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The Microsoft ODBC Driver allows native connectivity between a Python application and SQL Server. It is a required install for those wishing to work with SQL Server via Python.

- Browse to https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/sql/connect/odbc/download-odbc-driver-for-sql-server?view=sql-server-2017

- Click the "Download the Microsoft ODBC Driver 17 for SQL Server on Windows" link or choose the link that is specific to your computer's operating system.

- You will be redirected to a generic Microsoft download site. Select a particular language and click Download.

- Choose the particular download version and click Next. The installer will begin to download.

- Once the installer (.MSI file in my case) downloads, double-click on it and proceed through the installation of the ODBC driver, choosing the default options as you proceed through the wizard.