

# SQL Cluster and Firewall

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Hi,

We need to implement a solution in which two Windows 2003/ SQL Servers 2000 based servers being located behind firewalls in two different locations, together form SAN attached geo-cluster systems. SQL Server ports will be opened on firewall to DMZ and accessible by Web servers located in DMZ.

There are currently many Active/ Passive SQL Clusters in our LAN which are geo-cluster and SAN attached. We have infrastructure in place to have 2 redundant public NICs and 2 redundant private non-routable NICs for heartbeat.

Do we need to open special port(s) opened for Windows/ SQL clustering on the firewall for this scenario to work properly? Please note heartbeat connection will not use our internal network.

Thanks  
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