



Docker Compose Quick Reference

The compose.yaml keys and commands that cover most multi-container local setups.

Define -> Up -> Logs -> Down

DEFINE SERVICES

- services: <name>
- image: or build:
- ports:, environment:, volumes:
- depends_on: for start order

CORE COMMANDS

- docker compose up
- docker compose up -d
- docker compose down
- docker compose ps

DEBUGGING

- docker compose logs -f web
- docker compose exec web sh
- docker compose ps for what's running

GOTCHAS

- depends_on means order, not ready
- down keeps named volumes
- down -v deletes them too
- up --build rebuilds first