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Difference Between Docker save and export



Docker Save

When building an image on your local system, you may want to share it with others or deploy it to a remote server. One way to accomplish this is by using the docker save command to export the image as a tar archive.

```
docker save alpine > alpine.tar
// creates a new copy of alpine image by saving it in alpine.tar
```

Once the image is saved as a tar archive, It can be transferred!!

docker save is image level.

Docker Export

Assume that you want to save the entire file system's contents of a VM because you might be experimenting with something that is not foolproof. Now you can take a snapshot of that VM as a progress saver. When running containers in Docker, you can use the docker export command to export the container's filesystem as a tar archive.

```
docker export my_container > my_container.tar
// exports container's filesystem in my_container.tar
```

docker export is container level.