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Thread: [How Do I Turn A Normal Variable Into A Enviromental Variable?](#)

'Palladium - October 5, 2014, 9:35 pm

Hey guys i need help this time i need help on how to turn a normal variable into a enviromental variable?

White Light - October 5, 2014, 11:05 pm

Why do you need to use an environment variable? Generally speaking, that's for something making permanent changes to a system, such as adding a directory to the %path% variable.

'Palladium - October 5, 2014, 11:41 pm

White Light, the reason is because i am curious and keen to learn and know so please tell me.

G T X - October 6, 2014, 10:15 am

I guess you could change an existing environmental variable by simply using the set command..  
"Set PATH=%PATH%;%location\_to\_add%".

But, I'm not sure how one would set an environmental variable. Brb google.

Edit: try "setx /?"

Greenp0ison - October 6, 2014, 10:55 am

Syntax for standard usage is as follows:

Defining an environment variable in the local user's environment:

Code SETX <variable> <value>

SETX myname Greenp0ins

Defining an environment variable in the global environment:

Code SETX <variable> <value> /M

SETX myname Greenp0ions /M

That should help.

'Palladium - October 6, 2014, 10:39 pm

Hey GreenPosion thanks now i know how to set a normal variable as a enviromental variable!  
Thanks as well GTX!