**Sql Server 2016 -- Change SQL Server Collation after installation.**

I just finished an installation process of SQL Server 2016, and in post-check verified that I’ve installed the instance with a wrong collation setting.

In this tip I will explain step by step how to change the server level collation setting for an existing SQL Server instance.

**Step 1 -** Stop the all SQL Server Named Instance (Eg: SQL2016) related services.

**Step 2 -** Open a Command Prompt and Navigate to the SQL Server Binn Directory

**Step 3 -** Apply a New SQL Server Collation for the Named SQL Instance: “SQL2016”.

Execute the command below: a lot of information will appear, and no user action is required.

sqlservr -m -T4022 -T3659 -s"SQL2016" -q"SQL\_Latin1\_General\_CP1\_CI\_AI"

Note: Parameter “-s” is only necessary if more than one SQL instance exists on the target machine.  
Note: SQL\_Latin1\_General\_CP1\_CI\_AI is the new collation

**Step 4 --** Restart Named SQL Instance related services.

**Step 5** – Verify SQL Server Collation.