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# env

Since the release of [Next.js 9.4](#) [↗](#) we now have a more intuitive and ergonomic experience for [adding environment variables](#). Give it a try!

## ► Examples

**Note:** environment variables specified in this way will **always** be included in the JavaScript bundle, prefixing the environment variable name with `NEXT_PUBLIC_` only has an effect when specifying them [through the environment or .env files](#).

To add environment variables to the JavaScript bundle, open `next.config.js` and add the `env` config:

`JS next.config.js`

```
1 module.exports = {  
2   env: {  
3     customKey: 'my-value',  
4   },  
5 };
```

Now you can access `process.env.customKey` in your code. For example:

```
1 function Page() {  
2   return <h1>The value of customKey is: {process.env.customKey}</h1>;  
3 }  
4  
5 export default Page;
```

Next.js will replace `process.env.customKey` with `'my-value'` at build time. Trying to destructure `process.env` variables won't work due to the nature of webpack [DefinePlugin](#) [↗](#).

For example, the following line:

```
return <h1>The value of customKey is: {process.env.customKey}</h1>;
```

Will end up being:

```
return <h1>The value of customKey is: {'my-value'}</h1>;
```