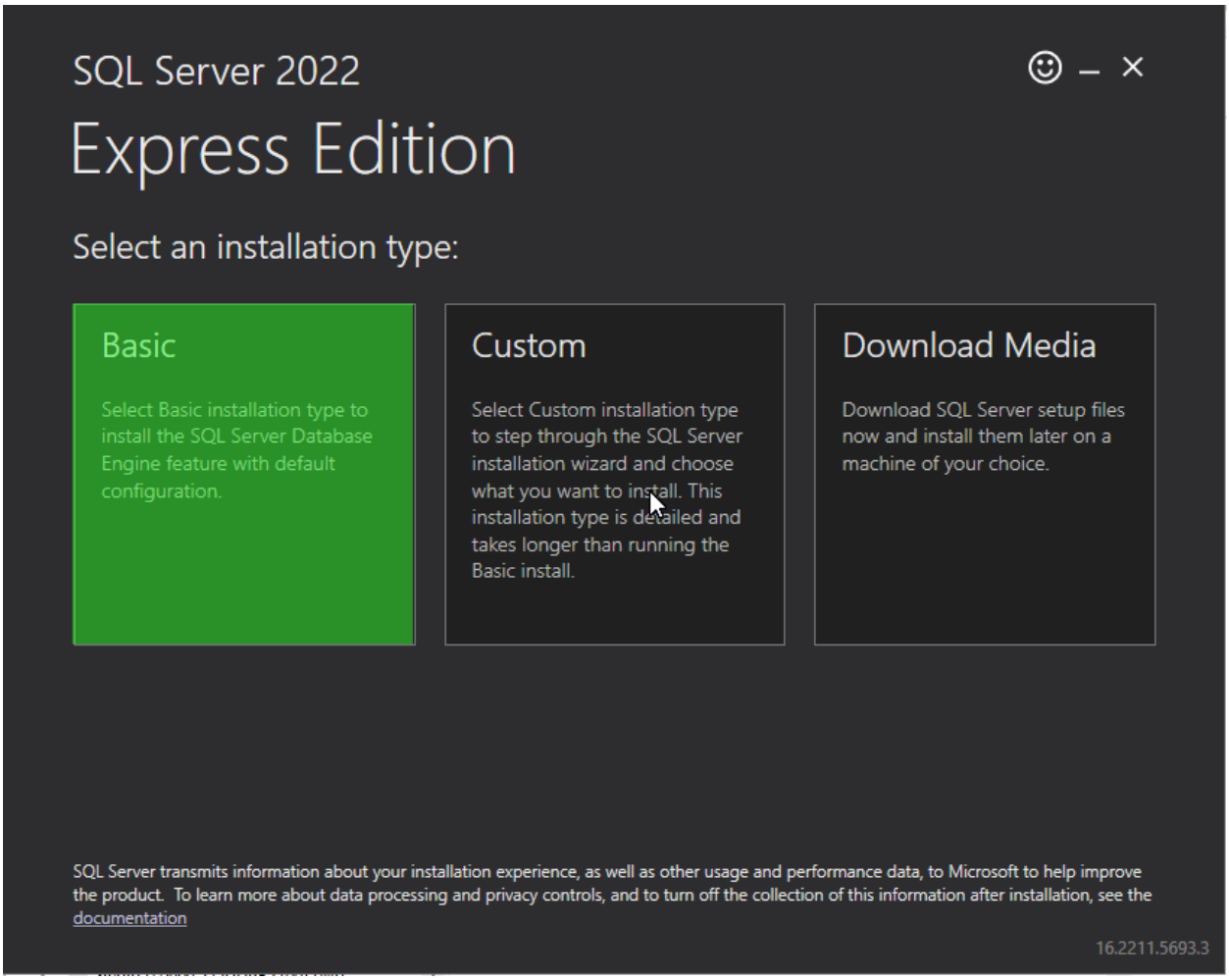
To install Microsoft SQL Server Express Edition (Updated 09/23/2025)

1. Navigate to the link:

   https://go.microsoft.com/fwlink/p/?linkid=2216019&clcid=0x409&culture=en-us&country=us

   This will download the most recent copy of SQL Server Express Edition for you.

2. If a security warning pops up, click OK to proceed.



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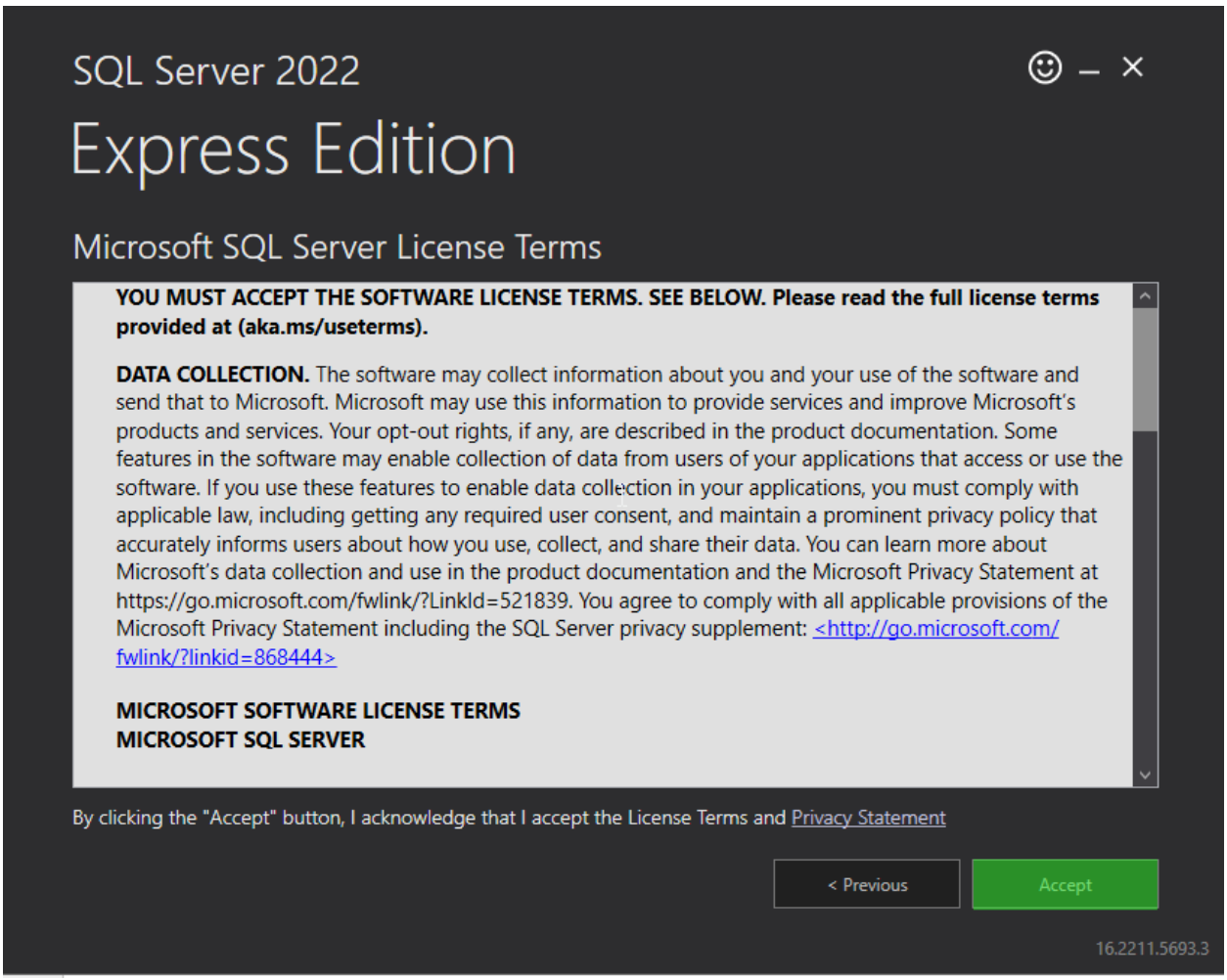

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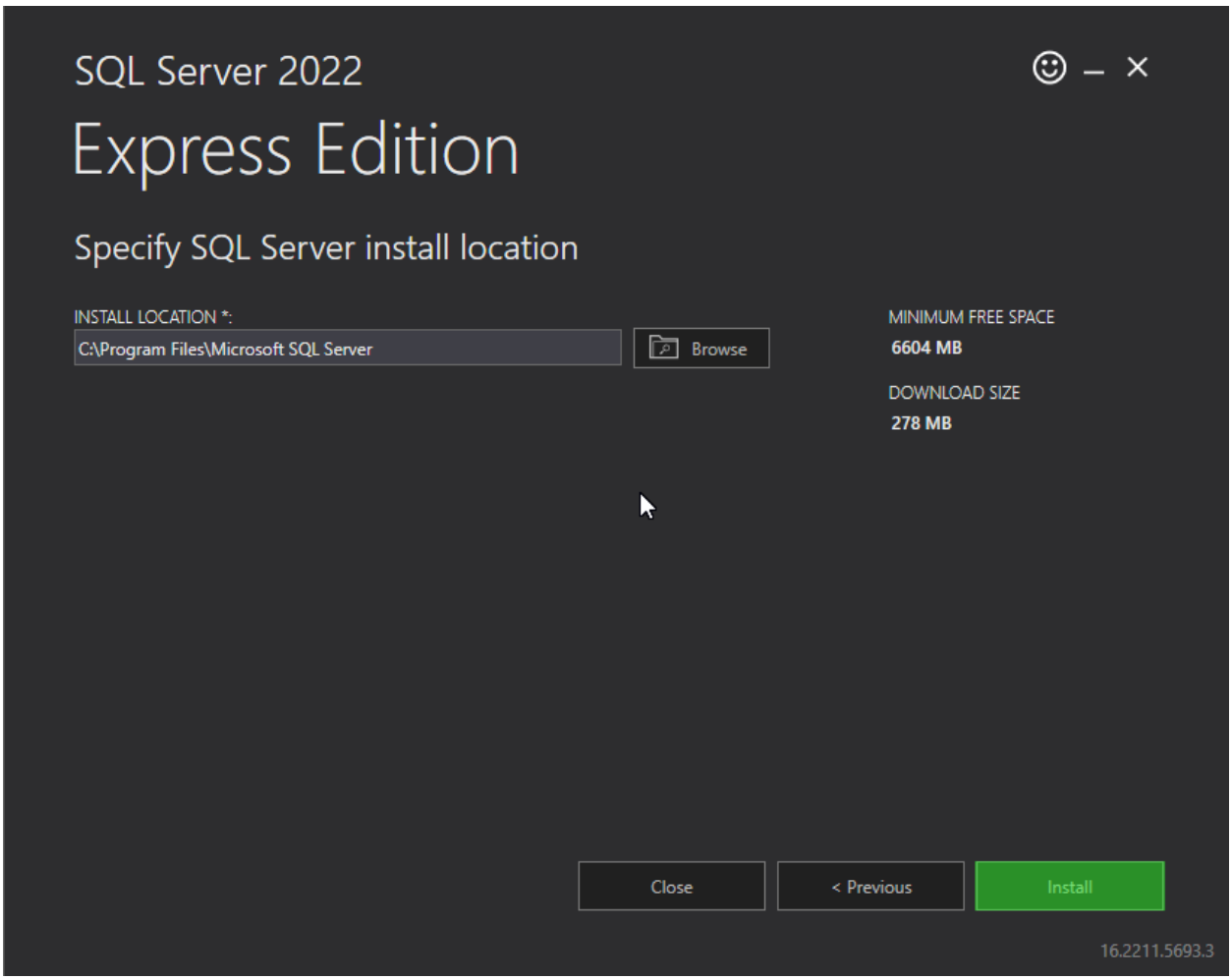
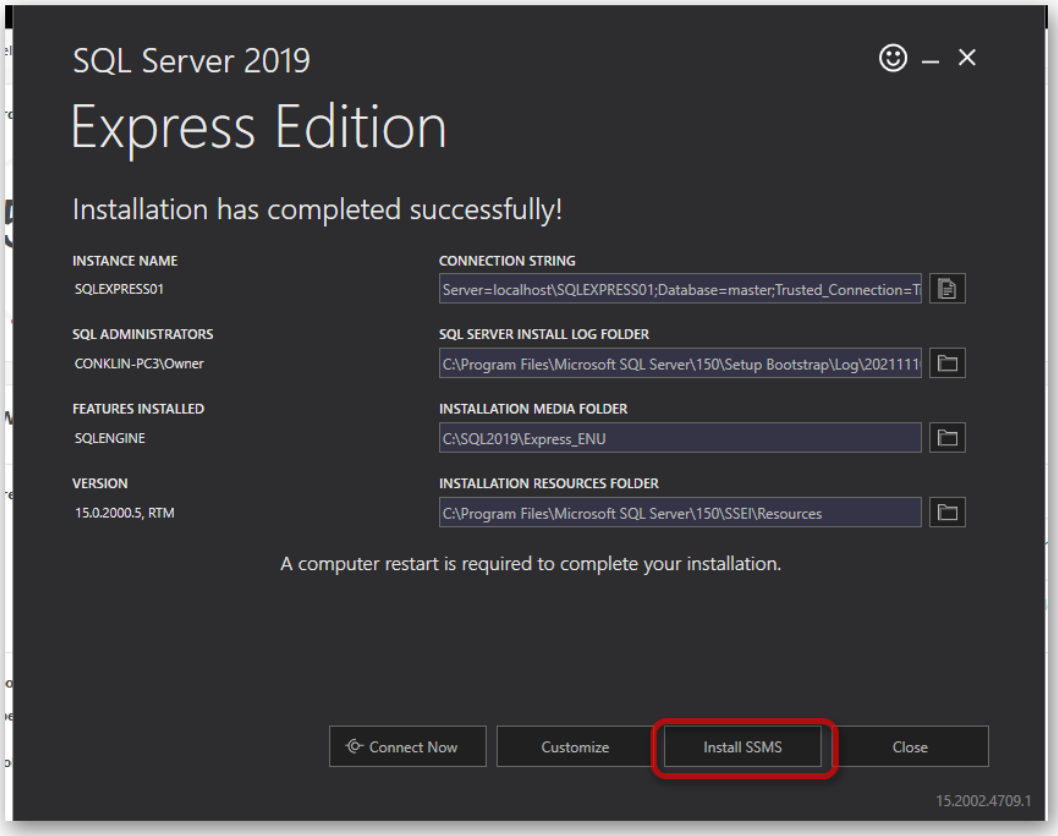
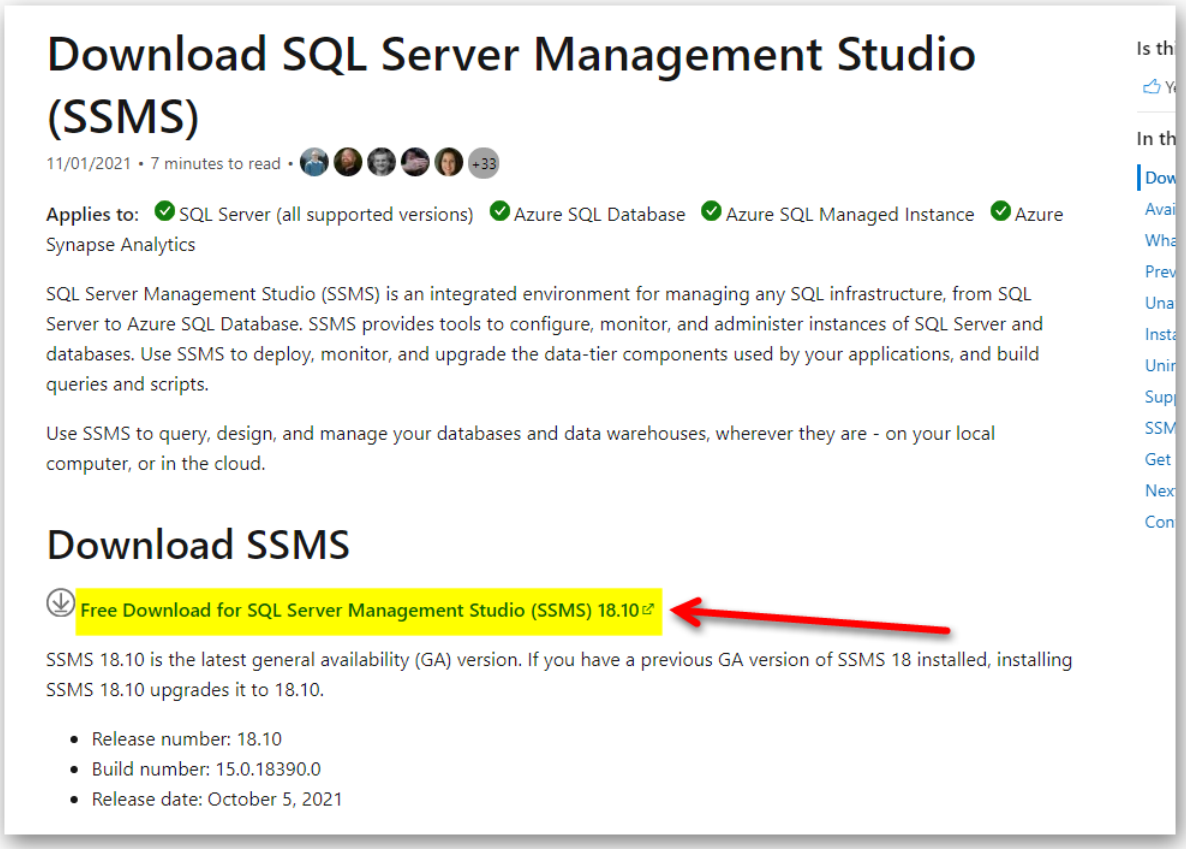


Click on the “Install” button.

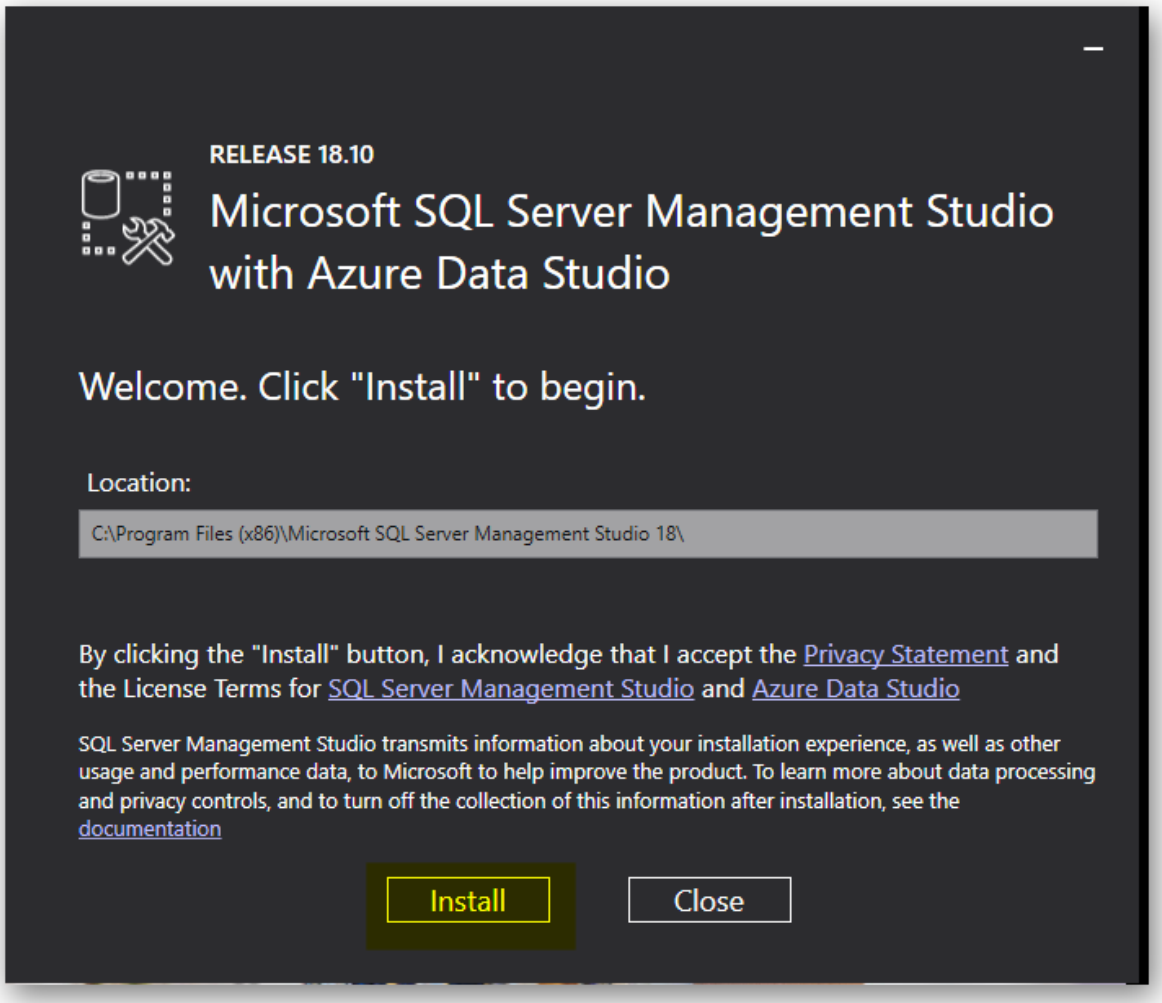
Once the installation is completed you will see the window below. Click on the **Install SSMS** (SQL Server Management Studio) button to install the program we need to work with SQL Code.



Restart your computer before installing the next file. Download the file, but run it after you have rebooted.



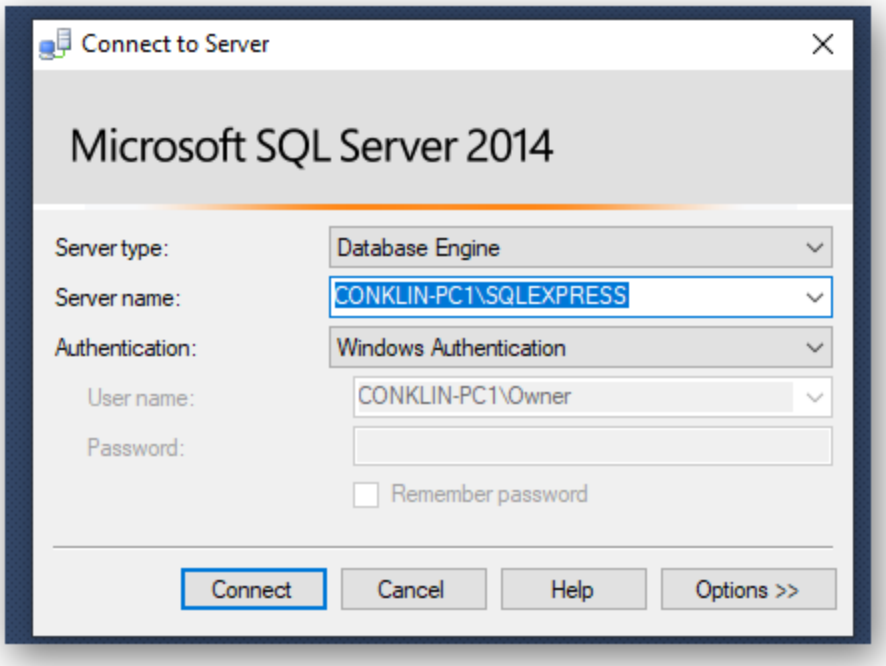
Click on the link to download SSMS and run the install. (The version number may be different since Microsoft has posted newer, updated versions)



Click the Install button to load the program to your computer.

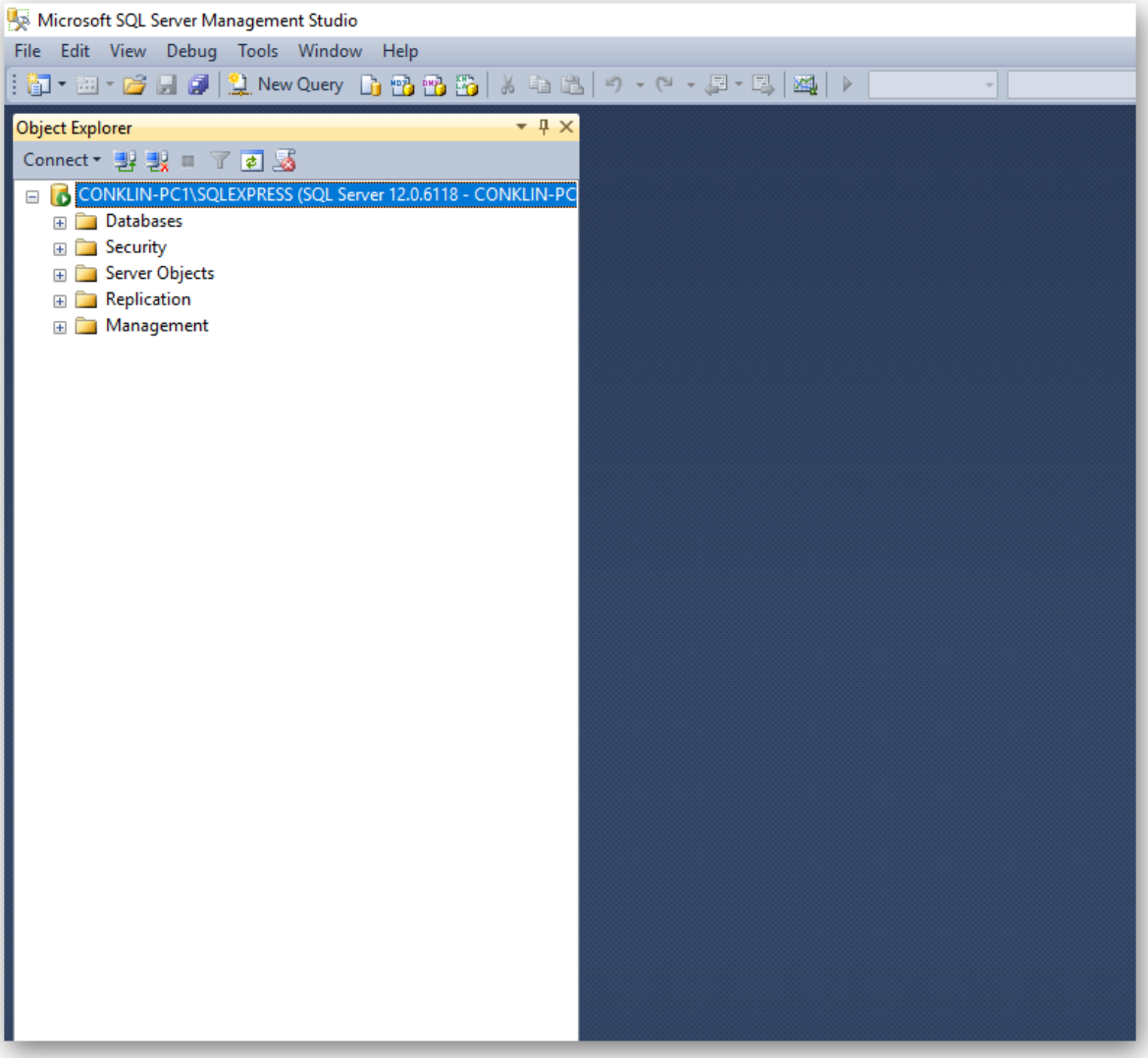
3. There will be several programs installed as part of this install. The one you really need to ensure you have is the Microsoft SQL Server Management Studio.

4. Once installed and when you open the application you should see a screen like this.



During the install, it should have created the server on your computer and should populate here; if not try clicking on the down arrow to see if it is listed. Simply click on the "Connect" button to connect. You will then be presented with the following window. ****If you don't see a server name in the box simply type in your computer name which shows in the User Name field minus the \Owner. Replace that with \SQLEXPRESS**

The server's name will be **your computer name** and SQLEXPRESS, as shown. (*This screenshot is showing my computer name, and that will be different for you.*)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