

## Re: SP2 Windows firewall and FTP dilemma

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The firewall does not block all inbound traffic – it blocks unsolicited inbound traffic. If it blocked all traffic your Internet Explorer (port 80) would not work either. Since you are connecting to the FTP server, the firewall correctly recognizes that the FTP traffic is in response to your request to connect and allows it.

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> Hello,  
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> I use Windows XP Pro with SP2. I have turned on Windows  
> firewall and don't allow exceptions, and check none of  
> the services in advanced settings. But I can still use  
> FTP client in PORT mode to talk with a FTP server  
> outside. The FTP server outside uses standard ports (21,  
> 20).  
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> I would like to know if Windows firewall has special  
> handling on FTP. Is it always accept inbound connection  
> from FTP server port 20? Is there any such information  
> from Microsoft official web site? I have searched for 2  
> days but there is no related information about that.  
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> Thank you very much.  
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> Regards,  
> Wilson