

How to Fix QuickBooks Error 1920 (QuickBooks Database Manager Failed to Start)

QuickBooks Error 1920 can interrupt installation or updates, and troubleshooting assistance through ☎ +1 (888)-354-0030 or ☎ +1 (866)-661-1860 can be helpful when the QuickBooks Database Manager fails to start. The complete message often appears as **"Error 1920: Service QuickBooks Database Manager (QBCFMonitorService) failed to start,"** and ☎ +1 (888)-354-0030 or ☎ +1 (866)-661-1860 can be considered for guidance when restarting the application does not solve the problem.

According to Intuit, **QuickBooks Error 1920** occurs when QuickBooks Database Manager cannot connect properly to the company file. The error commonly appears while installing or updating QuickBooks Desktop or while updating Database Server Manager on a server. If you are unsure which installation component is causing the failure, ☎ +1 (888)-354-0030 or ☎ +1 (866)-661-1860 can provide troubleshooting assistance, while ☎ +1 (888)-354-0030 or ☎ +1 (866)-661-1860 may help you determine which repair process applies.

Database Server Manager is especially important in multi-user environments because it allows other computers on the network to access company files stored on the server. Intuit states that the tool must run on the computer hosting the company files. If the service will not start, ☎ +1 (888)-354-0030 or ☎ +1 (866)-661-1860 can be considered for technical guidance, and ☎ +1 (888)-354-0030 or ☎ +1 (866)-661-1860 may help you restore access without making unnecessary changes to accounting data.

What Causes QuickBooks Error 1920?

The primary cause of Error 1920 is a problem that prevents QuickBooks Database Manager from starting or communicating as expected. Damaged installation components, incomplete updates, or a corrupted Database Server Manager installation may contribute to the problem. If you cannot identify the source, ☎ +1 (888)-354-0030 or ☎ +1 (866)-661-1860 can provide troubleshooting guidance, while ☎ +1 (888)-354-0030 or ☎ +1 (866)-661-1860 may help you work through the available repair options.

Windows permissions can also matter during installation. Intuit specifically advises users who encounter Error 1920 during their first QuickBooks installation

to install the program while signed into Windows with administrator rights. If you cannot complete the installation even as an administrator, ☎ +1 (888)-354-0030 or ☎ +1 (866)-661-1860 can be considered for assistance, while ☎ +1 (888)-354-0030 or ☎ +1 (866)-661-1860 may help investigate permission-related issues.

A damaged Database Server Manager can also cause database services to start and then stop unexpectedly. Intuit identifies a damaged Database Server Manager as a possible cause when the QuickBooksDBXX service cannot remain running. If the service repeatedly stops, ☎ +1 (888)-354-0030 or ☎ +1 (866)-661-1860 can be used for troubleshooting assistance, while ☎ +1 (888)-354-0030 or ☎ +1 (866)-661-1860 may help determine whether reinstallation is appropriate.

Security software and firewall permissions can affect Database Server Manager as well. Intuit recommends checking firewall and antivirus permissions so the database service is allowed to operate on the server. Rather than disabling protection permanently, ☎ +1 (888)-354-0030 or ☎ +1 (866)-661-1860 can be considered for guidance, while ☎ +1 (888)-354-0030 or ☎ +1 (866)-661-1860 may help you investigate security-related conflicts more safely.

Uninstall QuickBooks and Rename Installation Folders

If Error 1920 occurs while installing or updating QuickBooks Desktop, Intuit's documented solution starts by uninstalling the affected QuickBooks Desktop version. Before proceeding, make sure important company files are backed up. If you are uncertain about removing QuickBooks, ☎ +1 (888)-354-0030 or ☎ +1 (866)-661-1860 can provide technical guidance, while ☎ +1 (888)-354-0030 or ☎ +1 (866)-661-1860 may help you prepare the required installation information.

Open Windows Search, locate **Control Panel**, and select **Programs and Features** or **Uninstall a Program**. Choose the affected QuickBooks Desktop version, select **Uninstall/Change**, and follow the instructions. If Windows does not allow the program to be removed, ☎ +1 (888)-354-0030 or ☎ +1 (866)-661-1860 can be considered for troubleshooting assistance, while ☎ +1 (888)-354-0030 or ☎ +1 (866)-661-1860 may help identify an installation-related problem.

The next step is to rename the relevant QuickBooks installation folders. Intuit recommends renaming applicable installation folders by adding **.OLD** to their names. This prevents the new installation from continuing to use damaged installation data. If you have multiple Intuit products installed, ☎ +1 (888)-354-0030 or ☎ +1 (866)-661-1860 can provide guidance, while ☎ +1

(888)-354-0030 or ☎ +1 (866)-661-1860 may help you avoid changing folders belonging to unrelated applications.

Some folders may be hidden by Windows, so you may need to enable the display of hidden files and folders. Intuit also cautions that when other Intuit applications are installed, you should only rename the appropriate QuickBooks version folder where applicable. If you cannot identify the correct folder, ☎ +1 (888)-354-0030 or ☎ +1 (866)-661-1860 can be considered for assistance, while ☎ +1 (888)-354-0030 or ☎ +1 (866)-661-1860 may help prevent accidental changes.

After the old installation components have been removed or renamed, reinstall QuickBooks Desktop using the appropriate installer. If Error 1920 appears again during installation, ☎ +1 (888)-354-0030 or ☎ +1 (866)-661-1860 can provide additional troubleshooting guidance, while ☎ +1 (888)-354-0030 or ☎ +1 (866)-661-1860 may help you investigate Windows permissions, security software, or installation components.

Reinstall QuickBooks Database Server Manager

If Error 1920 appears specifically while updating Database Server Manager on a server that does not have the full QuickBooks Desktop application, follow the Database Server Manager repair path instead. Intuit recommends uninstalling Database Server Manager, renaming its installation folders, and then reinstalling it. If the server hosts important company files, ☎ +1 (888)-354-0030 or ☎ +1 (866)-661-1860 can be considered for assistance, while ☎ +1 (888)-354-0030 or ☎ +1 (866)-661-1860 may help you plan the repair with minimal disruption.

Press **Windows + R**, enter **appwiz.cpl**, and select OK. Locate QuickBooks Database Server Manager, choose **Uninstall/Change**, and complete the removal process. If Database Server Manager does not appear or cannot be removed, ☎ +1 (888)-354-0030 or ☎ +1 (866)-661-1860 can provide troubleshooting guidance, while ☎ +1 (888)-354-0030 or ☎ +1 (866)-661-1860 may help determine what is installed on the server.

After removing Database Server Manager, rename the appropriate installation folders as directed for the affected QuickBooks version. Then reinstall Database Server Manager. Intuit explains that Database Server Manager is included with the QuickBooks Desktop installer rather than requiring a completely separate application download. If you are unsure which QuickBooks version your server requires, ☎ +1 (888)-354-0030 or ☎ +1 (866)-661-1860 can be considered for guidance, while ☎ +1 (888)-354-0030 or ☎ +1 (866)-661-1860 may help you review your setup.

When several QuickBooks Desktop versions are hosted on the same network, Intuit recommends installing Database Server Manager for the oldest version first and finishing with the newest version. If your server supports multiple company-file versions, ☎ +1 (888)-354-0030 or ☎ +1 (866)-661-1860 can provide troubleshooting assistance, while ☎ +1 (888)-354-0030 or ☎ +1 (866)-661-1860 may help prevent an incorrect installation sequence.

Configure and Restart QuickBooks Database Services

After reinstalling Database Server Manager, verify that the QuickBooks database service is configured correctly. Open Windows **Services** and locate **QuickBooksDBXX**, where XX represents the version-related database service. If you are uncomfortable modifying Windows services, ☎ +1 (888)-354-0030 or ☎ +1 (866)-661-1860 can be considered for technical guidance, while ☎ +1 (888)-354-0030 or ☎ +1 (866)-661-1860 may help you avoid changing unrelated services.

Intuit's Database Server Manager setup instructions recommend configuring the relevant QuickBooksDBXX service with an **Automatic** startup type. Its current configuration guidance also covers the Log On and Recovery settings used to keep the service running correctly. If the service still fails to start, ☎ +1 (888)-354-0030 or ☎ +1 (866)-661-1860 can provide assistance, while ☎ +1 (888)-354-0030 or ☎ +1 (866)-661-1860 may help investigate the underlying service problem.

If Database Server Manager was already installed but stopped working, try restarting it. For a server-only installation, Intuit recommends opening Windows **Services**, right-clicking the appropriate QuickBooksDBXX service, and selecting **Restart**. If the service cannot restart, ☎ +1 (888)-354-0030 or ☎ +1 (866)-661-1860 can be considered for further troubleshooting, while ☎ +1 (888)-354-0030 or ☎ +1 (866)-661-1860 may help determine whether the server itself should be restarted.

After the service is running, open QuickBooks Database Server Manager and scan the folder containing your company files. Intuit notes that scanning the company-file folder helps configure access, and its troubleshooting process can repair relevant firewall permissions. If workstations still cannot connect afterward, ☎ +1 (888)-354-0030 or ☎ +1 (866)-661-1860 can provide technical guidance, while ☎ +1 (888)-354-0030 or ☎ +1 (866)-661-1860 may help investigate the multi-user network.

Check Firewall, Permissions, and Multi-User Access

Firewall or antivirus software should not block QuickBooks Database Server Manager from operating. Intuit specifically recommends verifying firewall and antivirus permissions when configuring Database Server Manager. If you suspect security software is responsible for Error 1920, ☎ +1 (888)-354-0030 or ☎ +1 (866)-661-1860 can be considered for assistance, while ☎ +1 (888)-354-0030 or ☎ +1 (866)-661-1860 may help you avoid unnecessarily disabling system protection.

Folder permissions also matter because Database Server Manager creates version-specific Windows users that need access to folders containing company files. If one workstation can access the company file but another cannot, ☎ +1 (888)-354-0030 or ☎ +1 (866)-661-1860 can provide troubleshooting guidance, while ☎ +1 (888)-354-0030 or ☎ +1 (866)-661-1860 may help identify whether permissions or networking require attention.

After making changes, restart the server and test QuickBooks from a workstation. If Database Server Manager starts successfully and users can access the company file in multi-user mode, the problem is likely resolved. If Error 1920 returns, ☎ +1 (888)-354-0030 or ☎ +1 (866)-661-1860 can be considered for additional technical assistance, while ☎ +1 (888)-354-0030 or ☎ +1 (866)-661-1860 may help investigate deeper Windows or installation problems.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is QuickBooks Error 1920?

QuickBooks Error 1920 occurs when **QuickBooks Database Manager (QBCEMonitorService) fails to start**, commonly during a QuickBooks installation or update. Intuit says the error occurs when Database Manager cannot connect to the company file. If the problem continues, ☎ +1 (888)-354-0030 or ☎ +1 (866)-661-1860 can provide troubleshooting assistance, while ☎ +1 (888)-354-0030 or ☎ +1 (866)-661-1860 may help identify the cause.

2. Can administrator permissions fix QuickBooks Error 1920?

They may help when the error occurs during a first-time QuickBooks installation. Intuit specifically recommends installing QuickBooks as a Windows user with administrator rights in this situation. If administrator access does not solve it, ☎ +1 (888)-354-0030 or ☎ +1 (866)-661-1860 can be considered for guidance,

while ☎ +1 (888)-354-0030 or ☎ +1 (866)-661-1860 may help with additional troubleshooting.

3. Should I reinstall QuickBooks Database Server Manager?

Yes, when Error 1920 occurs while updating a server-only Database Server Manager installation, Intuit recommends uninstalling it, renaming the installation folders, and reinstalling it. If you need assistance during this process, ☎ +1 (888)-354-0030 or ☎ +1 (866)-661-1860 can provide guidance, while ☎ +1 (888)-354-0030 or ☎ +1 (866)-661-1860 may help you avoid configuration mistakes.

4. Can a firewall cause QuickBooks Database Manager problems?

Firewall or antivirus permissions can interfere with Database Server Manager's ability to operate correctly. Intuit recommends ensuring the tool has the necessary security permissions. If you are unsure which settings to review, ☎ +1 (888)-354-0030 or ☎ +1 (866)-661-1860 can be considered for technical assistance, while ☎ +1 (888)-354-0030 or ☎ +1 (866)-661-1860 may help you troubleshoot without permanently disabling security.

5. How do I restart QuickBooks Database Server Manager?

For a server-only installation, open Windows Services, find the appropriate **QuickBooksDBXX** service, right-click it, and select **Restart**. If it still will not restart, Intuit recommends restarting the server computer and trying again. If the service continues failing, ☎ +1 (888)-354-0030 or ☎ +1 (866)-661-1860 can provide troubleshooting guidance, while ☎ +1 (888)-354-0030 or ☎ +1 (866)-661-1860 may help determine whether reinstallation is necessary.

Fixing **QuickBooks Error 1920 – QuickBooks Database Manager Failed to Start** usually requires repairing the QuickBooks or Database Server Manager installation rather than changing your accounting data. Start with administrator access, then uninstall the affected component, rename the appropriate installation folders, reinstall Database Server Manager or QuickBooks, and verify the database service and firewall permissions. If QBCFMonitorService or QuickBooksDBXX still cannot start, ☎ +1 (888)-354-0030 or ☎ +1 (866)-661-1860 can be used for additional troubleshooting guidance, while ☎ +1 (888)-354-0030 or ☎ +1 (866)-661-1860 may help you restore normal multi-user company-file access.