LAB - Install SQL Server

In this lab, you will step by step learn how to install the SQL Server 2017 Developer Edition and SQL Server Management Studio (SSMS).

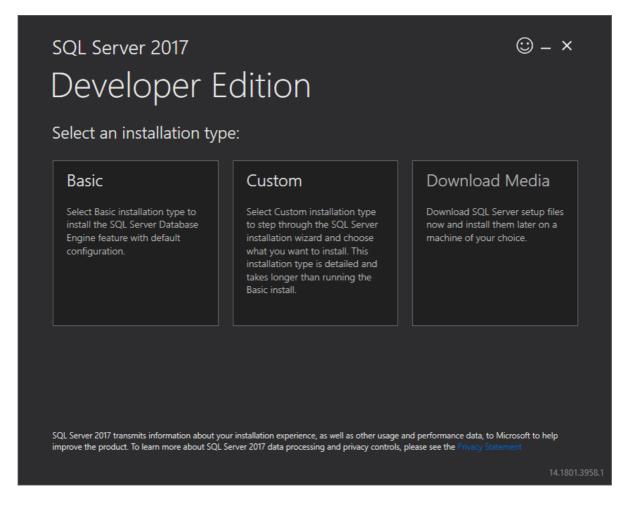
Install SQL Server 2017 Developer Edition

To install SQL Server, you need to download it from the Microsoft.com website via the following link:

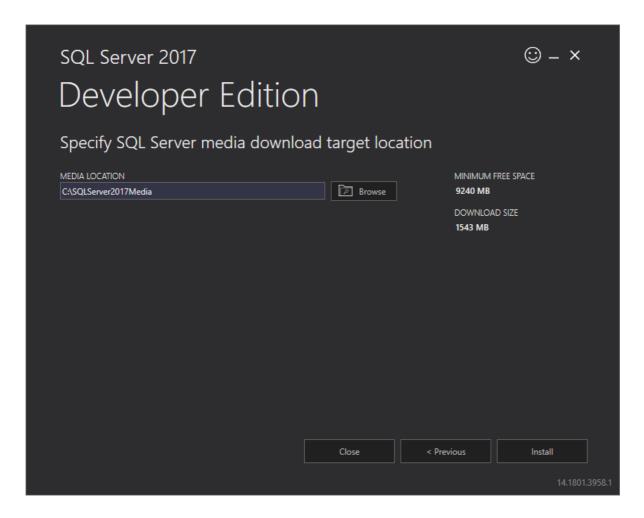
Download the SOL Server

Once the download completes, you double-click the file SQLServer2017-SSEI-Dev.exe to launch the installer.

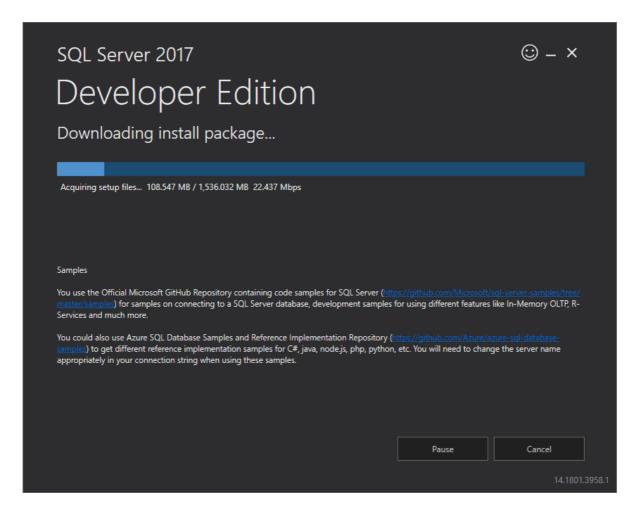
1. The installer asks you to select the installation type, choose the Custom installation type allows you to step through the SQL Server installation wizard and select the features that you want to install.



2. Specify the folder for storing the installation files that the installer will download, then click the Install button.



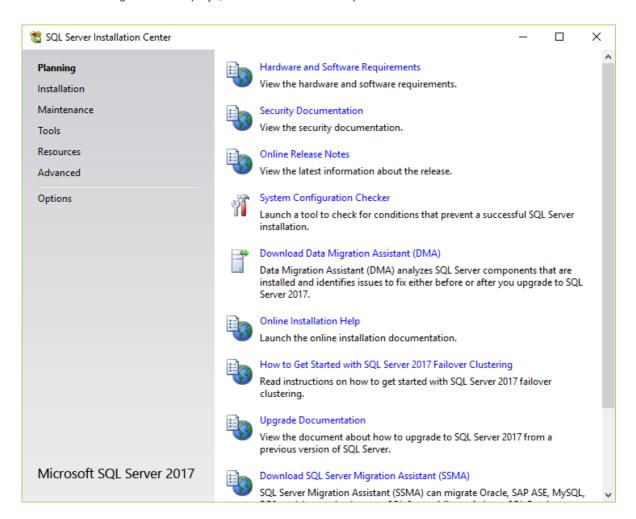
3. The installer starts downloading the install package for a while.



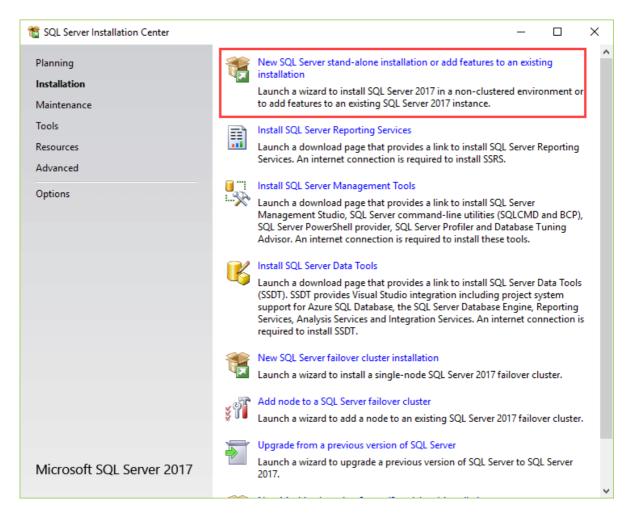
4. Once the download completes, open the folder that stores the install package and double-click the SETUP.exe file.



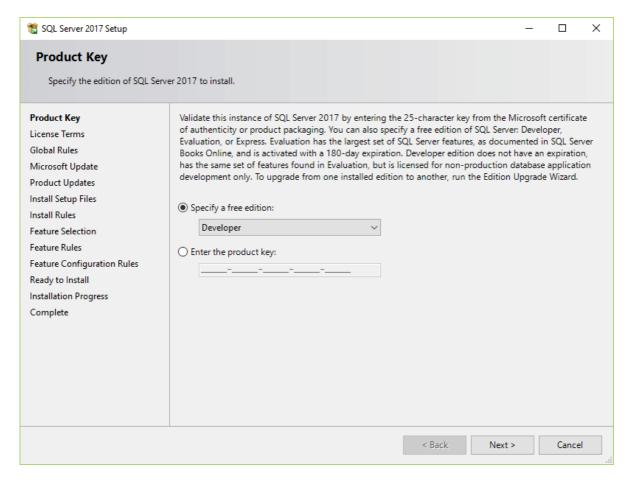
5. The following window displays; select the installation option on the left.

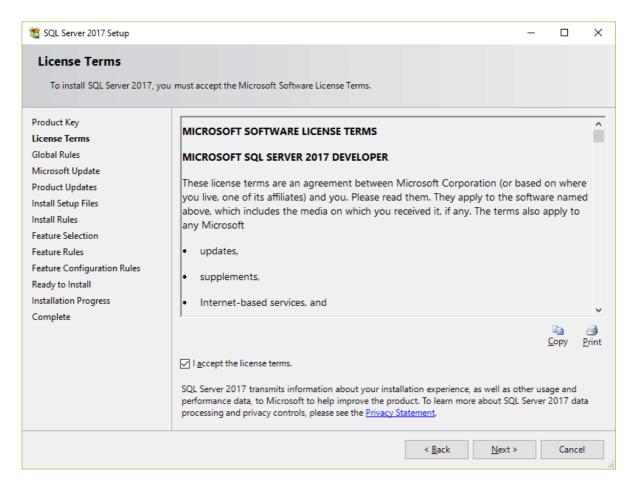


6. Click the first link to launch a wizard to install SQL Server 2017.

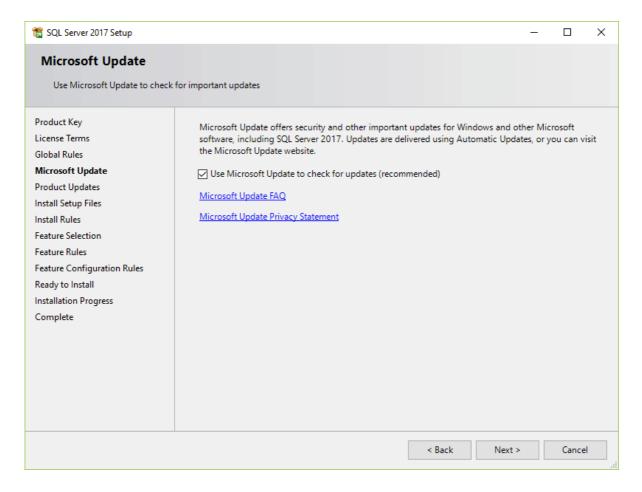


7. Specify the edition that you want to install, select Developer edition and click the Next button.

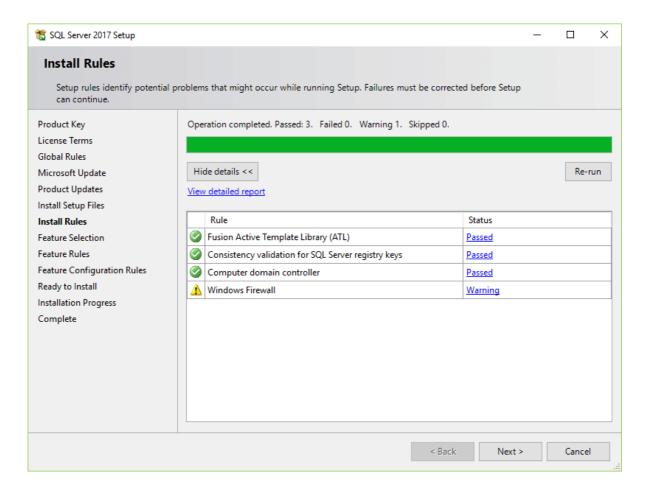




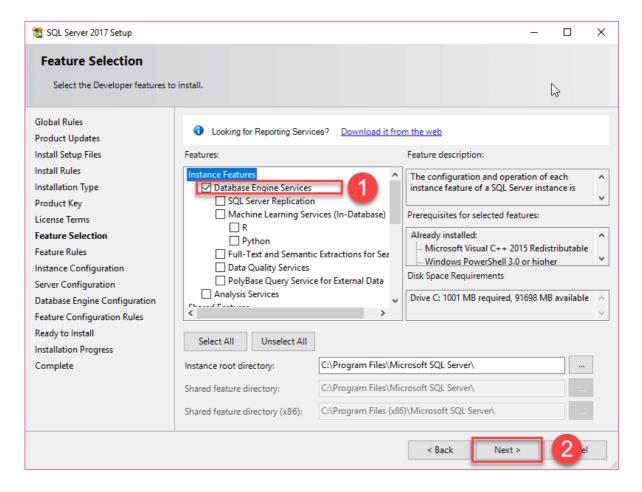
9. Check the "Use Microsoft Update to check for updates (recommended)" to get the security and other important updates for the SQL Server and click the Next button.



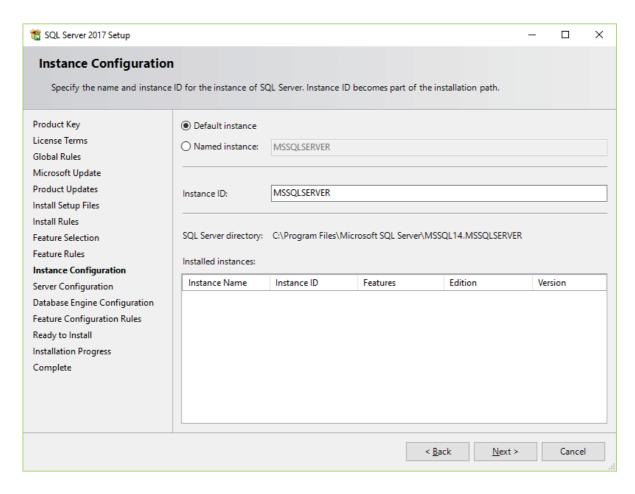
10. The installation checks for the prerequisites before installation. If no error found, click the Next button.



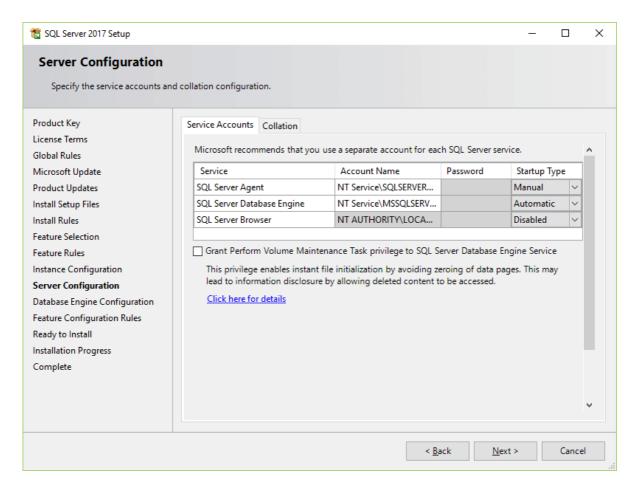
11. Select the features that you want to install. For now, you just need the Database Engine Services, just check the checkbox and click the Next button to continue



12. Specify the name and install ID for the instance of the SQL Server and click the Next button.

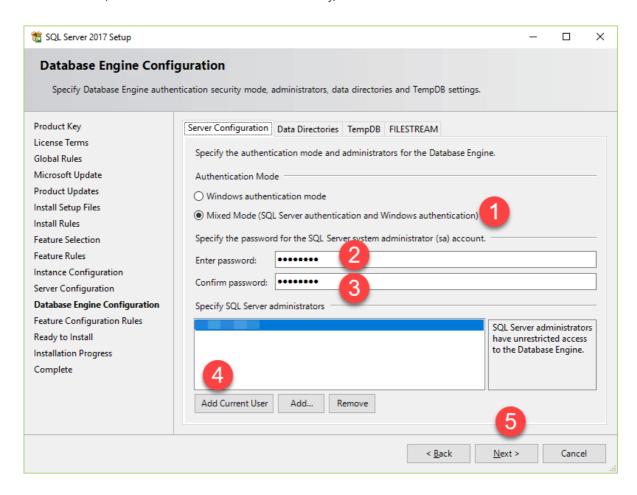


13. Specify the service account and collation configuration. Just use the default configuration and click the Next button.

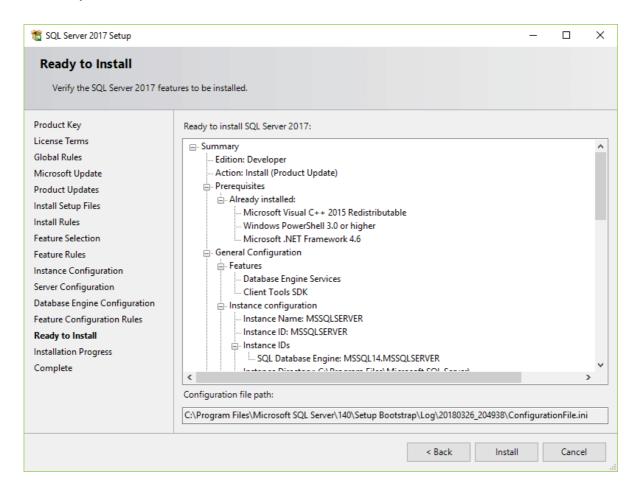


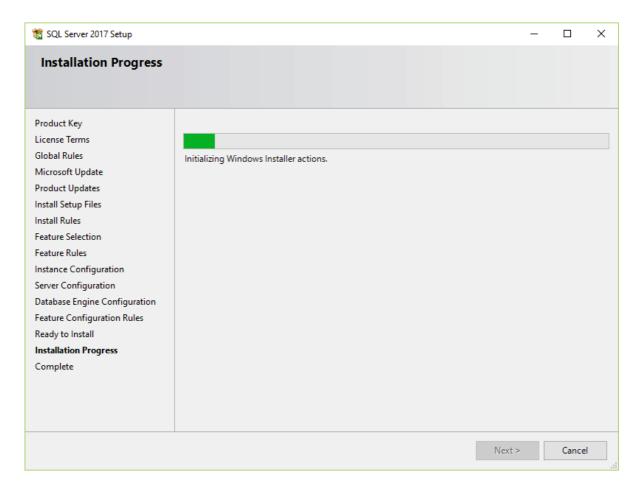
14. Specify the database engine security mode. First, choose Mixed Mode. Next, enter the password for the SQL Server system administrator (sa) account. Then, re-enter the same password to confirm it.

After that, click the Add Current User button. Finally, click the Next button.

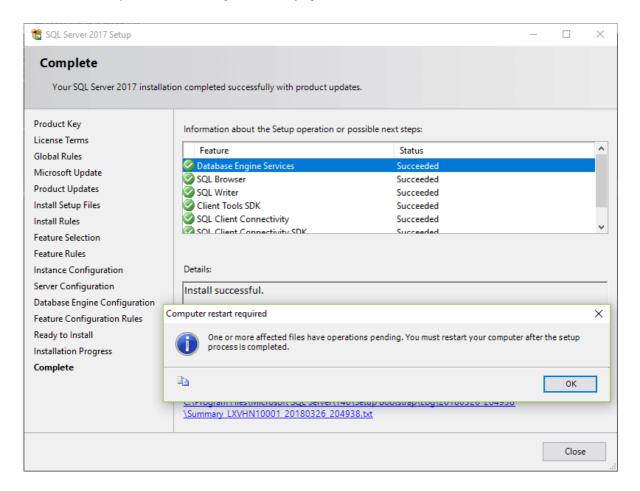


15. Verify the SQL Server 2017 features to be installed:

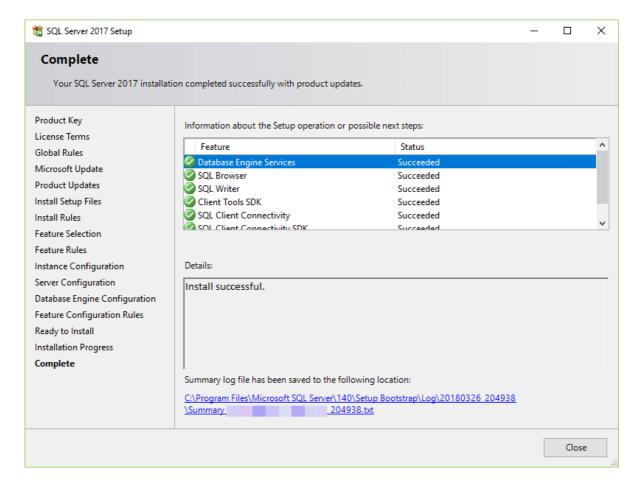




17. Once it completes, the following window displays. Click the OK button.



18. Click the Close button to complete the installation



Congratulation! you have successfully installed SQL Server Developer Edition.

Install Microsoft SQL Server Management Studio

To interact with SQL Servers, you need to install SQL Server Management Studio (SSMS). The SQL Server Management Studio is a software for querying, designing, and managing SQL Server on your local computer or in the cloud. It provides you with tools to configure, monitor, and administer SQL Server instances.

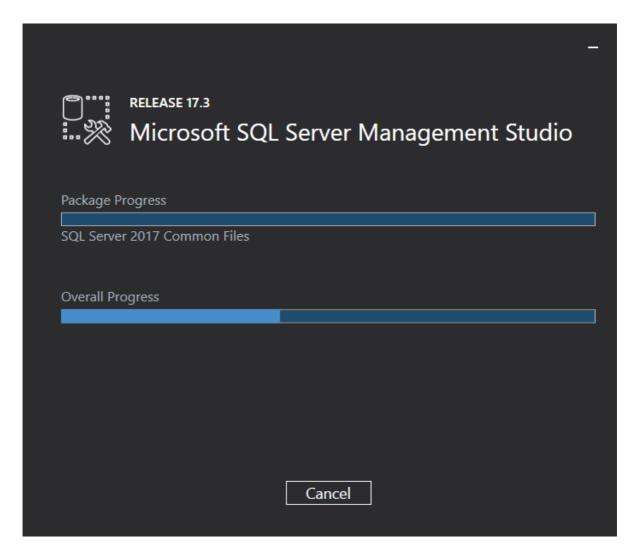
First, download the SSMS from the Microsoft website via the following link:

Download SQL Server Management Studio

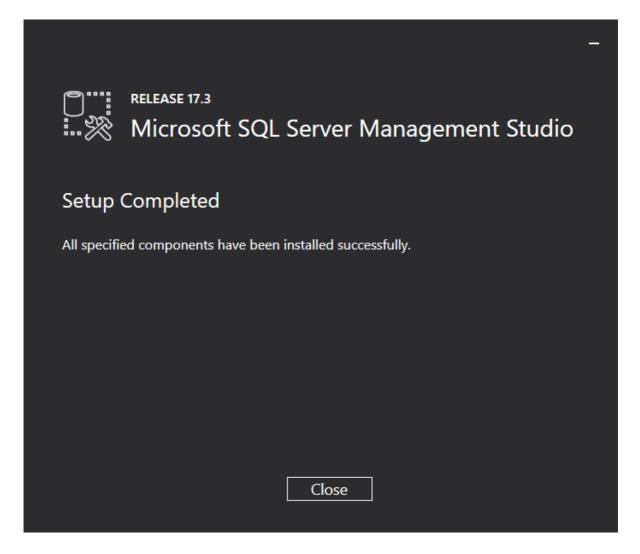
Second, double-click the installation file **SSMS-Setup-ENU.exe** to starting installing. The installation process of SMSS is straightforward which you just need to follow the screen sequence.

1. Click the **Install** button

2. Wait for few minutes while the installer sets up the software.



3. Once setup is completed, click the **Close** button



Now, you should have a SQL Server 2017 and SQL Server Management Studio installed on your computer.

Connect to the SQL Server

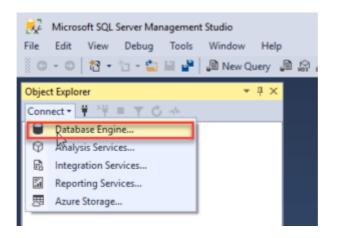
Connect to the SQL Server using SSMS

To connect to the SQL Server using the Microsoft SQL Server Management Studio, you use these steps:

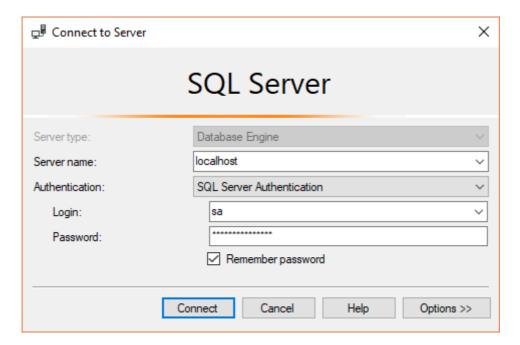
First, launch the Microsoft SQL Server Management Studio from the Start menu:



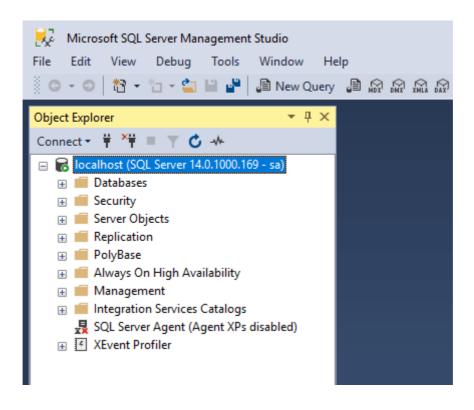
Next, from the Connect menu under the Object Explorer, choose the Database Engine...



Then, enter the information for the Server name (localhost), Authentication (SQL Server Authentication), and password for the sa user and click the **Connect** button to connect to the SQL Server. Note that you should use the sa user and password that you entered during the installation.



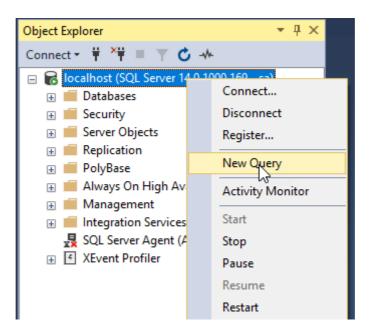
If the connection is established successfully, then you will see the following **Object Explorer** panel:



Execute a query

To execute a query you follow these steps:

First, right-click on the localhost (SQL Server ...) node and choose the New Query menu item:

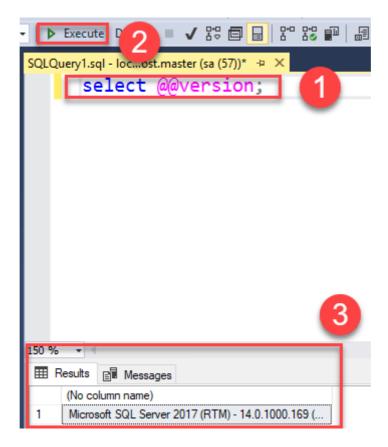


Second, enter the following query in the Editor



This query returns the version of the SQL Server.

Third, click the Execute button.



The **Results** window shows the version of the SQL Server as shown in the above screenshot. A quick way to execute a query is to press the **F5** keyboard shortcut.

Now, you should know how to connect to a SQL Server and execute a query from the SSMS.