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Valve's Steam Client User Guide 2020

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Introduction

Steam is a video game service that was created by the Valve team. This service provides users access to video games and other content. The **Steam Client** is the software program that is used to manage the games, software and much more. The steam client was first launched in 2003 and is still active today.

There have been many updates to the Steam client software but there is no user manual available. There is information that can be found through Steam's website and through the Steam client, but it may be hard to find.

This manual will help you learn where to find information, games, and support. It will also define Navigation links and explain where each link will take you. The manual will go through processes on how to search for a game, review your cart, make a purchase, download and install the game, then subscribe to a **modification** workshop. Lastly, Steam support and settings will be defined and located, as well as provide resources on where to find information about Steam.

At the end of the manual there is a glossary and an index for quick access to terminology and other information related to the Steam client and its' operations.



Navigating Steam

Navigating the Steam client can be easy, and the **user interface** (UI) is highly efficient for any user of any level. When the Steam client is opened, the store page is what is displayed. Later on, you can change your homepage preference. You will always have access to the **navigation ribbon**, which includes the menu bar and the navigation links.

You can see the menu bar and navigation links in the upper right of the screen, as well as a bar for announcements, mail, account quick access and window options on the upper left.

The navigation links are areas commonly visited by users. Therefore they are displayed clearly and locked to the main UI. The navigation links are: store, library, community, and account. Though if you have an account and are logged in, the account link is displayed as your username. Each of these links are important for navigating through Steam and will be discussed further in the manual.

The middle, and the rest of the screen, displays the store page. Currently there is a autumn sale going on and whenever there is a sale, the store page will have a banner of the sale.

Below is a screenshot of what Steam looks like when first opened, by default.

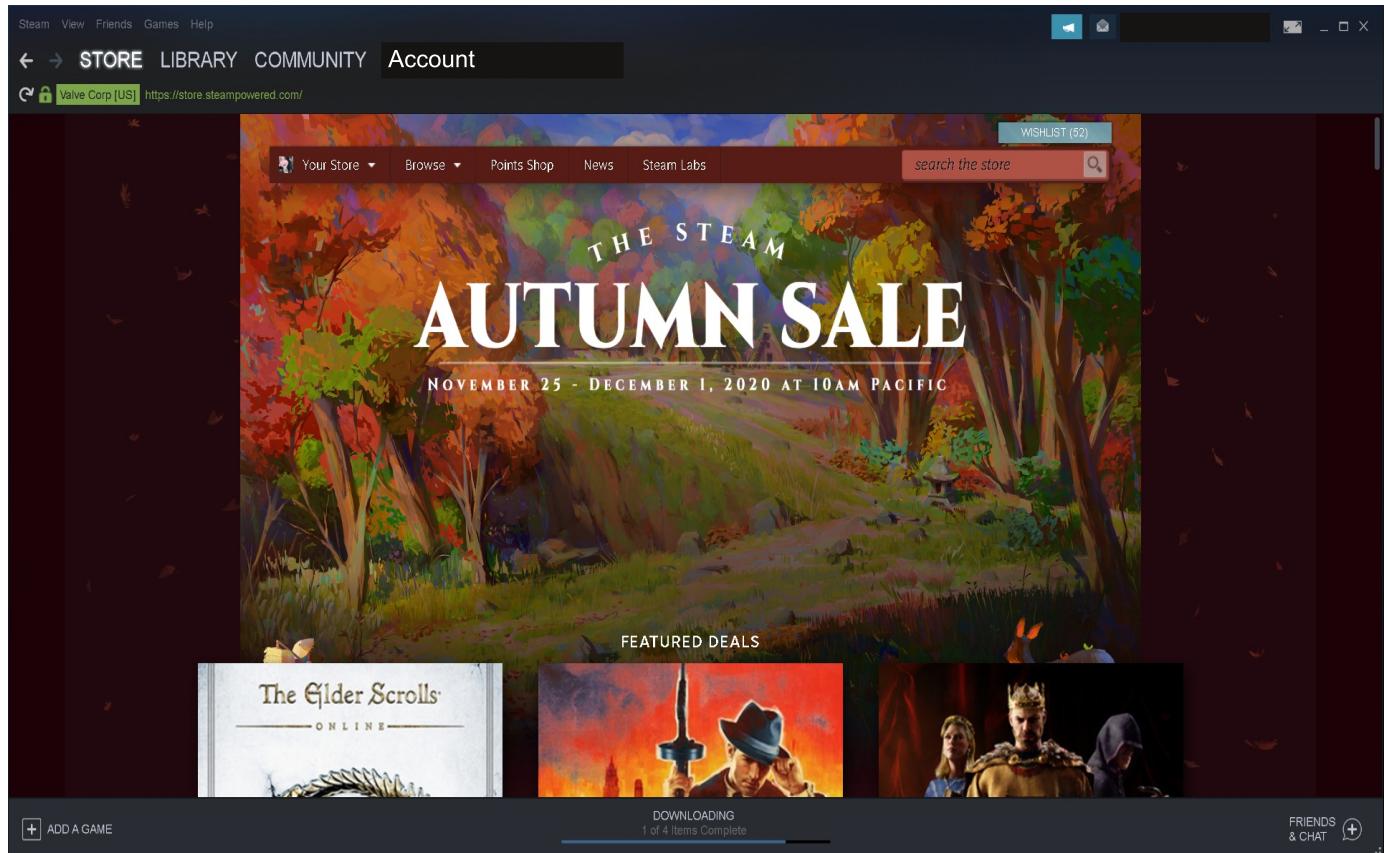


Figure 1: Main page for Steam by default, The Store page.

Menu

The menu bar, upper left hand of the Steam client (see figure 2), gives access to many features and tools.

Here you can find account information, settings, an extended view of all areas of Steam, support and much more.

Learning to use this as a quick way to get to where you need to go, will come in handy while using Steam. While you are on any page, you can access a multitude of options and areas.

Below is a snippet of the navigation ribbon along with the menu bar below it, as well as a short description of the contents to each of the menu bar links.

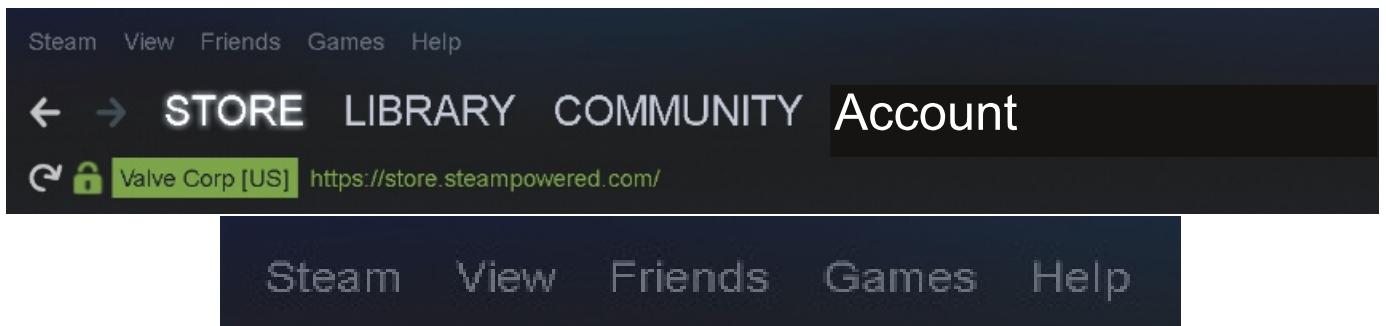
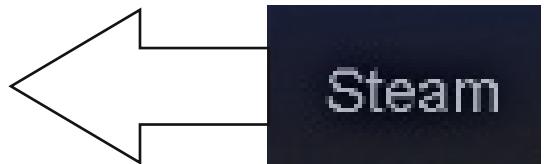


Figure 2: Navigation and Menu.

Upper: Navigation Ribbon. Lower: Menu Bar.

The Steam link gives the options for routine Steam client operations.



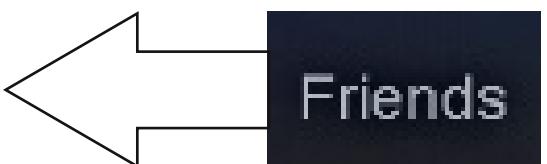
The links provided here are: Change Account, Go Offline, Check for Steam Client Updates, Backup and Restore Games, access Settings, and to Exit Steam.



The View link provides access to more areas in Steam and to options like **"Big Picture Mode."**

The links are: Library, Hidden Games, Downloads, Small Mode, Big Picture Mode, Music Player, Friends, Player **Servers**, Screenshots, Inventory, Update News, and then Settings.

The Friends link provides quick access to anything friend related.



The links are: View Friends List, Add a Friend, Edit Profile Name/Avatar, and then options for online availability (Online, Away, Invisible, Offline).

Menu



The Games link gives access to options regarding games from Steam or not.

The links here are: View Games Library, Activate a Product on Steam, Redeem a **Steam Wallet Code**, Manage Gifts and **Guest Passes**, Add a Non-Steam Game to my Library.

Lastly, under the Help link here are links for support and different documentation.

The Links here are: Steam Support, Privacy Policy, Legal Information, Steam Subscriber Agreement, System Information, and About Steam.



Store

The Store page is essential for any user. Through the Store navigation ribbon link, you can discover new games and software, add games or software to a **Wishlist**, review points that you have earned by buying games or software, and to view statistics about Steam and its' users.

While hovering your mouse over the Store navigation link, you can view the Store menu drop down list options. By click anyone of these, you will be directed to that page. Exploring these options and getting familiar with what they do is the fastest way in learning where to find the items or information that you are looking for. The next page will shortly describe what to find when going to each of the Store links.



Figure 3: Store Links

Store

The Featured link will take you to the Store homepage. The Store homepage displays sales, new games, and popular games.



FEATURED

The **Discovery Queue** link will send you to your discovery queue. The discovery queue can be used to find new games that you may be interested in. Some of the games are new, popular, or have similar features to games that you like.



DISCOVERY QUEUE

The Wishlist link will take you to your wishlist. Here you can add games or software that you want or may purchase in the future. There are eleven different ways to filter, as well as ways to sort, your wishlist.



WISHLIST

The Points Shop link will take you to the points shop. There you can see how many points you have from purchasing games or contributing to the Steam community. This is where you can view a collection of items that may be purchased by using points.



POINTS SHOP

The News link will take you to the news homepage where any important news will be posted. Certain news topics include: Steam announcements, client updates, product releases, and a blog.



NEWS

The Stats link will take you to a page that displays statistics for Steam. Here you can view a graph to see how many Steam users logged in over a certain amount of time. There is also a short list of games with the most players.



STATS

Library

The Library link will direct you to your game and software library. Here, all of your games and software will be displayed. You can sort through, on the left-hand side, the list of all your content. In the middle of the screen there will be a display of news and updates to games that you own. This is followed underneath by your recently played games and suggestion of what to play next, by Steam.

Learning how to sort, filter, and operate this page will enhance your experience greatly. Knowing where to find all of your content in one place and being able to find what you want, makes using Steam less of a hassle. The Library links and their descriptions are listed below.

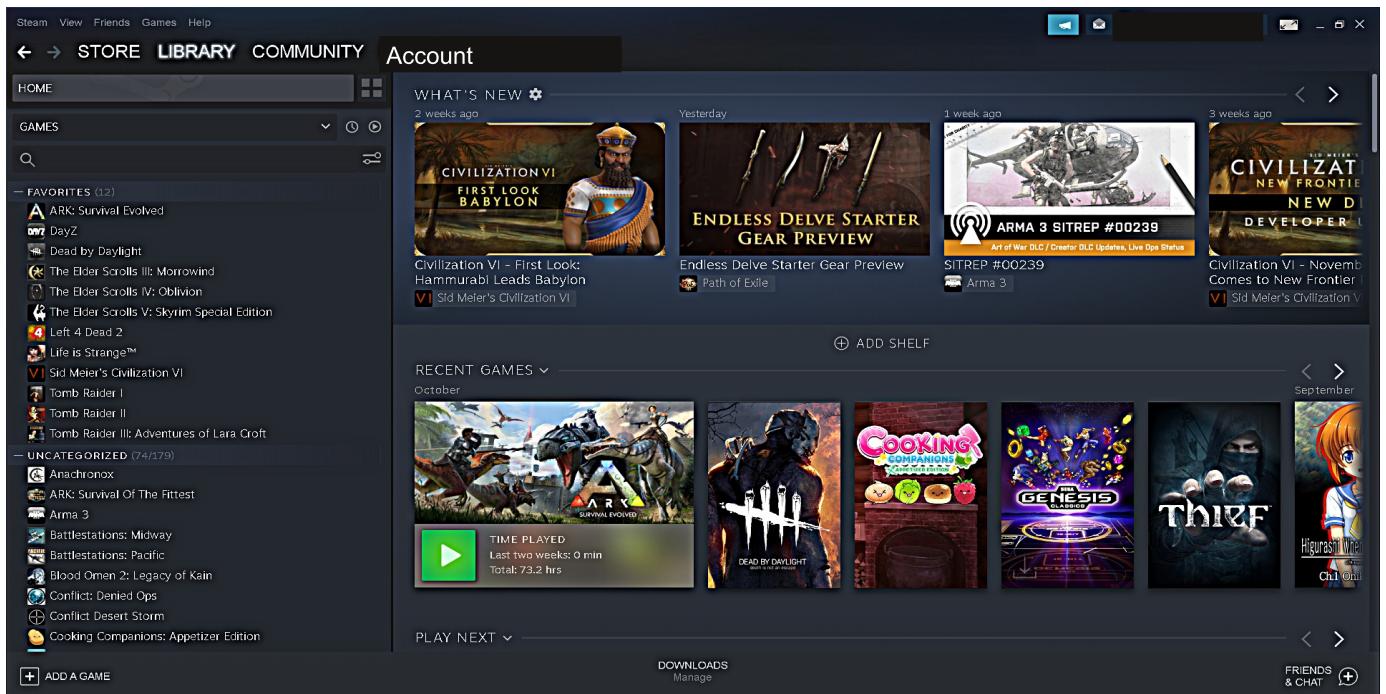


Figure 4: Library page.

The Home link is exactly that, home for the library. This link will direct you back to your library. You can also click on the Library link to go to the Library.



The Collections link directs you to a page where you can create or view a collection of games and software. Each tile represents a different collection that you have made. (See Figure 5, next page)



Library



The Downloads link will direct you to a page where you can view downloads and future queued updates. Games, software, and modification downloads can be seen here. (See Figure 6)

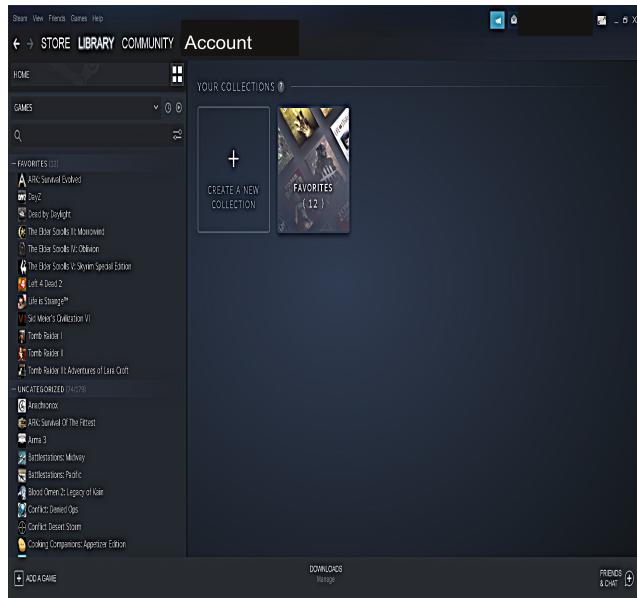


Figure 5: Collections page

This is the Collections page. The first tile is how you can start a new collection and the tile next to that is a favorites collection.

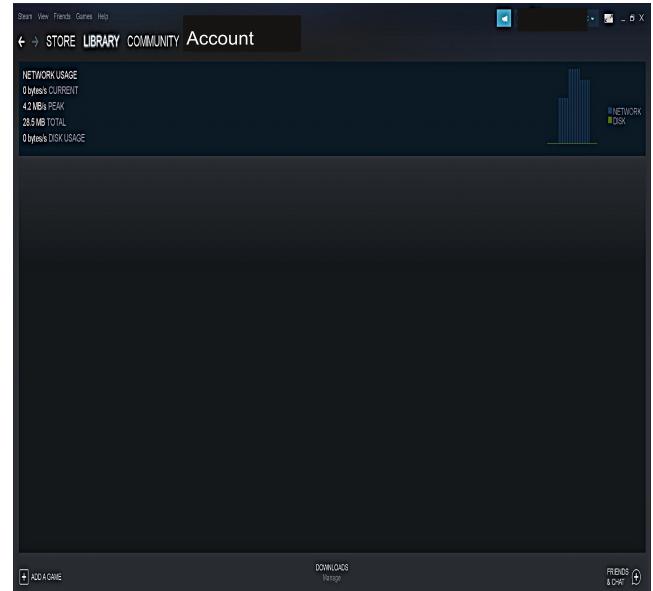


Figure 6: Downloads page

Community

The Community link directs you to the community homepage. Here you can find the social area for Steam.

The community home page will display **hubs** for your games. These hubs are areas for developers and users to interact. Each hub is displayed like a forum with posts, pictures, and announcements.

The community homepage also displays posts that you can sort through. By default, the posts are from all of the games or software that you own. Then you can sort by category by using the tabs. Some categories are: Screenshots, Videos, and Guides.

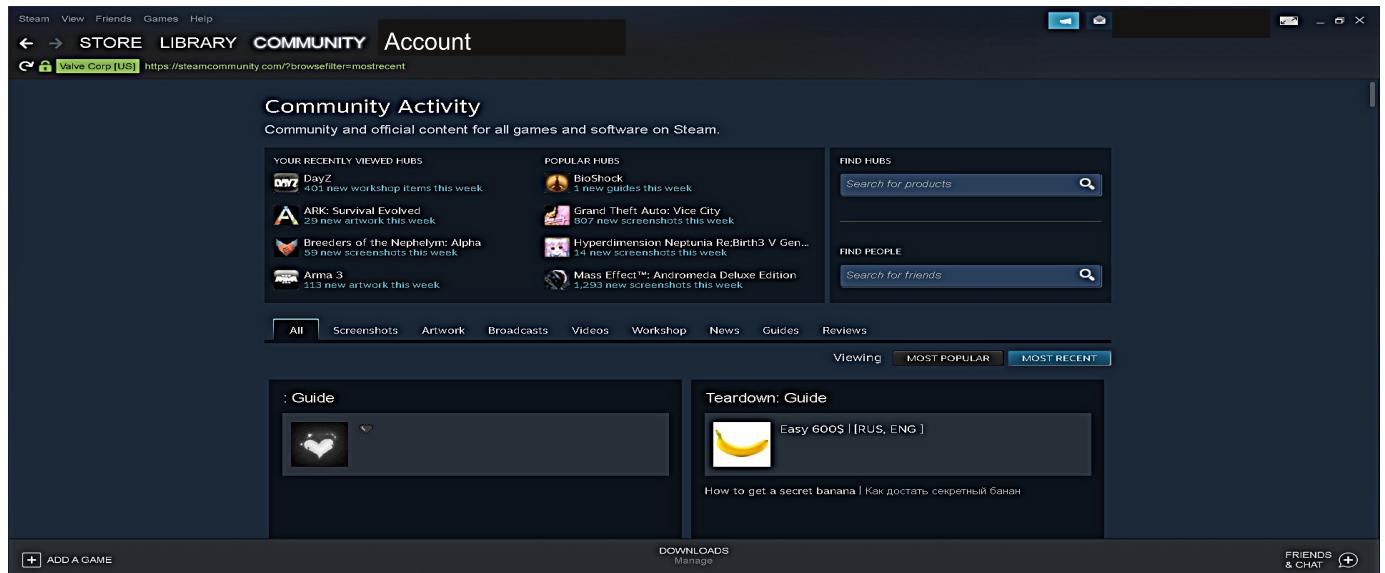


Figure 7: Community Homepage

To the left are the Community links. This links help navigate through community pages.

The Home link will direct you back to the Community homepage.

The Discussions link will direct you to Steam forums. Here you can access a multitude of information. Topics can include discussions about games and software, to features of Steam or help with anything Steam related.

The Workshop link will direct you to the Workshop. This is where you can search for modifications for games and software. This is an important link to remember.

The Broadcasts link will direct you to live streamed games and software. Users can stream their games or software to allow other Steam users to watch.

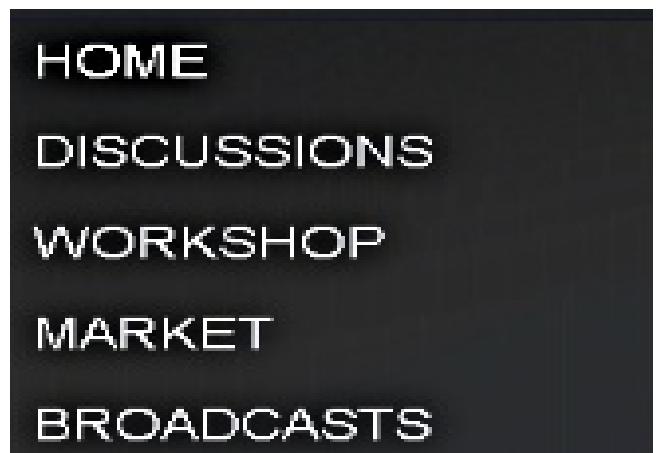


Figure 8: Community Links

Community



Figure 9: Discussions Page

you can find any information about games, software, technical issues, how-to's, or even to join in on conversations and make new friends.

There are tabs below the search bar that can help you sort through the **forums**. Each tab then displays forums related to what tab you selected. The tabs are: Steam Forums, Game Forums, and Tools & Servers.

If you are curious as to what is being discussed, then on the right-hand side of the Discussions page, there is a short list with the forums that have the highest count of **threads**.

This is the Workshop. This is the page that you would want to navigate to if you were looking to download modifications for your games or software.

The Workshop is the main area for not only downloading modifications, but to publish them as well. Steam allows its' users to publish their own content to be used inside of games for players that want the mod.

You can either browse all the Workshops or search for specific Workshops. A few Workshops will be displayed as either featured, recent, the amount of playtime you occurred, or by just alphabetical news.

Later, we will go into detail about how to download and use mods and their Workshops.

This is the Discussions page. At the top of the page, Steam highlights a few points to remember. They are: "Everyone is Invited", "Searching is Key", and "Do Not Start **Flame Wars**". Steam discussions are made available to everyone. Learning to use the search bar will make looking for information or topics, easier! Lastly, there is zero tolerance for harassment and that if you or someone that you see, is being harassed, let someone know and do not further the bad behavior.

Using the discussion page will benefit your overall Steam experience. This is the place where



Figure 10: Workshops Page

Account

This is the homepage for your Account. Here you can see not only your own activity but the activity of your friends as well. The Account homepage allows you to create posts to share on your own profile, that your friends can see. Game events and announcements also make an appearance here.

Some options on this page are: adding friends, viewing your profile, editing your profile, and viewing games, friends, inventory, screenshots, videos, guides, your workshop, and your comment history.



Figure 11: Accounts Homepage

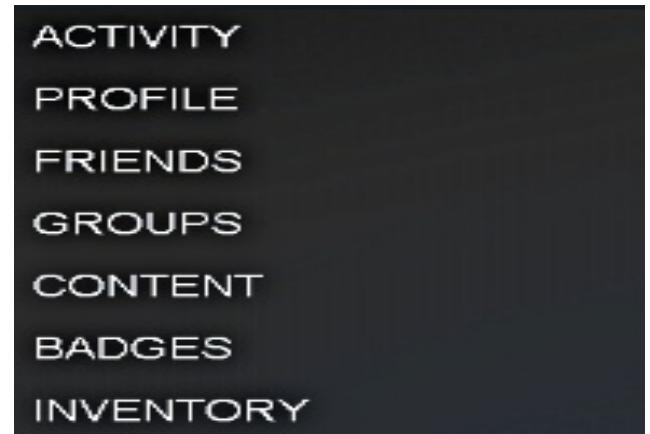


Figure 12: Accounts Links



The Activity link will direct you back to the Accounts homepage. You can also click on the Account link, which is usually labeled as your username on the Navigation ribbon.



The Profile link will direct you to your profile. Here is where all your information, that you want public, will be displayed. The type of information displayed is recent gameplay activity, your online status, any badges that you have collected, what level you are and how long you have had a Steam account, as well as show how many games you have or how many reviews you have submitted.

There is also an option to edit your profile. Some options you have when editing are: general information like age and name, your avatar, profile background, themes and featured badges.

FRIENDS

The Friends link brings you to a page where your friends are displayed. Your friends will be sectioned by categories like: playing, online, and offline. Your friends under playing are currently playing a game. That game title will appear beneath your friend's username. Your online friends have the Steam client open but are not playing or using anything at the moment. Your offline friends do not have Steam running, their computer is off, or they are invisible.

You can search for your friends by using the search bar at the top of the page. You can also add friends here and view any pending friend request you might have received. You can also manage groups through the Friends page.

GROUPS

The Group link will take you to the group page, which is also attached to the Friends page. Here will be a list of the groups that you are in. There are also the same options on the left-hand side that are available on the Friends page as well.

CONTENT

The Contents link will take you to view all the content that you have saved or created in a page. On this page there are multiple tabs, and those tabs are categories that you can click through to view the specified content. The tabs here are: screenshots, artwork, videos, workshop items, merchandise, collections, guides.

BADGES

The **Badges** link takes you to a page where all your badges are displayed. These badges can be earned in various ways like experience or completion of tasks. Each game has a box with badges that you have earned in it. There is a useful link in the right-hand corner of the page. That link will take you to a **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)** page to learn about how to earn badges.

INVENTORY

The Inventory link will take you to a page that displays your badges or items that you have collected. There is a button on the right-hand corner that will allow you to view your trade offers. If you click on each tile of a badge, information on the badge will display under the enlarged image of the badge.

Downloading Games, Software, and Mods

Downloading games, software or modifications is an important task to know how to complete. This section of the manual will go into detail about how to search for a game, review your cart, make a purchase, downloading the game, installing the game, and then how to subscribe to modifications.

Easily enough, the Store page is the perfect place to start and which happens to be the first page you see by default. You can scroll through the games and see if you like anything or you can search for a specific game. This is just the first step in beginning to learn how to use Steam. Below is a screenshot of the type of categories to choose from when you go to browse the store for games. Searching for a game will be covered on the next page.

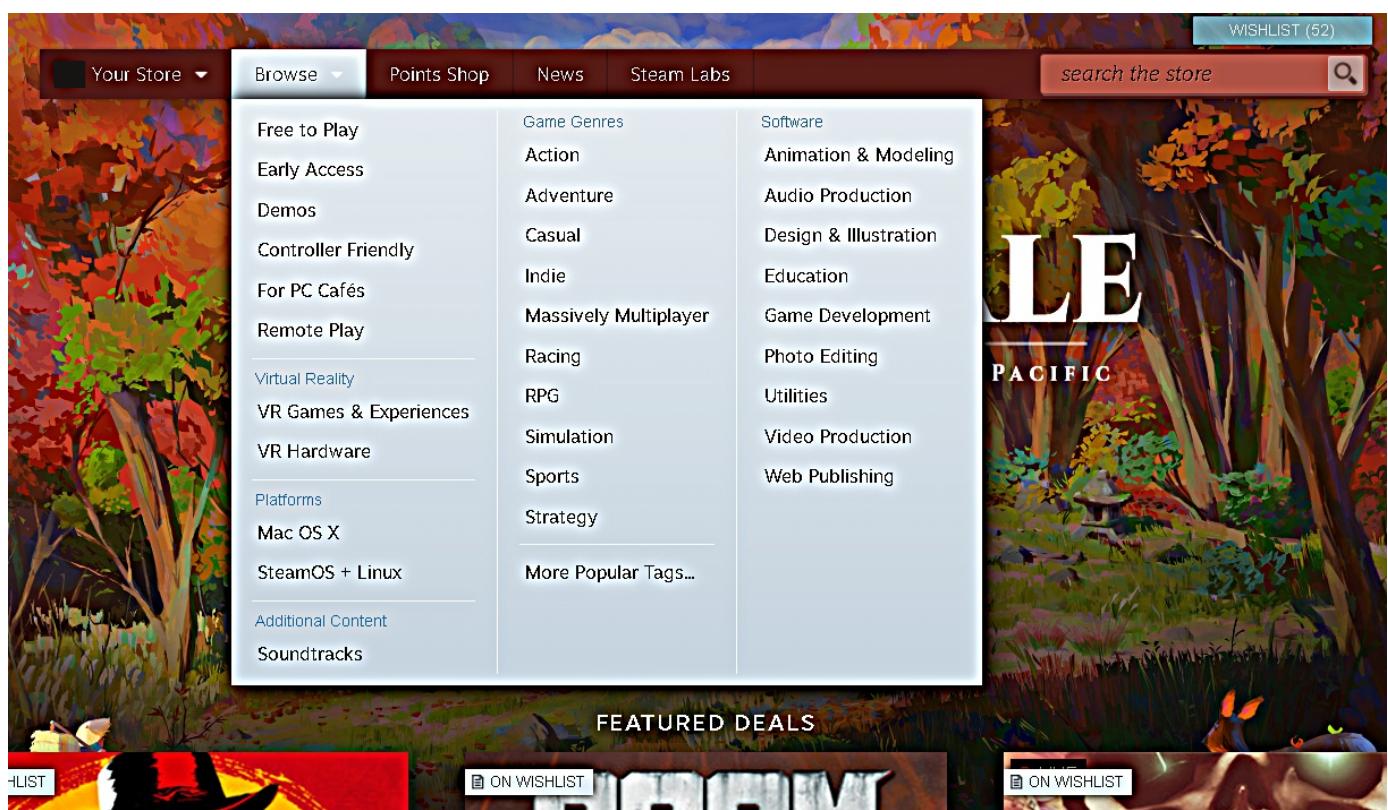


Figure 13: Store tags found under the Browse tab, on the Store page

Searching for Games or Software

To start searching for a game, navigate to the Store page by clicking STORE on the navigation ribbon.

The screenshot to the right is the Store page. You should see a light blue bar with the tabs: Your Store, Browse, Points Shop, News, and Steam Labs. This is how you will know that you are on the right page to begin searching for a game.

Let's search for a game that has the word Shop in the title.

At the very end of the light blue bar, below the Wishlist button, there is a search bar. Click on the search bar and type "Shop" and wait for the drop-down box that will appear. This drop-down box will give recommendations with your keyword as part of a game title.

Let's click on the first recommendation called "Shop Titans."

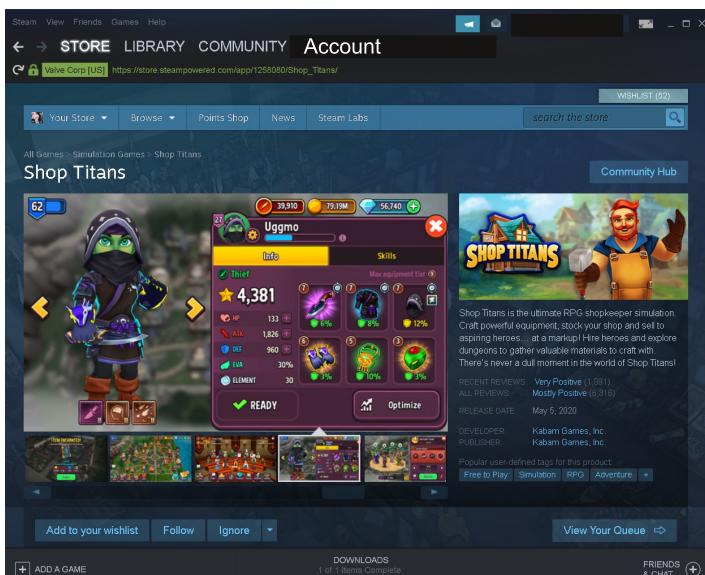


Figure 16: Shop Titans store page

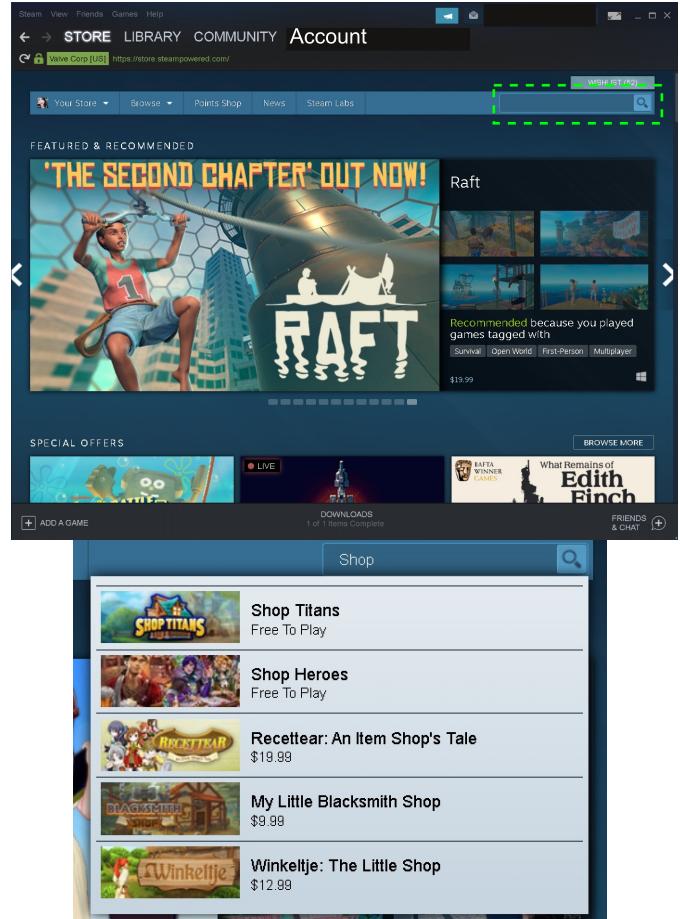


Figure 14(upper): The Store page

Figure 15(lower): The Store search bar with recommended games with the word "shop" in its title

The next page that will display will be the game's page.

Here you can look through videos and pictures of the game in the picture wheel below the game's title. Click on the arrows at the bottom of the picture wheel to navigate back and forth through content.

The game page will also display the game's title banner and a short description on the right of the page, next to the picture wheel. Any information about a game can be found on its' game page.

Starting the Game Download or Adding the Game to the Cart

Free to Play

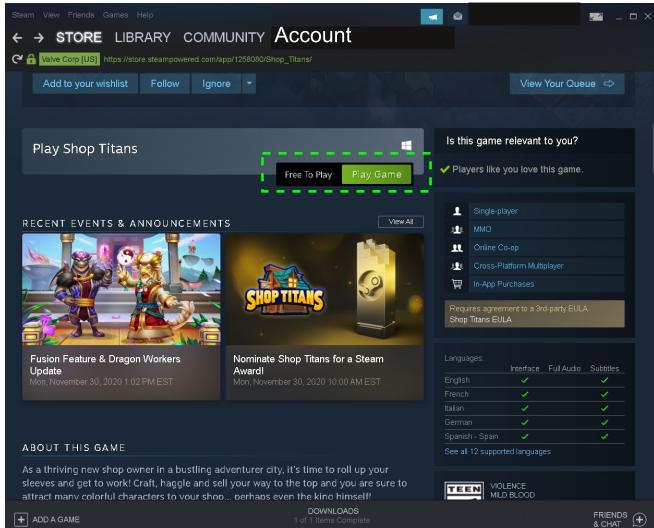


Figure 17: Shop Titans store page.
Viewing Play Game button.

Scroll down just a little bit and then you will be able to see a green button labeled "Play Game."

Click this button(See Figure19) if you would like to start the download and installation.



Figure 19: The Play Game button

Then a pop up window will appear, asking you to install the game.

Now if you are at this point, you can go to page 18 in this manual, and learn about downloading and installing the game.

Going to Purchase

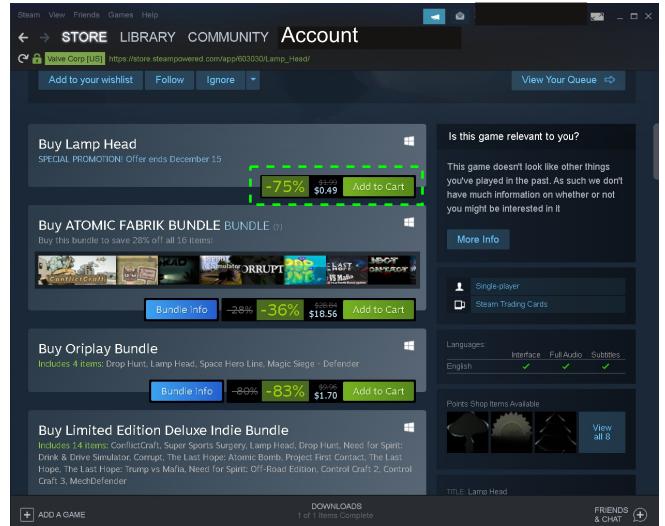


Figure 18: Lamp Head store page.
Viewing Add to Cart button and available

When going to purchase a game, you will most likely be presented with many options. Some games have specials going on and those options will be displayed under the main option for buying the game.

Click on "Add to Cart" to add this game to your cart, to be purchased.

Immediately, if there is no other game in your cart, you will be taken to your cart to review the game you want to purchase. Notice the cart button has a (1). This means there is one item in your cart.

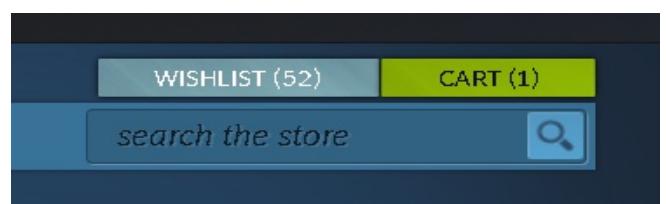


Figure 20: The Cart button

Reviewing the Cart

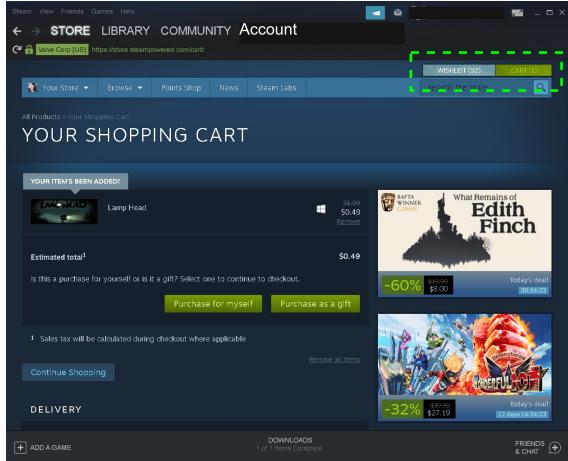


Figure 21: The Shopping Cart

Once you have added the game to your cart, you should review your cart for purchasing details. (See figure 21)

Click the cart button that is above the store search bar. This will direct you to your cart.

Check the details of your cart to make sure all the information here is correct. The game title will show in the left section of the screen. The supported **operating system (OS)** icon will show to the left of the pricing information. There may be a sale on the game, if so, you will see the original price struck out with the actual price below it. Below the actual price is a small "remove" link. Use this to remove any games or software from your cart. (See figure 22)



Figure 22: Quick details about game being purchased. Title, original price, actual price, supported operating system (O.S), and option for removal.

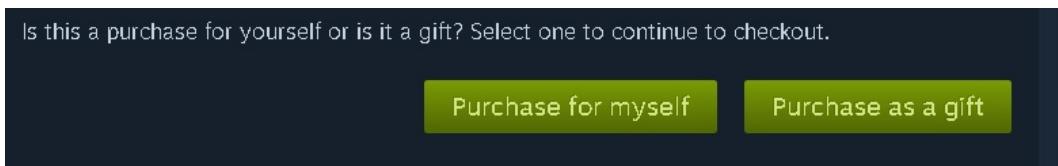


Figure 23: Purchasing Option buttons. Purchase for myself or Purchase as a gift.

Below the game title and pricing details are two options. One option is to purchase the game for yourself and the other option is to purchase the game for someone else. If you purchase the game for someone else, Steam will ask you who you would like to send the game to and it will give you the option to write a comment for the gift.

Click the "purchase of myself" button to proceed purchasing the game(See Figure 23, above).

Making a Purchase

This is the purchasing screen. Here you will see all the details of your Steam order. You can have multiple items in one order.

A short description of the purchasing agreement is displayed on the right of the screen. The left of the screen holds all your order information. The titles, game banner, supported OS, pricing, points earned, credit card information, gift options, Steam account, and lastly the check box for the terms of the Steam subscriber agreement are all displayed for you to review.

Remember to check your credit card information for errors, write any notes down, and to agree to the terms of the agreement before completing the purchase.

If everything is correct, click the green "Purchase" button at the bottom of the purchasing screen.

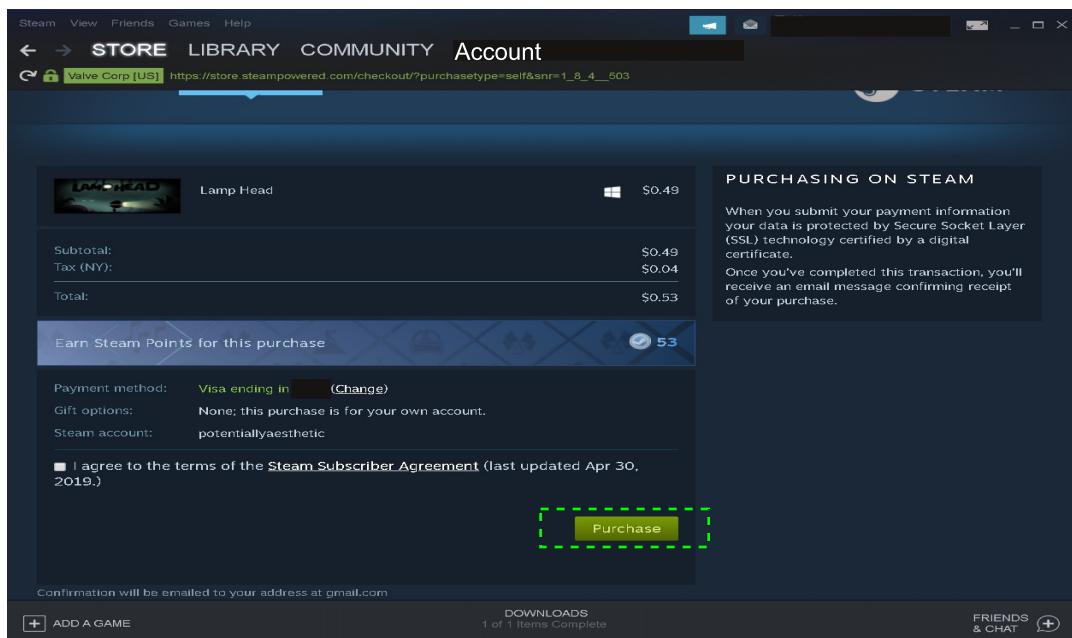


Figure 24: The purchasing screen

The text labeled "Purchasing on Steam" reads as follows:

"PURCHASING ON STEAM"

"When you submit your payment information your data is protected by **Secure Socket Layer (SSL)** technology certified by a digital certificate.

Once you've completed this transaction, you'll receive an email message confirming receipt of your purchase."(See Figure 24)

Installing The Game

An installation window will open immediately after purchasing or adding the game.

Here you can find information and options for the game installation. Two options for creating shortcuts are displayed in the installation window. Check the box if you would like to create the specified shortcut at that location. The amount of computer disk space required and the amount available are shown below the shortcut options. Check to see if you have enough disk space available to download the game. Lastly the estimated time of when your game will be downloaded and installed is shown. Once you have selected your desired options, you can either cancel the installation or move onto the next step.

Let's continue on by pressing the Next button, located on the bottom right of the installation window.

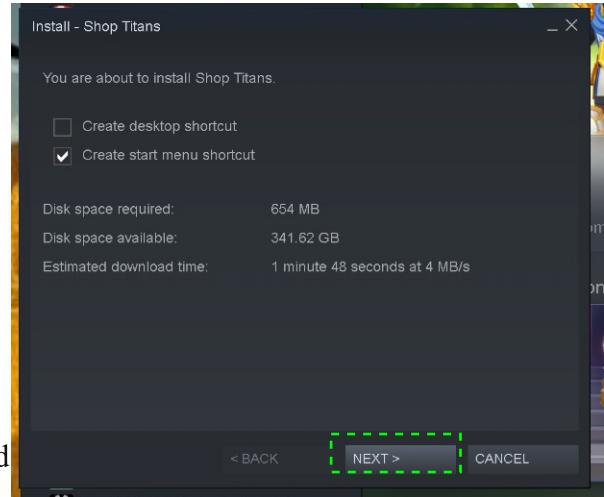


Figure 25: The Installation Window

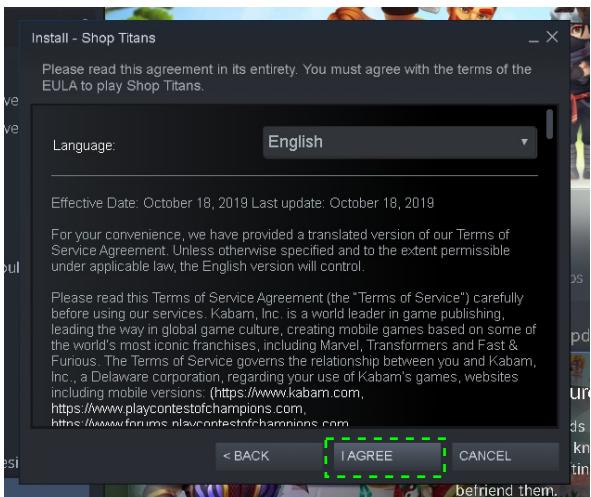


Figure 26: The Installation Agreement Window

Another window will appear and display an agreement. You can change the language from the drop-down box in the upper right of the window. Read through this agreement and either choose to cancel, if you do not agree, or choose I agree. You can also go back to the previous installation window.

To continue, click on the I Agree button.

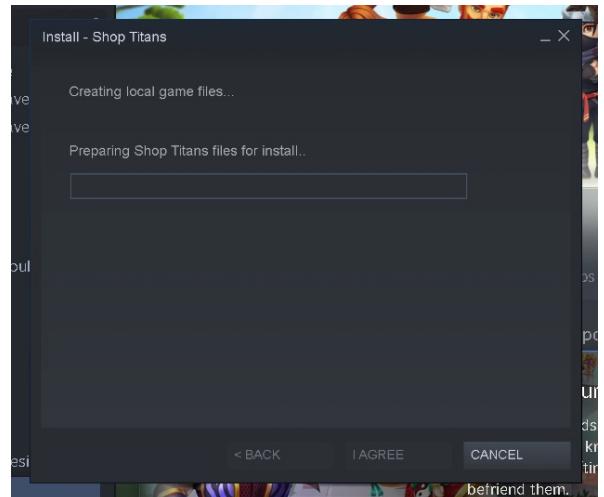


Figure 27: The Creating Space for Installation Window

The last type of installation window you will see is the window displaying information about your computer creating the necessary space for the game. You can see a progress bar with a short description in the middle of the window.

This window will close automatically when it is finished. Next will be about the downloading process of the game.

Downloading The Game

The screen to the right (See Figure 28) will be displayed once you have finished going through the installation windows. This is the downloads page.

Here you can view the games or software being downloaded. If any game is to be scheduled for an update, updated, or downloaded, it will appear on this page. Currently we are downloading Shop Titans, which shows first, and then another game is scheduled to be updated, which is below Shop Titans.

Network usage information is displayed at the top of the downloads page. It will display the current, peak, and total network speed. It also shows the speed in which the disk drive is allowing to be written on. Lower, the game banner, download progress, with the time initiated and time left is shown. (See Figure 29)

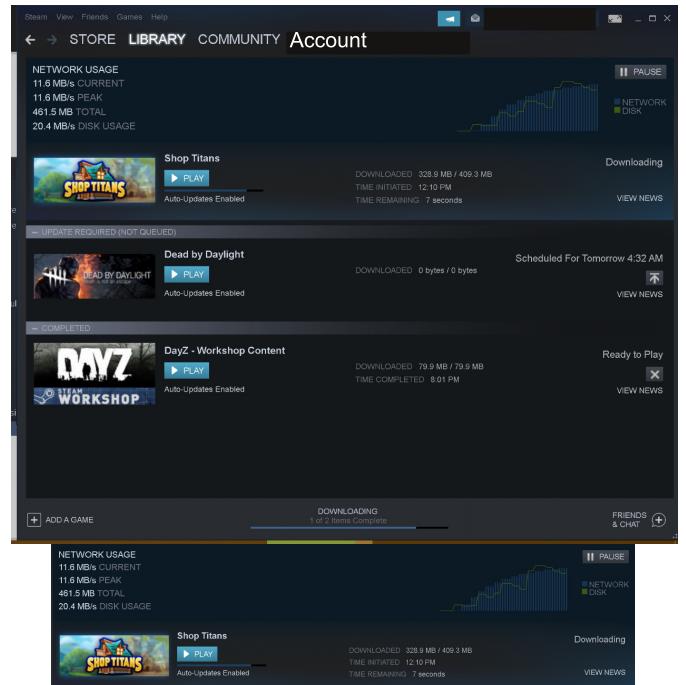


Figure 28(upper): The Downloads page.

Figure 29(lower): Downloading Information Panel

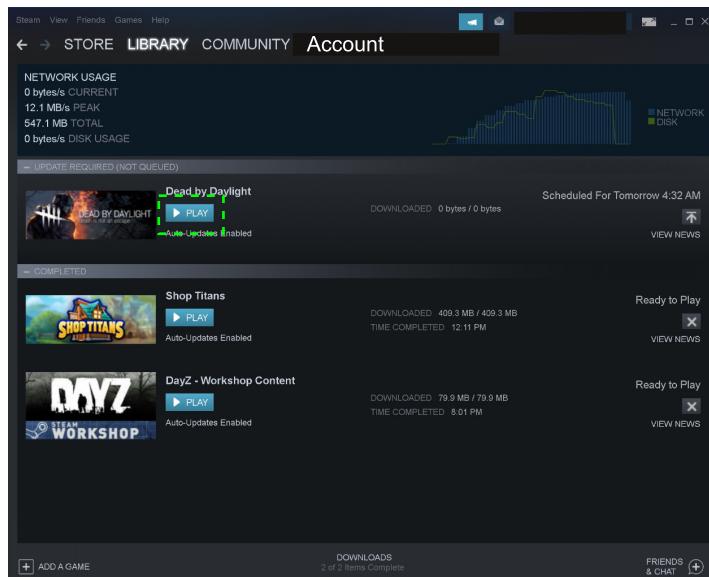


Figure 30: The Downloads page.
Shop Titans download complete

Once the game is finished, the game will show under the Completed bar. Other games or software that may need to be updated will show under its own tab labeled "Update Required (Not Queued)."

Now that the game is finished downloading, you can play it. From this screen you can click "Play" on the game and the game will be executed. You can also go back to your library by clicking on "Library" on the navigation ribbon, to choose another game.

Subscribing to Modifications

Steam allows developers and other users the opportunity to publish game and software modifications to Steam. Mods are updated packets of code. A developer creates a mod of a game by changing the games' code. They can change the mechanics of the game, the graphics, create objects, and over all alter the entire game.

On the Steam client you can download these mods from the Workshop page. (See Figure 31)



Figure 31: The Workshop page

In order to download the mod, you must subscribe to the mod that you want.

To do this, navigate to a mod page and click the green "Subscribe" button.

The mod will automatically start downloading. There will be no installation window. The mod will be labeled as the games' title followed by "Workshop Content."

When you start your game, the mod will be installed and functioning within the game.

The Workshop page displays tiles that lead to specific mod pages. Like the Store page, the Workshop page displays featured mods and gives the option to sort through a couple of categories, by tabs on the right of the Workshop page. Some tabs are: Featured (by default), Most Recent, Your Playtime, and Alphabetical. Each category will unveil new mod tiles for you to browse. If you want to look at all the mods the Workshop page has to offer, click on the "Alphabetical" tab, and all mod tiles will display in alphabetical order. You can also use the search bar to look for specific mods.



Figure 32: A Mod page

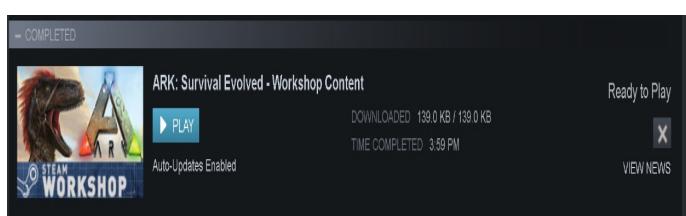


Figure 33: The Downloads page. Mod download complete.

Settings and Support

It is important to understand the Steam client and what features are available, but it is just as important to know what options there are and how to find information about the Steam client. There are so many options available. You can change the language that the Steam client displays, and you can change the look of the Steam client. There are a multitude of accessibility options as well as sound and display options. Not only can you change the features of Steam, but you also have access to all kinds of information regarding the Steam client. There are policy agreements, information about steam, and resources if you are having trouble.

These last few pages will detail what type of options the user has in regards to their games or software, general tasks, the client, where to find the FAQs page, language settings and then security settings.

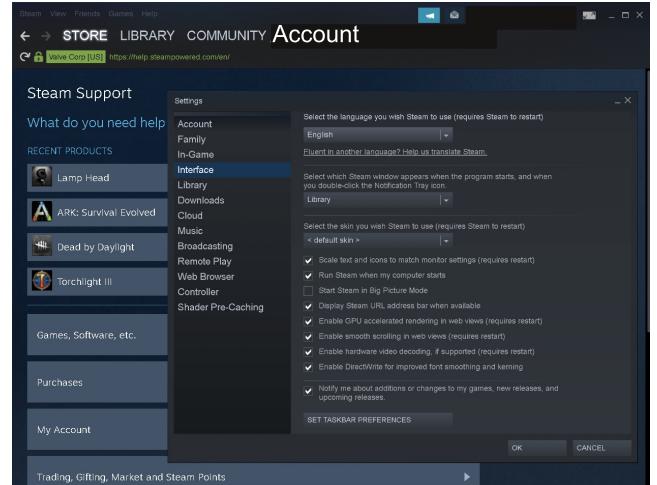


Figure 34: The Support page, with the settings window open.

Games and Software

Games and software have many different settings to change. There are settings that you can change through the Steam client and there are settings that you change that directly affect the game or software.

To change settings such as displaying **frames per second** (FPS) or turning on the **Steam Overlay**, you would navigate to the menu bar and click on "Steam" and then "Settings" (See Figure 35). Then a window will appear with options tabs on the left-hand side. Each tab has different settings that you can change.



Figure 35: Steam Settings

For more game specific settings, navigate to the library and click on the game you would like to change the settings of. On the right-hand side of the page, across from the green "Play" button, there is a cog icon. Click this icon to bring up a menu and then click on "Properties." This is the games' settings (See Figure 36). Here you can change the games' language, its' update settings, and even access game files.

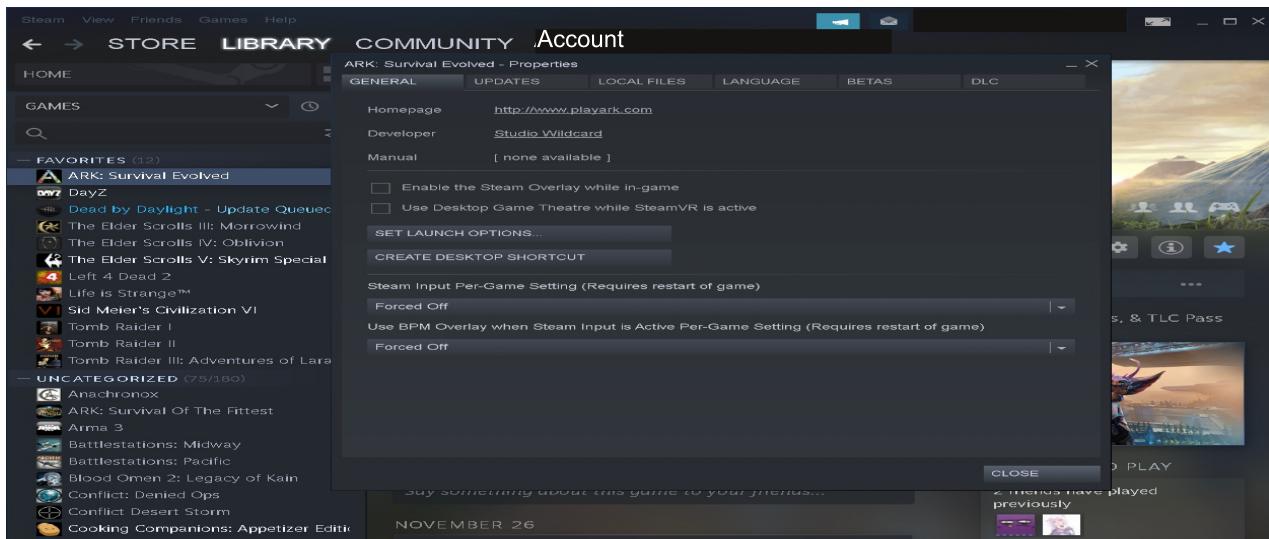


Figure 36: Game Properties

General Settings

You can personalize the Steam client and other options by clicking "Steam" on the menu bar and then clicking on "Settings." (See Figure 37) Here are a few settings and their descriptions:

Interface Settings:

"The Steam Overlay" enables you to access the Steam client while playing a game or running software.

"Big Picture Mode" changes the client interface to run like a gaming console interface.

"Steam Skin" allows the user to change the color of the Steam client interface.

Library Settings:

"Low Performance Mode" helps improve your library's performance by lowering some graphics.

"Disable Community Content"

prevents you from automatically seeing community content, like user posts and user mods, when viewing a game page.

Download Settings:

"Allow downloads during gameplay" will let a download happen while you play a game. This will lower the performance of the game.

"Clear Download Cache" is an option that might help resolve download issues or issues with opening a game.

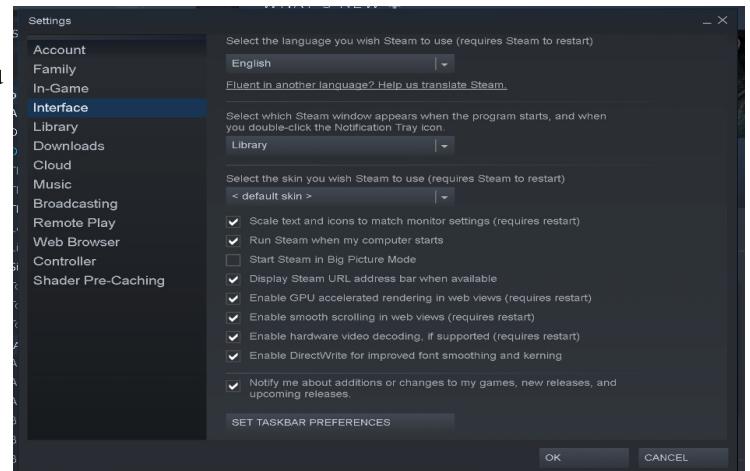


Figure 37: Steam Settings Window

Language Settings

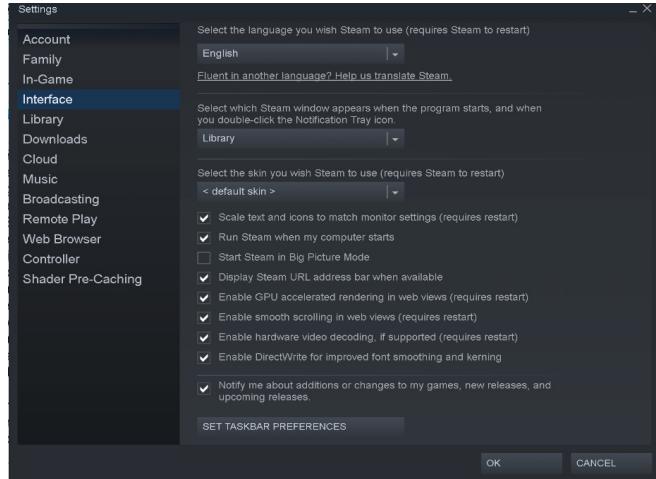


Figure 38: Steam Client
Language Settings

Although there is not a lot of settings for language, you can find a few through General Settings and Game Settings. To change the Steam clients' language, follow the steps below.

- Click "Steam" on the menu bar.
- Click "Settings" from the Steam drop down box.
- Click "Interface" on the left tabs in the settings window.
- At the top of the window, click on the drop down box labeled "English."

You should see a drop-down box with different languages. Click the language you want and then click "OK" at the bottom of the screen.

Now you should see that the Steam client have changed all text to the desired language.

Security Settings

Steam provides account security. This helps to protect your account from being stolen in various ways. There are a few options available to you. First you must navigate to General Settings. Follow the steps below to change account authorization options.

- Click "Steam" on the menu bar.
- Click "Settings" from the drop-down box.
- Click "Account" on the left tabs in the settings window.
- In the middle of the window, click "Manage Steam Guard Account Security."

This will take you to the Manage **Steam Guard** page. Here you have three options to choose from:

"Get Steam Guard codes from the Steam app on my Phone" option, which requires you to download the Steam Guard **Mobile Authenticator**. This is recommended for the highest level of wanted security.

"Get Steam guard codes by email" option, which then every time you login into Steam, Steam will send you an email with a code inside that you must copy to Steam, for authorization. This is standard level

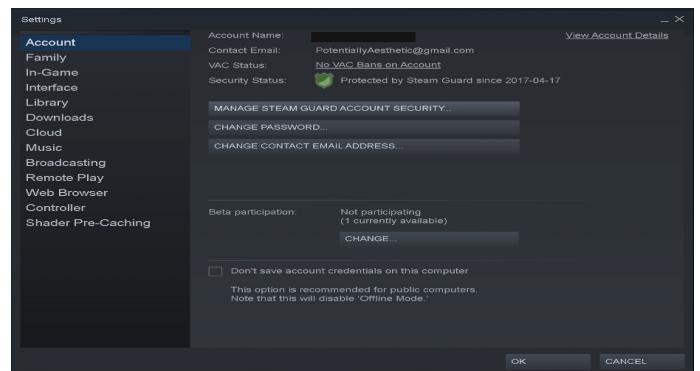


Figure 39: Security Settings

Frequently Asked Questions

Even though there is no FAQs page, the Steam Discussions page is where to find any information that you may need.

To navigate to the Steam Discussions page, click "Community" on the navigation ribbon and then click on the "Discussions" link.

This is the Steam Discussions page (See Figure 38). Steam Discussions are forums. Anyone can participate in the discussions, though there are some rules. The upper left of the Discussions page, under "Welcome to the Steam Discussions", are a couple of notes about the discussions. There is also discussion guidelines that you can view if you click on the "View Discussion Guidelines" link, located at the upper right of the Discussions page.



Figure 38: The Discussions page

If you are looking for something specific, you should use the search bar. Try breaking up what you need into keywords and use those keywords to search. You can also browse any of the Steam forums for the information you need.

For FAQs, you should visit the subforum "New to Steam." There is a pinned discussion, or forum, called "New to the Steam Community? Check this out!" This link will direct you to that forum (See Figure 39).

Here you will find a post that someone made that has a user made guide attached. For general usage questions, use this guide for help.

The Steam community has many members and contributors. The Steam Discussions are filled with information, not only from Steam developers, but from Steam users as well.

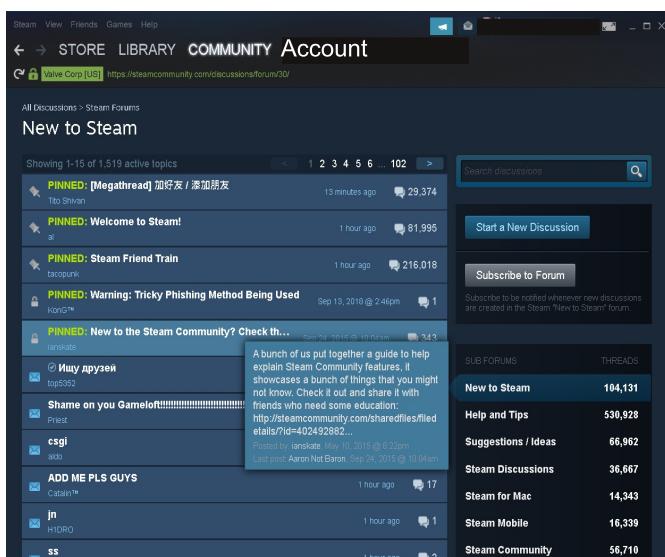


Figure 39: New to Steam Discussion

Glossary

Badges: A badge is an icon on your profile (and tied to your account) that represents the trading card sets you have collected or your participation in an event.

Big Picture Mode: A Steam feature that mimics the look of a console user interface.

Broadcasts: A signal being transmitted. Steam allows its' users to broadcast streaming video of games and software being played.

Discovery Queue: Automatic Steam game recommendations based on what you played or liked before.

Flame Wars: Harassing messages back and forth between users in discussions or forums.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ): A group of questions that are asked multiple times and become common.

Forums: Messages boards discussing various topics where users can post content.

Frames per Second (FPS): The number of frames, or pictures, per second shown on the screen.

Guest Passes: Acts like a three-day pass to play a game. Users can send each other guest passes to games that they want their friends to try.

Hubs: A certain focal point. Refers to a centralized section on a page.

Mobile Authenticator: An application on mobile phones used to verify one's identity.

Modification (Mod): A modification that changes aspects of a video game.

Navigation Ribbon: The main tool bar used in navigating the Steam client.

Operating System (OS): A computer's main software, in charge of completing tasks and providing a main user interface for the computer.

Secure Socket Layer (SSL): Security technology that incorporates encryption to satisfy server and client high security.

Servers: Are computers that provides data to other computers and has multiple purposes.

Steam: A video game service created by Valve.

Steam Client: The software program created to manage games and software, through Steam.

Steam Guard: Added level of security. When enabled, user must verify identity through email or mobile authentication.

Steam Overlay: Is a screen that appears over your active screen. It is mostly transparent and displays numbers and icons about current computer and game statistics

Steam Wallet Code: Like gift cards, redeemed for credit that can be used with Steam.

Threads: A grouping of posts in a forum.

User Interface (UI): A medium in which a user can control a computer, website, or program.

Wishlist: A collection of desirables. Refers here to a collection of games and software that is wanted.

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