Environment Variables Overview

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This section lists of environment variables that you can use to change n8n's configuration settings when self-hosting n8n.

File-based configuration

You can provide a configuration file for n8n. You can also append \_FILE to certain variables to provide their configuration in a separate file.

\_FILE

• Binary data

• Credentials

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• User management and 2FA

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