

# Importing Project from Maven Model

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IntelliJ IDEA enables you to create a project on the base of an existing Maven project, represented by `pom.xml` file. There are two ways to import a Maven project:

- [Using the New Project wizard, with the custom settings.](#)
- [Using the Open Project dialog, with the default settings.](#)

## To import a Maven project

1. If no project is currently open in IntelliJ IDEA, click **Import Project** on the [Welcome screen](#). Otherwise, select **File | Import Project**.
2. In the [dialog that opens](#), select the directory that contains the project to be imported, or a file that contains an appropriate project description. Click **OK**.
3. On the [first page](#) of the **Import Project** wizard, select Maven, and click **Next**. (This page is not shown if IntelliJ IDEA has guessed what you are importing.)
4. In the [next page](#) of the wizard, specify the project root directory. Define your import preferences, if they differ from those specified in the [Maven Integration dialog](#). Click **Environment settings** to configure the path to the Maven home directory, user settings file, and local repository. You can accept defaults, or select the **Override** check boxes, and specify the desired paths.

Click **Next**.

5. In the [next page](#) of the wizard, select the desired profiles, and click **Next**.
6. In the [next page](#) of the wizard, select the projects to be imported. Note that IntelliJ IDEA detects Maven projects by scanning the specified root. Click **Next**.
7. If in the step 2 you have selected to import Maven project into a new IntelliJ IDEA project, specify the new project name and location of the project files. Select also the format in which new IntelliJ IDEA project will be stored.

If a Maven project will be imported into the current IntelliJ IDEA project, proceed to the next step.

8. Click **Finish**.

## To import a Maven project with the default settings

1. On the main menu, choose **File | Open**.
2. In the dialog box that opens, select the desired `pom.xml` file, and click **OK**. So doing, import is performed automatically, with the settings defined in the [Maven Integration dialog](#).

## See Also

Concepts:

- [Maven](#)
- [Project](#)

Reference:

- [Maven Projects Tool Window](#)

Web Resources:

- [Developer Community](#) 