

PcMars 3.0 Installation Instructions

Before beginning the installation, please close any prior version of PcMars. Also prior to installing, please back up all of your PcMars data.

It is important that you also shut off, disable, or pause any antivirus program you have running. Please see the last page of these instructions for tips on how to shut off some common antivirus programs.

PcMars 3.0 requires a 64-bit Operating System. We recommend Windows 10. Microsoft is not supporting or updating Windows 7 or older as of January 1, 2020, so PcMars cannot guarantee compatibility.

To start the installation, select the [Download PcMars](#) button in the upper right-hand corner of the PcMars website or click on the [Free Software Download](#) in the middle of the PcMars website.



You will then be directed to the Download Software page. You can then click anywhere in the Download PcMars 3.0 (New Installation) box to begin the download. **Everyone (even past users) need to do the New Installation.**



Download PcMars 3.0 (New Installation)

Choose this option if PcMars 3.0 is *not* currently installed on your computer.

This is the full-featured system, which can be installed as a cash basis, which is a single entry system, or a fully accrual double-entry system.

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Download PcMars 3.0.1.0 (Update)

Choose this option if you already have a prior version of PcMars 3.0 already installed.

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The program will then be downloaded. If prompted, you can choose to save the file to your Desktop, but most users will see the program downloading in the lower left-hand corner of their computer.

Be sure and turn off any anti-virus program you may have installed on your computer. See last page for details.

Here is an example of where files download using Chrome, Internet Explorer/Edge and Firefox.

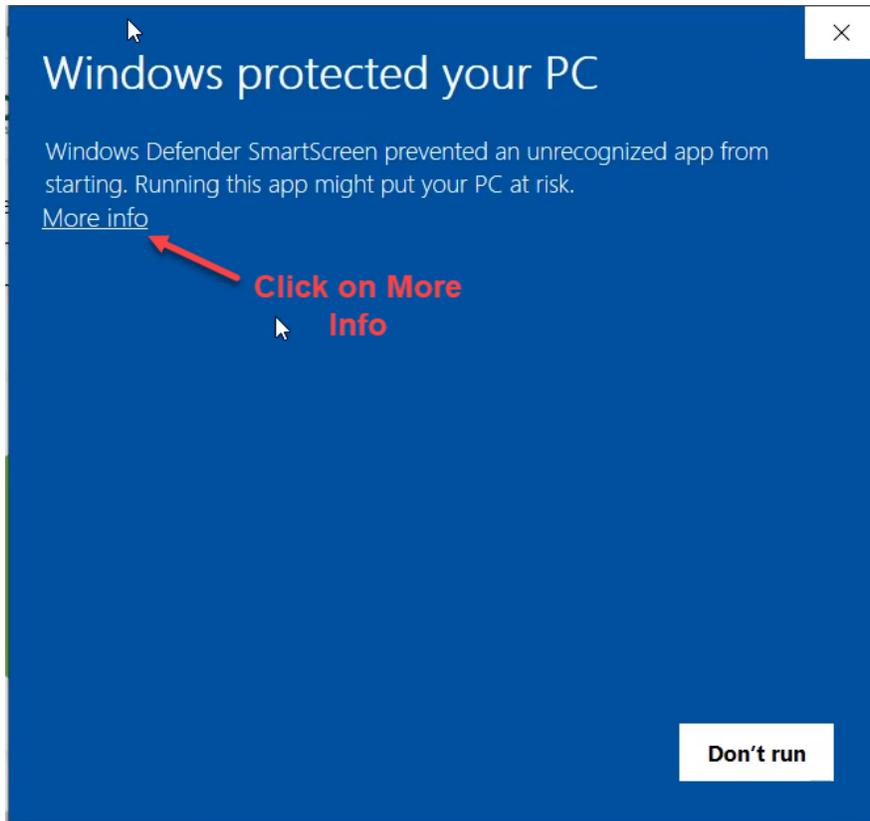


Once the program has been fully downloaded, go ahead and click on it to start the installation. The program will also be located in your Downloads.

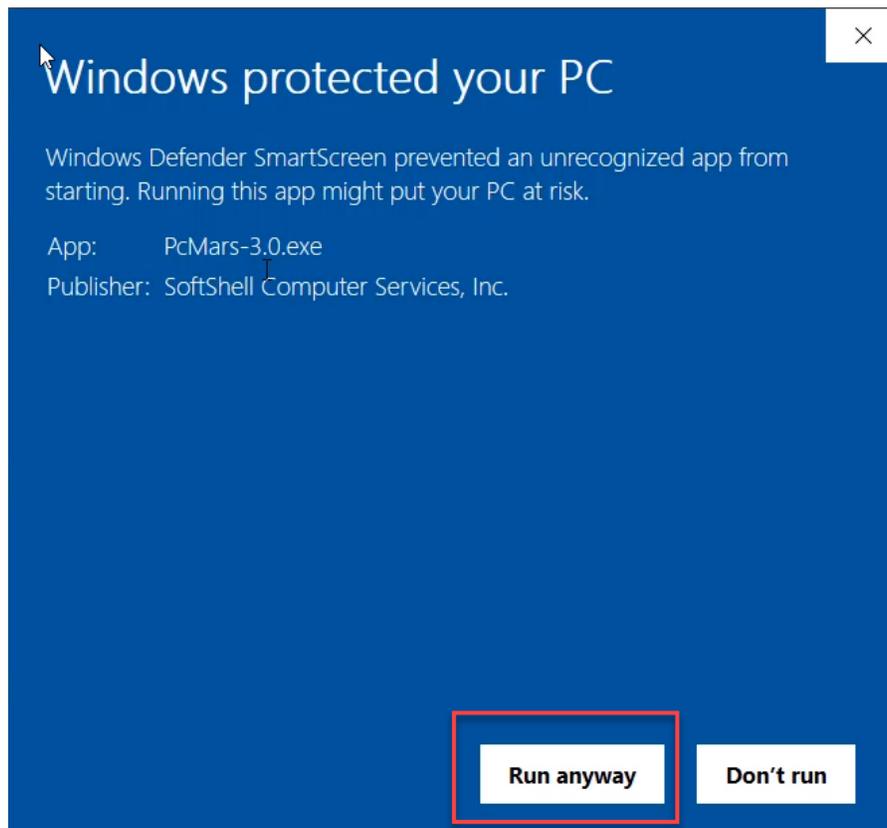
In my example, the program downloaded in the lower left-hand corner as pictured below:



Once you start the installation, this window may appear. You will need to click on **More Info**.



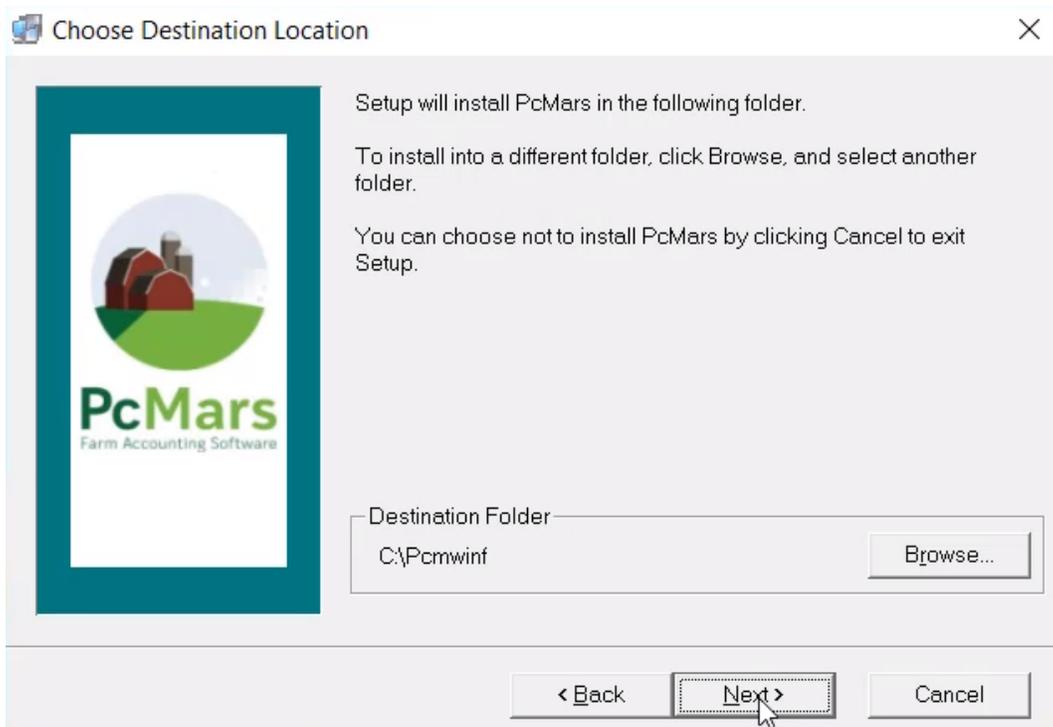
After clicking on More Info, then a new window appears telling you that the program is PcMars-3.0.exe and the publisher is SoftShell Computer Services, Inc. You then need to click on **Run anyway** at the bottom of this screen.



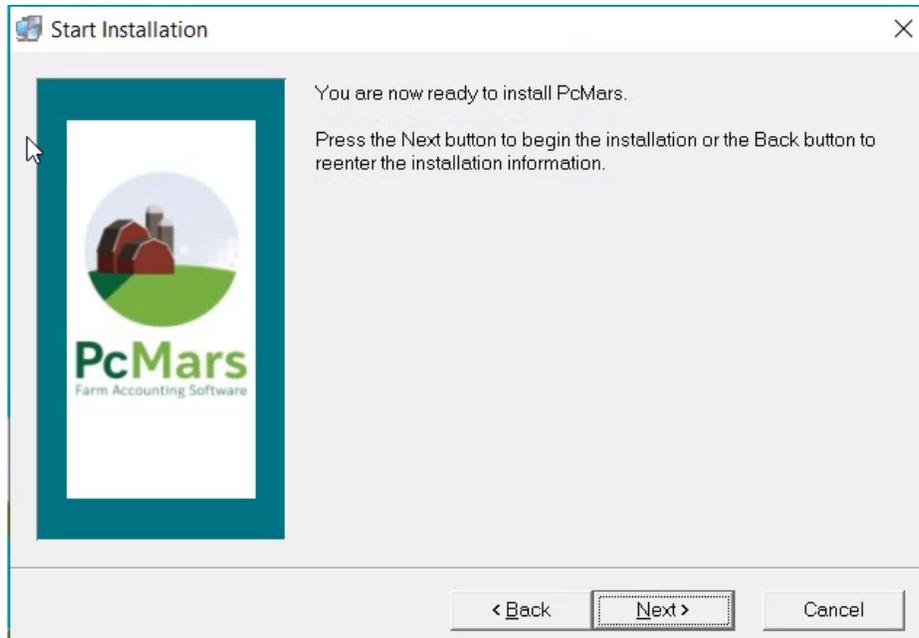
The Welcome to PcMars Installation screen will then appear. This is a reminder that if you have a previous version of PcMars installed on this computer, you need to **CLOSE YOUR PCMARS BEFORE INSTALLING**. Click on [Next](#).



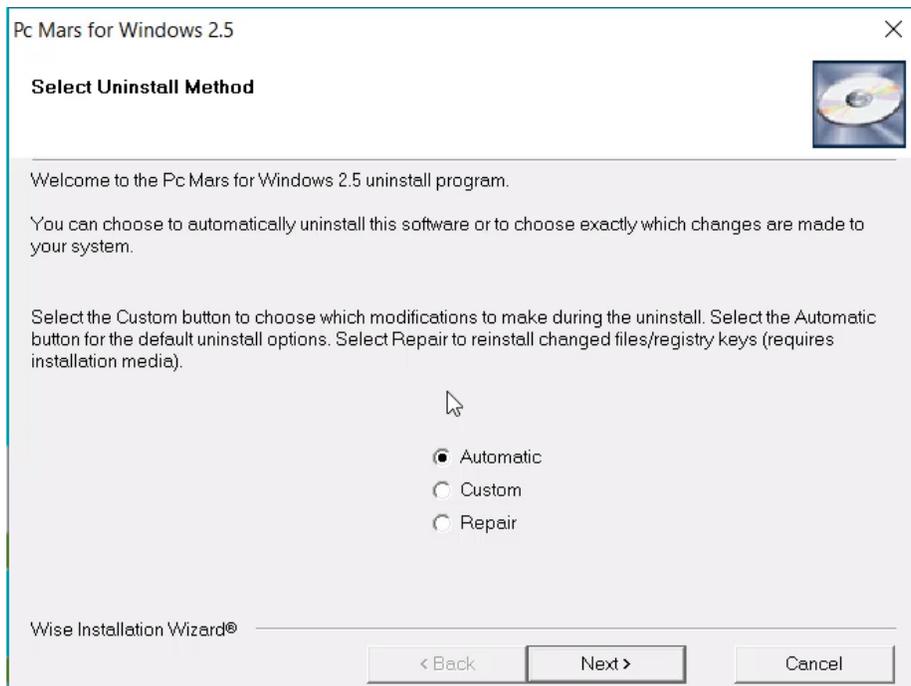
After choosing Next, the Choose Destination Location screen will appear. We highly suggest that you follow the prompts here and install PcMars in the default directory, which is C:\Pcmwinf. Click on [Next](#).



You are now ready to Start Installation after clicking on [Next](#).



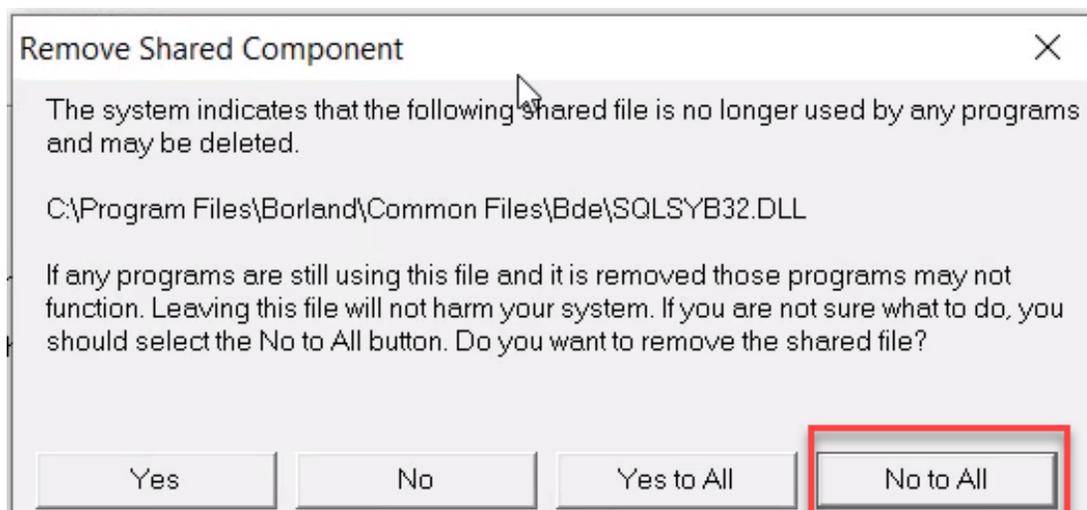
The next step in the installation is to uninstall any prior versions of PcMars. We suggest you leave the button selected for Automatic and then click on [Next](#).



You are now ready to perform the Uninstall. Click on **Finish**.

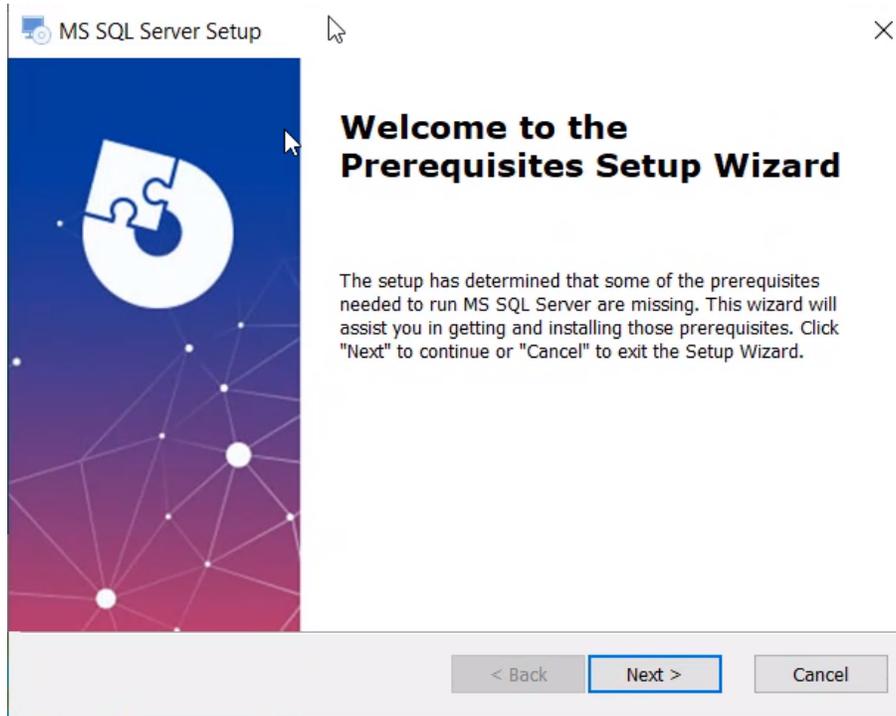


The following screen will appear asking if you want to Remove Shared Component. We recommend saying **No to All**.

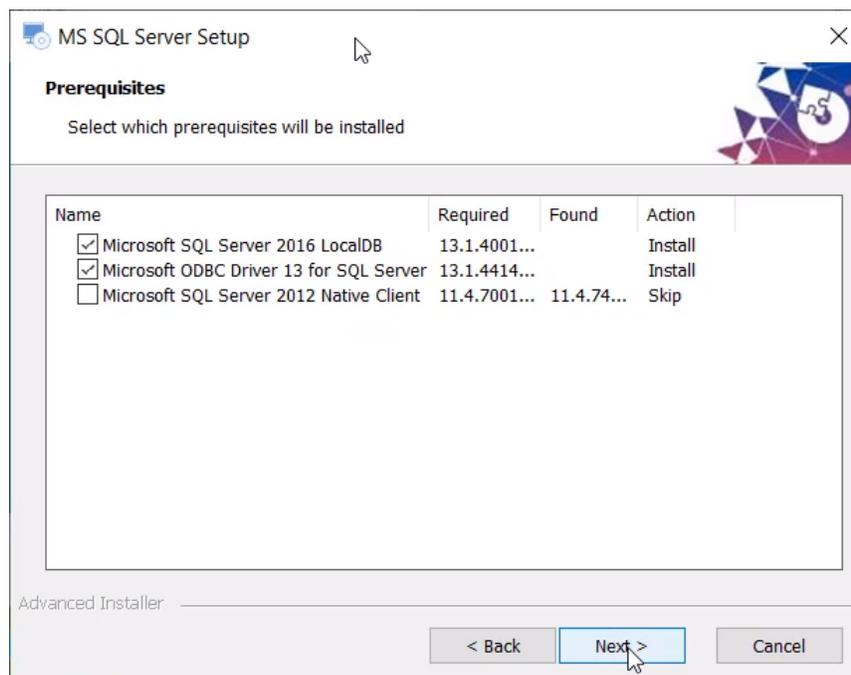


The installation will then begin. This installation automatically searches your computer and only installs the necessary software. Your screens may look different from the screenshots. **We recommend following the prompts by either choosing Next, Install or Finish on the following screens.**

Welcome to the Prerequisites Setup Wizard of the MS SQL Server. Choose [Next](#).



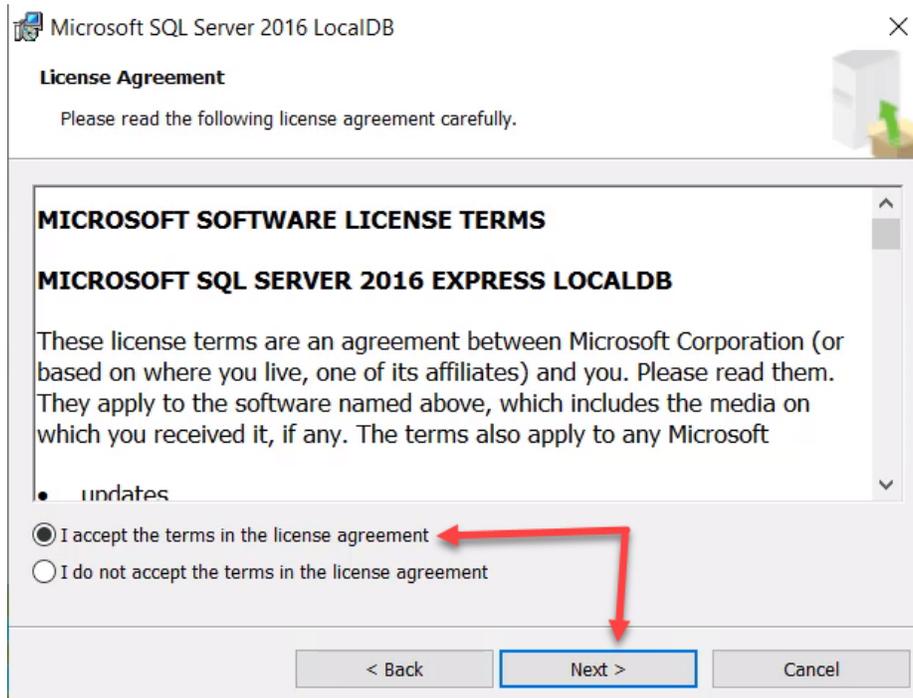
Your computer may have different Prerequisites listed here. Do **NOT** change any of these options and click on [Next](#):



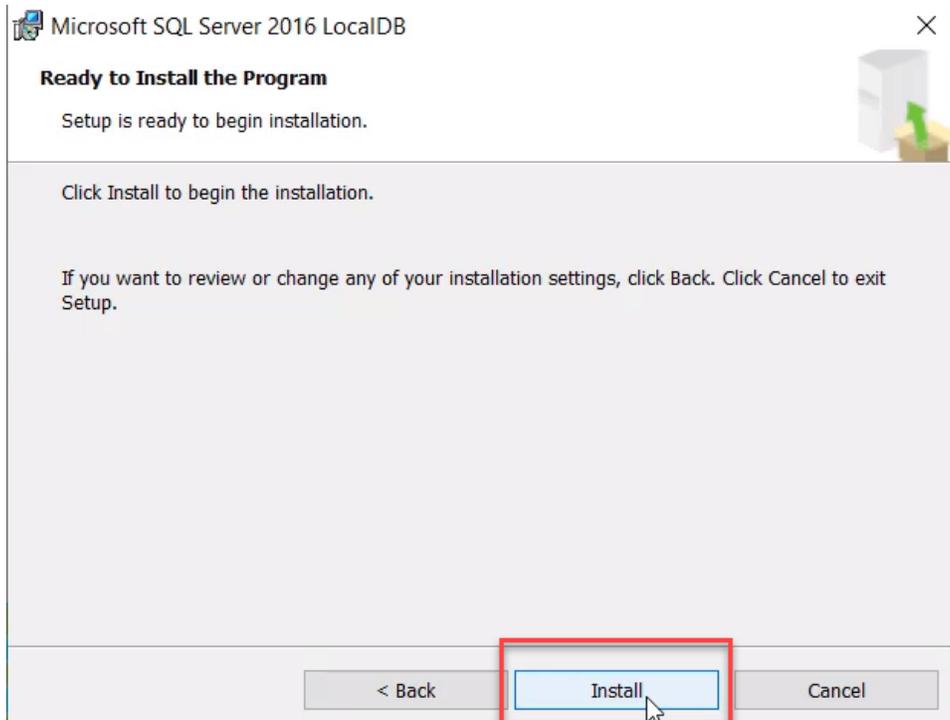
The next screen will appear, and we recommend you continue to click on [Next](#) and follow the prompts.



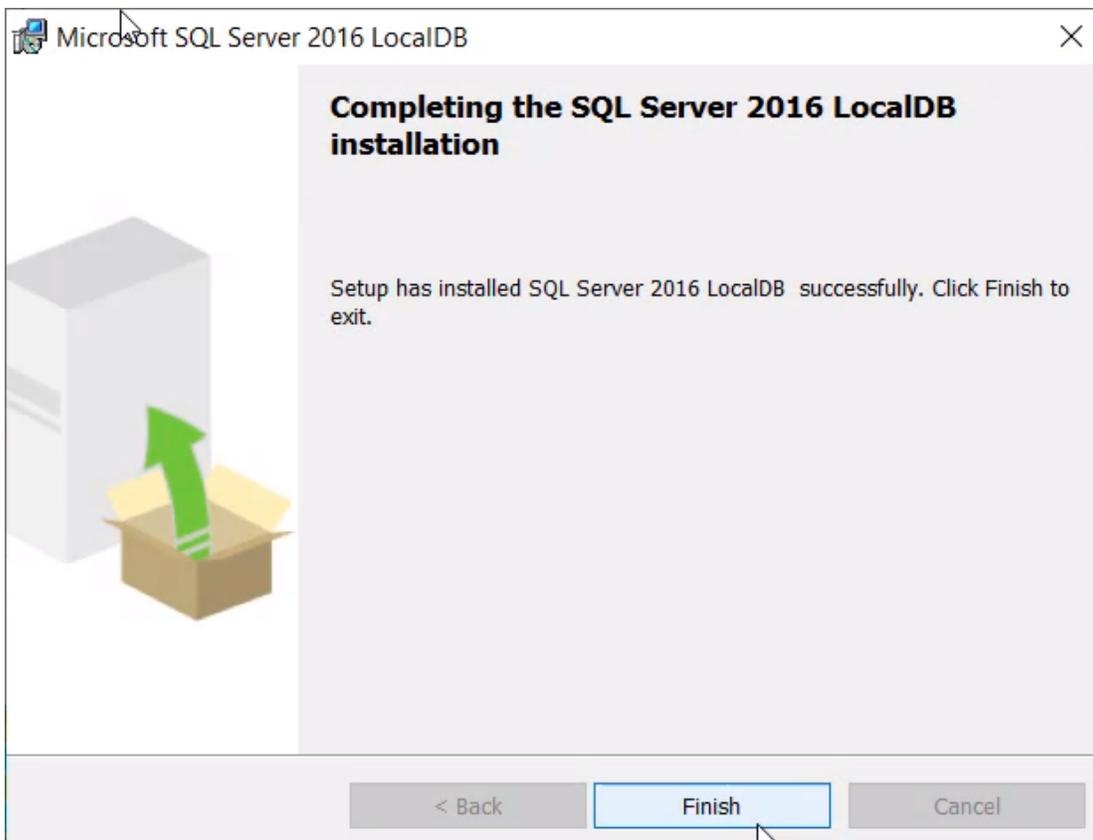
You will then need to Accept the terms in the license agreement by clicking in that circle and then clicking on [Next](#).



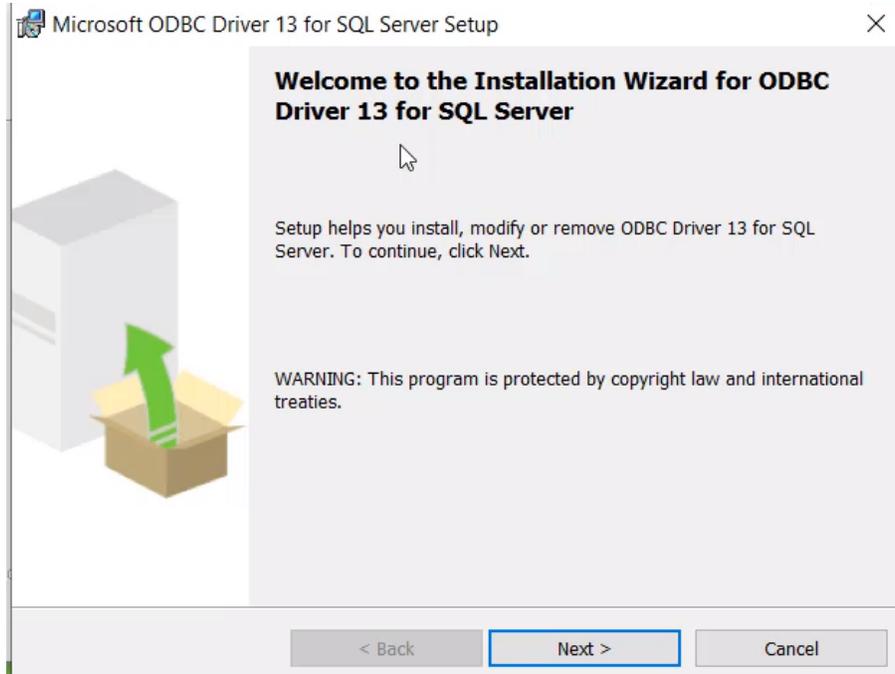
You will then see the following window that you are Ready to Install the Program. Click on [Install](#).



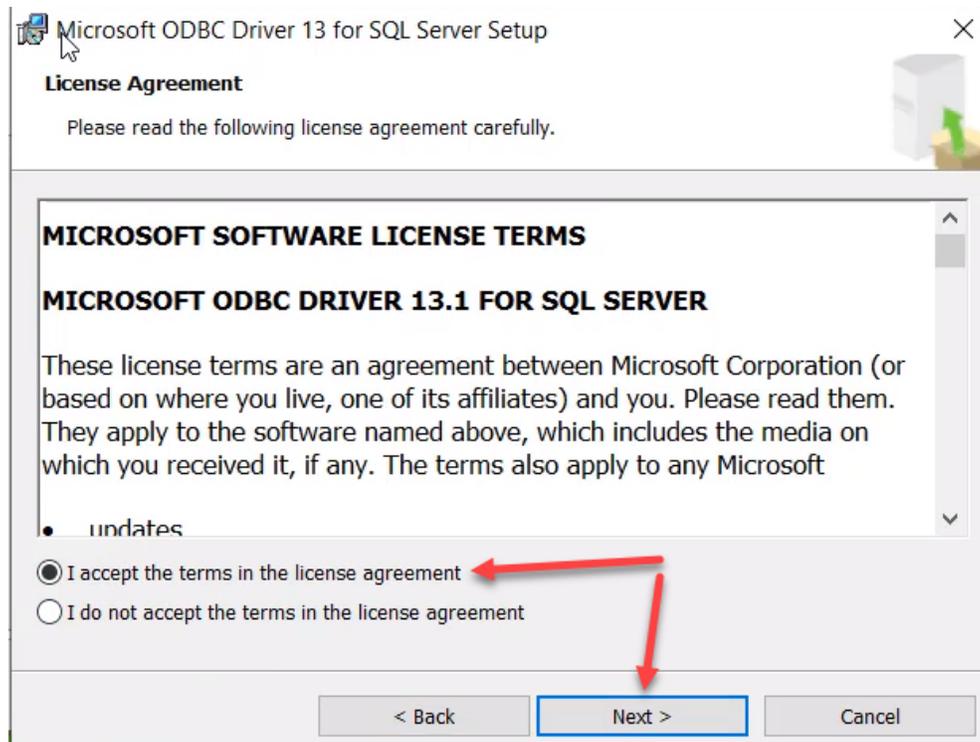
Click [Finish](#) on the following screen:



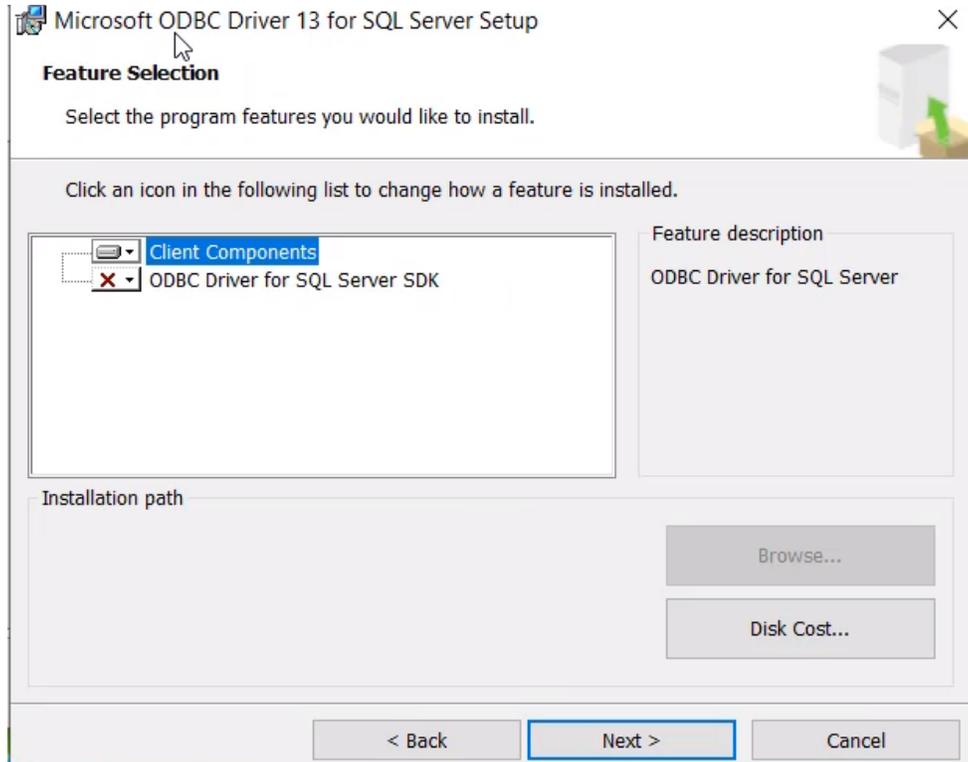
The installer will search your computer for any other components that are needed in order to run PcMars. Click [Next](#).



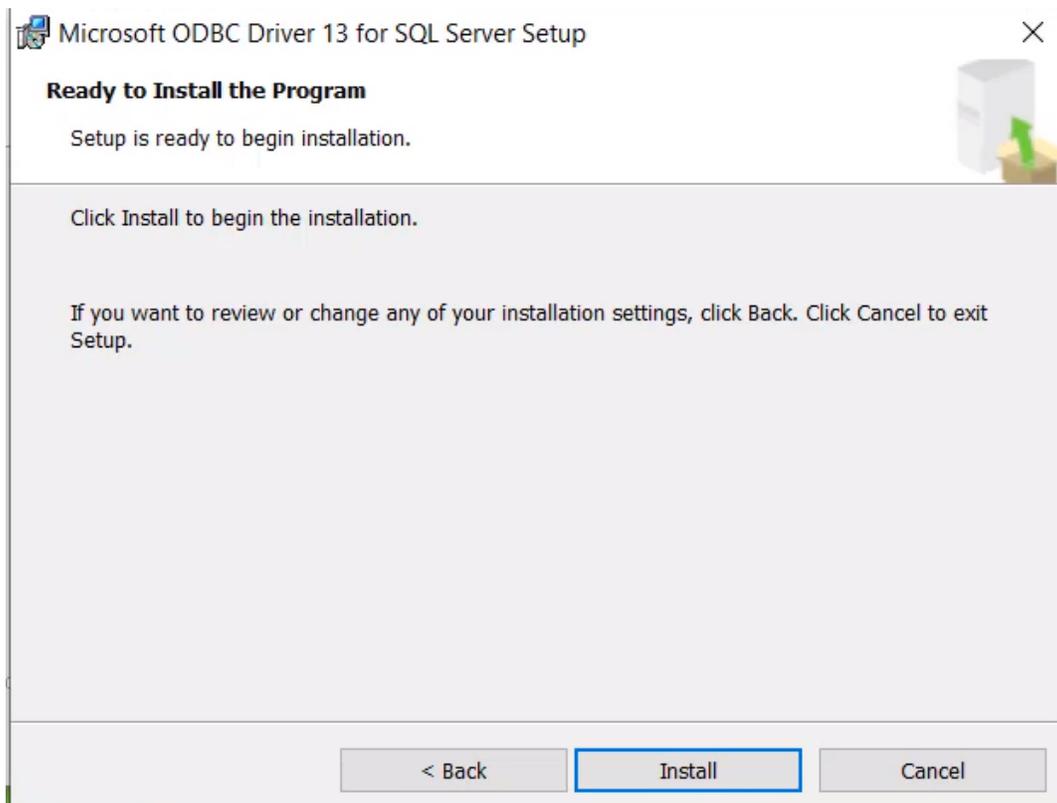
You will again have to accept the terms in the license agreement and click on [Next](#).



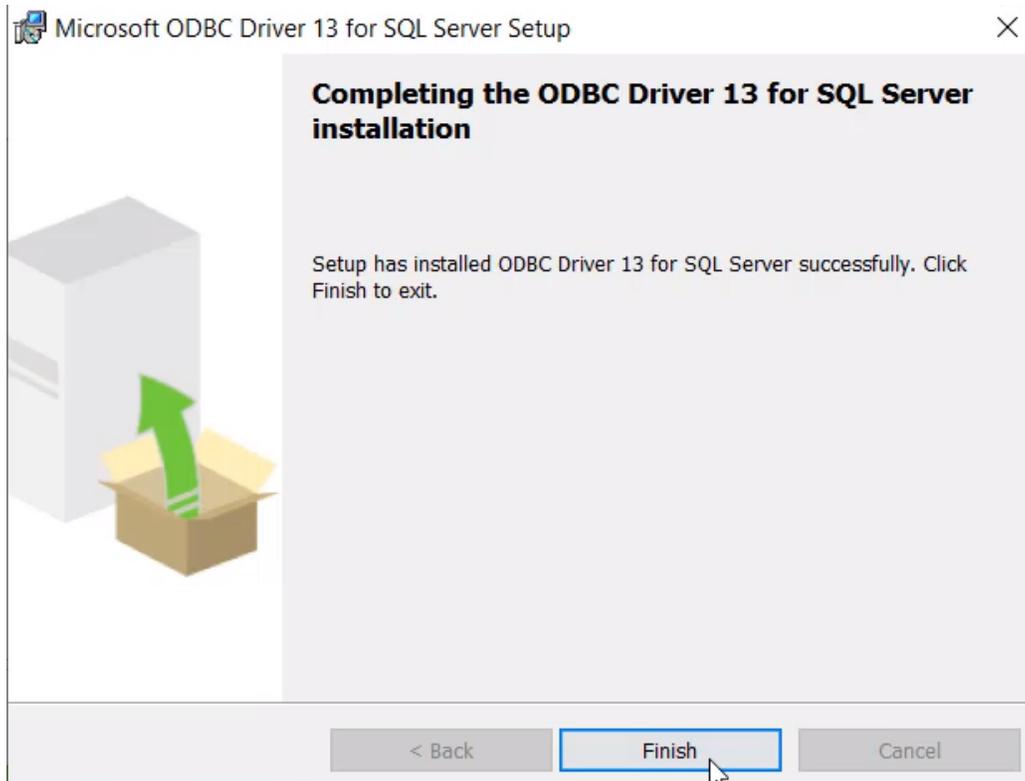
Leave the following settings the same and click on [Next](#). It is recommended to **NOT** change any of these settings.



The following window will appear. Click on [Install](#).



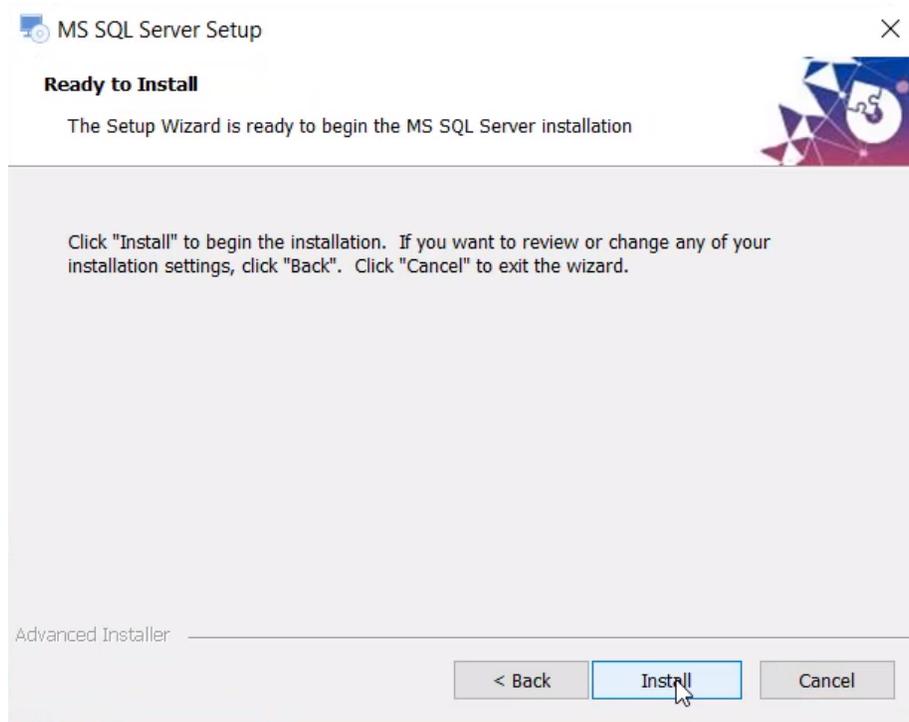
After that has installed, click on [Finish](#).



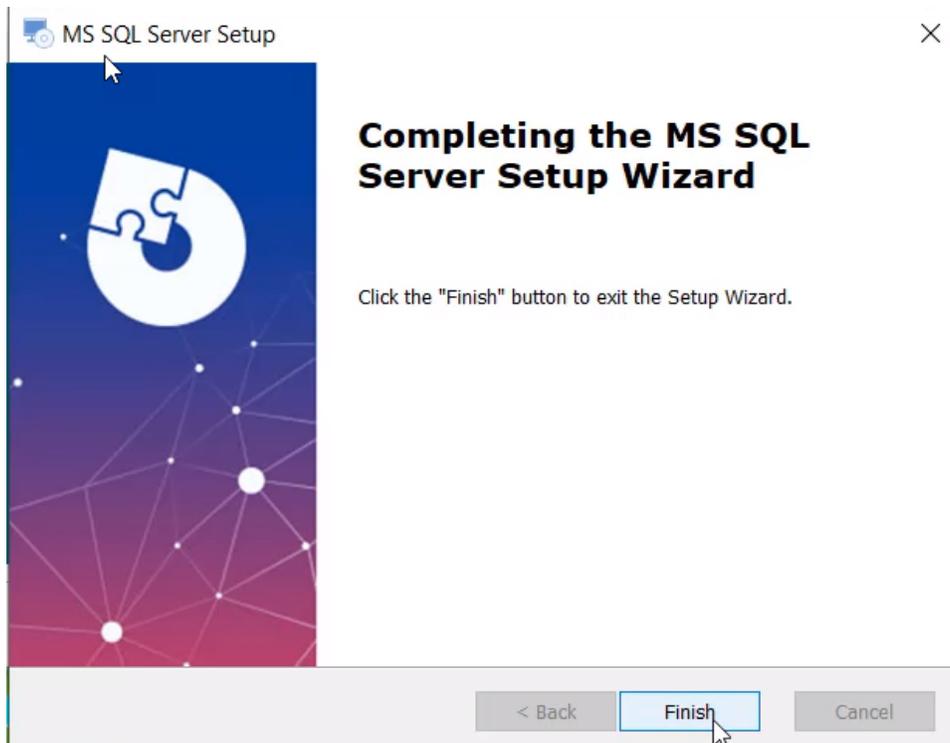
Continue to follow the prompts and click on [Next](#).



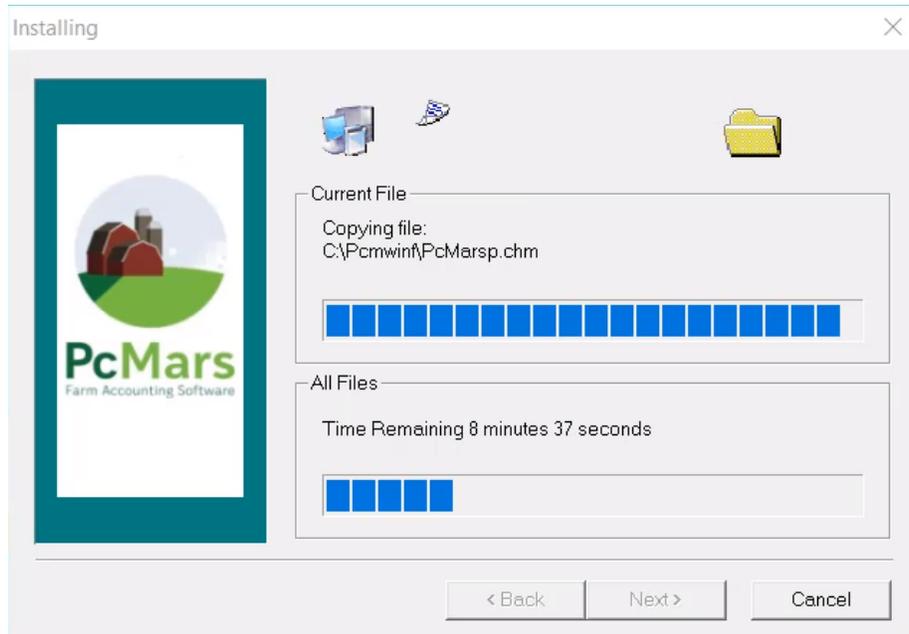
Click on [Install](#).



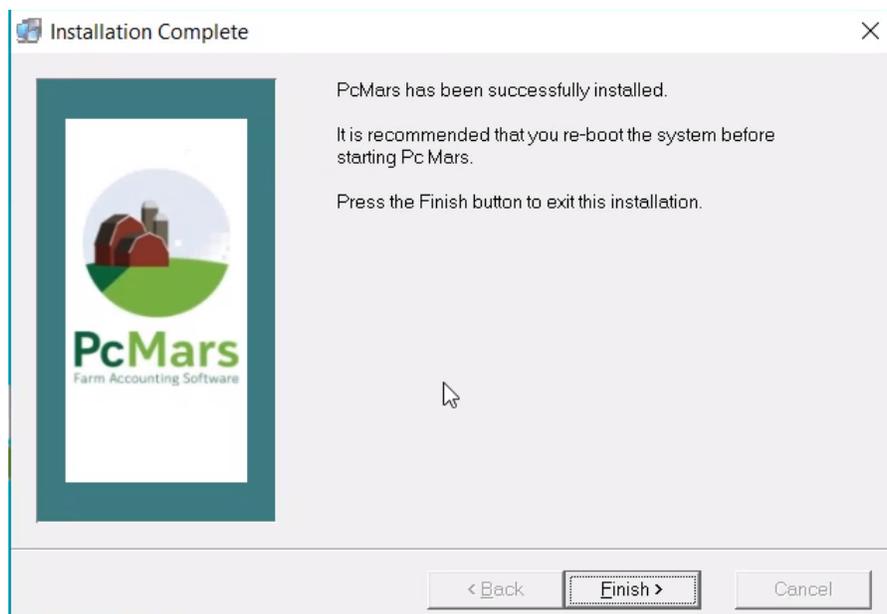
And then click on [Finish](#).



PcMars will then begin installing.



You will see this window when Installation is Complete and PcMars has been successfully installed! Click on the [Finish](#) button.



****Shut down and restart your computer before opening PcMars!****

Be sure and watch the YouTube video on how to convert prior years' data!

Tips for Temporarily Turning Off/Pausing Antivirus Programs



TrendMicro: Click on the “Show hidden icons” up arrow in the lower right-hand corner of the computer. You should see the TrendMicro icon. It is a red circle. You can then right click on that icon and choose “Exit”. This will turn off TrendMicro until your computer restarts.



McAfee: Click on the “Show hidden icons” up arrow in the lower right-hand corner of their computer. You should see the McAfee icon. This icon looks like a shield that is red and has an M in the middle of it. Right click on that icon and choose “Change Settings”. Choose “Real Time Scanning”. Then choose Turn off. You will then be able to choose when to resume. Then repeat those steps to temporarily turn off the Firewall.

*Note: We have found that even if there was a trial version installed or a version of McAfee that has expired, that expired version still may block the installation. You may need to actually uninstall McAfee if that trial version or expired version is still located on your computer by going to Add/Remove Programs.



Norton 360: Click on the “Show hidden icons” up arrow in the lower right-hand corner of the computer. You should see the Norton icon there. The icon is a yellow circle with a checkmark in it. Choose to disable the Firewall, Auto Protect and choose to Turn on Silent Mode. We would recommend saving the PcMars 3.0 file to your downloads. Once the 3.0 has been downloaded into your downloads file, you will want to right-click on that file and go down to “File Insight” towards the bottom of that list. The Setup-PcMars 3.0 file will be listed. You will need to go to the right side and click on “Trust Now” and then hit the close button. We would recommend then right clicking again on the Setup-PcMars 3.0 file in your downloads and then choosing to “Run as administrator”. The installation will then start.



Webroot: Click on the “Show hidden icons” up arrow in the lower right-hand corner of the computer. You should see the Webroot icon there. It is a green circle with a W. You should then right click on that icon and select “Shut down Protection.”



Avast: Click on the “Show hidden icons” up arrow in the lower right-hand corner of the computer. You will see the Avast icon there. It is orange with an “a” in the middle. Right click on that icon and go to Avast Shields control. Then choose “Disable for 10 minutes”.



Windows Defender: We have found that this program does not currently cause issues with the installation, so you do not need to turn this off or pause this program.