

# Using Environment Properties

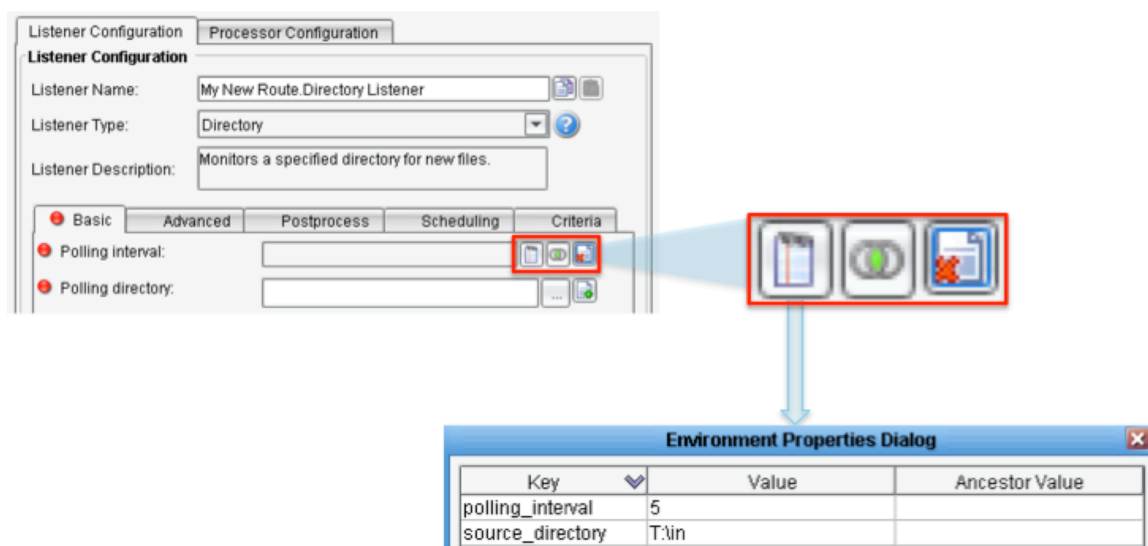
## Overview

In this tutorial we'll cover the uses of environment properties, how to configure them, as well as what they're for. This tutorial expands on eiConsole basics, such as configuring Listeners and Transports and testing.

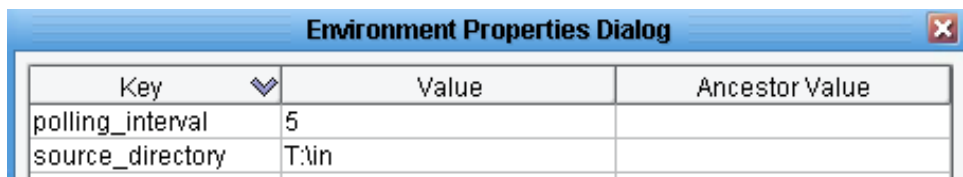
## Steps

Most modules in the eiConsole, such as Listeners, Processors, Transports, and so forth, make use of configuration items, which so far we've largely configured as static, constant values.

1. Using a Directory Listener, open the Environment Properties dialog:



2. Define the source directory and polling interval by adding two rows.



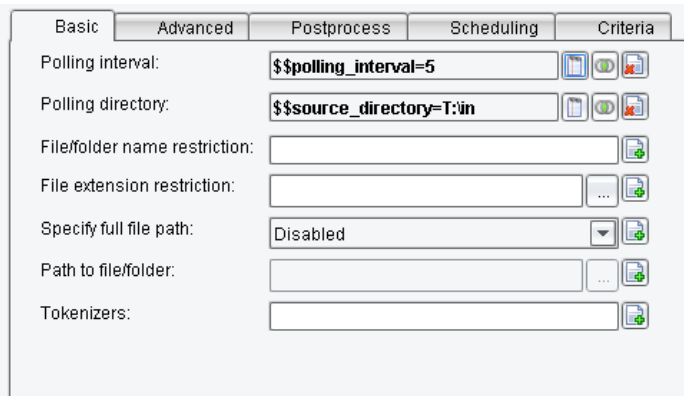

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**\*\*NOTE:** Always remember to 'tab' off a tabular field for the value to store.

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3. Save your changes.
4. Select the appropriate property, click Select and Close.

The configuration item's value should now look like this:



The screenshot shows a configuration window with five tabs: Basic, Advanced, Postprocess, Scheduling, and Criteria. The 'Advanced' tab is selected. It contains several configuration items:

- Polling interval: `$$polling_interval=5`
- Polling directory: `$$source_directory=T:\in`
- File/folder name restriction: (empty)
- File extension restriction: (empty)
- Specify full file path: Disabled
- Path to file/folder: (empty)
- Tokenizers: (empty)

5. Open **environment-settings.conf** and view your properties:

```
#eiPlatform environment properties
polling_interval=5
source_directory=T:\\in
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```