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Docker for Windows fails with a daemon not running message

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WINDOWS

DAEMON

ERROR

NETWORKING

Issue

If the Docker daemon fails to start up with Windows, or stops for some reason, you can get network connection errors or warnings regarding the Docker daemon service when you try to run any commands:

```
error during connect: Get http://%2F%2F.%2Fpipe%2Fdocker_engine/v1.30/info: open //./pipe/docker_engine: The system cannot find the the docker client must be run elevated to connect. This error may also indicate that the docker daemon is not running.
```

Prerequisites

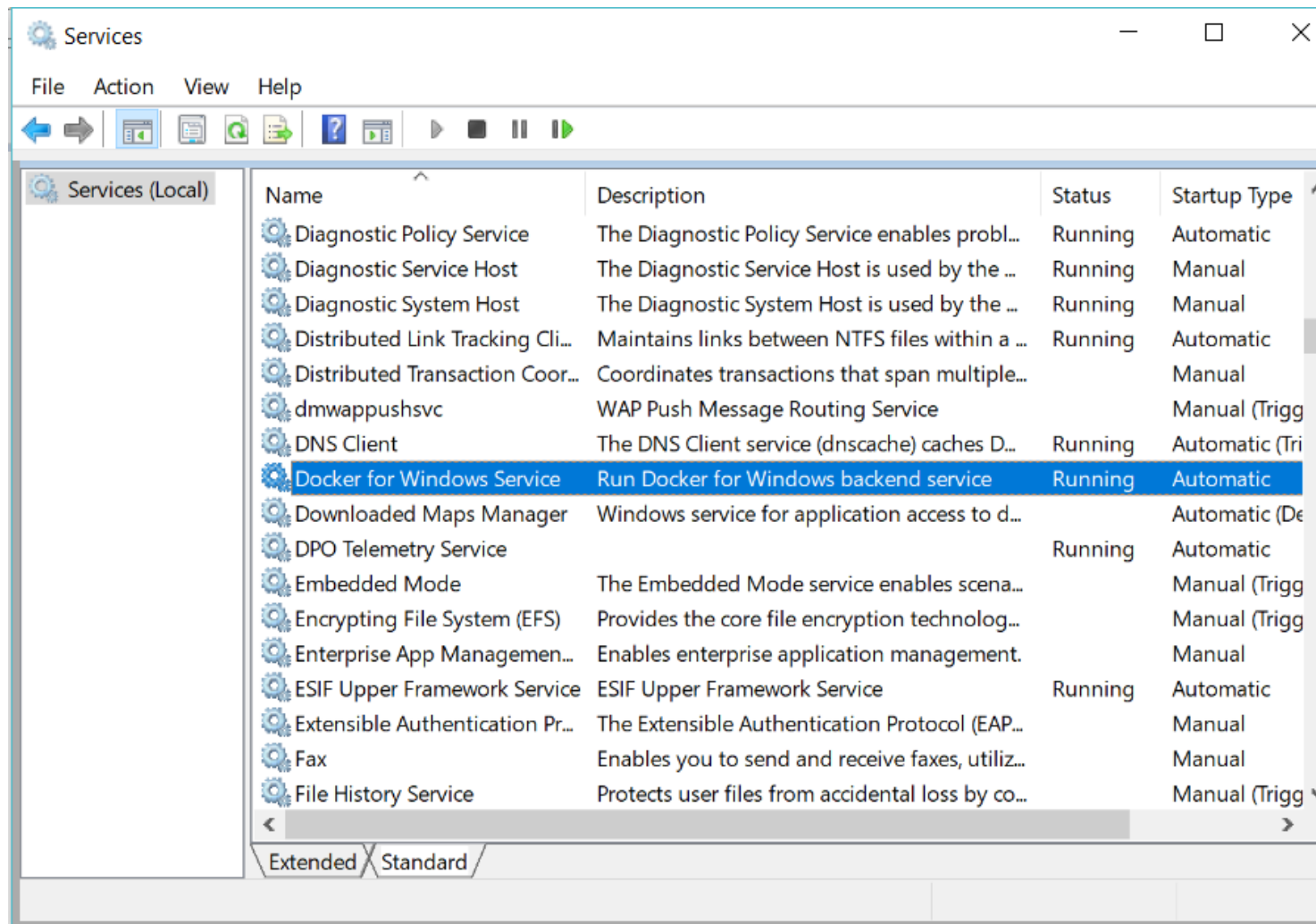
Before performing these steps, you must meet the following requirements:

- Windows 10
- Docker for Windows

Resolution

When the Docker daemon fails to start on Windows, or stops unexpectedly during normal operations, you'll get a network connection error regarding the Docker daemon letting you know that it is unreachable. The Docker daemon is also commonly referred to as the Docker for Windows service. Usually, restarting the service will resolve the error.

Option 1: Restart the Docker for Windows service through the Windows GUI by right clicking the service and choosing restart (or right click, stop, right click, start):



Option 2:

```
Net stop com.docker.service  
Net start com.docker.service
```

What's Next

If this does not resolve your issue, Please file an issue at <https://github.com/docker/for-win/issues> (<https://github.com/docker/for-win/issues>).

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