

Understanding ENV

How to start PORT on an env variable

Install dotenv package

Install the `dotenv` package using npm. This package allows you to load environment variables from a file.

```
npm install dotenv
```

Create a `.env` File:

Create a file named `.env` in the root of your project. This file will contain your environment variables. Add a variable for the port, for example:

```
PORT=3000
```

Load Environment Variables in Your Express App:

In your main Express application file (e.g., `app.js` or `index.js`), load the environment variables using `dotenv`. Add the following lines at the top of your file:

```
require('dotenv').config();
```

Use the PORT Environment Variable:

```
const express = require('express');
const app = express();
const port = process.env.PORT || 3000;

// Rest of your Express app code...

app.listen(port, () => {
  console.log(`Server is running on http://localhost:${port}`);
});
```

Run Your Express App:

```
node app.js
```