Data query language is, like data definition language is a subset of structured query language, DQL is a subset of data manipulation language that is still to come later in this document. In some instances, you might find that the SELECT statement is still allocated under DML. Data query language is all about retrieving data from a database, it is not bothered with updating or modifying and only makes use of the SELECT statement.

Make sure that you are logged into SSMS, open a new query window.

Before we run our select statement we must tell SSMS that we want to use NORTHWIND, therefore we can run:

<USE NORTHWIND>

The USE command tells SSMS which database it must use.