

# Bash

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# Export Variables From a File

If you store environment variables in a file and want to quickly export all of them it is actually not as simple as running an `export` on each line.

```
# source $MY_FILE  
# export $(cut -d= -f1 $MY_FILE)
```

## source

Another thing you can do is update `~/.bashrc` or equivalent files for other shells and add a method to do this for you since those commands aren't easy to remember.

```
# ~/.bashrc  
+ # exports variables stored in a file  
+ function export_file() {  
+   source $1  
+   export $(cut -d= -f1 $1)  
+ }
```