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docker: invalid reference format.

Common reason to cause error

There are a number of reasons why an invalid reference format may occur. Some common causes include:

* Typing the reference incorrectly
* Using an outdated image name
* Using a tag that does not exist
* Using a protocol that is not supported by Docker

**Typing the reference incorrectly**

The most common cause of an invalid reference format is simply typing the reference incorrectly. This can happen if you misspell the image name or tag, or if you forget to include a protocol.

To avoid this problem, make sure to double-check the reference before you submit it. You can also use the **docker image ls** command to list all of the images in your local repository. This will help you to verify that you are using the correct image name and tag.

**Using an outdated image name**

If you are using an outdated image name, you may receive an error message because the image no longer exists. To avoid this problem, make sure to update your image names regularly. You can do this by using the **docker image pull** command to pull the latest version of the image.

**Using a tag that does not exist**

If you are using a tag that does not exist, you will receive an error message. To avoid this problem, make sure to check the image’s tags before you pull it. You can do this by using the **docker image inspect** command.

**Using a protocol that is not supported by Docker**

Docker supports the **https**, **http**, and **ssh** protocols. If you try to use a protocol that is not supported, you will receive an error message.

To avoid this problem, make sure to use one of the supported protocols. You can do this by specifying the protocol in the reference, or by using the **docker image pull** command with the **–tls-verify** flag