
Idle Master Blacklist Setup

Idle Master can be given a list of games that you would like it to skip over when selecting which game to Idle. This is known as “blacklisting” a game, and it can be done by placing the game’s Steam Application ID in the blacklist.txt file in the Idle Master directory. The format of blacklist.txt is that a single App ID is placed on a single line.

To find a game’s App ID, you can visit store.steampowered.com in your web browser. Once there, navigate to that game’s store page. The number at the end of the URL is the game’s Steam App ID.

For example, let’s say that you want Idle Master to skip over the game “The Banner Saga” because you plan on playing it later on and you don’t want Idle Master to skew your play time. The URL on Steam for The Banner Saga is:

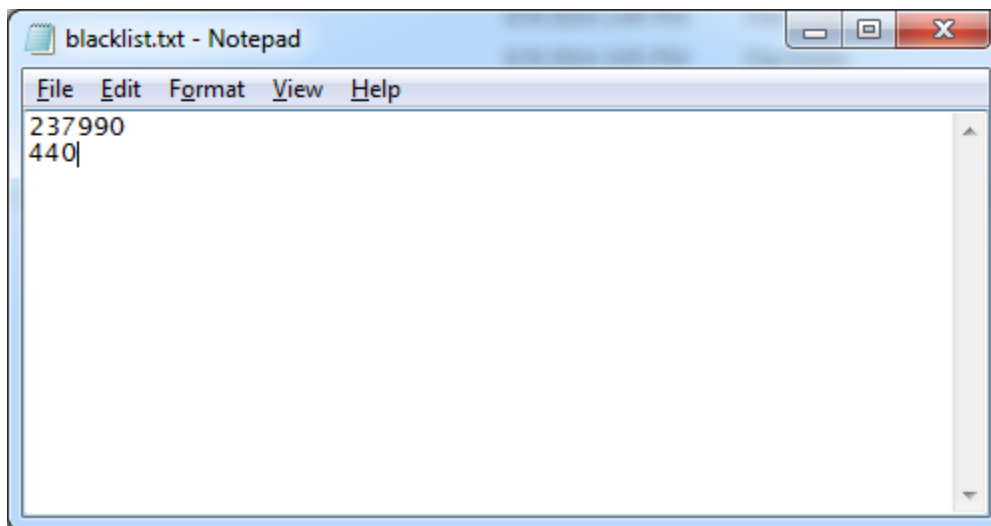
<http://store.steampowered.com/app/237990/>

In this example, you would place the game’s Steam App ID (237990) on a single line of the blacklist.txt file.

Now let’s say you’d also like to exclude the game “Team Fortress 2” because you have a few card drops remaining from purchasing some awesome stuff from the Mann Co store in-game and want to earn them later when you’re playing with your friends. So you can open up the Team Fortress 2 page at:

<http://store.steampowered.com/app/440/>

And see that the Steam App ID for Team Fortress 2 is 440. You would add a new line to your blacklist.txt file and put 440 by itself on that new line. At this point your blacklist.txt file would look like this:



Now when starting Idle Master (if either of these games has card drops remaining) you’ll see a message in the log that says

The Banner Saga on blacklist, skipping game

Team Fortress 2 on blacklist, skipping game

And Idle Master won’t attempt to start these games.