

Secure Collaborative Development

Environment Variables

Environment variables are used to store information we want to reference in a program. They are a key-value pair whose value is set and stored outside a program in a **.env** file. Environment variables can prevent the secret development keys and passwords from getting out and reward us with more efficient code.

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DB_HOST=123.45.678.90
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DB_USER=root
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DB_PASS=123456
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API_KEY=V3rYPub11cK3y
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