Recommended Data Visualization Software (as of Fall 2018)

Text editor/coding environments:

Sublime, Atom, Visual Studio, or TextWrangler

Coding packages:

Stanford CoreNLP

https://stanfordnlp.github.io/CoreNLP/

Python

For general use:
\$\(\seta\)usr pip3 install python
(or similar command for windows/linux)
Make sure to also install beautifulsoup4 and numpy at a minimum

Note: may need to use pip3 and python3 commands

GIS:

ArcGIS Pro Desktop (if you have money, windows only) https://pro.arcgis.com/en/pro-app/

QGIS

https://www.qgis.org/en/site/forusers/download

Note: also need to install python 3.5.x from the python website

Carto

https://cartodb.com

(must sign up for free account)

Data, plotting, and data manipulation:

R

http://www.r-project.org (install first)

R Studio

http://www.rstudio.com

MySQL Workbench

https://www.mysql.com/products/workbench/

You will also need a way to locally build SQL databases if your data isn't hosted online

Networks:

Gephi

https://gephi.org

Networkx

https://networkx.github.io/ (also need to install java)

Topic modeling:

Mallet

http://mallet.cs.umass.edu/

Word Clouds:

Word Art

https://wordart.com/

Miscellaneous:

Color Oracle

http://colororacle.org/

for testing visuals and color blindness

Import.io

https://import.io

semi-automatic text parsing

Mr. Data Converter

http://shancarter.github.io/mr-data-converter/easily convert file formats for web use, etc.

Open Refine

http://openrefine.org/data cleaning