Steam

By Valve Corporation

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Description

The Steam platform is one of the largest digital PC game distribution platforms . Meet new people, join groups, create clans, chat in the game and more! With over 100 million potential friends or enemies, the fun never ends. Steamworks is a set of tools and services that help game developers and publishers make the most of the distribution of games on the Steam platform - talk to friends or groups using text or voice without leaving Steam. It support movies, Tweets, GIFs and others are supported, - send your game live with a single click and share your game with friends or the rest of the community. The platform can be used even when we don't have access to the Internet - this is called offline mode. Although Steam has many functions, installation is easier than it might seem at first. Everything takes up a few minutes. The Steam search engine is easily accessible and has many options, so you can easily and easily find the title. The question remains how to pay for selected games. There are many options, including PaySafeCard, something like a pre-paid card or payment card. Also a user with an account on Paypal can pay for orders through him. The prices on Steam are expressed in Euro. Steam is also a place where smaller companies or even individuals can present their games to the community gathered around the platform . In 2012, Valve launched the Steam Greenlight program, where users rate creator suggestions. Players vote, and the best-rated designs have a chance to appear on Steam. After receiving the title "green light" projects go to Early Access, i.e. another Steam program, which allows the creators to simultaneously work on the work and accept prepayments for the game .

Review

Steam is a free video game digital distribution platform developed by Valve Corporation. Before implementing Steam, Valve Corporation had problems updating its online games, such as *Counter-Strike*; providing patches would result in most of the online user base disconnecting for several days. Valve decided to create a platform that would update games automatically and implement stronger anti-piracy and anti-cheat measures. Between 80,000–300,000 players participated in the beta client before its official release. Steam was launched in September 2003 as a way for Valve to provide automatic updates to their games, but eventually expanded to include non-Valve games from third-party publishers. Steam offers digital rights management (DRM), matchmaking servers, video streaming, and social networking services. It also provides the user with installation and automatic updating of games, and community features

such as friends lists and groups, cloud saving, and in-game voice and chat functionality. With nearly 30,000 games from AAA to indie and everything in-between. Users can enjoy exclusive deals, automatic game updates, and other great perks.

The software provides a freely available application programming interface (API) called Steamworks, which developers can use to integrate many of Steam's functions into their products, including matchmaking, in-game achievements, microtransactions, and support for user-created content through Steam Workshop. Though initially developed for use on Microsoft Windows operating systems, versions for macOS and Linux were later released. Mobile apps were later released for iOS, Android, and Windows Phone in the 2010s. The platform also offers a small selection of other content, such as design software, game soundtracks, anime, and films.

The Steam platform is the largest digital distribution platform for PCgaming, estimated in 2013 to have 75% of the market space. By 2017, users purchasing games through Steam totaled roughly US$4.3 billion, representing at least 18% of global PC game sales. By 2019, the service had over a billion registered accounts with 90 million monthly active users. The success of the Steam platform has led to the development of a line of Steam Machine microconsoles, which include the SteamOS operating system and Steam Controllers, and the Steam VR platform.

Worth mentioning is the Steam summer sale - a couple of weeks of extreme discounts, when a lot of popular games drop prices with up to 90%. An example is Borderlands: The Handsome Collection, which dropped from over 100 to 3 EUR.

✓ Pros	✗ Cons
• Many free games	• You have to pay for selected games
• Easy to use	• Games are assigned to the account
• Free installation	

Tips

1. Every now and then there are promotions for paid games
2. Join groups and meet new people to create a team with them

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