

# Environment Variables

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

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

```
module.exports = {
  env: {
    customKey: 'my-value',
  },
}
```

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

```
function Page() {
  return <h1>The value of customKey is: {process.env.customKey}</h1>
}

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>
```

## Related

[Introduction to next.config.js](#): Learn more about the configuration file used by Next.js.

[Built-in support for Environment Variables](#): Learn more about the new support for environment variables.