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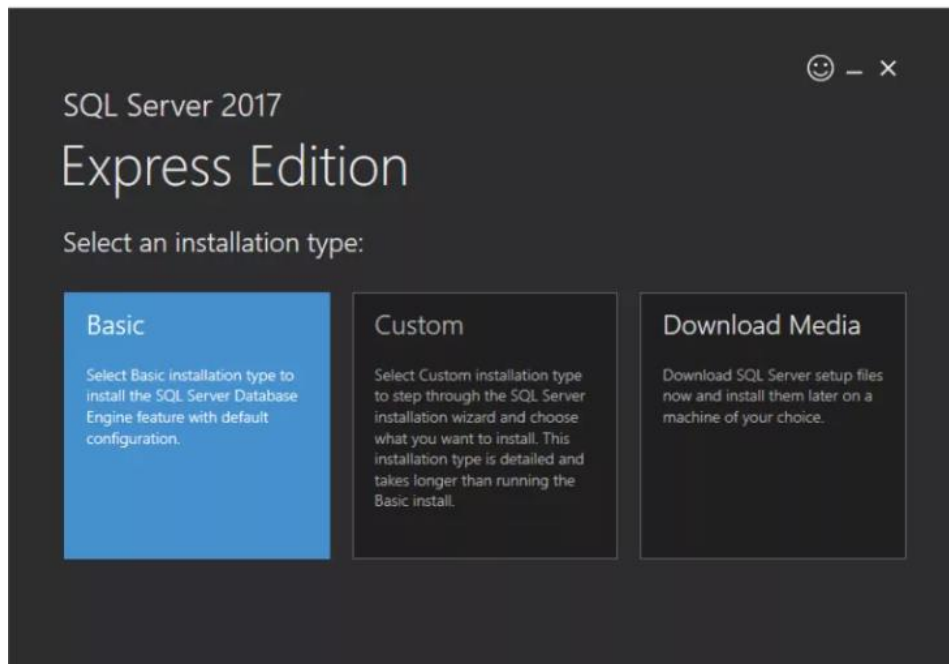
Step 1: Download Microsoft SQL Server 2017 Express Edition installer from the following link

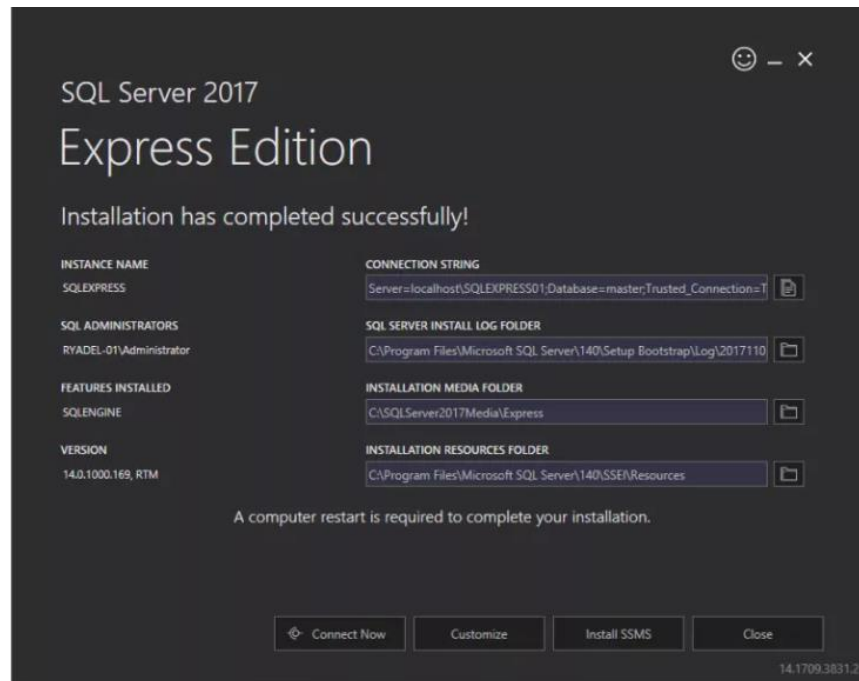https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/sql-server/sql-server-editions-express

Step 2: Installing SQL Server 2017 Express

- The installation process is pretty straightforward. We can just go for the basic type:

- We'll be prompted with the Installation Complete window, which will also give us some useful info, including the database instance name and a default connection string ready for a connection test:
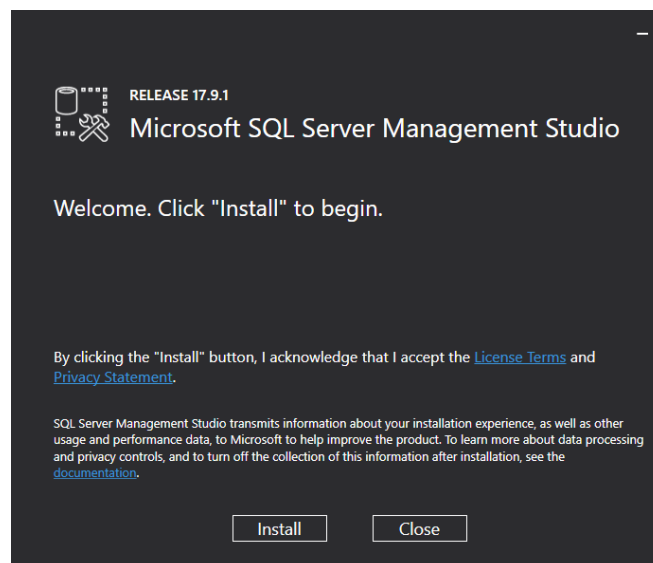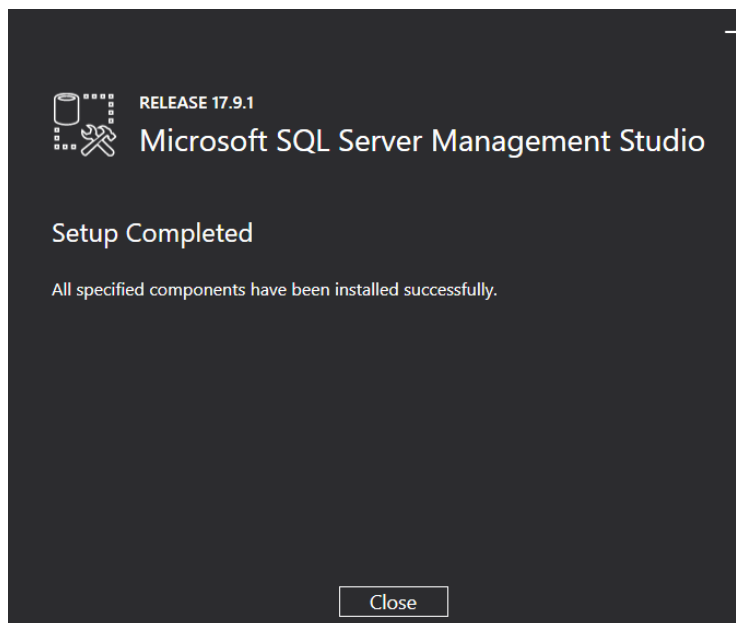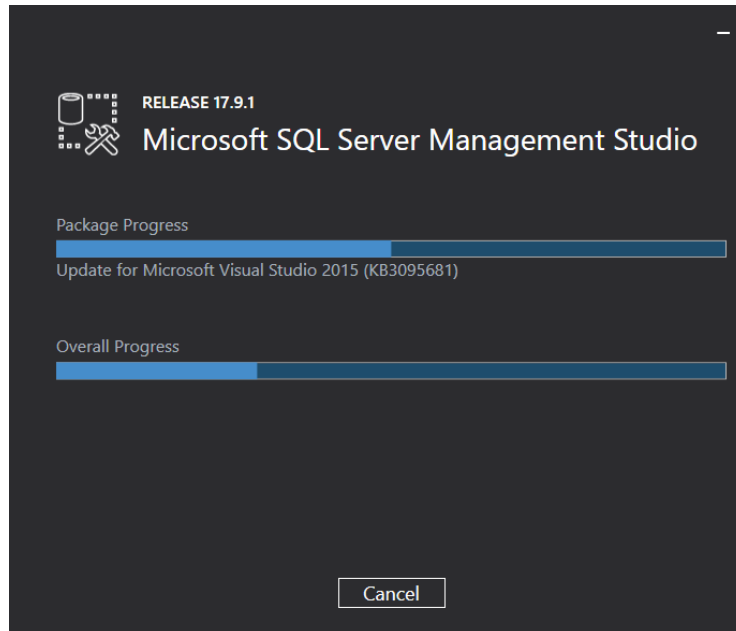
Step 3: Installing SQL Server Management Studio

- Download SSMS from the following link

  https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/sql/ssms/download-sql-server-management-studio-ssms?view=sql-server-2017

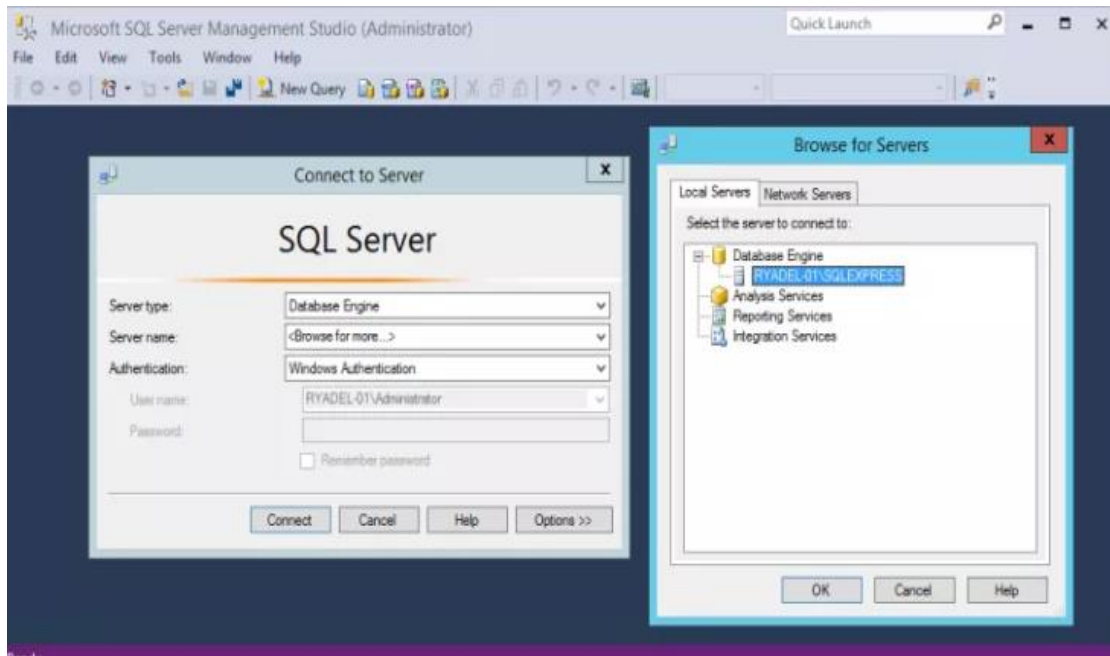- Once downloaded run the exe file as Administrator you will get this screen

- Click the **Install** button

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Package Progress

Update for Microsoft Visual Studio 2015 (KB3095681)

Overall Progress

Cancel

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Setup Completed

All specified components have been installed successfully.

Close

- Start the SSMS we will be prompted by a Connect to Server modal window that will allow us to connect to our local SQL Server instance.
- Select the Database Engine server type and then, from the **Server** name combo box, choose <Browse for more…>

- Another pop-up window will appear, from which we'll be able to select the database engine we just installed on our server:

- Click on the **Connect** button and a Server Explorer window will appear, containing a tree view representing the structure of your SQL Server instance