

In-place upgrade procedure from SQL Server Express 2014 to 2019

Step 1:

Download SQL Server 2019 Express from Microsoft:

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Step 2:

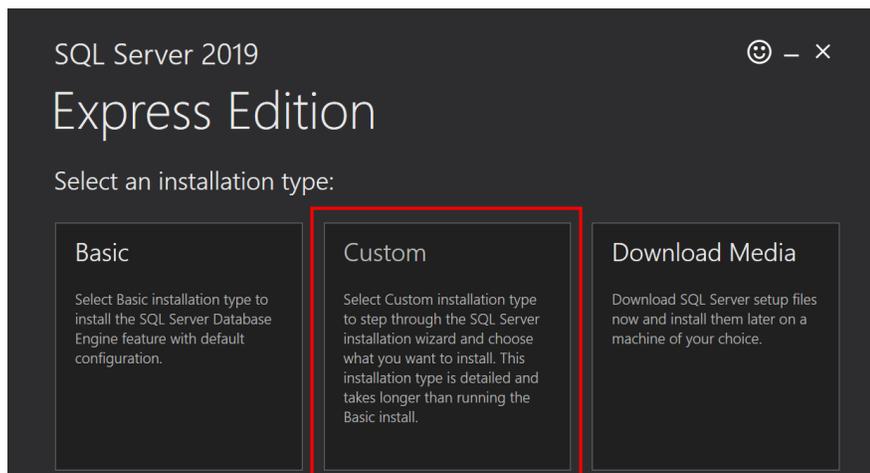
Open / Run (double-click) the downloaded file:



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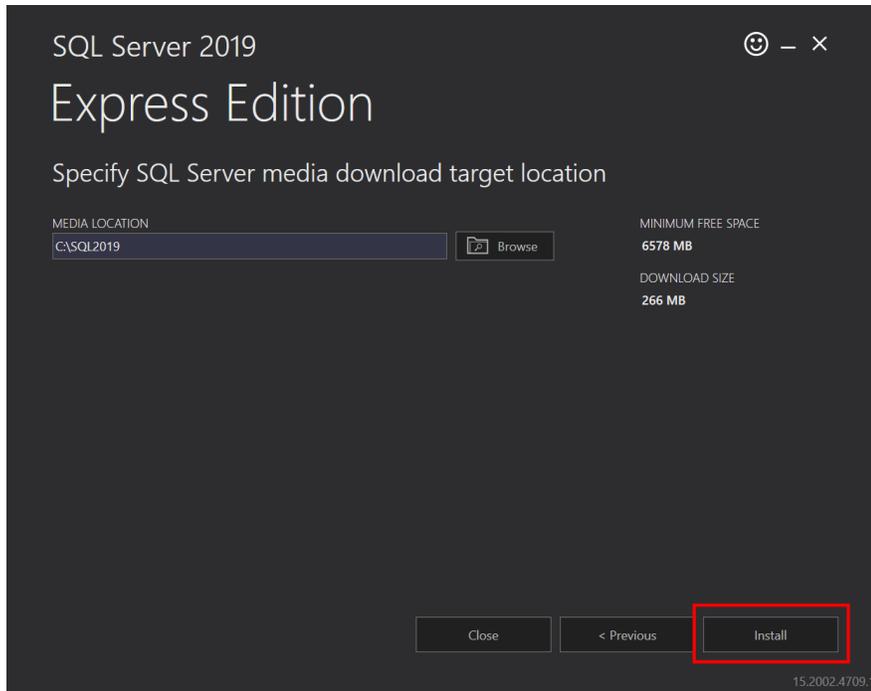
Step 3:

Click on "Custom":



Step 4:

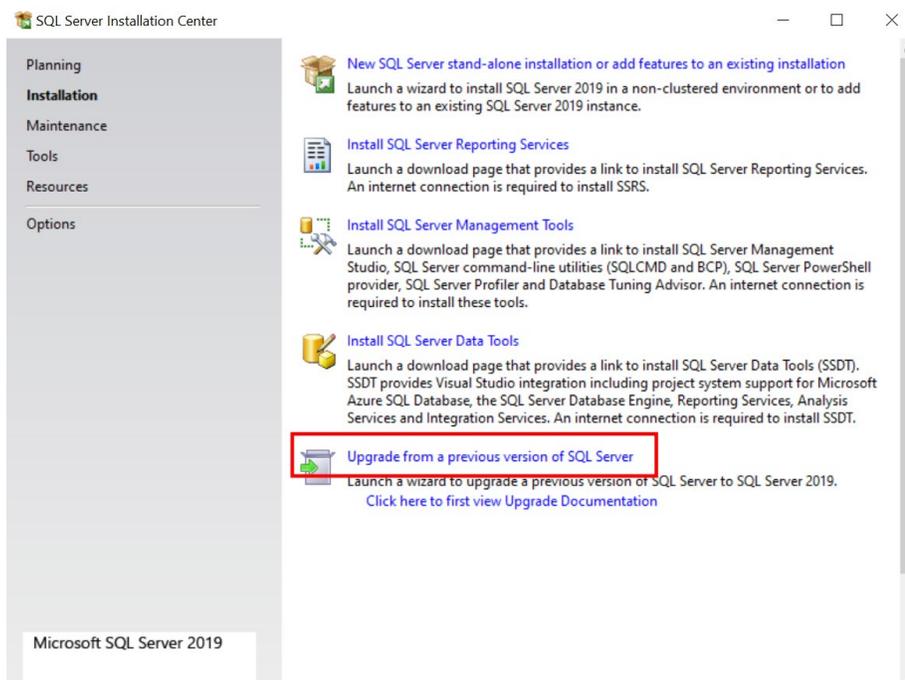
Leave the options as default and click “Install”:



The setup will now download the install files, which can take a while depending on your internet speed.

Step 5:

Click on “Upgrade from a previous version of SQL Server”:



Step 6:

Accept the license terms and click Next:

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SQL Server transmits information about your installation experience, as well as other usage and performance data, to Microsoft to help improve the product. To learn more about data processing and privacy controls, and to turn off the collection of this information after installation, see the [documentation](#).

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Step 7:

Select the box for “Use Microsoft Update to check for updates” and click Next:

Microsoft Update offers security and other important updates for Windows and other Microsoft software, including SQL Server 2019. Updates are delivered using Automatic Updates, or you can visit the Microsoft Update website.

Use Microsoft Update to check for updates (recommended)

Step 8:

After a while a new window will appear asking you to select which instance to upgrade. It should default to the correct instance (MSSQLSERVER) but if it does not, select it from the dropdown and click Next:

Select the instance of SQL Server to upgrade. To upgrade only shared features, select "Upgrade shared features" and then click next.

Instance to upgrade:
MSSQLSERVER

Installed instances:

Instance Name	Instance ID	Features	Edition	Version
MSSQLSERVER	MSSQL12.MSSQLS...	SQLEngine,SQLEng...	Express	12.0.2000.8
<Shared Compone...		SSMS, Adv_SSMS, ...		12.0.2000.8

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Step 9:

Once the setup completes successfully click OK on the popup and click “close”. Exit the setup window and reboot the computer. The upgrade is now complete.