If you already have a prior version of Visual Studio or SQL Server you may skip these first two steps and use those versions if you wish.

**Download & Install Visual Studio Community**

1. Download Visual Studio Community:
   * https://www.visualstudio.com/post-download-vs?sku=community&clcid=0x409#
2. Run the .exe file
3. Select the "Typical" or "Default" installation settings
   * This will include everything you will need including the .NET Framework to get you going
4. Once the Setup is complete, you may run Visual Studio Community
5. You will be asked to log into your Microsoft Account. This is not a requirement, however I highly recommend that you register/sign in with a Microsoft Account.
   * Having a Microsoft Account will allow you sign up for Visual Studio Dev Essentials subscription, which is a free subscription that allows you to download great free software that any developer may use.
     + For more information: https://www.visualstudio.com/en-us/products/visual-studio-dev-essentials-vs.aspx
6. And that's it! You now have Visual Studio Community ready for use.

**Download & Install SQL Server Express**

1. To download SQL Server Express, click on the following link:
   * https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/download/details.aspx?id=42299
2. Click the orange "Download" button
3. Select one of the following downloads depending on your computer:
   * 32-bit: ExpressAndTools 32BIT\SQLEXPRWT\_x86\_ENU.exe
   * 64-bit: ExpressAndTools 64BIT\SQLEXPRWT\_x64\_ENU.exe
4. Run the .exe file
5. Select New SQL Server stand-alone installation or add features to an existing installation (unless you already have SQL Server installed)
6. Follow through the installation wizard, you do not need to change any of the default settings.
7. Once your installation is complete, you can run SQL Server Management Studio in order to create databases!

**Starter Kit**

1. Download Visual Studio
2. Download the Starter Kit from the master branch.
   * You will see a .sql file which contains the SQL script to run to create the database to your SQL Server Instance.
3. Move the Kit to your Visual Studio Project Location you set during installation (typically this is in your **Documents** folder, under the **Visual Studio** folder, you should see a **Projects** folder [**../Documents/Visual Studio/Projects/**])
4. Open the Solution by double clicking the solution (.sln) file, or you can open Visual Studio and use the **Open Project/Solution** option in File.

**Create the Database using a SQL Script**

1. Open **SQL Server Management Studio**
2. Log in using Windows Authentication
3. Click **File** - **Open** - **File...**
4. Locate the .sql file that was just downloaded
5. Click the **Execute** button at the top in the Toolbar

**From any .aspx page, click “Run on IIS Express” to launch the application!**