# 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.

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name Type: string
Name of your project. Used to generate the paths.
options Type: object
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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):

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  m macOS:}$  ~/Library/Preferences/MyApp-nodejs
- Windows: %APPDATA%\MyApp-nodejs\Config (for example, C:\Users\USERNAME\AppData\Roaming\MyAp
- 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
- Linux: ~/.local/state/MyApp-nodejs (or \$XDG\_STATE\_HOME/MyApp-nodejs)

## paths.temp

Directory for temporary files.

Example locations (with the default nodejs suffix):

- $\bullet \quad \text{macOS:} \\ / \text{var/folders/jf/f2twvvvs5jl\_m49tf034ffpw0000gn/T/MyApp-nodejs} \\$
- Windows: %LOCALAPPDATA%\Temp\MyApp-nodejs (for example, C:\Users\USERNAME\AppData\Local\Temp\MyApp-nodejs)
- Linux: /tmp/USERNAME/MyApp-nodejs

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