

Steps to set up Spotify developer account

1: Obtain Spotify Credentials

- Get your Spotify 'Client ID' and 'Client Secret' from [Spotify Dashboard](#) by setting up your application and set Redirect Uris to: <http://localhost:8889/callback>

If you use macOS

Set Environment Variables on macOS

- Open your Terminal and run 'nano ~/.zshrc' or 'vi ~/.zshrc' based on your preference.
- Add these two lines at the end of the file:

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export SPOTIFY_CLIENT_ID=<your_client_id>
export SPOTIFY_CLIENT_SECRET=<your_client_secret>
```

Save the file

Run the terminal command : **source ~/.zshrc** to make our changes persist

If you use Windows

- Open System Properties: Press 'Windows Key + R', type 'sysdm.cpl', and hit Enter.
- Environment Variables: Go to the 'Advanced' tab and click 'Environment Variables'.
- Set Spotify Credentials: Under User variables, click 'New' and add 'SPOTIFY_CLIENT_ID' and 'SPOTIFY_CLIENT_SECRET' with your respective Spotify credentials. Click OK.
- Save and Restart: Close all dialogs with OK and restart any open applications to apply changes.

The environment variables can now be accessed in the code and this eliminates the chance of us accidentally pushing the keys to github as that could potentially compromise our account.