# Purchasing and Downloading a Game on Steam

Buying and downloading games is the most basic use of Steam. All Steam users will want to find and install their favorite games so they can play them!

Finding and Purchasing a Game

1. Go to the "Featured" page on Steam (this should be where you start when you open the app)
2. Click into the search bar in the top right corner of the screen, then input the name of the game you are looking for.
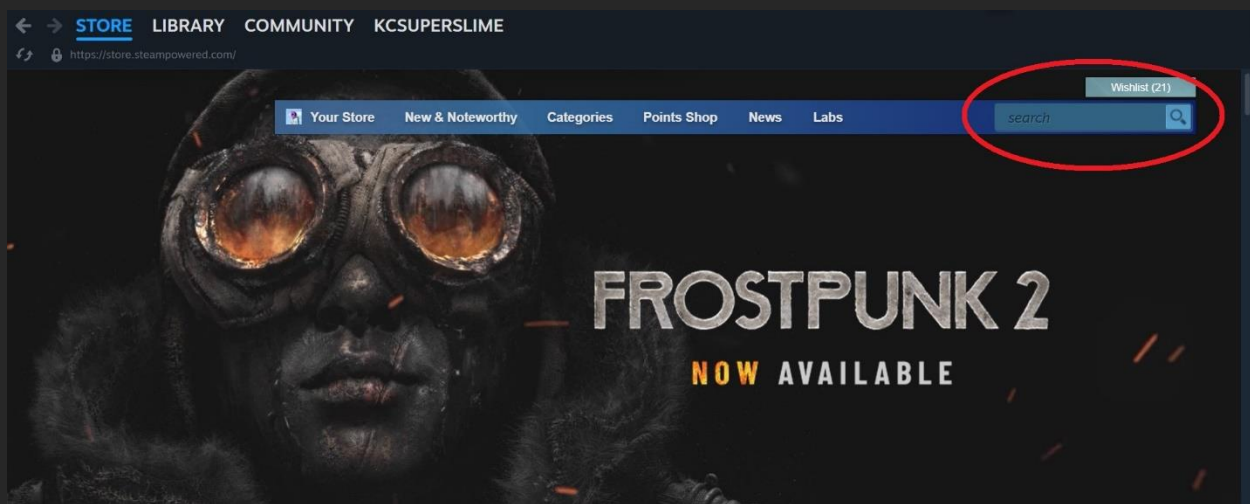
3. Then you are going to want to click the game when it shows up in the results. If it doesn't, you may need to edit the name you are searching, or press Enter and see more results.
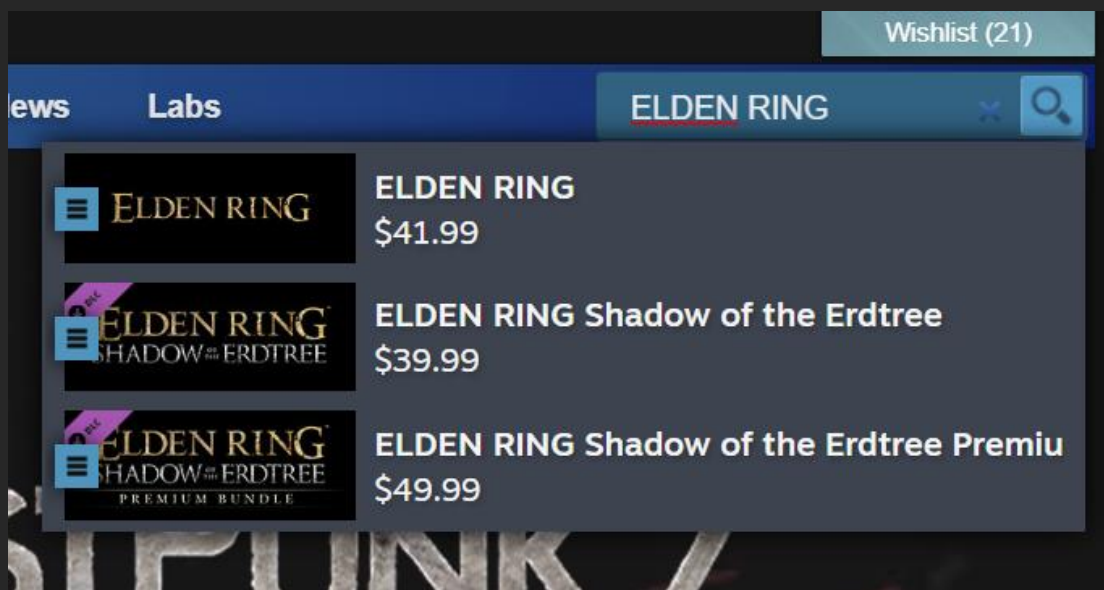
4. If the game is a mature game, you may need to input your date of birth in order to view the store page. Then click "View Page"

5. If you scroll down on the store page you will quickly see purchase options, which should look like this:

6. Press "Add to Cart", then proceed to input payment information accordingly, then press the "Purchase Button"
   a. I cannot safely show payment information for my own privacy, and the process is also vastly different depending on how you want to pay.

Installing Your New Game

1. Once you have purchased your new game, locate it in your library, then press the "Install" button on the game's library page.
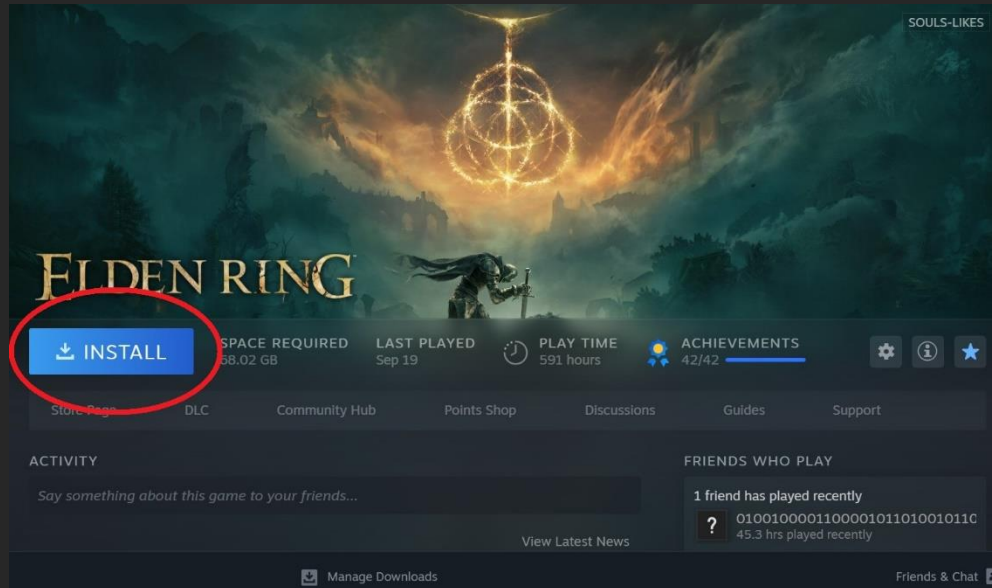
2. Pressing "Install" should pull up this window. From here, you can choose what types of shortcuts you want for the game at the top, what drive you want to download it to near the middle, then once you are ready press the new "Install" button at the bottom.
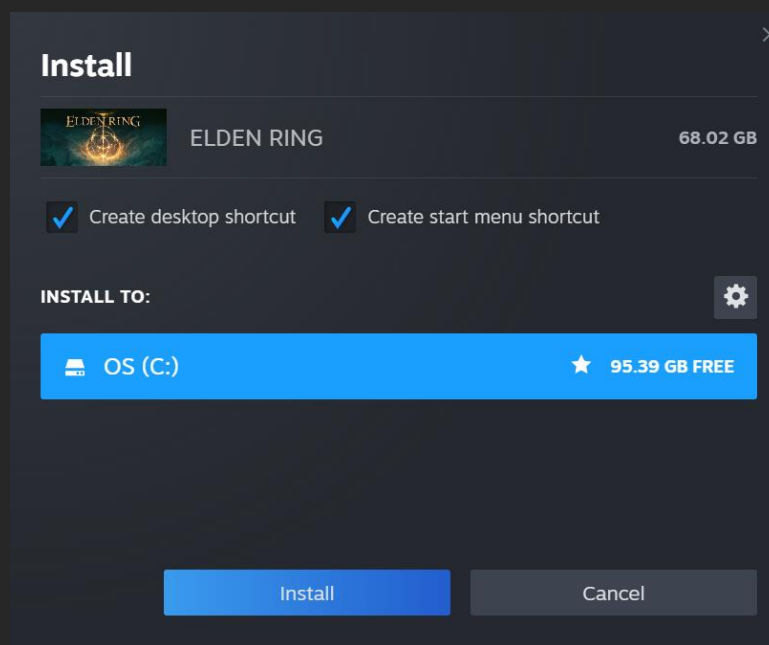
3. If a User Agreement comes up next, hit "Accept" to proceed. If you want to decline it, then you cannot access the game.
4. At this point, the game should start downloading! Depending on your steam settings, you may not be able to play games while the download proceeds, but

even if your settings allow for it, it should download faster if you leave it on its own.

5. Congratulations! Once your game finishes downloading and installing, you can enjoy your new video game purchase! Hit the green "Play" button that has replaced the "Install" button and enjoy!