

LATE NIGHT DEVELOPMENT

FIELD NOTES

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VS Code Dev Container Shortcut Card

Keep your editor, terminal, tools, and runtime inside the same versioned workspace.

Open repository -> Reopen in Container -> Terminal + ports -> Run scripts

FOUR COMMANDS WORTH MEMORIZING

- Reopen in Container - first project open.
- Rebuild Container - configuration or feature changed.
- Rebuild and Reopen - workspace is stale or broken.
- Show Container Log - startup has failed.

DAILY WORKFLOW

- Check lower-left status: active Dev Container.
- Use integrated terminal for Node, npm, psql, and scripts.
- Forward port 3000 from the Ports panel as needed.

FAST RECOVERY ORDER

- Reload VS Code window.
- Confirm Docker is running and has disk space.
- Find the first failed setup command in the log.
- Fix versioned config, not the current container by hand.

NEVER

- Install a missing package globally to mask a project issue.
- Commit API keys or .env files.

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