

**NAME**

docker-image-import - Import the contents from a tarball to create a filesystem image

**SYNOPSIS**

**docker image import [OPTIONS] file|URL|- [REPOSITORY[:TAG]]**

**DESCRIPTION**

Create a new filesystem image from the contents of a tarball (.tar, .tar.gz, .tgz, .bzip, .tar.xz, .txz) into it, then optionally tag it.

**EXAMPLES****Import from a remote location**

```
# docker image import http://example.com/exampleimage.tgz example/imagerepo
```

**Import from a local file**

Import to docker via pipe and stdin:

```
# cat exampleimage.tgz | docker image import - example/imagelocal
```

Import with a commit message.

```
# cat exampleimage.tgz | docker image import --message "New image imported from tarball" - exampleimagelocal:next
```

Import to a Docker image from a local file.

```
# docker image import /path/to/exampleimage.tgz
```

**Import from a local file and tag**

Import to docker via pipe and stdin:

```
# cat exampleimageV2.tgz | docker image import - example/imagelocal:V-2.0
```

**Import from a local directory**

```
# tar -c . | docker image import - exampleimagedir
```

**Apply specified Dockerfile instructions while importing the image**

This example sets the docker image ENV variable DEBUG to true by default.

```
# tar -c . | docker image import -c="ENV DEBUG=true" - exampleimagedir
```

**When the daemon supports multiple operating systems**

If the daemon supports multiple operating systems, and the image being imported does not match the default operating system, it may be necessary to add `--platform`. This would be necessary when importing a Linux image into a Windows daemon.

```
# docker image import --platform=linux .\linuximage.tar
```

**See also**

[docker-export\(1\)](#) to export the contents of a filesystem as a tar archive to STDOUT.

**OPTIONS**

**-c, --change=** Apply Dockerfile instruction to the created image

**-h, --help[=false]** help for import

**-m, --message=""** Set commit message for imported image

**--platform=""** Set platform if server is multi-platform capable

**SEE ALSO**

[docker-image\(1\)](#)