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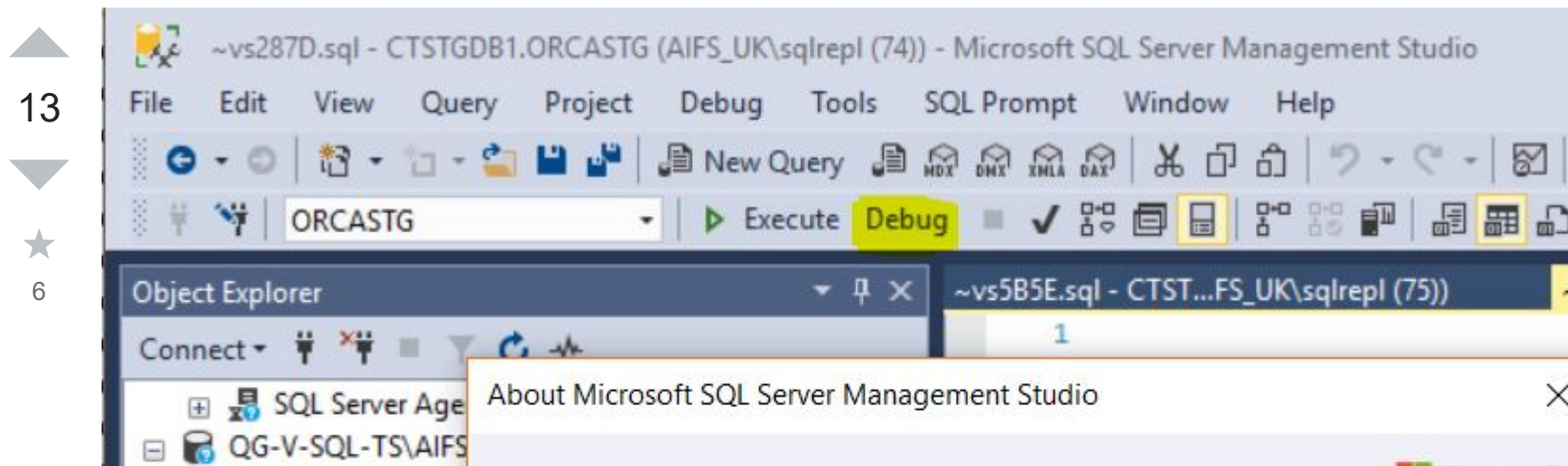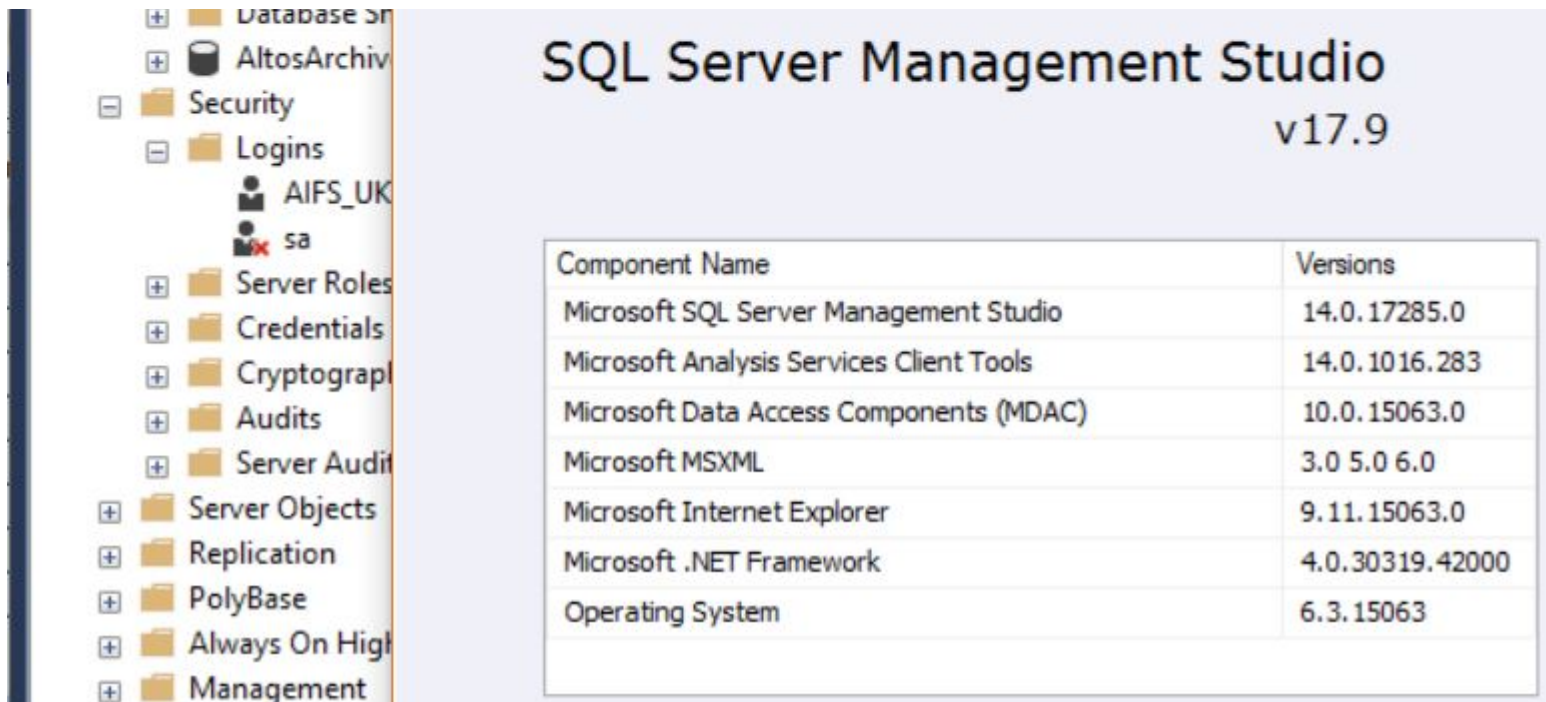**Sign up to join this community**

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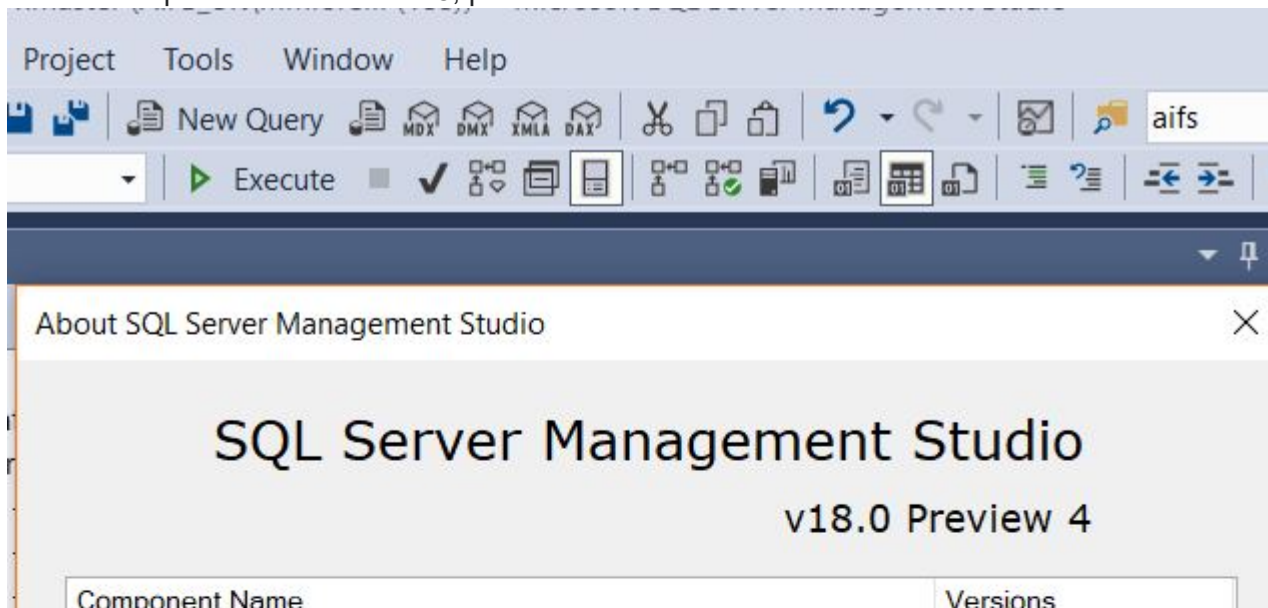**Database Administrators**

How to add the Debug button to SSMS v18?

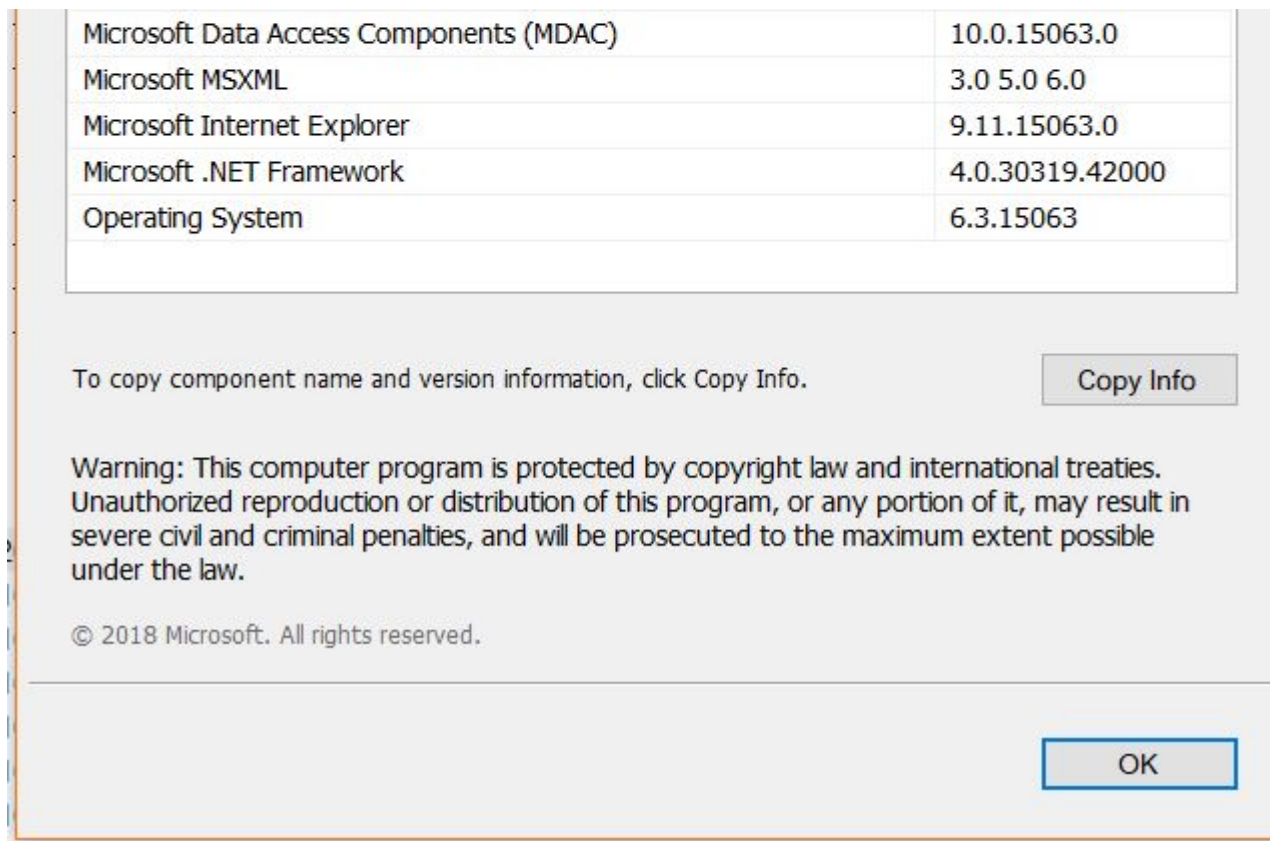The `Debug` button is present on this version of SSMS:

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But it is not present on version 18, preview 4:

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I have tried in several ways to add the Debug button to my SSMS but not successful.

Is there a way to add the Debug button to SSMS v18?

[sql-server] [ssms]

edited Oct 30 '18 at 14:22   asked Oct 30 '18 at 14:18

Brent Ozar   **marcello miorelli**
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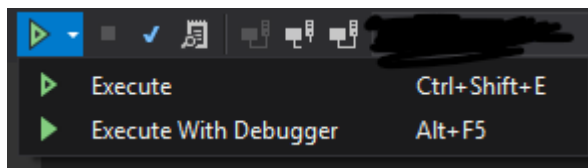
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For those who look for an alternative, you can use SSDT/Visual Studio to debug a query.

1. Connect to a SQL server (in Tools menu)
2. Open a new query (Server explorer, right click, new query)
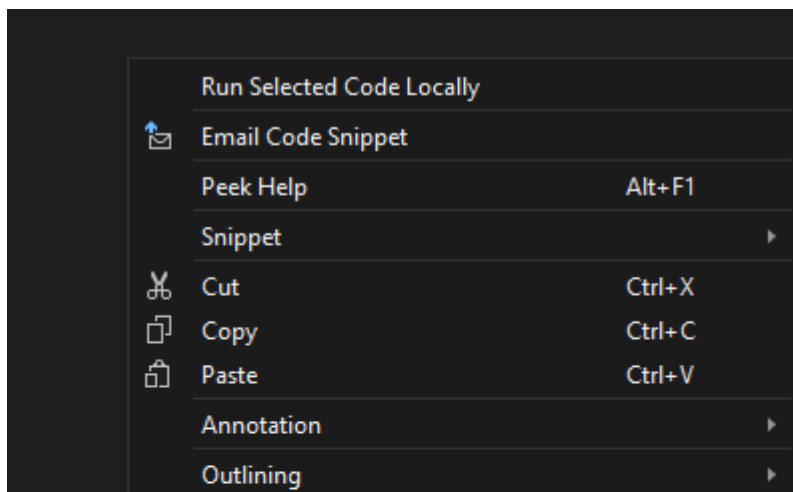3. Type in your query
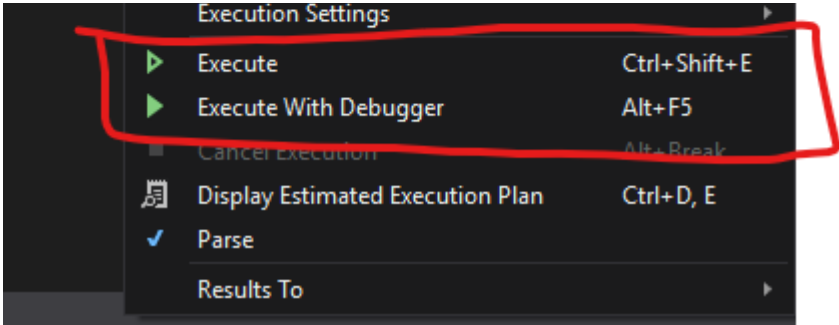4. Execute with Debugger

From the SQL menu
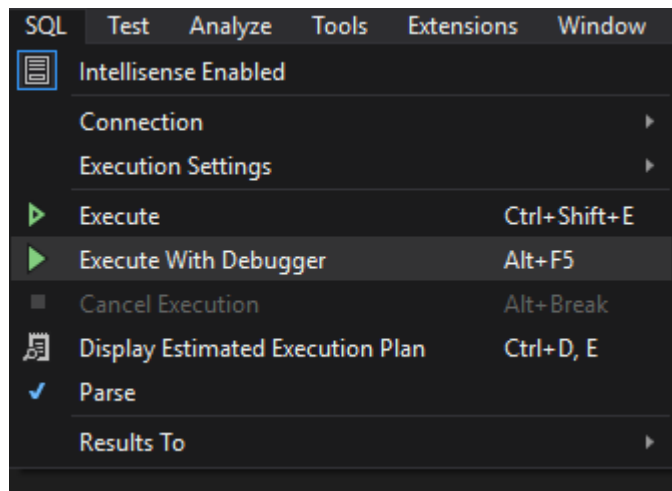
From the context menu in the query wondow

edited Jul 2 at 13:20   answered Jul 2 at 12:32

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This feature is [deprecated](#) in [SSMS 18](#) and thus no longer available.

And to that I say, good riddance! The debugger was awful.

Database diagrams were removed in SSMS 18 but have been re-added as of [version 18.1](#)

edited Jun 12 at 7:17   answered Oct 30 '18 at 14:21

Paul White ♦   LowlyDBA
57.9k   15   303   477   **7,531**   5   27   46

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