

SQL server error 28 Enabling services

Error Message

When trying to connect to SQL Server Management studio, the following appears whether Windows Authentication or SQL Server Authentication

Cannot connect to 'Servername'

Additional Information:

A network-related or instance-specific error occurred while establishing a connection to SQL Server.

The server was not found or was not accessible. ... (Provider: SQL Network Interfaces, error:28 - Server doesn't support requested protocol)

What it means

Can't connect to SQL Server as no network connection is running.

Solution

SQL Server Configuration Manager > SQL Server 2005 Network Configuration > Protocols for SQLEXPRESS

Right click on TCP/IP and Enable that service.

Need to restart the SQL Server 2005 Service

Go to SQL Server 2005 Services, right click SQL Server (SQLEXPRESS) and click restart