# Day 3: Environments & Variables – Reuse & Simplify

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## **★** What You'll Learn:

- What are environments in Postman
- How to create and manage environments
- Use of environment, global, and local variables
- Dynamically switch between development, staging, and production setups
- Reduce repetition with variables in headers, bodies, and URLs

## What Are Environments?

**Environments** allow you to manage different sets of variables (like base URLs, auth tokens, IDs) depending on your API stage — development, staging, or production.

#### Example:

{{base\_url}} → https://api.example.com {{auth\_token}} → Bearer yourToken123

### **%** How to Set Up an Environment:

- 1. Click the **Environments** icon (top right gear icon) → **Manage Environments**
- 2. Click Add
- 3. Name your environment (e.g., "Dev")
- 4. Add key-value pairs like:
  - o base\_url: https://jsonplaceholder.typicode.com

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o user_id: 1
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#### 5. Click Add

Now in your request, you can use: {{base\_url}}/posts/{{user\_id}}

### Types of Variables:

• Global: Used across all collections and environments

• Environment: Scoped to specific environments

• Collection: Scoped within a collection

• Local: Temporary in a single request

### **Example Setup:**

Request URL:

{{base\_url}}/posts/{{post\_id}}

Header:

Authorization: Bearer {{auth\_token}}

## Pro Tips:

- Use {{variable}} syntax anywhere: URL, headers, body
- Hit {{ in a field to auto-suggest your defined variables
- Switch environments from the top-right dropdown
- Helps avoid hardcoded values and keeps requests clean

#### Full Series:

github.com/Ghinaiya-Deep/Skill-Stack-by-DeepLogic-Labs

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