### **Step 1: Download SQL Server Express**

* **Visit Microsoft's official download page:** Go to the [SQL Server Express Edition page](https://www.microsoft.com/sql-server/sql-server-downloads).
* **Choose the right version:** Make sure you select the Express edition, which is a free, lightweight, and feature-limited edition of SQL Server.
* **Download the installer:** Click on the download link and save the installer file to your computer.

### **Step 2: Install SQL Server Express**

* **Run the installer:** Double-click on the downloaded file to start the installation.
* **Installation Type:** Select the **Basic** installation type, which installs with default configurations, ideal for development and testing.
* **Accept Terms and Conditions:** Read and accept the license terms.
* **Select Installation Location:** leave the default location.
* **Install:** Click **Install** and wait for the installation to complete.

### **Step 3: Download SQL Server Management Studio (SSMS)**

* **Visit the download page for SSMS:** Go to the [SSMS download page](https://docs.microsoft.com/sql/ssms/download-sql-server-management-studio-ssms).
* **Download SSMS:** Click on the download link for the latest stable version of SSMS and save the installer to your computer.

### **Step 4: Install SQL Server Management Studio**

* **Run the SSMS installer:** Double-click the downloaded file.
* **Install:** Follow the on-screen instructions. The installation process is straightforward.
* **Finish Installation:** Once the installation is complete, launch SSMS.

### **Step 5: Connect to SQL Server using SSMS**

* **Open SSMS:** Find SQL Server Management Studio in your applications and open it.
* **Connect to Server:** Enter the server name (for local, it's usually **localhost** )

**Step 6: Execute the Schema Script**

* **Open a New Query Window:** In SSMS, click on **New Query** in the toolbar.
* **Paste Your Schema Script:** Copy your schema script and paste it into the query window.
* **Execute the Script:** Click on the **Execute** button or press F5 to run the script. This will create the schema as defined.