SQL Server 2014, Part 1 of 9: A Tour of SQL Server

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Prerequisites: The users should have a working knowledge of the Microsoft OS and Server environment but does not require any prior experience with Microsoft SQL Server or with database programming.

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Course description: This course will talk about features and give a tour of SQL Server 2014.You will see the differences between the available editions of SQL Server 2014. Get an overview of the components and tools that SQL Server 2014 includes. Learn about Management Studio and see the sample databases used in this course. You will see how to work with queries, tables, and views in SQL Server. Then the course will finish up with an overview of SQL Server Business Intelligence Services.

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