Title: Spring Boot: passing system properties to maven Post Body: I tried: mvn -Dspring.profiles.active=dev spring-boot:run but it does not affect my default configuration. I've googled a little and found: mvn -DargLine='-Dspring.profiles.active=dev' spring-boot:run but if fails as well. When I run: mvn package and then: java -Dspring.profiles.active=test -jar target/app-1.0.0.jar it works as expected (the profile is changed) but fails to find file from resource dir (FileNotFound exception) which is loaded this way: new File(getClass().getClassLoader().getResource('data.yml').getFile()) There is no problem with this file when maven is used to run the app. Any suggestions? Accepted Answer: Try running your application with: mvn spring-boot:run -Drun.jvmArguments='-Dspring.profiles.active=dev' I don't know which version your are using but check this issue too Highest Rated Answer: With the current version (>= 2.0.0.RELEASE), the parameter is -Dspring-boot.run.jvmArguments mvn spring-boot:run -Dspring-boot.run.jvmArguments="-Dspring.profiles.active=dev" Source: Running your Application with Maven To activate a speciffic profile, there is a shortcut available: mvn spring-boot:run -Dspring-boot.run.profiles=dev

Source: Specify Active Profiles