Getting Started with SQL Server?

Everyone has their story of how they got started with SQL Server, and they range quite a bit. You might be that developer that was sitting too close to the SQL Server and someone named you the DBA. For others it may have been part of starting at a new job. For some you may have learned it in school, however I have found that most university level programs don't cover enough SQL Server to make it worthwhile.

For me, I got started with SQL Server version 1.1 when I took a 5 day SQL Server class in December of 1990 on writing TSQL and accessing the database from inside of a program. I was lucky, I happened to be working at Microsoft about a year after they acquired the SQL Server product and rebranded it on their own. I know that most people don't have that opportunity, so I have created another option.

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Please respond below and share with me how you got started with Microsoft SQL Server, and how long you have been using it. What version of SQL Server did you start with?

Have a great day!

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