# Configuring Run Setting

The purpose of this user guide is to show engineers how to change Tests context using run settings files.

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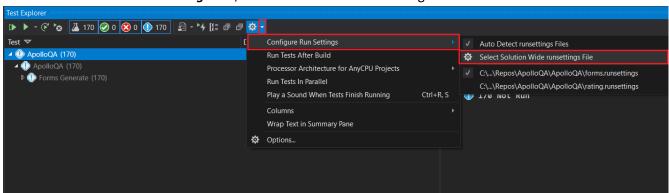
### Instructions

#### Introduction

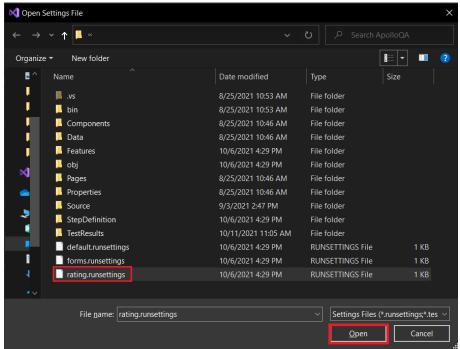
Unit tests in Visual Studio can be configured by using a **.runsettings** file. Run settings files can be used to configure tests that are run from the IDE.

### Steps

1. 1. In the IDE, in the *Test Explorer* window *Select the down arrow next to the gear icon > Configure Run Settings > Select Solution Wide runsettings File*, and then select the .runsettings file.

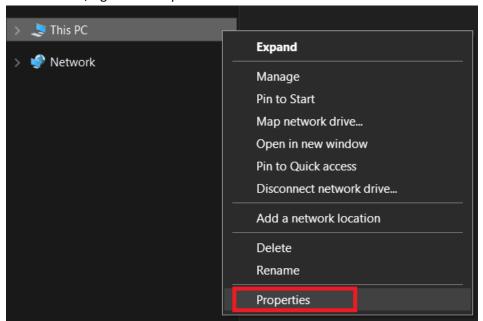


For example, select rating.runsettings

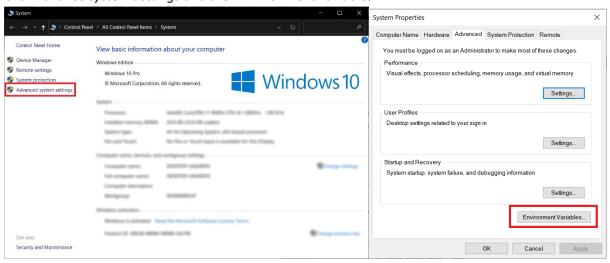


2. Build the solution (Ctrl + Shift + B) to apply changes in Test Explorer

3. Go to *This PC*, right click *Properties* 



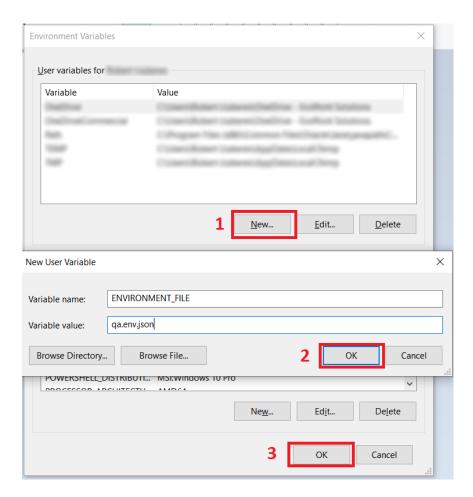
4. Click Advance system settings and then Environment variables...



5. In the *User variables* section click the *New...* button to add a new User Variable with the following values:

Variable name: ENVIRONMENT FILE

Variable value: qa.env.json Click Ok to save changes



This environment variable reference the *qa.env.json* file in the project, where you can change values like the url *HOST* url for the QA environment

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6. If you have Visual Studio open, close it and open it again