

Getting started



If you're evaluating SQL Source Control, you might be interested in the walkthrough [How to try out SQL Source Control](#), which shows you the process of using SQL Source Control.



To learn how to use SQL Source Control as part of a team, see [SQL Source Control for teams](#).

To get started:

1. [Install SQL Source Control](#).
2. Open SQL Server Management Studio.
SQL Source Control opens in a tab inside SSMS.
3. [Link a database to source control](#)
This can be linking a database to source control for the first time.
Or, for a database that's already being source-controlled elsewhere, connect a blank database to the existing repository.
4. [Commit changes](#)
If you linked the database to source control for the first time, you need to commit all the objects in the database.
Once this initial commit has been done, commit individual changes.
5. [Get the latest version](#)
If you linked to an existing repository that's already source-controlling a database, use **Get Latest** to retrieve the objects from that repository.