**Visual Studio Code (VS Code)** is completely free and open-source.  
You can download it from: <https://code.visualstudio.com>

**After installing Visual Studio Code, you can install required VS Code extensions as mentioned below:**

Open VS Code → Go to the **Extensions** panel (left sidebar) → search and install:

* **Python** (by Microsoft)
* **Pylance** (for better IntelliSense/autocomplete)
* *(Optional)* **dotenv** (for syntax highlighting in .env files)