

Install Microsoft SQL Server Express

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You can install and use Microsoft SQL Server Express on your Windows server without paying any license fees. **Note:** If you are using Plesk, we instead recommend installing SQL Express directly through Plesk. Connect to your Windows server with Remote Desktop. From the Start Menu, open Internet Explorer.

Note: If you haven't already done so, you probably need to enable file downloads in Internet Explorer.

Paste one of the following URLs into the address bar for the version you want to use, then press Enter. All versions are available for Windows Server 2008 and 2012.

SQL Server 2008

http://download.microsoft.com/download/0/4/B/04BE03CD-EAF3-4797-9D8D-2E08E316C998/SQLEXPRT_x64_E...

SQL Server 2012

http://download.microsoft.com/download/8/D/D/8DD7BDBA-CEF7-4D8E-8C16-D9F69527F909/ENU/x64/SQLEXPRT_x64_E...

SQL Server 2014

http://download.microsoft.com/download/E/A/E/EAE6F7FC-767A-4038-A954-49B8B05D04EB/ExpressAndTools%20-%20x64-ENU/SQLEXPRT_x64_E...

Note: If you have trouble downloading the file, you should enable file downloads in Internet Explorer.

Scroll down and click Run to begin the download of SQL Server.

Note: If you are using a new server with Windows Server 2012, you will need to restart your server first.

Click Yes to begin the install. Click New installation or add features to an existing installation. Agree to the terms and conditions with the rest of the steps in the install wizard. During the wizard, make sure you perform the following steps: When you get to the Database Engine Configuration, make sure to toggle SQL Server Browser to Automatic. When you get to the section for Database Engine Authentication, select Mixed Mode for authentication, and enter a master password for your SQL Server install. **Note:** Even if you follow the steps above, most users can simply click Next through all the other install options. If you have questions about the download, see the [Official Microsoft SQL Server documentation](#).

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