

SELF-HOSTING

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Some features of Bitwarden are not configured by the `bitwarden.sh` installer. Configure these settings by editing the environment file, located at `./bwdata/env/global.override.env`. This `.env` file comes pre-baked with configurable variables (see [Included variables](#)), however there are additional variables which can be manually added (see [Optional variables](#)).

Whenever you make changes to `global.override.env`, perform a `./bitwarden.sh restart` to apply your changes.

Note

This article will not define every environment variable, instead focusing on those used or configured by most installations.

Included variables

The following variables are among those that already exist in `global.override.env`:

Variable	Description
<code>globalSettings__baseServiceUri__vault=</code>	Enter the domain of your Bitwarden instance. If not configured, domain will default to localhost. Must not include a trailing slash.
<code>globalSettings__sqlServer__connectionString=</code>	Use this field to connect to an external MSSQL database .
<code>globalSettings__oidcIdentityClientKey=</code>	A randomly generated OpenID Connect client key. For more information, see OpenID Documentation .
<code>globalSettings__duo__aKey=</code>	A randomly generated Duo akey. For more information, see Duo's Documentation .
<code>globalSettings__yubico__clientId=</code>	Client ID for YubiCloud Validation Service or self-hosted Yubico Validation Server. If YubiCloud, get your client ID and secret key here . If self-hosted, see optional variable <code>globalSettings__yubico__validationUrls</code> .
<code>globalSettings__yubico__key=</code>	Secret Key for YubiCloud Validation Service or self-hosted Yubico Validation Server. If YubiCloud, get your client ID and secret key here .

Variable	Description
globalSettings__mail__replyToEmail=	If self-hosted, see optional variable <code>globalSettings__yubico__validationUrls</code> .
globalSettings__mail__smtp__host=	Email address used for invitations, typically <code>no_reply@smtp__host</code> .
globalSettings__mail__smtp__port=	Your SMTP server hostname (recommended) or IP address.
globalSettings__mail__smtp__ssl=	The SMTP port used by the SMTP server.
globalSettings__mail__smtp__username=	(Boolean) Whether your SMTP server uses an encryption protocol: <code>true</code> = SSL <code>false</code> = TLS
globalSettings__mail__smtp__password=	A valid username for the <code>smtp__host</code> .
globalSettings__disableUserRegistration=	A valid password for the <code>smtp__host</code> . Dollar sign <code>\$</code> characters are not supported in SMTP passwords.
globalSettings__hibpApiKey=	Specify <code>true</code> to disable new users signing up for an account on this instance via the registration page.
adminSettings__admins=	Your HavelBeenPwned (HIBP) API Key, available here . This key allows users to run the Data Breach report and to check their master password for presence in breaches when they create an account.
	Email addresses which may access the System Administrator Portal .

Optional variables

The following variables do not already exist in `global.override.env`, and can be manually added:

Variable`globalSettings__logDirectory=`**Description**

Specifies the directory to save container log file output to. By default, `globalSettings__logDirectory=bwdata/logs`.

`globalSettings__logRollBySizeLimit=`

Specify the size limit in bytes to use for container log files (for example, `globalSettings__logRollBySizeLimit=1073741824`).

`globalSettings__syslog__destination=`

Specify a syslog server or endpoint to send container log output to (for example, `globalSettings__syslog__destination=udp://example.com:514`).

`globalSettings__mail__smtp__trustServer=`

Specify `true` to explicitly trust the certificate presented by the SMTP server (**not recommended for production**).

`globalSettings__mail__smtp__sslOverride=`

Specify `true` to use SSL (not TLS) on port 25.

`globalSettings__mail__smtp__startTls=`

Specify `true` to force STARTTLS (Opportunistic TLS).

`globalSettings__organizationInviteExpirationHours=`

Specify the number of hours after which an organization invite will expire (`120` by default).

`globalSettings__yubico__validationUrls__0=`

Primary URL for self-hosted Yubico Validation Server. For example:

`=https://your.url.com/wsapi/2.0/verify`

Add additional validation server URLs by creating incremented environment variables, for example

`globalSettings__yubico__validationUrls__1=,globalSettings__yubico__validationUrls__2=`

Variable

globalSettings__enableCloudCommunication=

Description

Set to **true** to allow communication between your server and our cloud system. Doing so [enables billing and license sync](#).

adminSettings__deleteTrashDaysAgo=

Specify the number of days after which to permanently delete items from the trash. By default, **adminSettings__deleteTrashDaysAgo=30**.

globalSettings__sso__enforceSsoPolicyForAllUsers=

Specify **true** to enforce the [Require SSO authentication](#) policy for owner and admin roles.

globalSettings__baseServiceUri__cloudRegion=

Specify **US** or **EU** to designate [which cloud server](#) your self-hosted server should hyperlink to.

If you're using EU, you'll also need to setup a few other variables as documented [here](#).

globalSettings__sqlServer__DisableDatabaseMaintenanceJobs=

Specify **true** to skip application-side maintenance of the statistics and index rebuild tasks in the database.

These tasks require elevated MSSQL privileges and should be reconfigured to run as a database user if this value is set to **true**.

[Learn more.](#)

globalSettings__sqlServer__SkipDatabasePreparation=

Specify **true** to skip application-side database preparation. If not specified, database preparation checks on installation whether a database with the name specified in **globalSettings__sqlServer__connectionString=** exists and, if not, creates one.

This task requires elevated MSSQL privileges and, if this value is set to **true**, the named database must exist before initiating installation.

[Learn more.](#)