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**PROWDOG command**

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Starts the OpenEdge Watchdog process.

## Syntax

```
prowdog db-name
```

## Parameters

### *db-name*

Specifies the database to clean up after.

The Watchdog cleans up after improperly terminated processes. For example, it releases any locks or shared-memory structures that those processes might hold.

## Notes

- If the Watchdog finds a process that is no longer active, it releases all the appropriate record locks, backs out any live transactions, releases any shared-memory locks, and closes the connection. If the lost process is a server, it disconnects and cleans up all appropriate remote clients.
- If the process was changing shared memory when it terminated, shared memory is in an inconsistent state; the Watchdog forces a shutdown to protect the database.
- The Watchdog cannot detect lost remote clients because remote clients are not associated with a process. Instead, a network protocol timeout mechanism notifies the server that the network connection was lost.



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