**Step 2: Install Maven (If Not Installed)**

1. **Download Maven:**
   * Visit <https://maven.apache.org/download.cgi>
   * Download the **binary zip archive** (e.g., apache-maven-3.9.6-bin.zip).
2. **Extract it:**
   * Extract it to a folder, e.g., C:\Program Files\Apache\Maven\apache-maven-3.9.6
3. **Add Maven to PATH:**
   * Open Start Menu → search **"Environment Variables"** → click **"Edit the system environment variables"**
   * Click **"Environment Variables"**
   * Under **System Variables**, find and edit the Path variable
   * Click **New**, and add:

C:\Program Files\Apache\Maven\apache-maven-3.9.6\bin

* + Click OK to save

1. **(Optional but Recommended)** Add a new system variable:
   * **Variable name:** MAVEN\_HOME
   * **Variable value:** C:\Program Files\Apache\Maven\apache-maven-3.9.6

**Step 3: Verify the Setup**

Close any existing PowerShell/Command Prompt window, reopen it, and run:

mvn -v

If successful, it should print Maven version info.