

Installing SQL Server 2008 Express

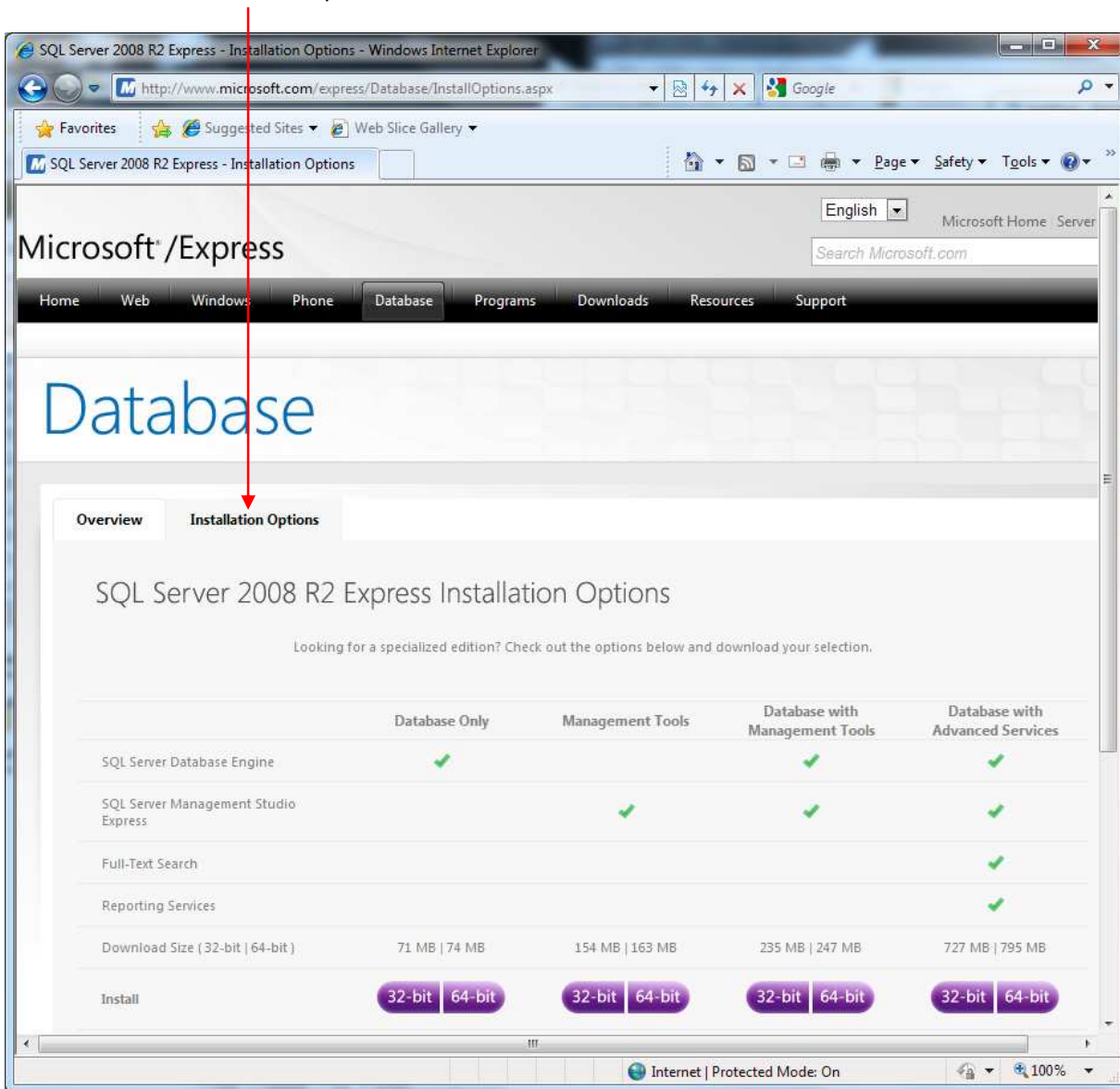
Below are screen shots from the install of SQL Server 2008 Express from my home computer (running Windows 7, 64 bit on 1/9/2011). Depending on the version of Windows you are installing to, and what other versions of Microsoft software you have installed (for example, the .Net version), you may not get the same install options shown below. You should be able to take the default options for the most part. If you run into an issue, remember, Google is your friend.

Note: If you want to install SQL Server 2005 Express instead of the 2008 version, check the Microsoft website (currently found at <http://www.microsoft.com/sqlserver/2005/en/us/express.aspx>) and follow instructions there.

For the 2008 version:

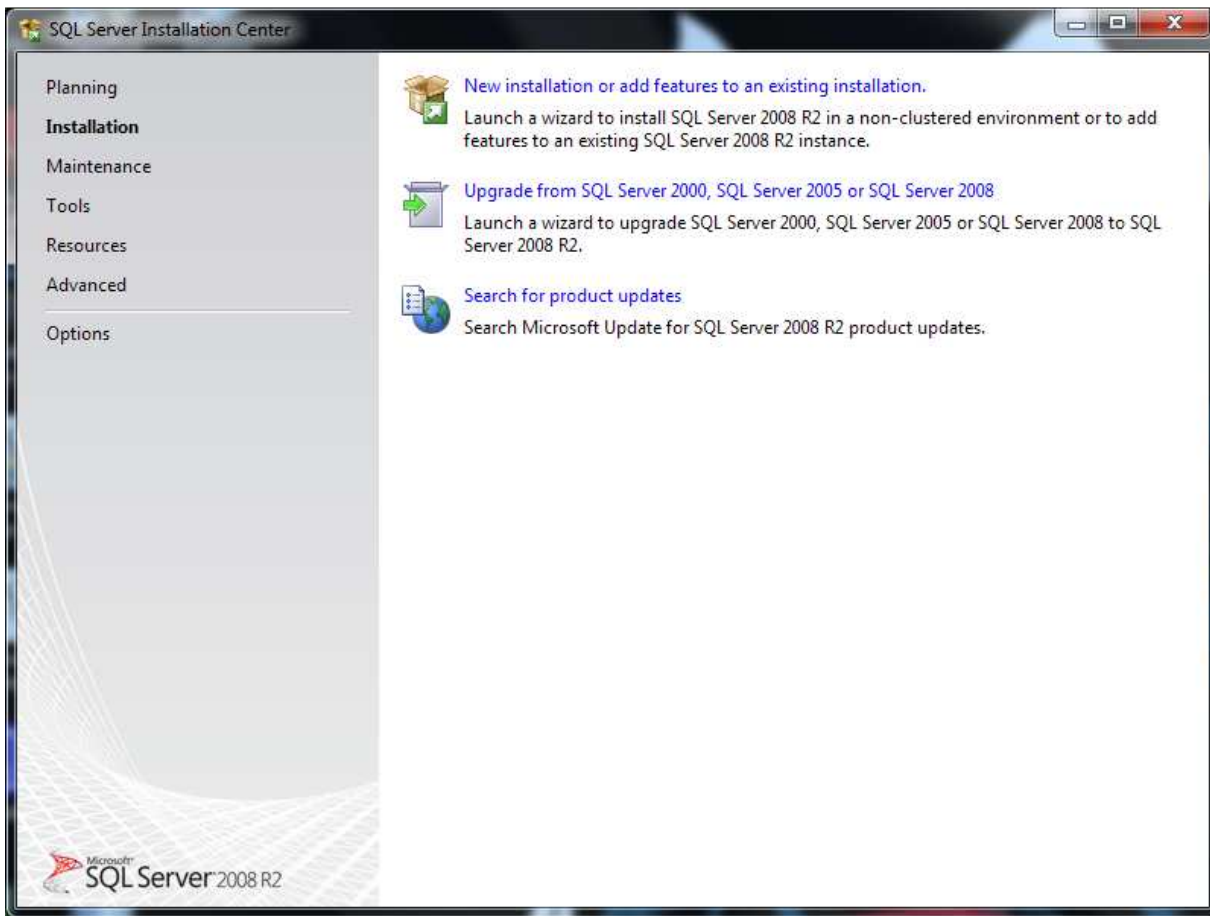
Go to <http://www.microsoft.com/express/Database/>

I clicked on the "Installation Options" tab.

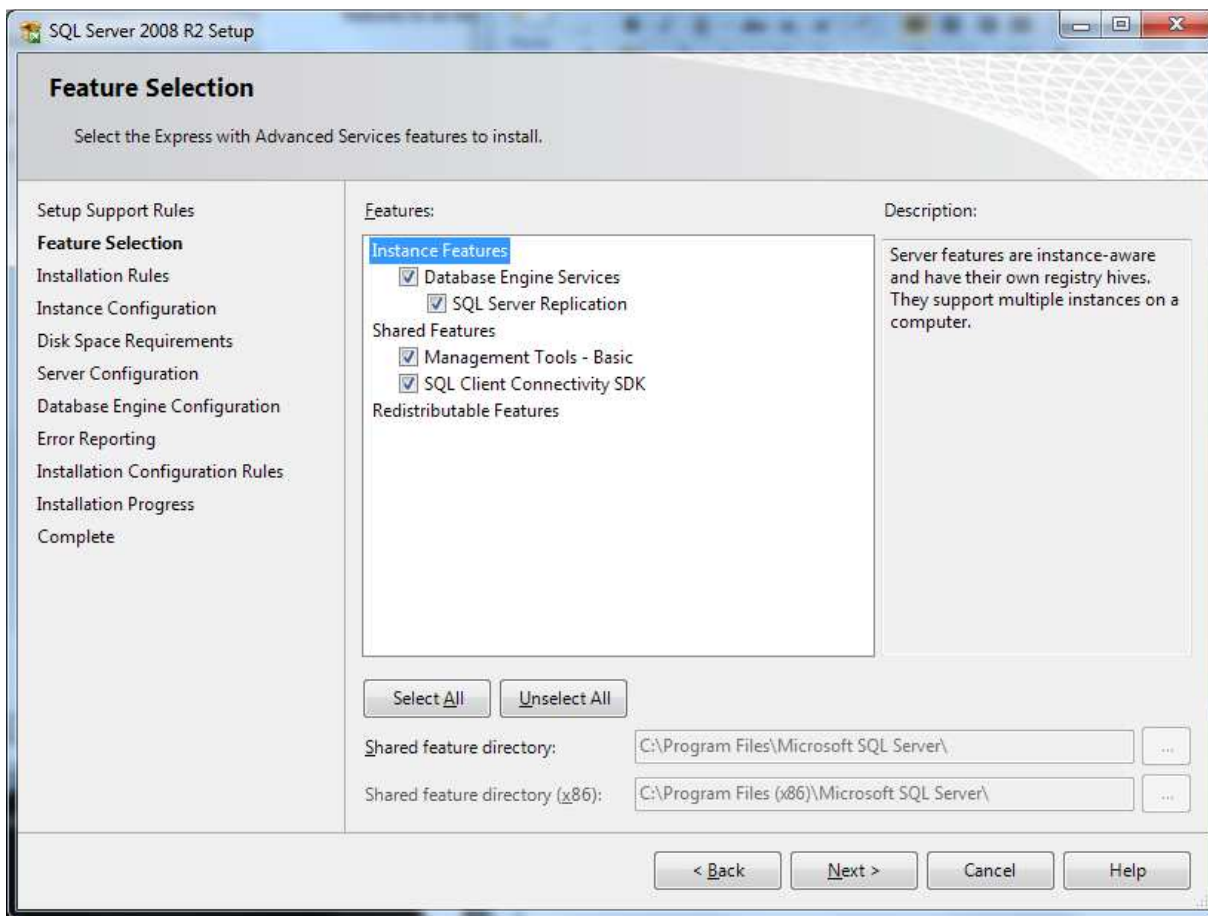


I picked the 64-bit Database with Management Tools (247 MB), since I have Windows 7 64-bit. Pick the one appropriate for your Operating System. Follow the download instructions on the website and save the install program to your computer.

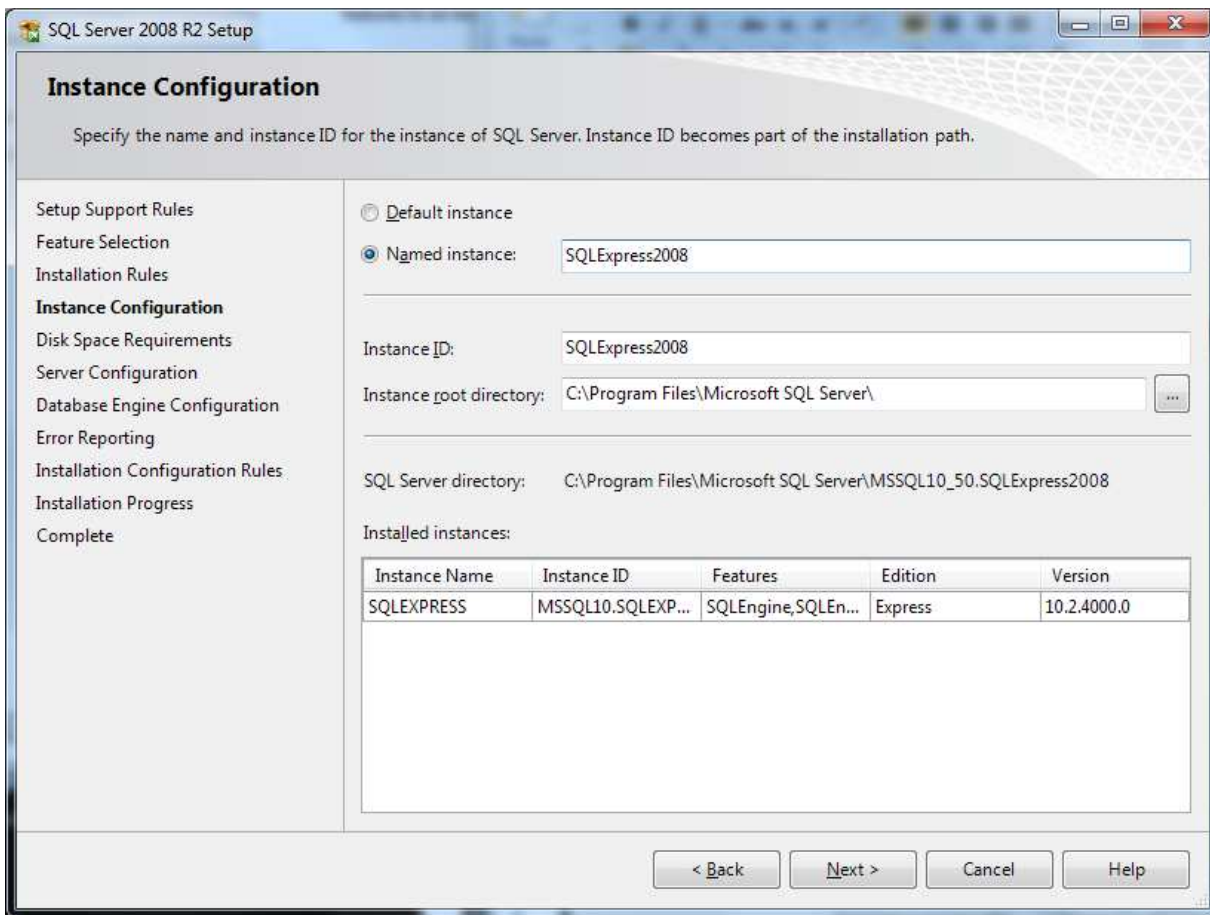
Launch the install from where you saved it. Pick “New installation or add features to an existing installation”.



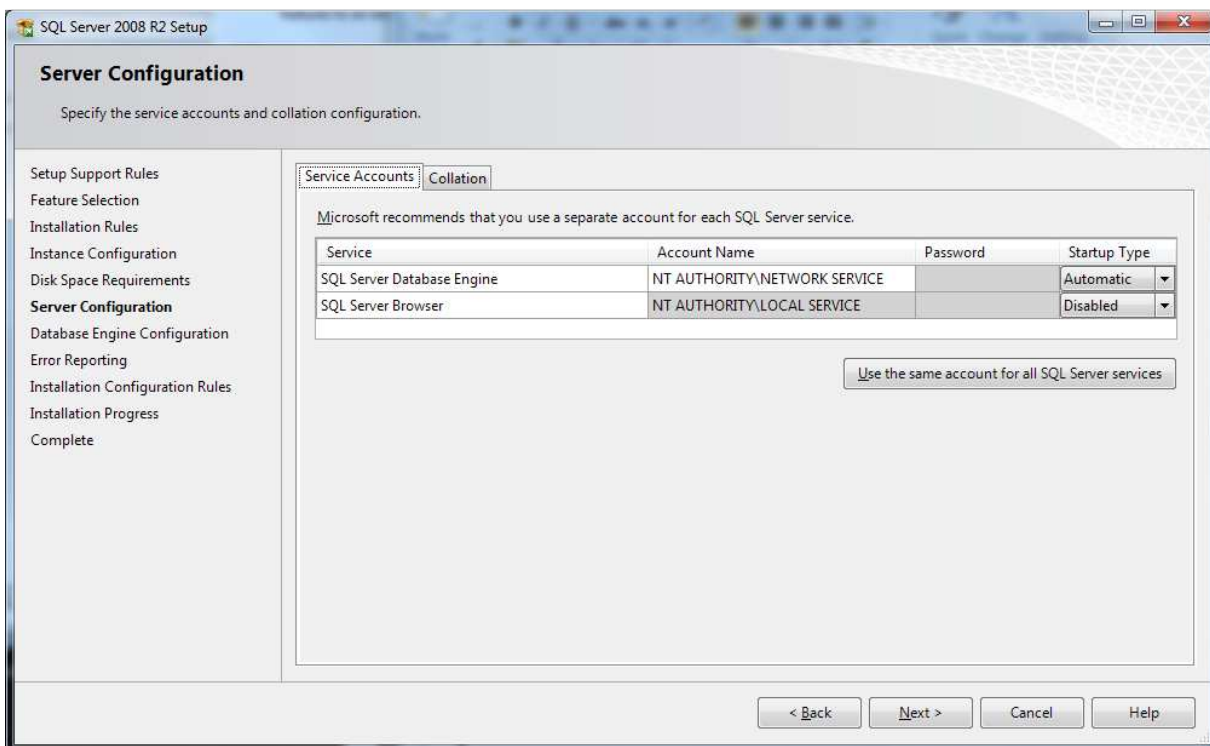
After several checks, this dialog was displayed:



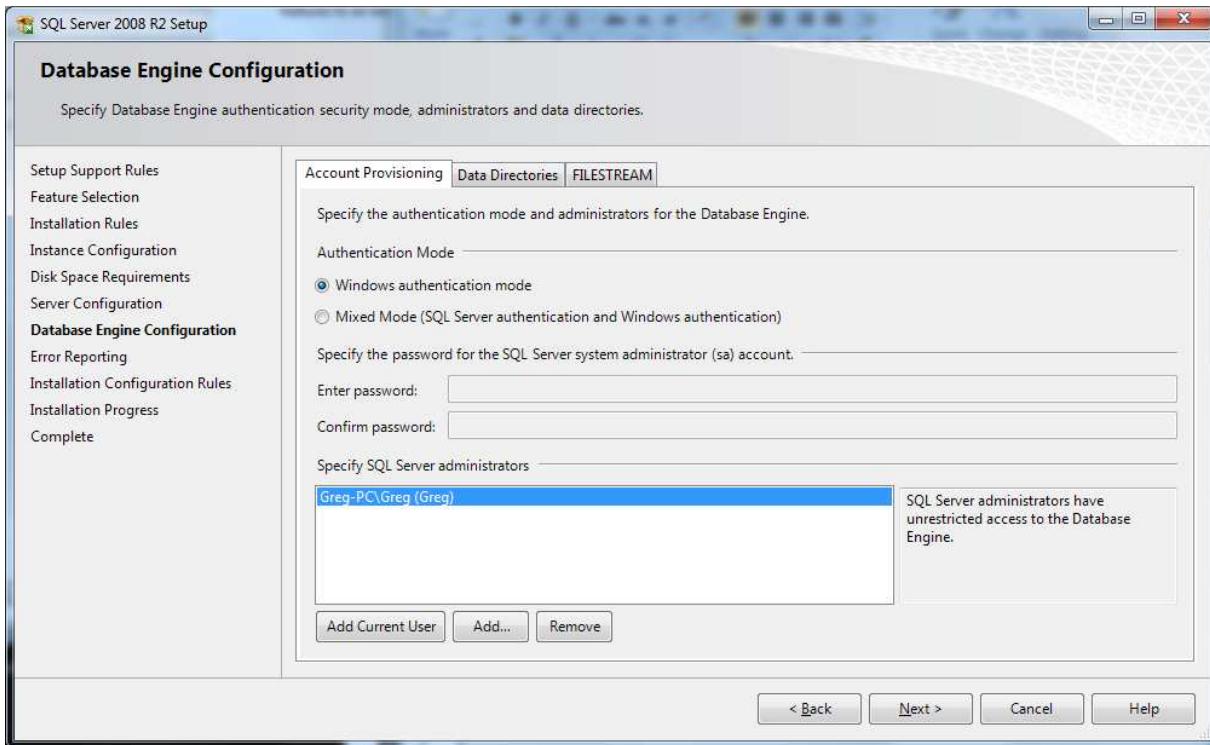
I left the default options and selected Next.



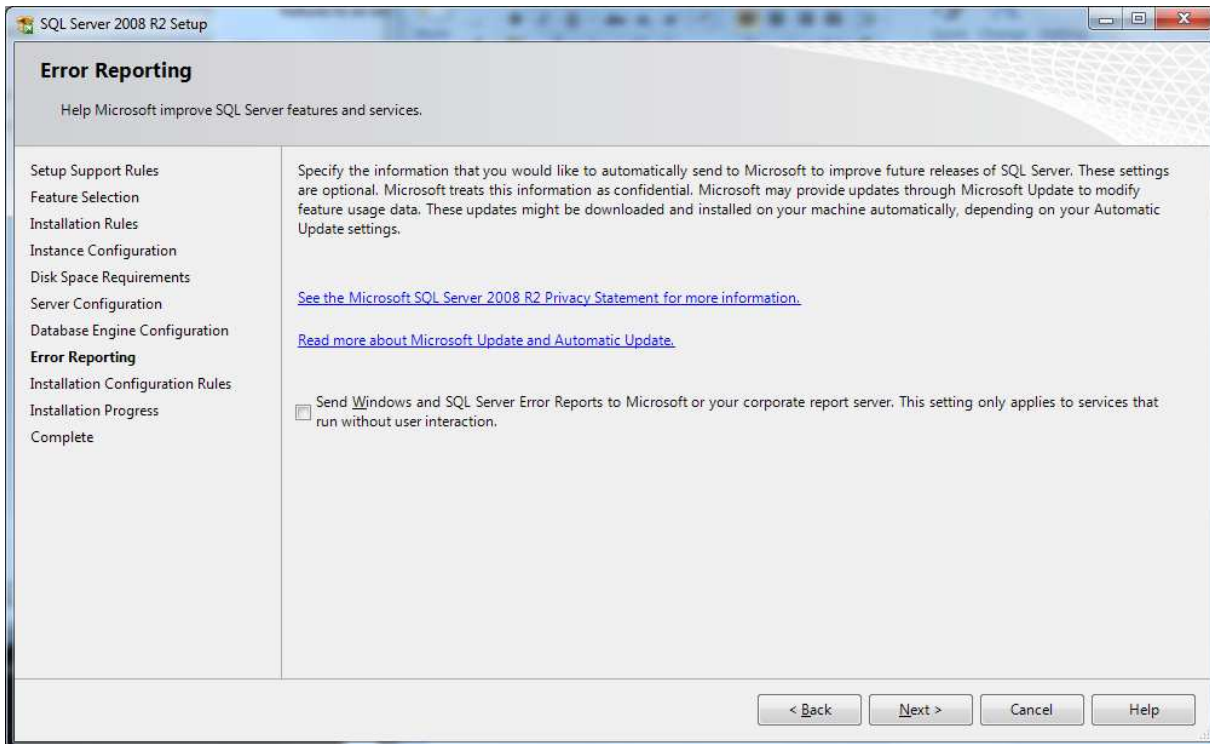
On this dialog, I entered "SQLExpress2008" as the instance name and clicked Next.



On this dialog, I left all default options and clicked Next.

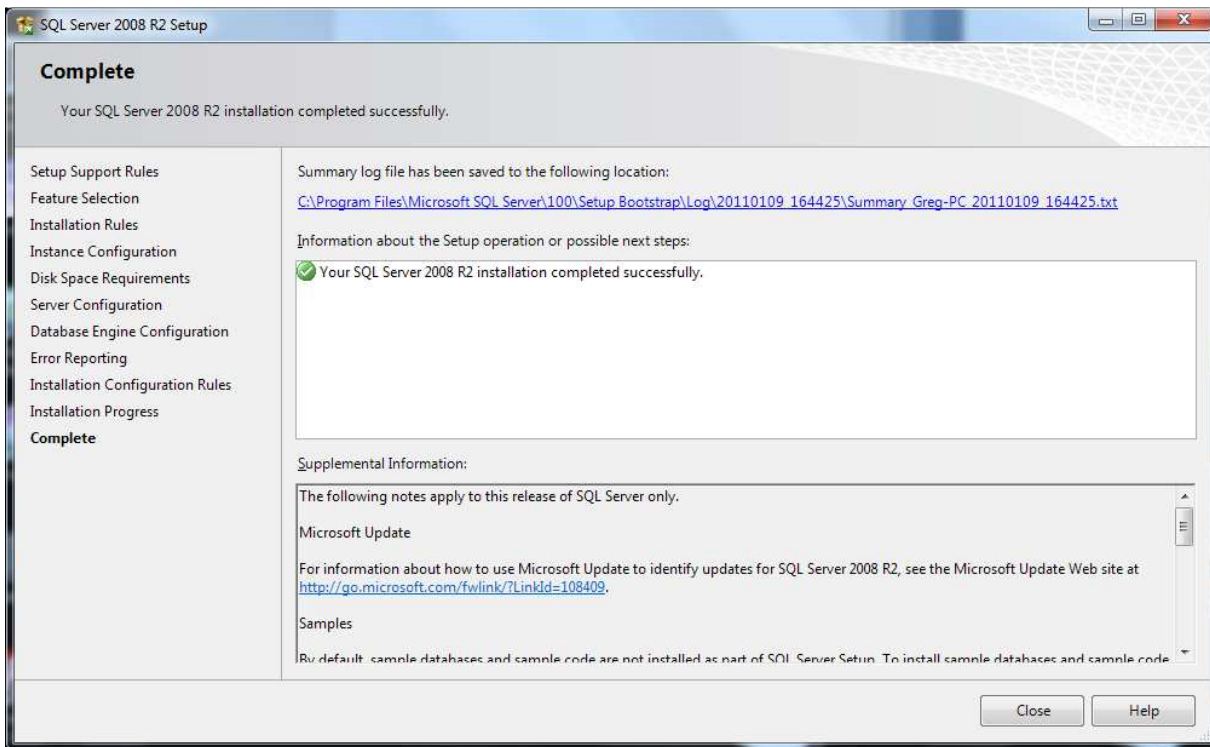


On this dialog, I left all default options and clicked Next. (Note that the user you are running the install from should be the default SQL Server administrator.)



Click Next.

After the install completed, I received a successful install notification.



A reboot was then required.

After the reboot, start SQL Server 2008 Management Studio. Start > All Programs > Microsoft SQL Server 2008 R2 > SQL Server Management Studio. The connection dialog should be displayed.



Click Connect (note your Server name will be unique to your computer name).

The SQL Server Management Studio window should be displayed.

