

# Preview of IBM Spectrum Control Storage Insights Foundation

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## Overview

IBM<sup>(R)</sup> plans to add new cognitive services to its cloud-based storage management platform, IBM Spectrum Control<sup>TM</sup> Storage Insights, and is offering an early user program. This new capability will stream device data from IBM storage systems to the cloud so that IBM can provide customers with insight into the performance, capacity, and health of their storage infrastructure. Cognitive storage management capabilities that are based on this platform already include storage optimization with data tiering and storage reclamation of unused storage. IBM plans to add further artificial intelligence that will reduce the time it takes to monitor complex infrastructures, and to find and resolve issues that impact application performance.

## Key prerequisites

Once you log into your Storage Insights, you will be prompted to download and install the data collector. You will need to specify the storage resources that you want to monitor and analyze in the Storage Insights GUI. The data collector will then run in the background.

The data collector can be extracted and run on any server that runs Microsoft<sup>TM</sup> Windows<sup>TM</sup>, Linux<sup>(R)</sup> (64-bit, RHEL 5 and higher), or AIX<sup>(R)</sup> operating systems or a virtual machine that has access to both the internal SAN-attached infrastructure, as well as access to the internet to communicate with the cloud portal.

The data collector is a lightweight application. It is recommended that the system on which it is installed has a minimum of 1 GB RAM and 500 MB of available disk space.

## Planned availability date

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