



Lokstack

See every project, port, and version on your Mac, and fix it in one click.

Every project, port, database and container on your Mac — what is running, why it will not start, and the fix beside it.

↓ **Download for Mac**

Free for everyday work

Pro · 14-day trial

THE PROBLEM

Your Mac runs a stack you can't see.



Ghost servers

A dev server started in a Terminal tab you closed hours ago still holds port 3000.



Two Postgres

One in Docker, one in Herd — different versions, different ports. Which one does the app use?



Version drift

The project needs Node 24 and PHP 8.2. Your shell says 22 and 8.4.



Invisible workers

Queues and builds started by editors and AI coding tools, running in the background.

HOW DEVELOPERS COPE TODAY

Six tools and a lot of memory.

Answering “*what's running and why is port 3000 busy?*” means stitching together **lsof**, **ps**, **docker ps**, **brew services** and **.env** files — every day.

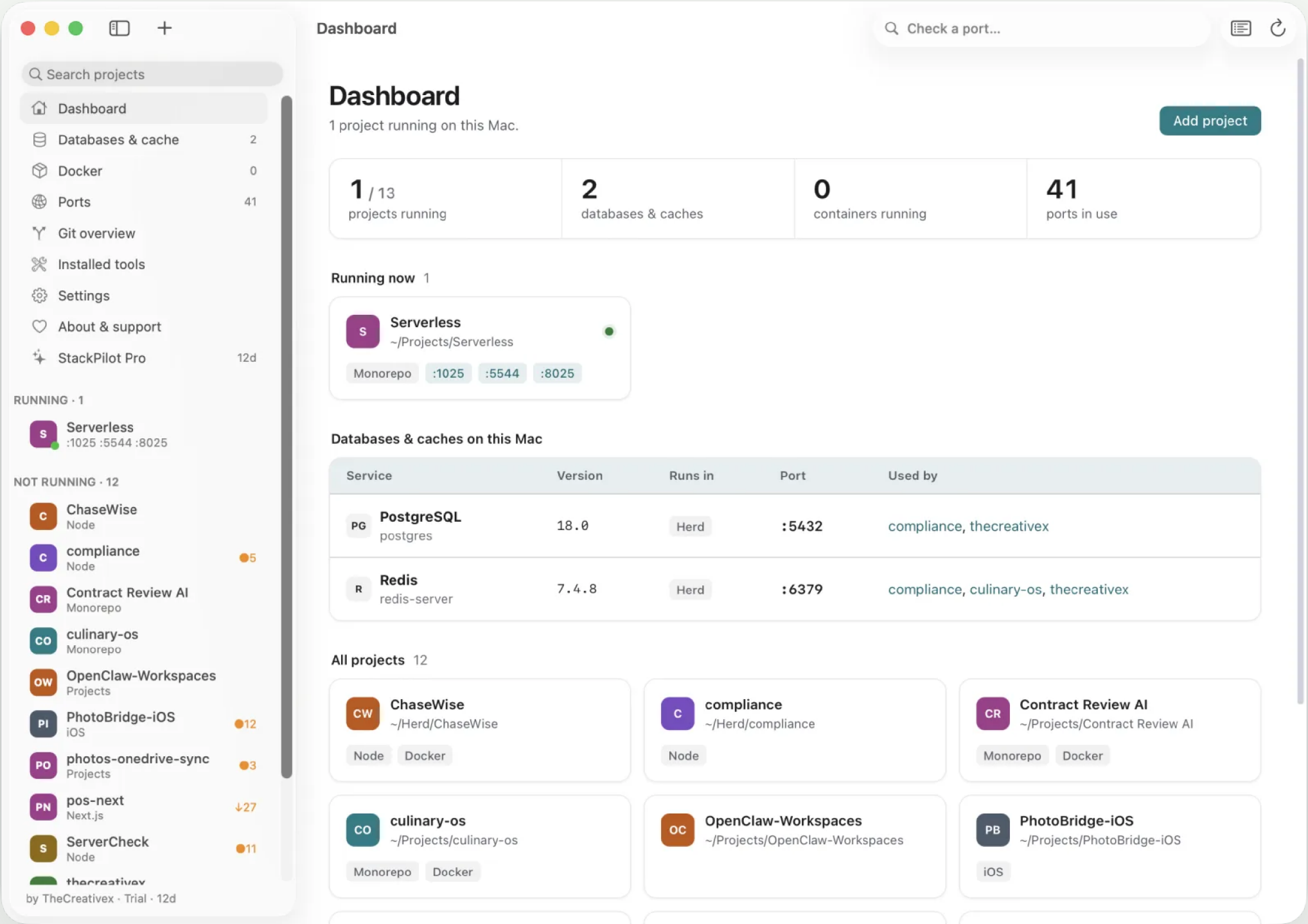
```
$ npm run dev
Error: listen EADDRINUSE: address already in use :::3000
$ lsof -i :3000
node    41204  tj    23u  IPv6  TCP *:3000 (LISTEN)
$ ps -p 41204 -o command=
node /Users/tj/.../next/dist/bin/next dev
$ # ...which project was that? who started it?
$ docker ps; brew services list; cat .env
$ kill -9 41204    # and hope
```

INTRODUCING LOKSTACK

One cockpit for your whole local stack.

Lokstack understands **projects**, not just processes — what runs, where, on which versions — and puts the fix next to every finding.

- Native Mac app
- 100% local
- No account



WHAT MAKES IT DIFFERENT

See it. Control it. Fix it.



See everything

Every process started from a project folder — by Lokstack, Terminal, VS Code, Cursor or Claude Code — with its ports.



Control anything

Start with the right command in the right folder, stop whole process trees, free a busy port in one click.



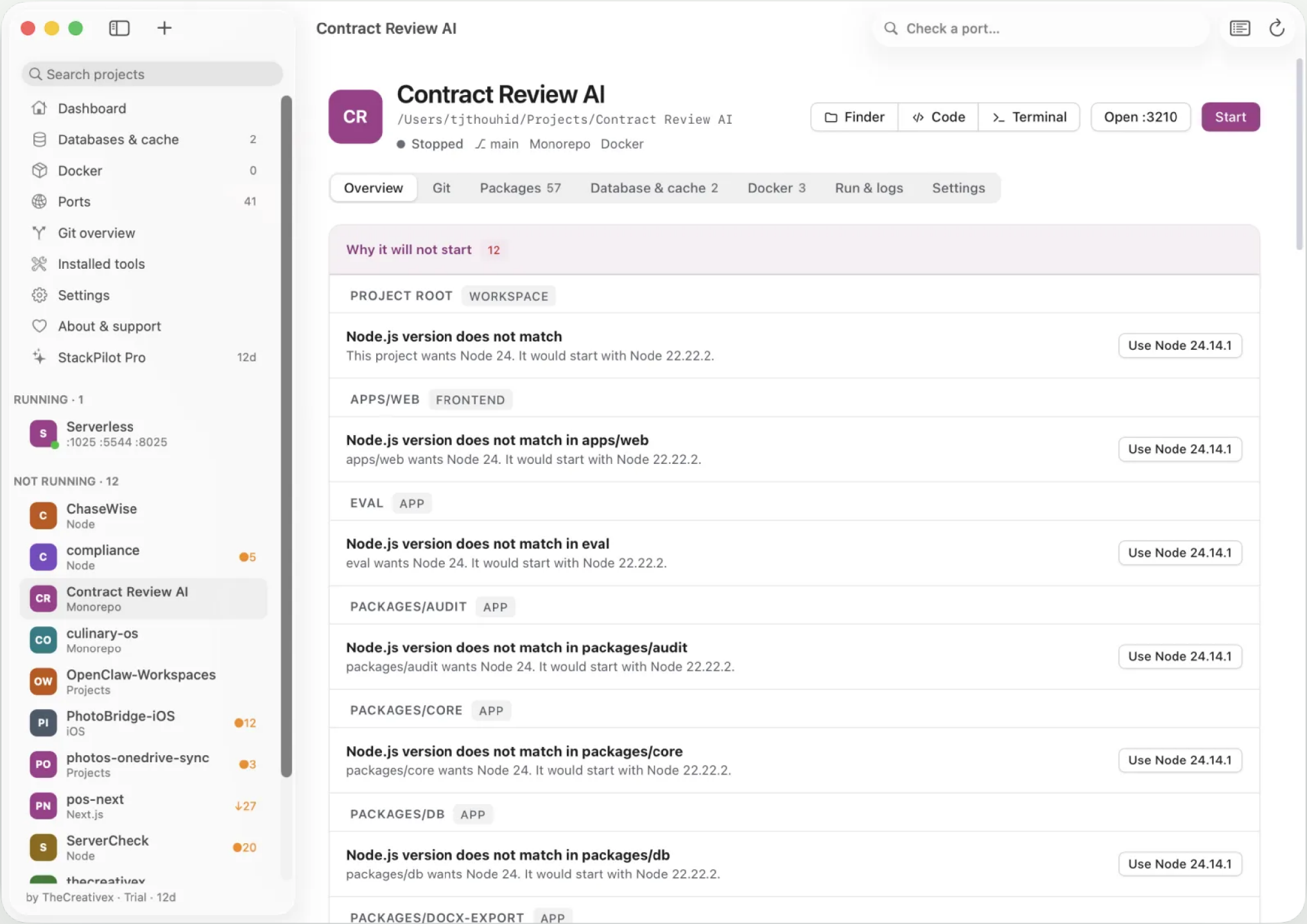
Fix in place

See why a project will not start and fix it beside the reason — runtime, .env, database, port.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Know your stack at a glance.

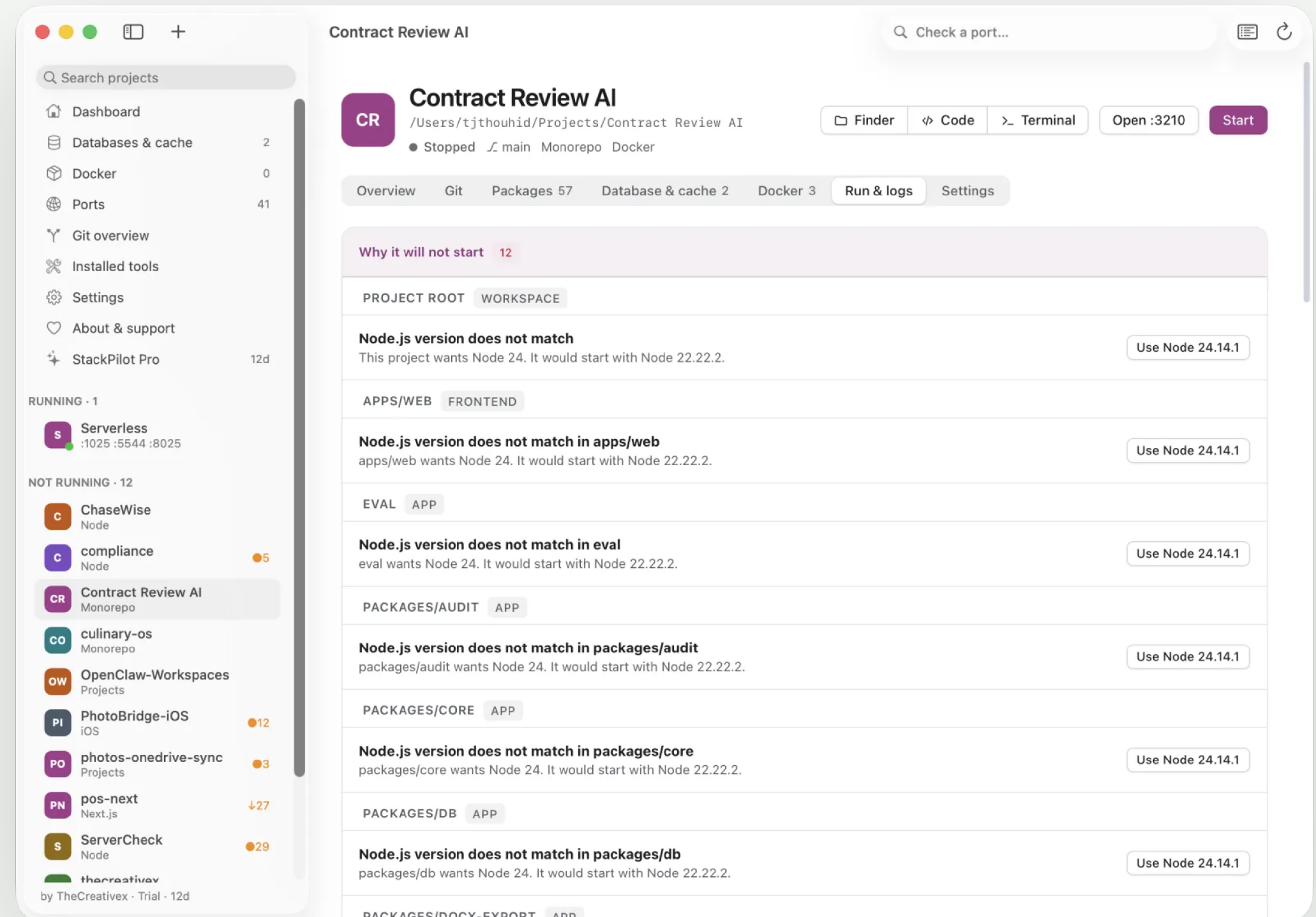
- ✓ **Node & PHP** in use vs. what the project needs.
- ✓ **Databases & cache** from .env — version, where it runs, up or down.
- ✓ **Features** detected: framework, ORM, auth, queues, AI, payments.
- ✓ **.env** at a glance, secrets hidden.



WHY IT WILL NOT START

The reason — and the fix beside it.

- ✓ Port taken, wrong **Node** or **PHP**, missing dependencies.
- ✓ **PostgreSQL** or **Redis** down, Docker stopped.
- ✓ **.env** missing, or missing names from the example.
- ✓ Seeing the reasons is free. **PRO** fixes the runtime and **.env** in one click.



START PROJECTS YOUR WAY

The same command, the same folder — one click.



It suggests

Scripts from every `package.json` and `composer.json`, with the folder each needs.

```
api/      composer dev
client/   npm run dev
root      docker compose up
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You pick once

Run folder, command and a reserved port — saved. Anything already running from the folder is found, whoever started it.



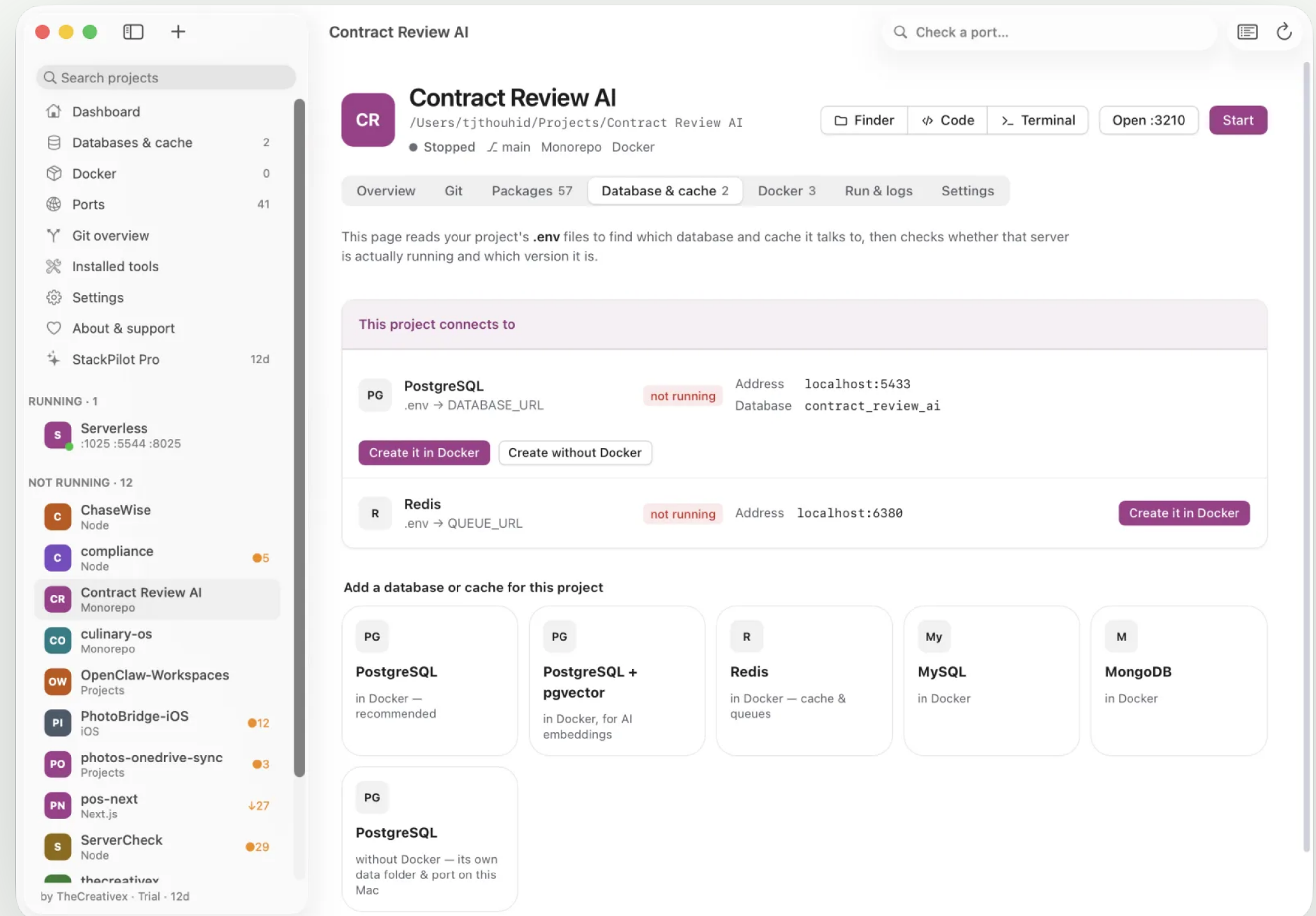
Start & Stop

Output captured, whole process tree stopped. **PRO** adds a queue or scheduler as its own command with its own log.

DATABASE & CACHE

Is my database actually up?

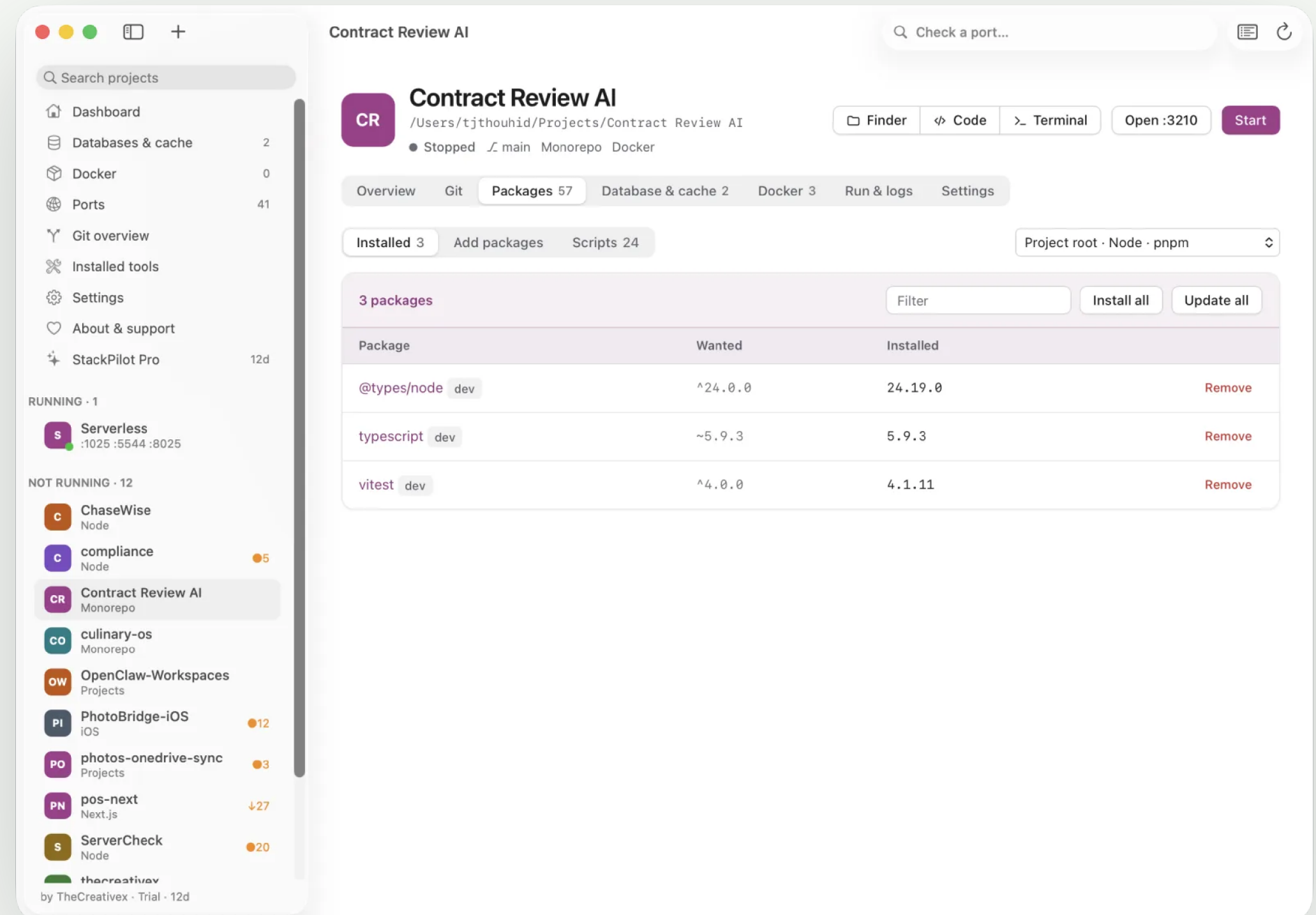
- ✓ Reads DATABASE_URL, DB_*, REDIS_*, QUEUE_URL.
- ✓ Checks the server answers — exact version and where it runs.
- ✓ One click: PostgreSQL, pgvector, Redis, MySQL, MongoDB in Docker.
- ✓ **PRO** PostgreSQL without Docker, unlimited databases.



PACKAGES

Find it, pick it, install it.

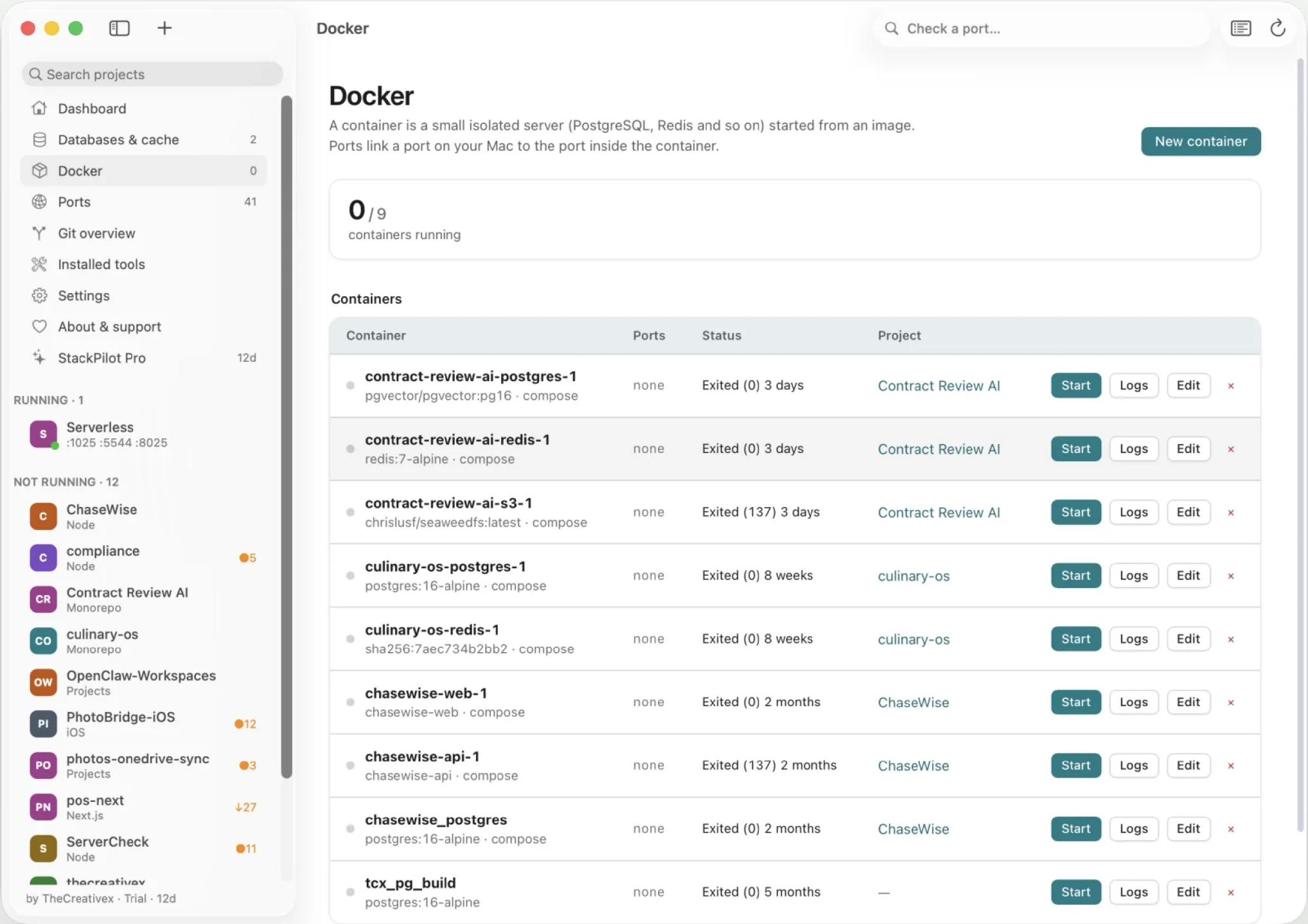
- ✓ Search **npm**, **Packagist** and **PyPI** — downloads and stars.
- ✓ Curated popular picks by category.
- ✓ npm · pnpm · yarn · bun · Composer · pip, detected per folder.
- ✓ **PRO** a specific version, and Update all.



DOCKER, SIMPLIFIED

Containers in plain language.

- ✓ Compose: Up, Restart, Stop, Down, Pull.
- ✓ Templates: Postgres, Redis, MySQL, MongoDB, Mailpit, MinIO, any image.
- ✓ Every container linked to its project. Volumes always kept.
- ✓ **PRO** edit a container safely — automatic rollback.



THE WHOLE MAC

Every database.
Every port. Every
tool.

- ✓ **Databases & cache** — every server, its version, who uses it.
- ✓ **Ports** — owner, project, network exposure; free any port.
- ✓ **Installed tools** — Node, PHP, Postgres, Redis from nvm, Homebrew and Herd.

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Databases & cache

Check a port...

Databases & cache

Every database and cache running on this Mac, whether it comes from Herd, Homebrew or Docker, with its version, port and the projects that use it.

New PostgreSQLRedisMySQL

PostgreSQL1 running

Service	Version	Runs in	Port	Used by
PG PostgreSQL postgres	18.0	Herd	:5432	compliance, thecreativex managed by Herd

Redis1 running

Service	Version	Runs in	Port	Used by
R Redis redis-server	7.4.8	Herd	:6379	compliance, culinary-os, thecreativex managed by Herd

Search1 running

Service	Version	Runs in	Port	Used by
S Search typesense-server	?	Herd	:8107 :8108	— managed by Herd

Object storage1 running

Service	Version	Runs in	Port	Used by
S3 Storage minio-arm64	?	Herd	:9000 :55458	— managed by Herd

Mail catcher2 running

Service	Version	Runs in	Port	Used by
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FREE AND PRO

Free for everyday work. Pro when it gets sharp.

Free

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Forever. No account.

- ✓ Dashboard, projects, ports and what is running
- ✓ Stop, kill and free a port
- ✓ See why a project will not start
- ✓ Saved start command for 3 projects
- ✓ Install, remove and install all by name
- ✓ Databases, versions, Docker · 1 Docker database

Pro

PRO

\$19.99 first year · then \$24.99/year

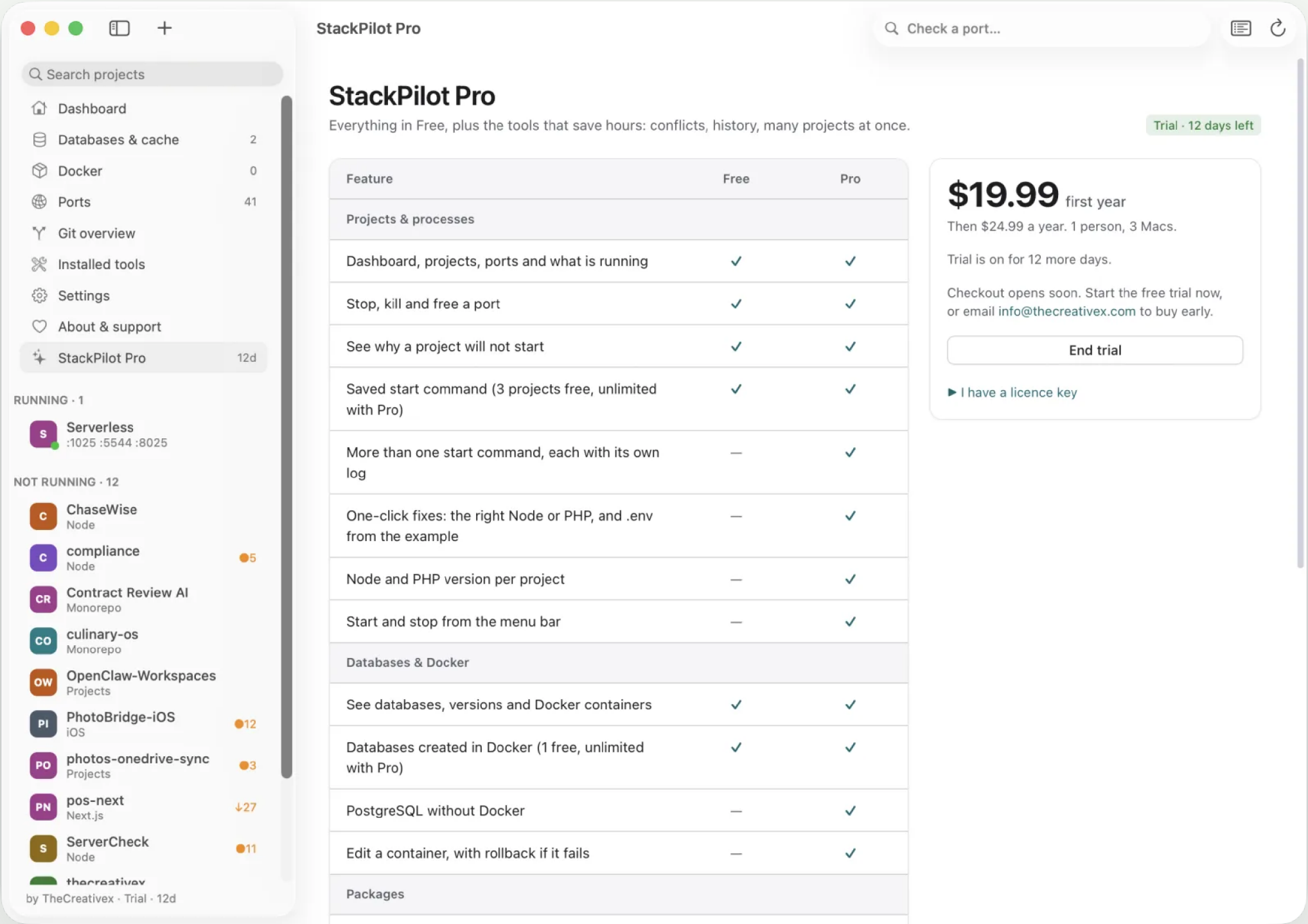
1 person · 3 Macs · 1 year of updates · 14-day trial, no card

- ✓ One-click fixes: the right Node or PHP, .env from the example
- ✓ More than one start command per project, each with its own log
- ✓ Unlimited saved commands · Node & PHP per project
- ✓ Specific package versions · Update all
- ✓ Unlimited Docker databases · PostgreSQL without Docker
- ✓ Edit a container · Start & Stop from the menu bar

INSIDE THE APP

Same window. One switch.

- ✓ Pro features show a **PRO** mark — never a nagging pop-up.
- ✓ Start the 14-day trial from the app. No card, no account.
- ✓ Paste a license key — checked with Lemon Squeezy, 30 days offline grace.



A REAL MAC APP

Native window, menu bar, drag-to-install.



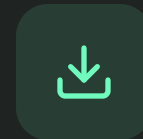
Native shell

AppKit + WebKit, standard menus and shortcuts, native dialogs, light and dark.



Menu bar

Running projects at a glance; keeps working with the window closed. **PRO** Start & Stop from there.



DMG installer

Drag to Applications. Node.js built in on Apple Silicon — nothing else to install.

HOW IT WORKS

Small, local, dependency-free.

LOKSTACK.APP · SWIFT
WKWebView window · menu bar · menus · bundled Node.js runtime

LOCAL SERVER · NODE.JS · 127.0.0.1 ONLY · ZERO NPM DEPENDENCIES

system ports, processes, folders	processes process trees, who started them	projects discovery, .env, blockers, start	services Postgres, Redis, MySQL + versions
docker compose, safe recreate	runtimes nvm, Homebrew, Herd	registry npm, Packagist, PyPI	license Free · trial · Pro, enforced server-side

~/.stackpilot — saved projects, logs, per-project PostgreSQL data

PRIVACY & SAFETY

Your machine. Your data.



Local only

Listens on 127.0.0.1 only. No account, no analytics, no cloud. Other websites cannot control it.



Safe by default

Every destructive action asks first. Docker volumes and project files are always kept.



Online on request

Only when you search or install packages, pull images, or activate a license key.

LANDSCAPE

The only tool that sees projects.

	Lokstack	Activity Monitor	Docker Desktop	Herd / MAMP / DBngin	Terminal
Understands projects	✓	—	compose	sites	—
Why a project will not start	✓	—	—	—	read the log
Native + Docker + Herd together	✓	processes	Docker	own only	manual
Who started a process	✓	—	—	—	manual
Several start commands per project	Pro	—	compose	—	many tabs
Package search & install	✓	—	—	—	manual
Per-project Node / PHP	Pro	—	—	PHP	manual

Built for developers with many projects.



Agencies & freelancers

5–20 client projects on one Mac. Reserved ports, per-project runtimes, instant context.



Laravel + JS & monorepos

Composer, pnpm workspaces, queues, Redis, pgvector — understood and controlled.



New to the stack

The project says why it will not start, in plain language, with the fix beside it.

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Now

- Why it will not start + fixes
- Several start commands
- Free, trial and Pro

Next

- Launch at login
- Notice when a project stops
- Signed & notarized installer

Later

- Database browser
- Local names instead of ports
- Team presets · Intel · auto-update

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