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1. [Download](#) the installer for your platform
2. [Run](#) the installer. There are a few choices, but it's OK to just accept the defaults the first time through.
3. [Start](#) the Strategy Engine. On Windows, there is a Start Menu option, you can also run from the command line on any platform. The Strategy Engine will connect to a cloud instance of DARE, the Marketcetera routing engine. If you follow the instructions, you'll also start a test market data adapter and create a data flow. The Strategy Engine, along with providing the ability to execute strategies, also serves as the Market Data Nexus in this configuration, that is, it supplies market data. As configured, the market data is randomly generated test data. Later on, you can switch to real market data, though there are typically costs associated with that.
4. [Start](#) Photon, the user interface component. You'll be prompted to log in. The cloud instance of DARE, to which you'll be logging in, has a user for testing purposes: user/password (that's username: 'user' and password: 'password').