

# env-paths

*Get paths for storing things like data, config, cache, etc*

Uses the correct OS-specific paths. Most developers get this wrong.

## Install

```
$ npm install env-paths
```

## Usage

```
const envPaths = require('env-paths');

const paths = envPaths('MyApp');

paths.data;
//=> '/home/sindresorhus/.local/share/MyApp-nodejs'

paths.config
//=> '/home/sindresorhus/.config/MyApp-nodejs'
```

## API

### paths = envPaths(name, options?)

Note: It only generates the path strings. It doesn't create the directories for you. You could use [make-dir](#) to create the directories.

#### name

Type: `string`

Name of your project. Used to generate the paths.

#### options

Type: `object`

#### suffix

Type: `string`

Default: `'nodejs'`

#### Don't use this option unless you really have to!

Suffix appended to the project name to avoid name conflicts with native apps. Pass an empty string to disable it.

### paths.data

Directory for data files.

Example locations (with the default `nodejs` [suffix](#)):

- macOS: `~/Library/Application Support/MyApp-nodejs`
- Windows: `%LOCALAPPDATA%\MyApp-nodejs\Data` (for example, `C:\Users\USERNAME\AppData\Local\MyApp-nodejs\Data` )
- Linux: `~/.local/share/MyApp-nodejs` (or `$XDG_DATA_HOME/MyApp-nodejs` )

## paths.config

Directory for config files.

Example locations (with the default `nodejs` [suffix](#)):

- macOS: `~/Library/Preferences/MyApp-nodejs`
- Windows: `%APPDATA%\MyApp-nodejs\Config` (for example, `C:\Users\USERNAME\AppData\Roaming\MyApp-nodejs\Config` )
- Linux: `~/.config/MyApp-nodejs` (or `$XDG_CONFIG_HOME/MyApp-nodejs` )

## paths.cache

Directory for non-essential data files.

Example locations (with the default `nodejs` [suffix](#)):

- macOS: `~/Library/Caches/MyApp-nodejs`
- Windows: `%LOCALAPPDATA%\MyApp-nodejs\Cache` (for example, `C:\Users\USERNAME\AppData\Local\MyApp-nodejs\Cache` )
- Linux: `~/.cache/MyApp-nodejs` (or `$XDG_CACHE_HOME/MyApp-nodejs` )

## paths.log

Directory for log files.

Example locations (with the default `nodejs` [suffix](#)):

- macOS: `~/Library/Logs/MyApp-nodejs`
- Windows: `%LOCALAPPDATA%\MyApp-nodejs\Log` (for example, `C:\Users\USERNAME\AppData\Local\MyApp-nodejs\Log` )
- Linux: `~/.local/state/MyApp-nodejs` (or `$XDG_STATE_HOME/MyApp-nodejs` )

## paths.temp

Directory for temporary files.

Example locations (with the default `nodejs` [suffix](#)):

- macOS: `/var/folders/jf/f2twvvvs5jl_m49tf034ffpw0000gn/T/MyApp-nodejs`
- Windows: `%LOCALAPPDATA%\Temp\MyApp-nodejs` (for example, `C:\Users\USERNAME\AppData\Local\Temp\MyApp-nodejs` )
- Linux: `/tmp/USERNAME/MyApp-nodejs`

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