

# Environments

There are three predefined environments: "development", "production" and "test". Environments can be set through the `RACK_ENV` environment variable. The default value is "development". In the "development" environment all templates are reloaded between requests, and special `not_found` and `error` handlers display stack traces in your browser. In the "production" and "test" environments, templates are cached by default.

To run different environments, set the `RACK_ENV` environment variable:

```
RACK_ENV=production ruby my_app.rb
```

You can use predefined methods: `development?`, `test?` and `production?` to check the current environment setting:

```
get '/' do
  if settings.development?
    "development!"
  else
    "not development!"
  end
end
```