

Monthly Maintenance



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Overview



SQL Server Patching

Test Restores

System Cleanup

Demos



SQL Server Patching



Patching Basics

Operating system patches
Scheduling
“Patch Tuesday”



SQL Server Patching

Test system first

Management “buy-in”

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Support

- Microsoft
- Application vendors



SQL Server Terminology

Service pack

Cumulative updates

Hotfixes



Finding the SQL Server Version

The screenshot displays the SQL Server Enterprise Manager interface. In the Object Explorer on the left, the server instance 'PS1\SQL2019 (SQL Server 15.0.2000.5)' is highlighted, with the version number '15.0.2000.5' circled in red. The central query window shows the execution of the query 'Select @@Version', with the results displaying 'Microsoft SQL Server 2019 (RTM) - 15.0.2000.5 (X64)', where the version number is also circled in red. The bottom pane shows the 'Server Properties - PS1\SQL2019' dialog, specifically the 'General' tab, which lists various server details. The 'Version' field in this tab is circled in red, showing '15.0.2000.5'.

Name	Value
Product	Microsoft SQL Server Developer (64-bit)
Operating System	Windows Server 2016 Datacenter (10.0)
Platform	Windows
Version	15.0.2000.5
Language	English (United States)
Memory	16384 MB
Processors	4
Root Directory	C:\Program Files\Microsoft SQL Server\MSSQL15.0\
Server Collation	SQL_Latin1_General_CP1_CI_AS
Is Clustered	False
Is XTP Supported	True
Is HADR Enabled	False



Translating Build Numbers to SP/CU

Microsoft SQL Server Versions Lis x +

sqlserverbuilds.blogspot.com

Microsoft SQL Server 2014 Builds

Build	File version	KB / Description	Release Date
12.0.6372.1	2014.120.6372.1	4535288 Security update for SQL Server 2014 SP3 CU4: February 11, 2020 CVE-2020-0618	2020-02-11
12.0.6329.1	2014.120.6329.1	4500181 Cumulative update package 4 (CU4) for SQL Server 2014 Service Pack 3 Latest CU	2019-07-29
12.0.6293.0	2014.120.6293.0	4505422 Security update for SQL Server 2014 SP3 CU3 GDR: July 9, 2019 CVE-2019-1068	2019-07-09
12.0.6259.0	2014.120.6259.0	4491539 Cumulative update package 3 (CU3) for SQL Server 2014 Service Pack 3	2019-04-16
12.0.6214.1	2014.120.6214.1	4482960 Cumulative update package 2 (CU2) for SQL Server 2014 Service Pack 3	2019-02-19
12.0.6205.1	2014.120.6205.1	4470220 Cumulative update package 1 (CU1) for SQL Server 2014 Service Pack 3	2018-12-12
12.0.6118.4	2014.120.6118.4	4532095 Security update for SQL Server 2014 SP3 GDR: February 11, 2020 CVE-2020-0618	2020-02-11
12.0.6108.1	2014.120.6108.1	4505218 Security update for SQL Server 2014 SP3 GDR: July 9, 2019 CVE-2019-1068	2019-07-09
12.0.6024.0	2014.120.6024.0	4022619 SQL Server 2014 Service Pack 3 (SP3) Latest SP	2018-10-30
12.0.5687.1	2014.120.5687.1	4500180 Cumulative update package 18 (CU18) for SQL Server 2014 Service Pack 2	2019-07-29
12.0.5659.1	2014.120.5659.1	4505419 Security update for SQL Server 2014 SP2 CU17 GDR: July 9, 2019 CVE-2019-1068	2019-07-09
12.0.5632.1	2014.120.5632.1	4491540 Cumulative update package 17 (CU17) for SQL Server 2014 Service Pack 2	2019-04-16
12.0.5626.1	2014.120.5626.1	4482967 Cumulative update package 16 (CU16) for SQL Server 2014 Service Pack 2	2019-02-19
12.0.5605.1	2014.120.5605.1	4469137 Cumulative update package 15 (CU15) for SQL Server 2014 Service Pack 2	2018-12-12
12.0.5600.1	2014.120.5600.1	4459860 Cumulative update package 14 (CU14) for SQL Server 2014 Service Pack 2	2018-10-15
12.0.5590.1	2014.120.5590.1	4456287 Cumulative update package 13 (CU13) for SQL Server 2014 Service Pack 2	2018-08-27

User Database Test Restores



Backup

“A copy of data that can be used to restore *and recover* the data after a failure.”

-- [docs.Microsoft.com](https://docs.microsoft.com) (emphasis mine)



Restore Methods

Manual

T-SQL script

DBATools.io

- Test-DbLastBackup



File System Cleanup



What to Look
For

Old Backups

Old text reports

ErrorLog retention

Application Logs



Demo



Manual Test Restore

- SSMS Interface
- T-SQL



Demo



Automated Restores with DBATools



Summary



What we learned

- SQL Server patching
- Test restores
- File system cleanup

