Composer PHP package manager

composer.json your constraints → `update` / `require` → **composer.lock** exact versions → `install` → **vendor/** packages + autoload.php

CONCEPTS

Commit composer.lock for applications: install then gives every machine the same versions.

install reads the lock file; update re-solves composer.json and rewrites the lock.

PROJECT

composer init
Create composer.json interactively

composer create-project *<vendor/pkg> <dir>*
Start a new project from a package

composer validate
Check composer.json is valid

composer config *<key> <value>*
Set a config value

composer diagnose
Check system and network problems

INSTALL & REMOVE

composer install
Install exactly what the lock says

INSTALL & REMOVE (cont.)

composer install --no-dev
Skip require-dev packages

composer install -o
Optimize the autoloader

composer install --dry-run
Show what would happen

composer remove *<vendor/pkg>*
Remove a dependency

composer clear-cache
Empty the download cache

REQUIRE & UPDATE

composer require *<vendor/pkg>*
Add a package and install it

composer require *<vendor/pkg>*:*<constraint>*
Add with a version constraint

composer require --dev *<vendor/pkg>*
Add a dev-only dependency

composer update
Update everything within constraints

REQUIRE & UPDATE (cont.)

composer update *<vendor/pkg>*
Update only one package

composer update *<vendor/pkg>* **-W**
Also update its dependencies

composer update --dry-run
Preview an update

INSPECT

composer show
List installed packages

composer show *<vendor/pkg>*
Details of one package

composer show -t
Dependency tree

composer outdated
List packages with newer versions

composer outdated -D
Only direct dependencies

composer why *<vendor/pkg>*
Why is this installed?

composer why-not *<vendor/pkg> <version>*
Why can't this version be installed?

INSPECT (cont.)

composer search *<text>*
Search Packagist

composer check-platform-reqs
Check PHP and extension needs

AUTOLOAD & SCRIPTS

composer dump-autoload
Regenerate the autoloader

composer dump-autoload -o
Generate an optimized classmap

composer run-script *<name>*
Run a script from composer.json

composer *<name>*
Shortcut for run-script

composer run-script -l
List available scripts

composer run-script *<name>* **--** *<args>*
Pass arguments to a script

composer exec *<bin>*
Run a binary from vendor/bin

SECURITY & AUDIT

composer audit
Check for known vulnerabilities

composer audit --locked
Audit the lock file only

GLOBAL & OPTIONS

composer global require *<vendor/pkg>*
Install a tool for your user

composer self-update
Update Composer itself

composer -d *<dir> <command>*
Run in another directory

composer -n *<command>*
Never ask questions (CI)

composer -v / -vv / -vvv
More output

composer --ignore-platform-reqs install
Ignore PHP/extension checks

composer --version
Show the Composer version

composer help *<command>*
Help for a command

composer list
List all commands