

Chapter number	Software required (With version)	Free/Proprietary	If proprietary, can code testing be performed using a trial version	If proprietary, then cost of the software	Download links to the software	Hardware specifications	OS required
1	IBM Watson Analytics	Proprietary			https://www.ibm.com/watson-analytics	4GB RAM	Windows/Linux/Mac

IBM Watson lives in the cloud (the IBM Cloud). The cloud environment makes it relatively easy to get started as there are actually very few prerequisites that you need to access IBM Watson Analytics (and the IBM Cloud platform overall). In fact, all you really need to get yourself up and running is an up-to-date web browser (most will work quite adequately) and your willingness to discover and learn.

The following are the official browser minimum requirements (as of the time of writing):

- **Chrome:** Latest version for your operating system
- **Firefox:** Latest regular and ESR versions for your operating system
- **Internet Explorer:** Version 11
- **Edge:** Latest version for Windows
- **Safari:** Latest version for Mac