

Troubleshooting Guide

Comprehensive troubleshooting guide for common issues in the Course Platform deployment.

General Troubleshooting Approach

1. **Check Service Status**
2. **Review Logs**
3. **Verify Configuration**
4. **Test Connectivity**
5. **Check Resources**

Docker Issues

Container Won't Start

Symptoms:

- Container exits immediately
- "Exited (1)" status
- Application not accessible

Diagnosis:

```
# Check container status
docker-compose -f docker-compose.dev.yml ps

# View container logs
docker-compose -f docker-compose.dev.yml logs app-dev

# Check container details
docker inspect course-platform-app-dev
```

Common Solutions:

1. Environment Variables Missing

```
```bash
Check if .env file exists
ls -la .env*

Verify environment variables
docker-compose -f docker-compose.dev.yml config
```
```

1. Port Conflicts

```
```bash
Check what's using the port
sudo netstat -tulpn | grep :3000
sudo lsof -i :3000
```

```
Kill conflicting process
sudo kill -9
...
```

### 1. Permission Issues

```
bash
Fix file permissions
sudo chown -R $USER:$USER .
chmod +x scripts/*.sh
```

### 2. Build Issues

```
bash
Rebuild containers
docker-compose -f docker-compose.dev.yml build --no-cache
docker-compose -f docker-compose.dev.yml up -d
```

## Database Connection Issues

### Symptoms:

- "Connection refused" errors
- "Database does not exist" errors
- Prisma connection timeouts

### Diagnosis:

```
Check database container
docker-compose -f docker-compose.dev.yml logs postgres-dev

Test database connection
docker-compose -f docker-compose.dev.yml exec postgres-dev psql -U dev_user -d course_s
hop_platform_dev -c "SELECT 1;"
```

### Solutions:

#### 1. Database Not Ready

```
bash
Wait for database to be ready
docker-compose -f docker-compose.dev.yml up -d postgres-dev
sleep 30
docker-compose -f docker-compose.dev.yml up -d app-dev
```

#### 2. Wrong Database URL

```
bash
Check DATABASE_URL format
echo $DATABASE_URL
Should be: postgresql://user:password@host:port/database
```

#### 3. Database Doesn't Exist

```
```bash
# Create database manually
docker-compose -f docker-compose.dev.yml exec postgres-dev createdb -U dev_user
course_shop_platform_dev
```

```
# Run migrations
./scripts/db_migrate.sh dev
...
```

Docker Compose Issues

Symptoms:

- “Service not found” errors
- “Network not found” errors
- Services can’t communicate

Diagnosis:

```
# Validate compose file
docker-compose -f docker-compose.dev.yml config

# Check networks
docker network ls
docker network inspect course-platform-dev
```

Solutions:

1. Invalid Compose File

```
``bash
# Validate YAML syntax
python3 -c "import yaml; yaml.safe_load(open('docker-compose.dev.yml'))"

# Check compose file version
docker-compose version
...
```

1. Network Issues

```
bash
# Remove and recreate network
docker-compose -f docker-compose.dev.yml down
docker network prune -f
docker-compose -f docker-compose.dev.yml up -d
```

Nginx Issues

Nginx Won’t Start

Symptoms:

- “nginx: [emerg]” errors
- 502 Bad Gateway
- Connection refused

Diagnosis:

```
# Test nginx configuration
sudo nginx -t

# Check nginx status
sudo systemctl status nginx

# View nginx logs
sudo tail -f /var/log/nginx/error.log
```

Solutions:

1. Configuration Syntax Error

```
```bash
Test configuration
sudo nginx -t

Fix syntax errors in config files
sudo nano /etc/nginx/sites-available/default
```
```

1. Port Already in Use

```
```bash
Check what's using port 80/443
sudo netstat -tulpn | grep :80
sudo netstat -tulpn | grep :443

Stop conflicting service
sudo systemctl stop apache2 # if Apache is running
```
```

1. SSL Certificate Issues

```
```bash
Check certificate files
sudo ls -la /etc/nginx/ssl/

Verify certificate
sudo openssl x509 -in /etc/nginx/ssl/example.com.crt -text -noout
```
```

502 Bad Gateway

Symptoms:

- Nginx returns 502 error
- Backend service unreachable

Diagnosis:

```
# Check if backend is running
curl -I http://localhost:3000/health

# Check nginx upstream configuration
sudo nginx -T | grep upstream

# Check nginx error logs
sudo tail -f /var/log/nginx/error.log
```

Solutions:**1. Backend Service Down**

```

```bash
Start backend service
docker-compose -f docker-compose.dev.yml up -d app-dev

Check service health
docker-compose -f docker-compose.dev.yml exec app-dev curl http://localhost:3000/health
```

```

1. Wrong Upstream Configuration

```

```bash
Check nginx configuration
grep -r "proxy_pass" /etc/nginx/

Verify backend is accessible
curl http://app-dev:3000/health # from nginx container
```

```

SSL Certificate Issues**Symptoms:**

- "SSL certificate problem" errors
- Browser security warnings
- Certificate expired errors

Diagnosis:

```

# Check certificate status
sudo certbot certificates

# Test SSL connection
openssl s_client -connect example.com:443 -servername example.com

# Check certificate expiry
echo | openssl s_client -servername example.com -connect example.com:443 2>/dev/null |
openssl x509 -noout -dates

```

Solutions:**1. Certificate Expired**

```

```bash
Renew certificate
sudo certbot renew

Force renewal
sudo certbot renew --force-renewal
```

```

1. Certificate Not Found

```

bash
# Generate new certificate
sudo certbot --nginx -d example.com -d www.example.com

```

2. Wrong Certificate Path

```
``bash
# Check nginx SSL configuration
sudo grep -r "ssl_certificate" /etc/nginx/

# Update paths in nginx config
sudo nano /etc/nginx/sites-available/default
...

```

Database Issues

PostgreSQL Connection Problems

Symptoms:

- "Connection refused" errors
- "Authentication failed" errors
- "Database does not exist" errors

Diagnosis:

```
# Check PostgreSQL status
docker-compose -f docker-compose.dev.yml logs postgres-dev

# Test connection
docker-compose -f docker-compose.dev.yml exec postgres-dev pg_isready -U dev_user

# Check database exists
docker-compose -f docker-compose.dev.yml exec postgres-dev psql -U dev_user -l

```

Solutions:

1. Wrong Credentials

```
``bash
# Check environment variables
grep DATABASE_URL .env.dev

# Reset password
docker-compose -f docker-compose.dev.yml exec postgres-dev psql -U postgres -c "ALTER USER dev_user
PASSWORD 'new_password';"
...

```

1. Database Doesn't Exist

```
``bash
# Create database
docker-compose -f docker-compose.dev.yml exec postgres-dev createdb -U dev_user
course_shop_platform_dev

# Run migrations
./scripts/db_migrate.sh dev
...

```

1. Connection Limit Reached

```
``bash
# Check active connections

```

```
docker-compose -f docker-compose.dev.yml exec postgres-dev psql -U dev_user -c "SELECT count(*) FROM
pg_stat_activity;"
```

Kill idle connections

```
docker-compose -f docker-compose.dev.yml exec postgres-dev psql -U dev_user -c "SELECT
pg_terminate_backend(pid) FROM pg_stat_activity WHERE state = 'idle';"
```

```
...
```

Prisma Migration Issues

Symptoms:

- "Migration failed" errors
- "Schema drift" warnings
- "Database out of sync" errors

Diagnosis:

```
# Check migration status
./scripts/db_migrate.sh dev status

# View migration history
docker-compose -f docker-compose.dev.yml exec postgres-dev psql -U dev_user -d course_s
hop_platform_dev -c "SELECT * FROM _prisma_migrations;"
```

Solutions:

1. Failed Migration

```
```bash
Reset database (development only)
./scripts/db_migrate.sh dev reset
```

# Or manually fix and retry

```
./scripts/db_migrate.sh dev deploy
...`
```

#### 1. Schema Drift

```
```bash
# Generate new migration
cd app
npx prisma migrate dev --name fix_schema_drift
```

Deploy migration

```
./scripts/db_migrate.sh dev deploy
...`
```

Application Issues

Next.js Build Failures

Symptoms:

- Build process fails
- "Module not found" errors
- TypeScript compilation errors

Diagnosis:

```
# Check build logs
docker-compose -f docker-compose.dev.yml logs app-dev

# Try building locally
cd app
npm install
npm run build
```

Solutions:

1. Missing Dependencies

```
```bash
Install dependencies
cd app
npm install

Clear cache and reinstall
rm -rf node_modules package-lock.json
npm install
```
```

1. TypeScript Errors

```
```bash
Check TypeScript errors
cd app
npx tsc --noEmit

Fix type errors or add type ignores
```
```

1. Environment Variables

```
bash
# Check required environment variables
cd app
node -e "console.log(process.env.DATABASE_URL)"
```

API Route Issues

Symptoms:

- 500 Internal Server Error
- API endpoints not responding
- CORS errors

Diagnosis:

```
# Check application logs
docker-compose -f docker-compose.dev.yml logs app-dev

# Test API endpoint directly
curl -X GET http://localhost:3000/api/health

# Check network connectivity
docker-compose -f docker-compose.dev.yml exec app-dev curl http://postgres-dev:5432
```


Solutions:**1. Database Connection in API**

```

```bash
Check database connection
docker-compose -f docker-compose.dev.yml exec app-dev npx prisma db pull

Test Prisma client
docker-compose -f docker-compose.dev.yml exec app-dev node -e "const { PrismaClient } = require('@prisma/cli-
ent'); const prisma = new PrismaClient(); prisma.\$connect().then(() => con-
sole.log('Connected')).catch(console.error);"
```

```

1. CORS Issues

```

bash
# Check CORS headers
curl -H "Origin: http://localhost:3000" -H "Access-Control-Request-Method: POST" -X
OPTIONS http://localhost:3000/api/courses

```

Deployment Issues

Deployment Script Failures

Symptoms:

- Deployment script exits with error
- rsync failures
- SSH connection issues

Diagnosis:

```

# Run deployment with verbose output
./scripts/deploy.sh dev --dry-run

# Test SSH connection
ssh ubuntu@dev.example.com "echo 'SSH working'"

# Test rsync
rsync -avz --dry-run . ubuntu@dev.example.com:/tmp/test/

```

Solutions:**1. SSH Key Issues**

```

```bash
Check SSH key
ssh-add -l

Add SSH key
ssh-add ~/.ssh/id_rsa

```

```
Test SSH connection
ssh -v ubuntu@dev.example.com
...
```

### 1. Permission Issues

```
```bash
# Fix script permissions
chmod +x scripts/*.sh

# Fix remote directory permissions
ssh ubuntu@dev.example.com "sudo chown -R ubuntu:ubuntu /var/www/course-platform"
...
```

1. Network Issues

```
```bash
Test connectivity
ping dev.example.com

Check DNS resolution
nslookup dev.example.com
...
```

## Docker Registry Issues

### Symptoms:

- "Image not found" errors
- Push/pull failures
- Authentication errors

### Diagnosis:

```
Check Docker login
docker info

Test registry connectivity
docker pull hello-world

Check image exists
docker images | grep course-platform
```

### Solutions:

#### 1. Authentication Issues

```
```bash
# Login to registry
docker login ghcr.io

# Check credentials
cat ~/.docker/config.json
...
```

1. Image Not Found

```
bash
# Build and push image
```

```
docker build -t ghcr.io/username/course-platform:latest .
```

```
docker push ghcr.io/username/course-platform:latest
```

Performance Issues

Slow Application Response

Symptoms:

- High response times
- Timeouts
- Poor user experience

Diagnosis:

```
# Check resource usage
docker stats

# Monitor application logs
docker-compose -f docker-compose.dev.yml logs -f app-dev

# Test response times
curl -w "@curl-format.txt" -o /dev/null -s http://localhost:3000/
```

Solutions:

1. Resource Constraints

```
```bash
Check available resources
free -h
df -h

Increase container resources
Edit docker-compose.yml to add resource limits
```
```

1. Database Performance

```
```bash
Check slow queries
docker-compose -f docker-compose.dev.yml exec postgres-dev psql -U dev_user -c "SELECT query, mean_time,
calls FROM pg_stat_statements ORDER BY mean_time DESC LIMIT 10;"

Analyze query performance
docker-compose -f docker-compose.dev.yml exec postgres-dev psql -U dev_user -c "EXPLAIN ANALYZE SELECT *
FROM courses LIMIT 10;"
```
```

High Memory Usage

Symptoms:

- Out of memory errors
- Container restarts
- System slowdown

Diagnosis:

```
# Check memory usage
free -h
docker stats --no-stream

# Check for memory leaks
docker-compose -f docker-compose.dev.yml exec app-dev node --expose-gc -e
"global.gc(); console.log(process.memoryUsage());"
```

Solutions:

1. Increase Memory Limits

```
yaml
# In docker-compose.yml
services:
  app-dev:
    deploy:
      resources:
        limits:
          memory: 2G
```

2. Optimize Application

```
bash
# Check for memory leaks in Node.js
cd app
npm install --save-dev clinic
npx clinic doctor -- node server.js
```

System Issues

Disk Space Issues

Symptoms:

- "No space left on device" errors
- Application crashes
- Backup failures

Diagnosis:

```
# Check disk usage
df -h
du -sh /var/www/course-platform/*

# Check Docker disk usage
docker system df
```

Solutions:

1. Clean Up Docker

```
``bash
# Remove unused containers, networks, images
docker system prune -a -f
```

```
# Remove old images
docker image prune -a -f

# Remove unused volumes
docker volume prune -f
```

```

### 1. Clean Up Logs

```
```bash
# Rotate logs
sudo logrotate -f /etc/logrotate.conf

# Clean old logs
find /var/www/course-platform/logs -name "*.log" -mtime +30 -delete
```
```

### 1. Clean Up Backups

```
bash
Remove old backups
find /var/www/course-platform/backups -name "*.tar.gz" -mtime +30 -delete
```

## Network Connectivity Issues

### Symptoms:

- Services can't communicate
- External API calls fail
- DNS resolution issues

### Diagnosis:

```
Test network connectivity
ping google.com
nslookup example.com

Check Docker networks
docker network ls
docker network inspect course-platform-dev

Test service connectivity
docker-compose -f docker-compose.dev.yml exec app-dev ping postgres-dev
```

### Solutions:

#### 1. DNS Issues

```
```bash
# Check DNS configuration
cat /etc/resolv.conf

# Test DNS resolution
nslookup example.com 8.8.8.8
```
```

#### 1. Firewall Issues

```
```bash
```

```
# Check firewall rules
sudo ufw status verbose

# Allow specific ports
sudo ufw allow 3000/tcp
...

```

1. Docker Network Issues

```
bash
# Recreate Docker networks
docker-compose -f docker-compose.dev.yml down
docker network prune -f
docker-compose -f docker-compose.dev.yml up -d

```

Troubleshooting Checklist

Quick Diagnosis

- [] Check service status: `docker-compose ps`
- [] Review recent logs: `docker-compose logs --tail=50`
- [] Verify configuration: `docker-compose config`
- [] Test connectivity: `curl http://localhost:3000/health`
- [] Check resources: `docker stats`

Common Commands

```
# Service management
docker-compose -f docker-compose.dev.yml ps
docker-compose -f docker-compose.dev.yml logs app-dev
docker-compose -f docker-compose.dev.yml restart app-dev
docker-compose -f docker-compose.dev.yml down && docker-compose -f docker-com-
pose.dev.yml up -d

# Database troubleshooting
./scripts/db_migrate.sh dev status
docker-compose -f docker-compose.dev.yml exec postgres-dev psql -U dev_user -d course_s
hop_platform_dev

# System troubleshooting
sudo systemctl status nginx
sudo nginx -t
sudo tail -f /var/log/nginx/error.log
sudo ufw status verbose

# Resource monitoring
free -h
df -h
docker stats
htop

```

Emergency Recovery

1. Complete System Reset

```
``bash
```

```

# Stop all services
docker-compose -f docker-compose.dev.yml down

# Remove all containers and volumes
docker system prune -a -f --volumes

# Restart from scratch
./scripts/deploy_dev.sh
...

```

1. Database Recovery

```

```bash
Restore from backup
./scripts/rollback.sh dev --database-only

Or reset and migrate
./scripts/db_migrate.sh dev reset
...

```

### 1. Application Recovery

```

```bash
# Rollback to previous version
./scripts/rollback.sh dev

# Or redeploy
./scripts/deploy_dev.sh
...

```

Getting Help

Log Locations

- Application logs: `/var/www/course-platform/logs/`
- Nginx logs: `/var/log/nginx/`
- System logs: `/var/log/syslog`
- Docker logs: `docker-compose logs`

Useful Resources

- [Docker Documentation](https://docs.docker.com/) (https://docs.docker.com/)
- [Next.js Documentation](https://nextjs.org/docs) (https://nextjs.org/docs)
- [Prisma Documentation](https://www.prisma.io/docs) (https://www.prisma.io/docs)
- [Nginx Documentation](https://nginx.org/en/docs/) (https://nginx.org/en/docs/)

Support Channels

- Check GitHub Issues
- Review application documentation
- Consult team knowledge base
- Contact system administrator

Remember: Always backup before making significant changes, and test solutions in development before applying to production.