

Pre-Launch - Main Report Template

This template incorporates the new data fields we discussed (Visibility Index, SteamDB Competitive Data) and maintains your detailed, publisher-grade structure.



STEAM LAUNCH READINESS AUDIT

Client & Project Details

Key	Value
Game:	[GAME NAME]
Prepared for:	[DEVELOPER NAME]
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Executive Summary

Metric	Score/Count
Your Launch Readiness Score:	[X]/100
Critical Issues (Must Fix):	[X]
Important Optimizations (Should Fix):	[X]
Nice-to-Have Improvements:	[X]

Top 3 Priority Actions

- [SPECIFIC ACTION]
- [SPECIFIC ACTION]
- [SPECIFIC ACTION]

Estimated Impact

- Wishlist conversion: +[X]%
 - Launch day visibility: +[X]%
 - Revenue potential: +\$[X]K
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1 Section 1: Steam Compliance Audit

✓ Passing (Ready to Go)

- [] Header capsule image (460×215)
- [] Main capsule (616×353)
- [] Small capsule (231×87)
- [] Minimum 5 screenshots
- [] Description 200+ words
- [] Age rating declared
- [] Mature content survey complete
- [] Release date set
- [] Price set for primary regions

⚠ Needs Attention

Item Name	Current Status	Required	Action
[ITEM NAME]	[X]	[Y]	[Specific fix]
[ITEM NAME]	[X]	[Y]	[Specific fix]

✗ Critical Issues (Will Cause Problems)

Item Name	Problem	Action
[ITEM NAME]	[Description]	[Specific fix with exact steps]

Full Compliance Checklist

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<summary> Click to view detailed checklist</summary>

Store Page Requirements

-  Game description minimum 200 words
-  At least 5 screenshots (recommend 10)
-  Header capsule image uploaded
-  Main capsule image uploaded
-  Small capsule uploaded
-  At least 1 video (highly recommended)
-  Correct genre/category tags
-  All required sub-tag groups are covered (**NEW**)
-  Age rating declared
-  Mature content survey complete
-  Languages supported listed

Build Requirements

-  Depots configured correctly
-  Language options match store claims
-  Achievement setup (if applicable)
-  Cloud save setup (if claimed)
-  Controller support accurate

Regional/Legal

-  Price set for all intended regions
-  Price Volatility Check (Price changes in the last 30 days are limited) (**NEW**)
-  Regions excluded if needed
-  Content warnings for relevant markets
-  GDPR compliance statement (if EU)

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2 Section 2: Store Page Optimization

Capsule Image Analysis

Metric	Assessment
Current Assessment:	[GRADE]/10
Clarity and Relevance Score:	[X]/5 (NEW)
[Screenshot or description of current capsule]	

Issues Identified:

1. [Issue 1]
2. [Issue 2]
3. [Issue 3]

Recommendations:

1. [Specific change]
2. [Specific change]
3. [Specific change]

Description Optimization

Current First Paragraph:

[PASTE THEIR ACTUAL TEXT]

Problems:

1. [Issue 1]
2. [Issue 2]
3. [Issue 3]

Recommended Rewrite:

[YOUR SUGGESTED TEXT]

Recommended Structure:

- Hook (1-2 sentences: what makes this unique)
- Core loop (what you DO)
- Key features (bullet list)
- Unique selling points
- Social proof (reviews/awards if available)

Tags & Discoverability

Current Tags: [LIST CURRENT TAGS]

Visibility Index (Based on Traffic): [X]/100 (NEW METRIC)

Tag Type	Tag (w/ Follower Count)	Action/Rationale
High-Traffic (KEEP)	[Tag] - [Follower Count]	High relevance
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Low-Value (REPLACE)	[Tag] - [Follower Count]	Replace with: [Better alternative]
Low-Value (REPLACE)	[Tag] - [Follower Count]	Replace with: [Better alternative]
Recommended New	[Tag] - [Follower Count]	[Why relevant]
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Screenshot Strategy

Current Issues:

- Screenshot 1: [Problem]
- Screenshot 2: [Problem]
- Missing: [What's not shown]

Recommended Sequence:

1. [Description of ideal shot]
2. [Description of ideal shot]

3. [Description of ideal shot]
4. [Description of ideal shot]
5. [Description of ideal shot]
6. [Description of ideal shot]
7. [Description of ideal shot]
8. [Description of ideal shot]

Specific Actions:

- Replace: [Current screenshot X] with [New content]
- Add: [New screenshot showing X]
- Reorder: [Move X to position Y]

Competitive Benchmark

Element	Your Game	[Comp 1]	[Comp 2]	Recommendation
Capsule clarity	[X/10]	[X/10]	[X/10]	[Action]
Description hook	[X/10]	[X/10]	[X/10]	[Action]
Screenshot count	[X]	[X]	[X]	[Action]
Tag optimization	[X/10]	[X/10]	[X/10]	[Action]
Price positioning	[\$X]	[\$X]	[\$X]	[Action]

3 Section 3: Regional Pricing Strategy

Recommended Base Price: \$[X.XX] USD

Pricing Philosophy: [Competitive / Value / Premium]

Reasoning:

- Genre standards: [Competitors priced at \$X-Y]

- Content scope: [Hours of gameplay]
- Production value: [Polish level]
- Market positioning: [Why this price]

Tier 1 Markets (80% of Revenue)

Region	Price	Rationale
United States	\$[X.XX]	[Reasoning]
Europe	€[X.XX]	[Reasoning, includes VAT consideration]
United Kingdom	£[X.XX]	[Reasoning]
Canada	\$[X.XX] CAD	[Reasoning]
Australia	\$[X.XX] AUD	[Reasoning]

Tier 2 Growth Markets

Region	Strategy	Price	Rationale
Brazil	[Aggressive/Standard/Premium]	R\$[X.XX]	[Reasoning]
Russia	[Aggressive/Standard/Premium]	₽[XXX]	[Reasoning]
China	[Aggressive/Standard/Premium]	¥[XX]	[Reasoning]
India	[Aggressive/Standard/Premium]	₹[XXX]	[Reasoning]
Japan	[Aggressive/Standard/Premium]	¥[XXX]	[Reasoning]

Tier 3 Bulk Regions

Applied [X]% adjustment to Steam defaults for: Latin America (excluding Brazil), Southeast Asia, Eastern Europe, Middle East, Africa.

ATTACHED: pricing_[gamename].csv

→ Ready to upload to Steam Partner dashboard

4 Section 4: Launch Timing Analysis

Target Launch Window: [Month Year]

Recommended Launch Date: [Specific Date]

Why This Date:

1. [Reason 1]
2. [Reason 2]
3. [Reason 3]

Competitive Calendar (Based on SteamDB Data)

Major Releases to Avoid	Date	Follower Estimate	Conflict
[Game]	[Date]	[Wishlist/Follower Estimate]	[Why it conflicts]
[Game]	[Date]	[Wishlist/Follower Estimate]	[Why it conflicts]

Optimal Launch Windows:

- **PRIMARY:** [Date Range] Gap in competitive releases / [Other advantages]
- **BACKUP:** [Date Range] If primary date slips / [Why it's viable]

Dates to ABSOLUTELY AVOID:

- [Date] : [Reason]
- [Date] : [Reason]

Steam Seasonal Events

- Next Major Sale: [Date]
- Your strategy: Launch [X weeks] before to build reviews
- Relevant Steam Festivals: [Festival]: [Date], [Festival]: [Date]

Priority Action Plan

Timeframe	Action
This Week	[] [Action 1], [] [Action 2], [] [Action 3]
Next 2 Weeks	[] [Action 1], [] [Action 2], [] [Action 3]
Before Launch (4+ Weeks)	[] [Action 1], [] [Action 2], [] [Action 3]

Next Steps

- Your 30-minute strategy call: [\[Calendly link\]](#)
- Questions: Reply to delivery email
- Launch day support: I'll send final checklist 1 week before launch

Resources

- Steam Documentation: [steamworks.com](#)
- SteamDB: [steamdb.info](#)
- Competitor Research: [\[Links to similar games to study\]](#)