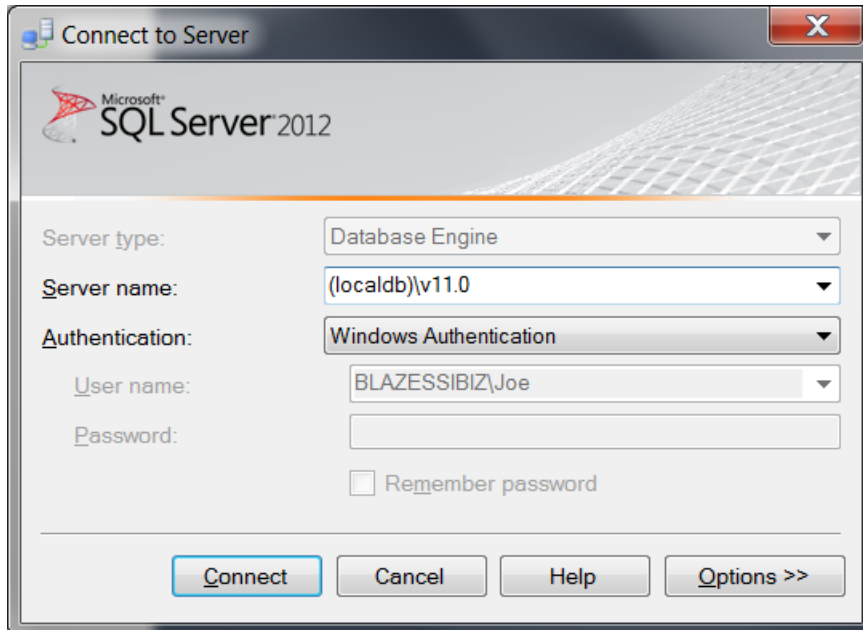**Use Microsoft SQL Server Management Studio to Connect to LocalDB**

**Install localdb using the installer for Microsoft SQL Express 2012:**
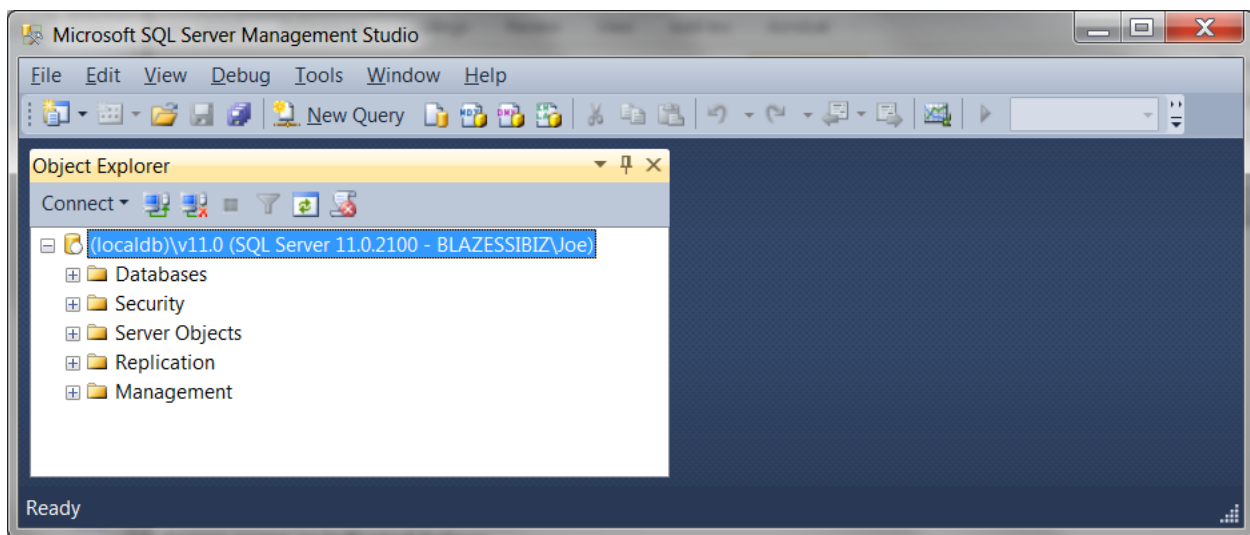To obtain the (free) installer go here: http://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/evalcenter/hh230763. Be sure to install a version which also installs the Microsoft SQL Server Management Studio 2012.

**Open Microsoft SQL Server Management Studio 2012:**
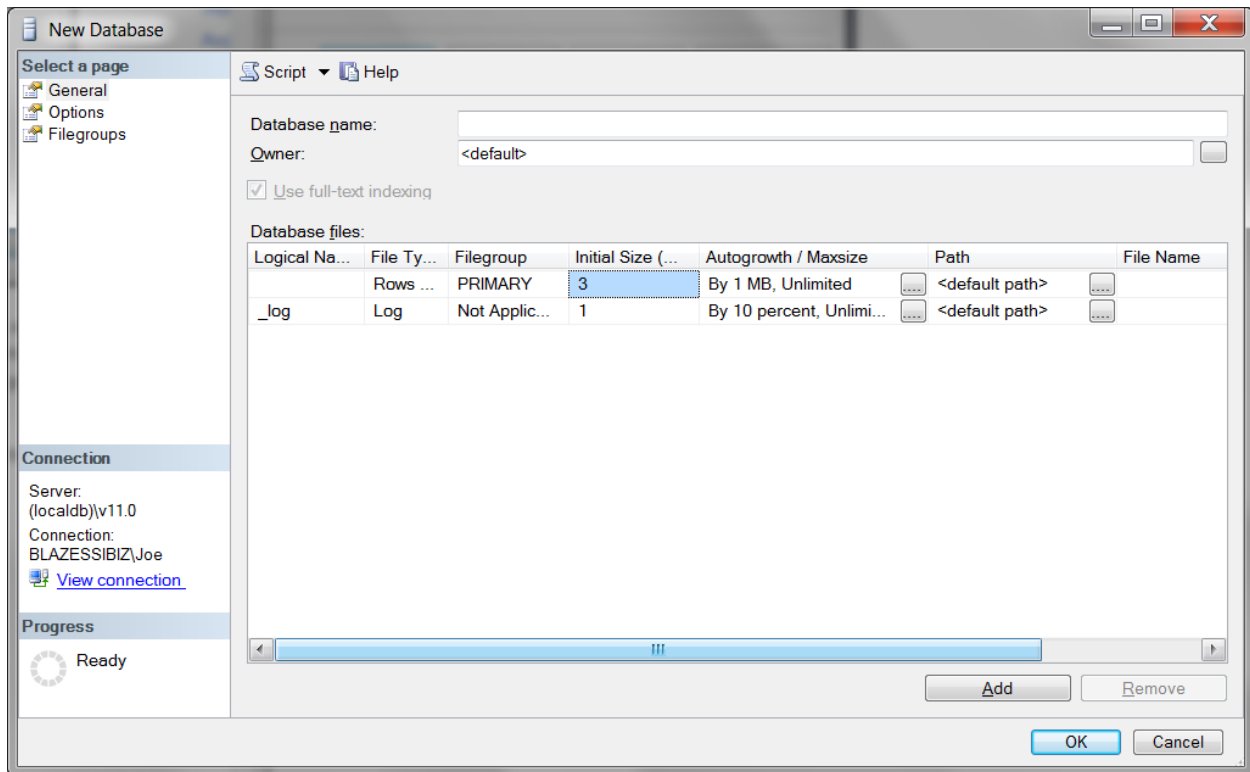Enter the Server name as indicated below:



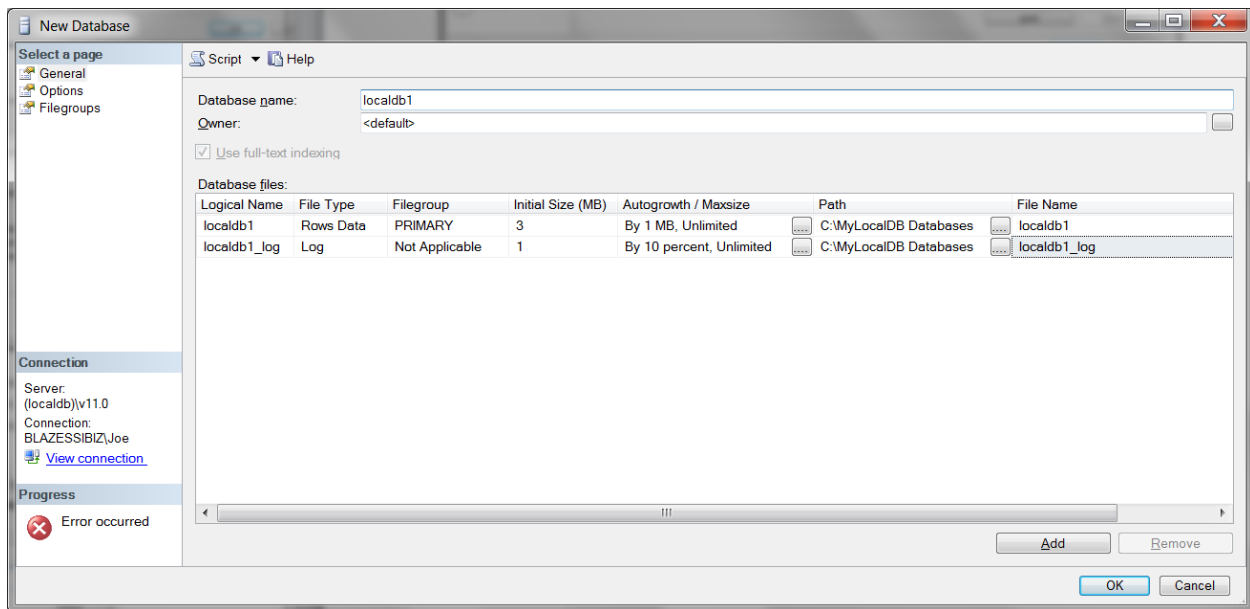**The localdb instance should now be connected:**

**Right click the Databases node and select Create a new database:**

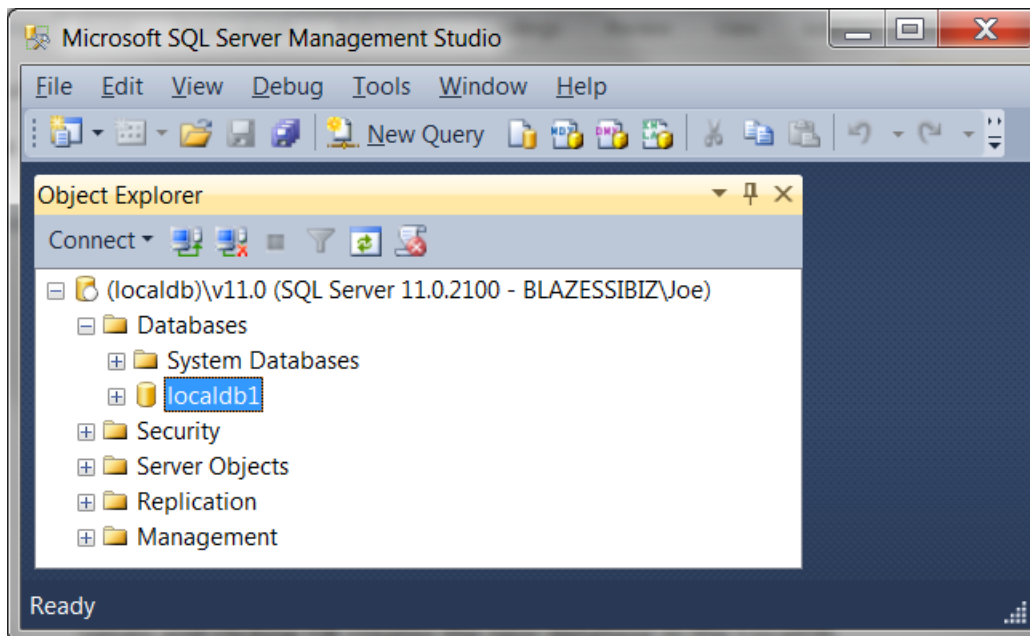The New Datanbase dialog will be presented.



**LocalDB Requires the explicit specification of the Database name, logical name, path and filename fields for the new database:**
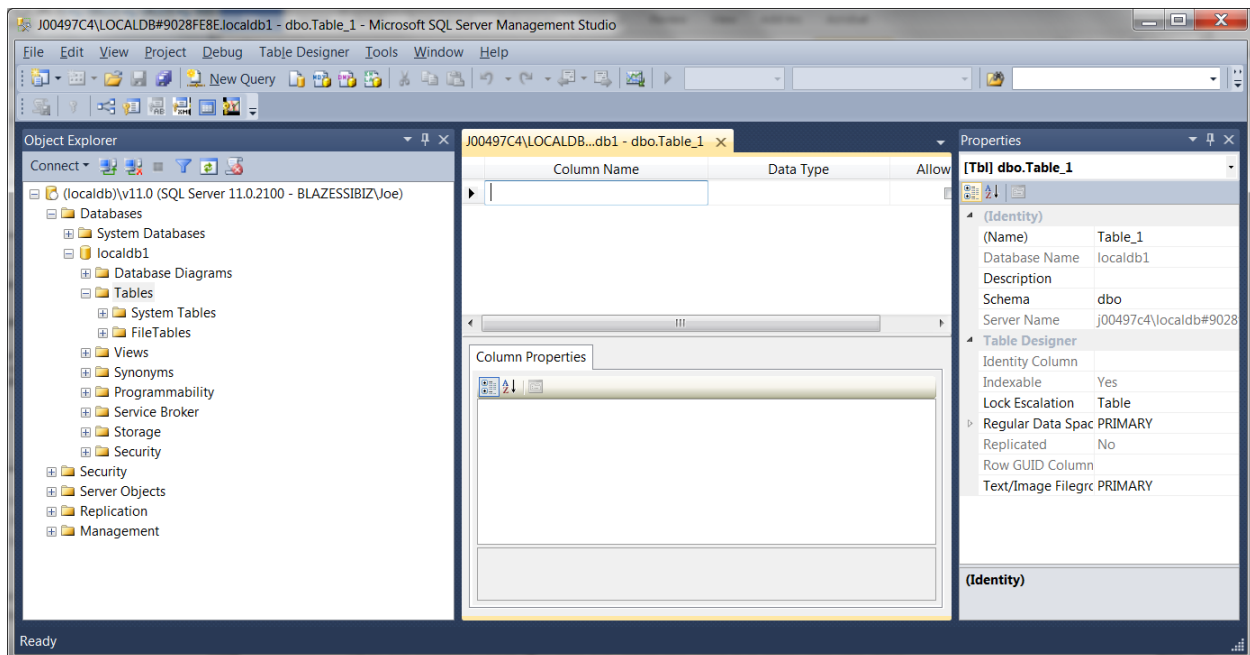
In this example, the pre-prepared 'c:\MyLocalDB Databases\' folder is used and the other fields are specified as desired. The 'Error occurred' notice in the lower left of the window capture exists because initially these explicit field values were not provided when the OK button was first clicked.

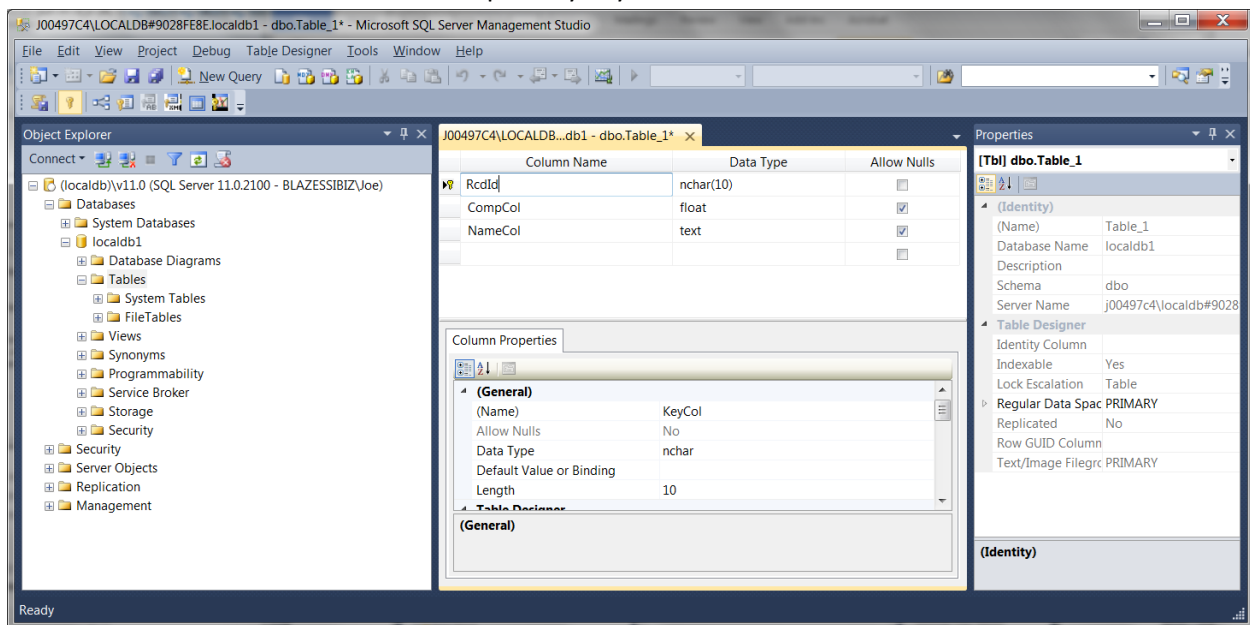**Click the OK button to create the new database in the localdb:**



**Open the localdb1 node, right click the Tables sub-node and select Add new table:**
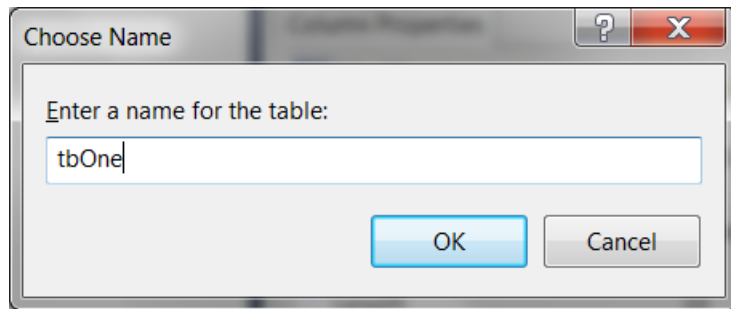The table editing dialog will be presented:

**Add the desired columns:**

The RcdId column was made the table's primary key column.



**Be sure to save the table after its specification is completed:**

Provide the desired table name in the Save dialog:

**Additional tables, stored procedures, etc. for the new database can be added as desired.**

**More Information:** http://blogs.msdn.com/b/sqlexpress/archive/2011/10/27/net-framework-4-now-supports-localdb.aspx