

Argos and Firewalls

Symptom

When you start Argos, you get a screen displaying a database error and a number. When you click OK you briefly see the Argos window before it shuts down.

Cause

This can happen if the Firebird database is not running or a firewall blocks Argos access to the local Firebird database. For example the “Norman” firewall is known to block the Firebird database.

Resolution

The solution is to tell the firewall that Firebird is an allowed program.

First check that the Firebird database is running. To do this, go into the control panel and click on the Firebird icon. You should then see the following figure. Please check that you have exactly the same setting as shown in the figure (Firebird Server Control).



If your settings are the same as shown above and Argos does not work, then allow the following two programs in your firewall:

fbguard.exe

fbserver.exe

Furthermore, Firebird uses the following port and protocol, **port 3050** and **tcp protocol**, which must not be blocked.

These figures can also be found in *C:\WINDOWS\system32\drivers\etc\services*, where the entry is:
gds_db 3050/tcp