



# nuxi preview

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npx nuxi preview [rootDir] [--dotenv]
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The `preview` command starts a server to preview your Nuxt application after running the `build` command. The `start` command is an alias for `preview`. When running your application in production refer to the Deployment section.

Option	Default	Description
<code>rootDir</code>	<code>.</code>	The root directory of the application to preview.
<code>--dotenv</code>	<code>.</code>	Point to another <code>.env</code> file to load, <b>relative</b> to the root directory.

This command sets `process.env.NODE_ENV` to `production`. To override, define `NODE_ENV` in a `.env` file or as command-line argument.

For convenience, in preview mode, your `.env` file will be loaded into `process.env`. (However, in production you will need to ensure your environment variables are set yourself.)

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