# Guidelines for installing SQL Server 2019 and SQL Server Management Studio

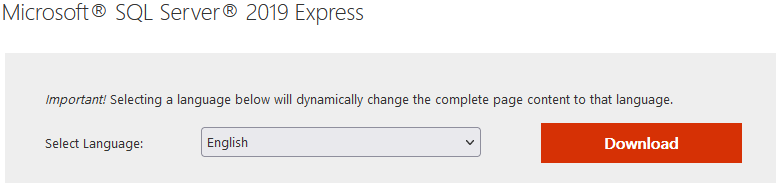
This document contains guidelines for installing the needed software for the ["Databases Basics – MS SQL" course @ Software University](https://softuni.bg/trainings/3965/ms-sql-january-2023).

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| *Icon  Description automatically generated* | SQL Server Management Studio (SSMS) **18** works properly only with SQL Server **2019**.  SQL Server Management Studio (SSMS) **19 Preview** works properly only with SQL Server **2022.**  This guideline is for installing **SQL Server Management Studio (SSMS) 18** and **SQL Server 2019**.  If you'd like to use SQL Server Management Studio (SSMS) **19 (Preview)** version, download SSMS 19 from [here](https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/sql/ssms/download-sql-server-management-studio-ssms-19?view=sql-server-ver15) and download SQL Server **2022** from[here](https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/sql-server/sql-server-downloads). The steps for installation are identical as the steps for SSMS 18 and SQL Server 19. |

## 1. Download and install SQL Server Express

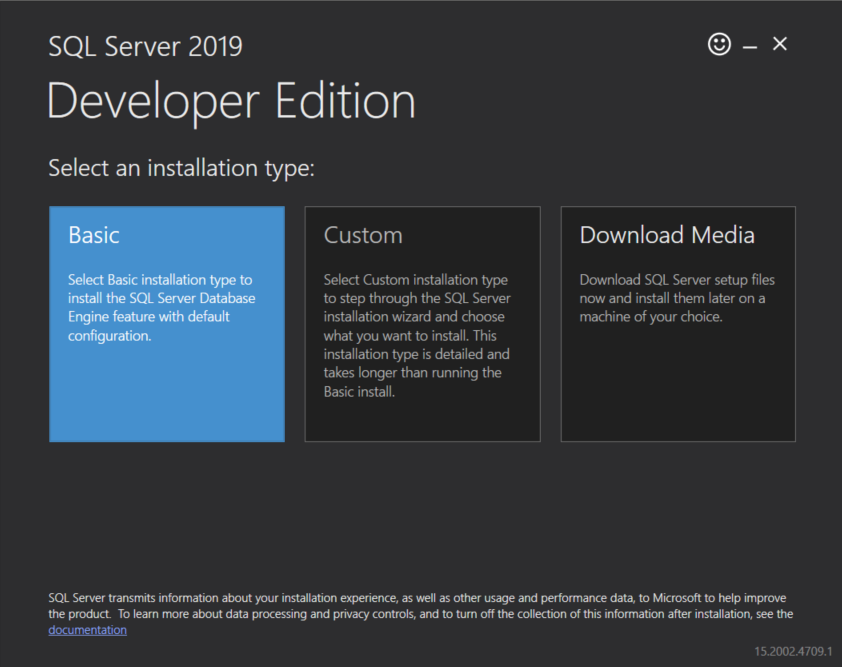
### Step 1. Download SQL Server 2019 (Express edition)

Click on the link below from the Microsoft website and download **SQL Server 2019 Express:** <https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/download/confirmation.aspx?id=101064>. This should automatically download the installationfile. If it doesn't download it automatically, click on the **[Download]** button.

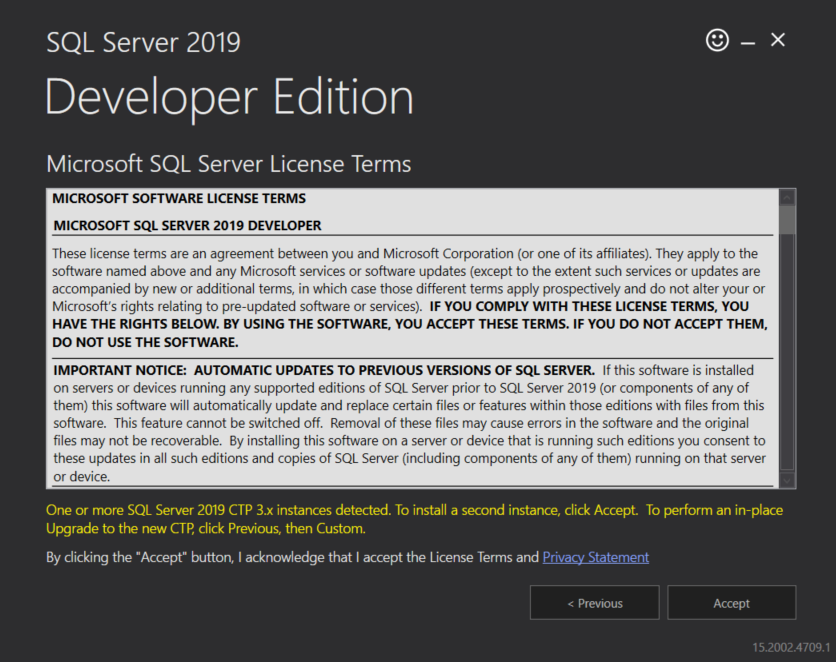


### Step 2. Install SQL Server 2019

Start the **downloaded** installation file. Choose the **Basic** option.



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Before clicking on the **[Install]** button, you have to choose the directory to install the product to. You don't have to change anything, unless you have some specific preference. Graphical user interface, application

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After the installation is successfully completed, you can use the **[Install SSMS]** button, which will take you to the Microsoft website in order for you to download the **SQL Server Management Studio** installer. You can find the same link in the next chapter of this document.

## 2. Download and install the SQL Server Management Studio

### Step 1. Download SQL Server Management Studio

If you haven't downloaded the installation file from the previous chapter, click on this [link](https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/sql/ssms/download-sql-server-management-studio-ssms?view=sql-server-ver15) and download the **SQL Server Management Studio.**

### Step 2. Install SQL Server Management Studio

Open the downloaded installation file and click on the **[Install]** button. After the installation is completed successfully, you'll have to restart your computer.Text

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