewall so I turned that off.
2. I installed NetworkMagic. This looks like one heck of a useful interface. I don't know that it was essential to solving my problem because I still didn't get file sharing or internet service until...
3. I followed PChuck's advice (<http://nitecruzr.blogspot.com/>) on making sure that IP settings are the same on both computers. The wireless adapter on Computer B was set for a fixed IP address, whereas everything else was configured for DHCP. I changed this, and that turned everything loose.

One more word on NetworkMagic – both Belkin's interface and WZC told me that I was connected to my network when I couldn't get internet or filesharing. NetworkMagic inspected the same connection and was upfront about the fact that I wasn't connected. Accuracy in software is a wonderful thing.

Take care and thanks,

Jon

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