

## Secrets top-level elements

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Secrets are a flavor of [Configs](#) focusing on sensitive data, with specific constraint for this usage.

Services can only access secrets when explicitly granted by a [secrets attribute](#) within the `services` top-level element.

The top-level `secrets` declaration defines or references sensitive data that is granted to the services in your Compose application. The source of the secret is either `file` or `environment`.

- `file`: The secret is created with the contents of the file at the specified path.
- `environment`: The secret is created with the value of an environment variable.

### [Example 1](#)

`server-certificate` secret is created as `<project_name>_server-certificate` when the application is deployed, by registering content of the `server.cert` as a platform secret.

```
secrets:
  server-certificate:
    file: ./server.cert
```

### [Example 2](#)

`token` secret is created as `<project_name>_token` when the application is deployed, by registering the content of the `OAuth_TOKEN` environment variable as a platform secret.

```
secrets:
  token:
    environment: "OAuth_TOKEN"
```

### [Additional resources](#)

For more information, see [How to use secrets in Compose](#).