

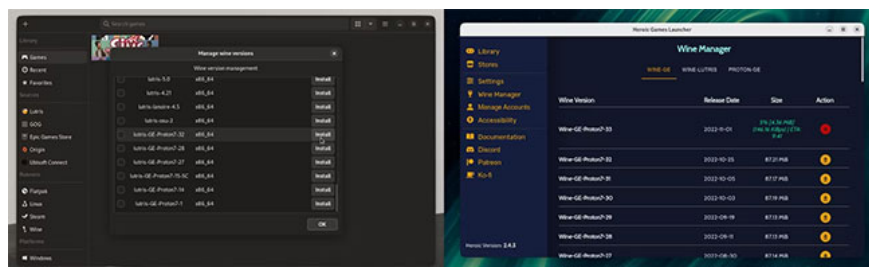
How to install and play GOG game on Linux

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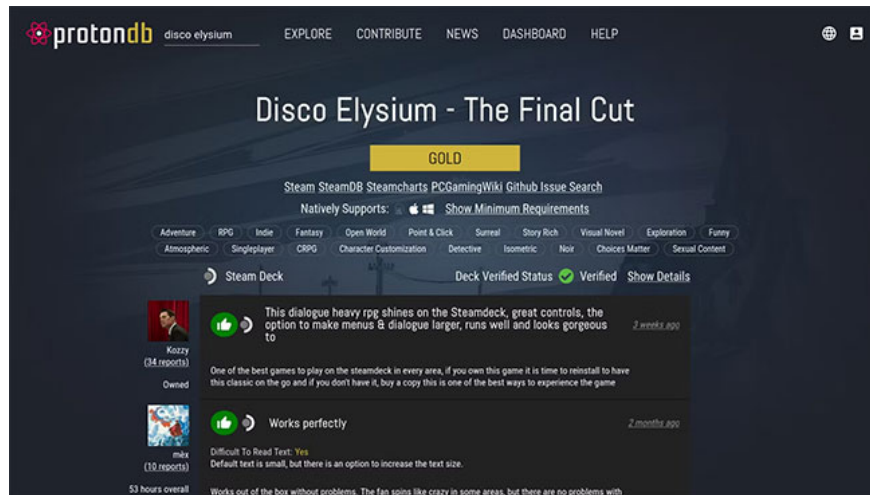
Thanks to Linux apps like Lutris and Heroic Games Launcher, you can install and play GOG games with ease.

How to get Linux to run Windows-based GOG games?



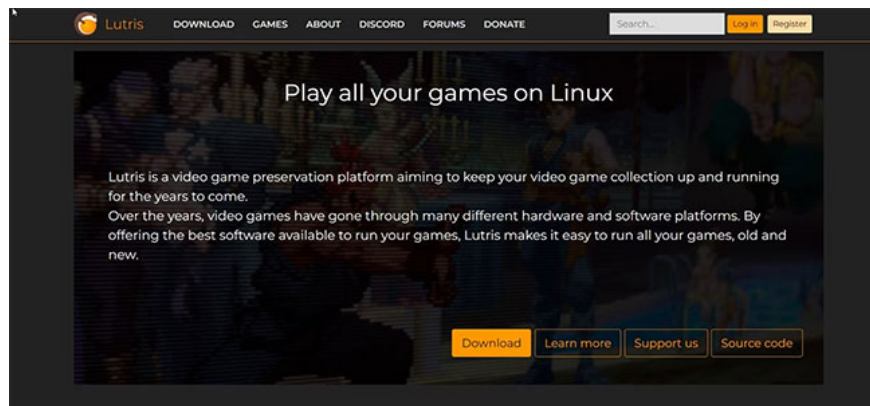
Playing GOG games on Linux is not as simple as double-clicking the game's EXE file like on Windows. Although there are some GOG games that have Linux versions, the majority are built for Windows. To play Windows-based PC games, Linux gamers use Wine, a compatibility layer that allows Linux users to run EXE files. They also use Valve's Proton, which is built to run Windows games.

Both Lutris and Heroic Games Launcher use Wine and Proton to run GOG Windows games on Linux. Both applications scan for new versions of Wine, Proton, and other similar community builds. With these applications, you will play your favorite games on Linux without much difficulty.



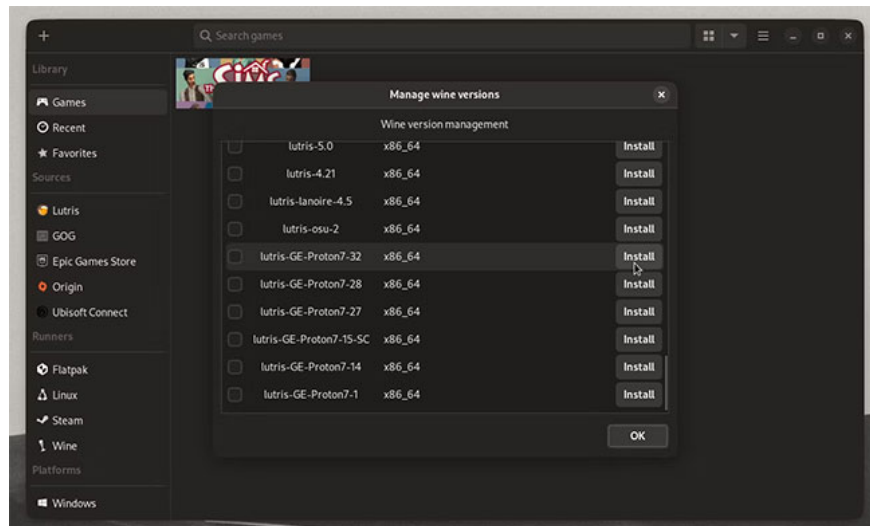
Just to be sure, gamers also use ProtonDB to test how well their games run on Linux. This is a useful site for finding the Wine version and configuration that works best for a particular game. Most (if not all) GOG games are available on ProtonDB's database.

Install GOG game via Lutris



Lutris is a gaming client that brings games built for Windows to the Linux desktop. Lutris imports your games from sources like Origin, Steam, Ubisoft Connect and GOG. It's convenient to gather all your game libraries into one app.

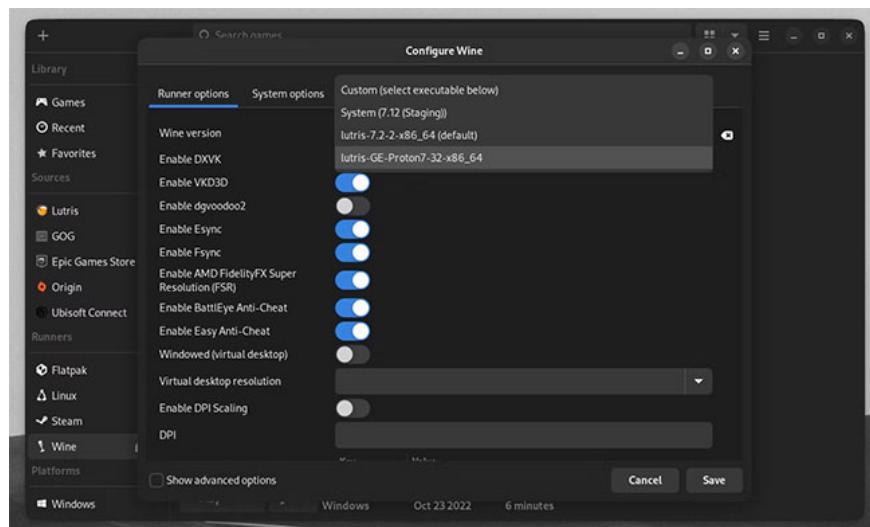
After installing Lutris, make sure you have an updated version of Wine.



To do this, hover over the **Wine** tab , listed under **Runners** in the sidebar. Click the open box-shaped **Manage Versions** button that appears. A window to manage Wine versions will appear.

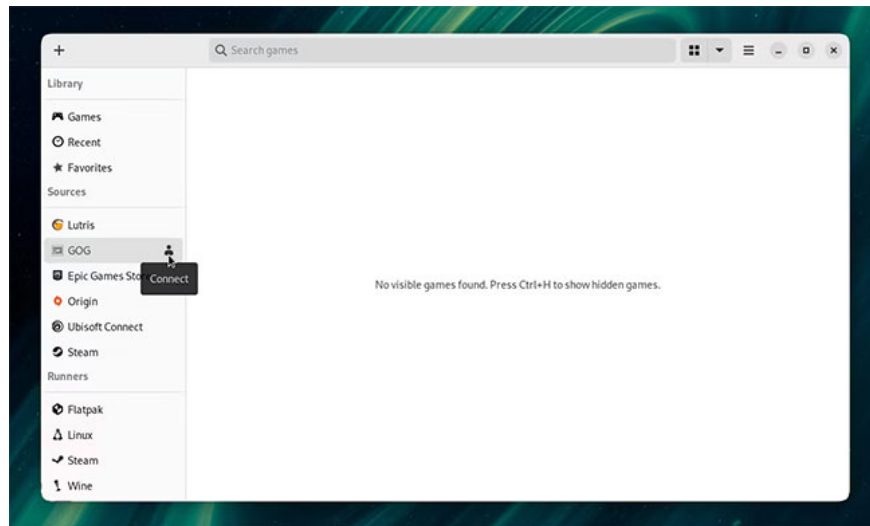
Lutris will automatically detect and display the latest versions of Wine. It will also expose other community-built compatibility layers like Wine GE.

Install your preferred compatibility layer and click **Ok** to continue.

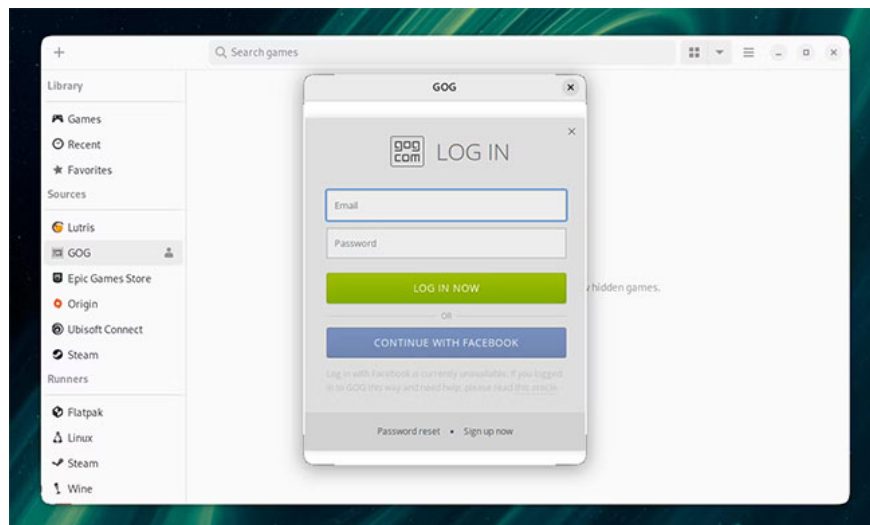


Next, hover over the **Wine** tab in the sidebar, then click the gear-shaped **Configure** button that appears.

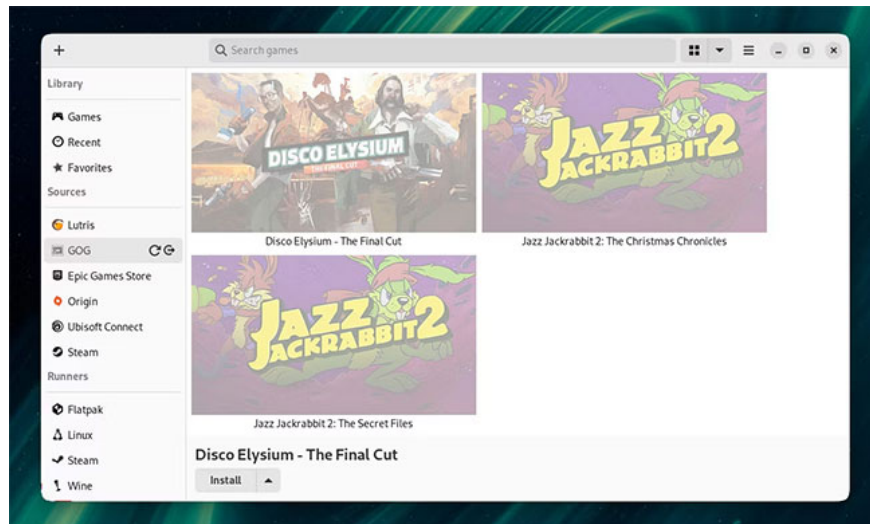
A Wine configuration window will appear. Click the drop-down box next to the Wine version, then select the compatibility layer you installed.



To connect the Lutris app to your GOG library, hover over the GOG tab in the sidebar. Click the humanoid **Connect** button that appears.

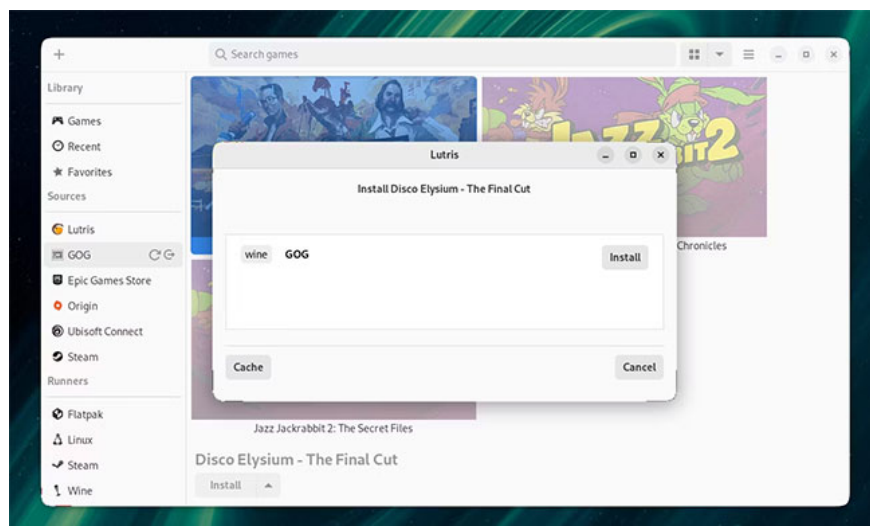


Clicking **Connect** will take you to the GOG login window. Enter your login information and click **Log In Now** .

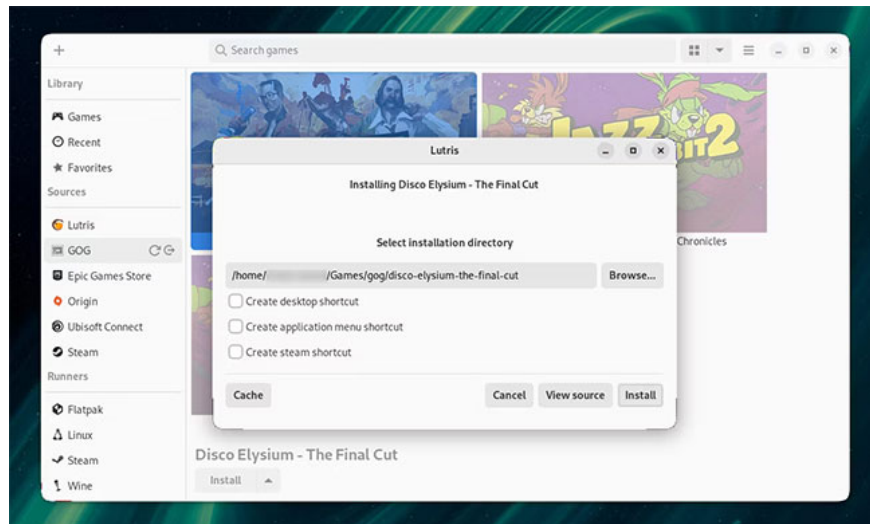


Once you've connected your GOG account to Lutris, your GOG game library will show up on the app. Because of Wine, you have the option to install both Linux and Windows-based GOG games through Lutris.

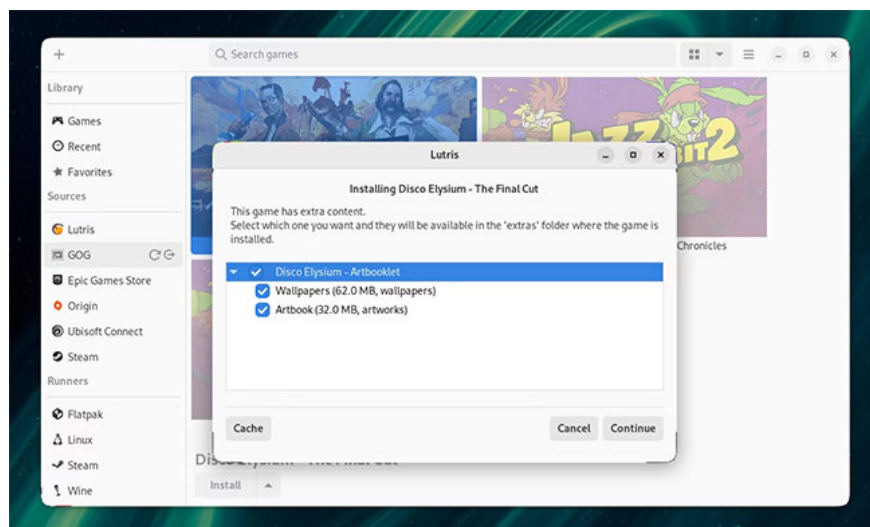
From here, double-click on the game of your choice to begin the installation.



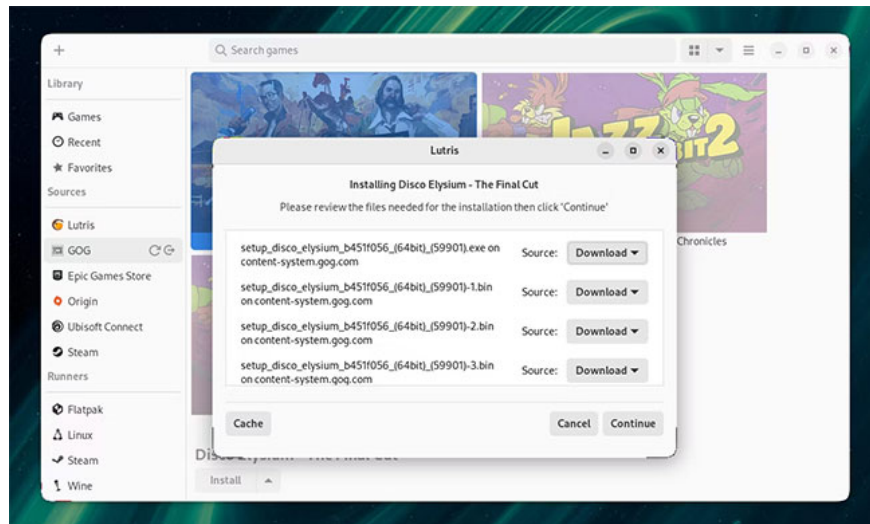
This window will display different methods of installing PC games on Linux. Click the **Install** button to continue.



Next, select the directory directory to install your game. By default, the folder will be placed in the **Games** folder under the Home folder . Click **Install** to continue.

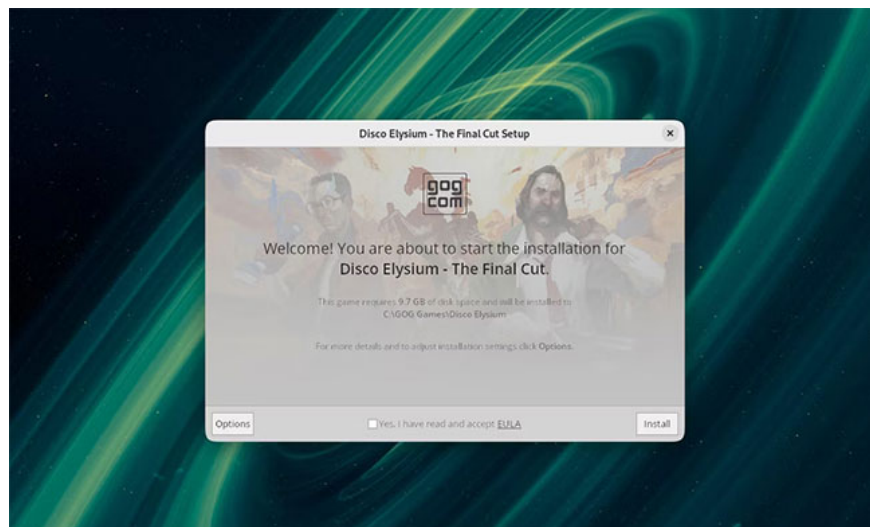


Your GOG game may come with additional content, such as wallpapers and game images. Lutris will detect any additional content and give you the option to download them. Click **Continue** to continue.

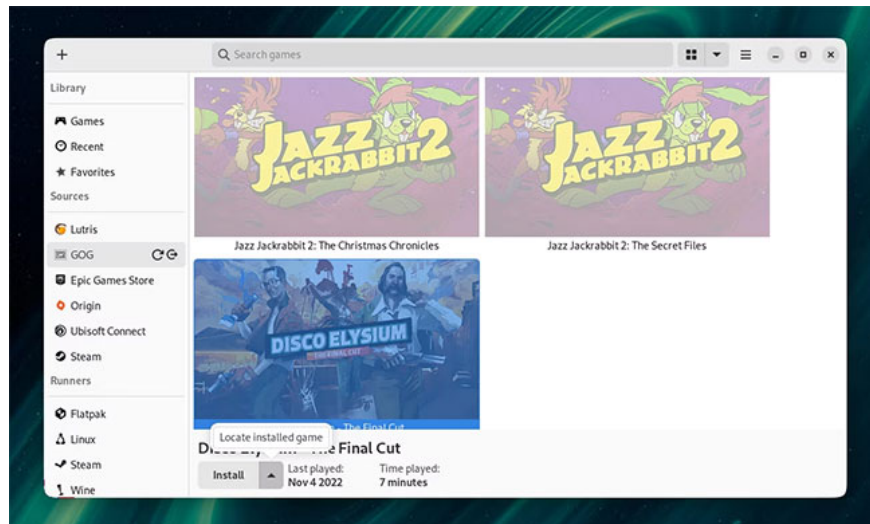


Next, Lutris will show you the installation files you need to download. Click **Continue** to start downloading the installation files.

If the game doesn't install successfully at first, having a cache of the installation files will be very helpful. Click **the Cache** button to set the directory to save the downloaded installation files. You can return to the cache of installation files if you need to reinstall the game.

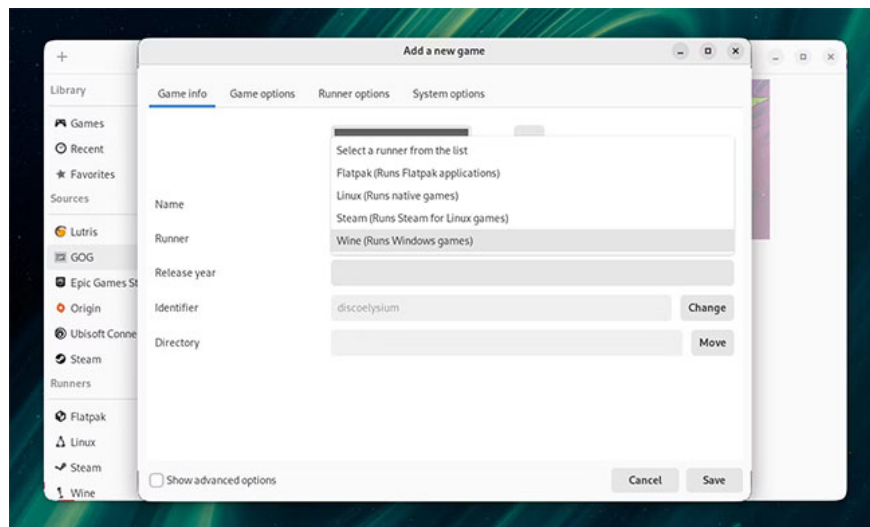


Once the installation files are downloaded, Lutris will open the GOG installer for the game. If you are installing a Windows-based game, Lutris can run Wine for the GOG installer. Like any other GOG game installer, you can proceed with installing your game from here.

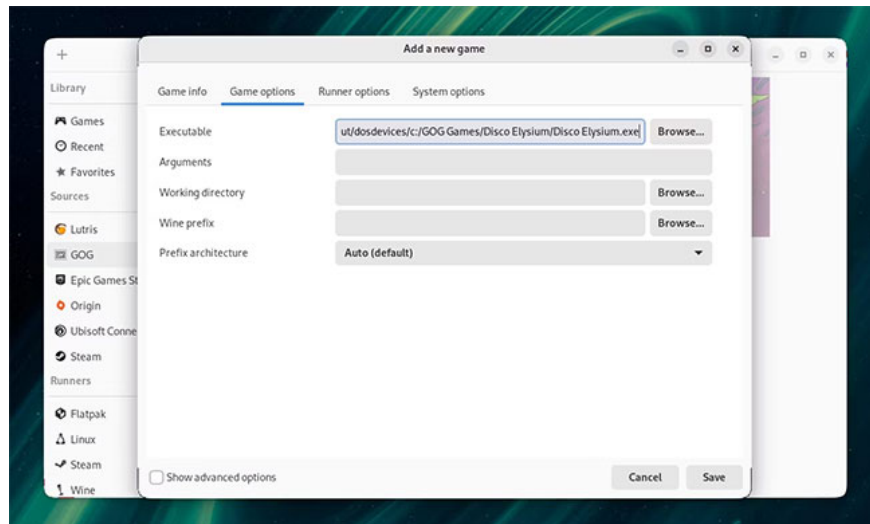


After you finish installing the GOG game through the installer, Lutris may not detect the installed game. Don't fret, because you can ask Lutris to detect the game manually.

To do this, click on the game you have installed, then click the drop-down arrow button next to the **Install** button . Finally, click **Locate installed game** .

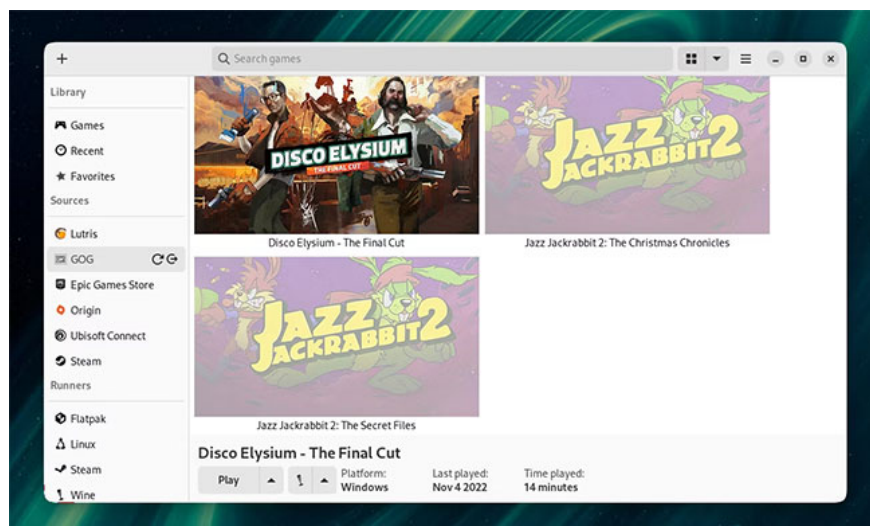


On the Add a new game window , click the **Runner** drop-down menu to select Wine or Linux, depending on the game.



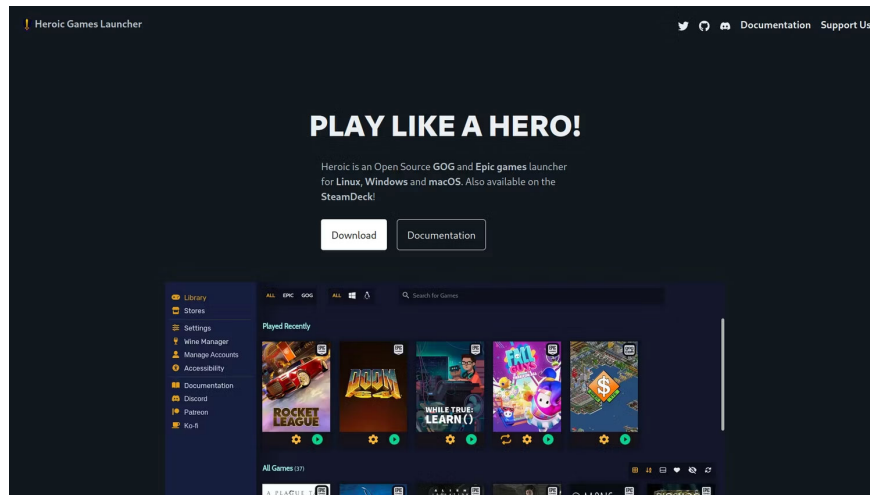
Next, click the **Game options** tab , then click **Browse** on the **Executable** row to select the game's EXE file. The EXE file will be in the `/dosdevices/c:/GOG Games/` folder .

You can also choose the version of Wine you want to run for your game in the **Runner options** tab .



With your GOG game installed on your Lutris, all that's left to do is press the **Play** button to start playing the game!

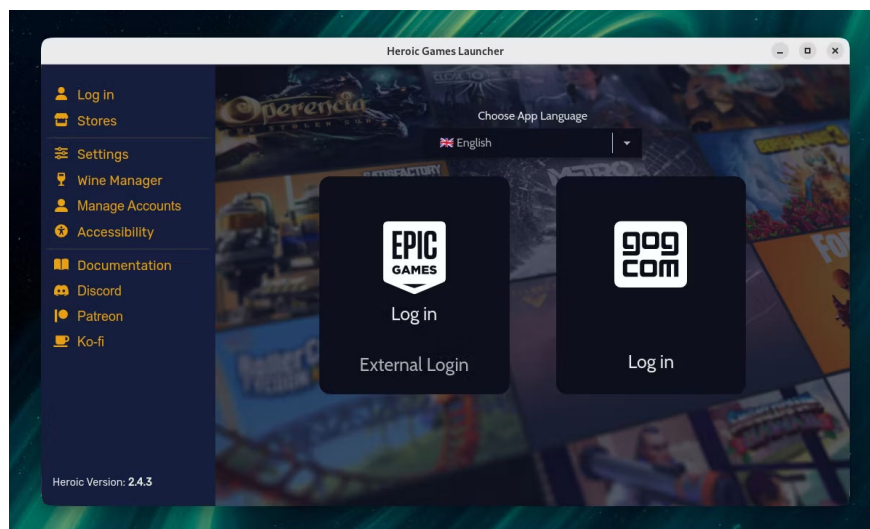
Install GOG games through Heroic Games Launcher



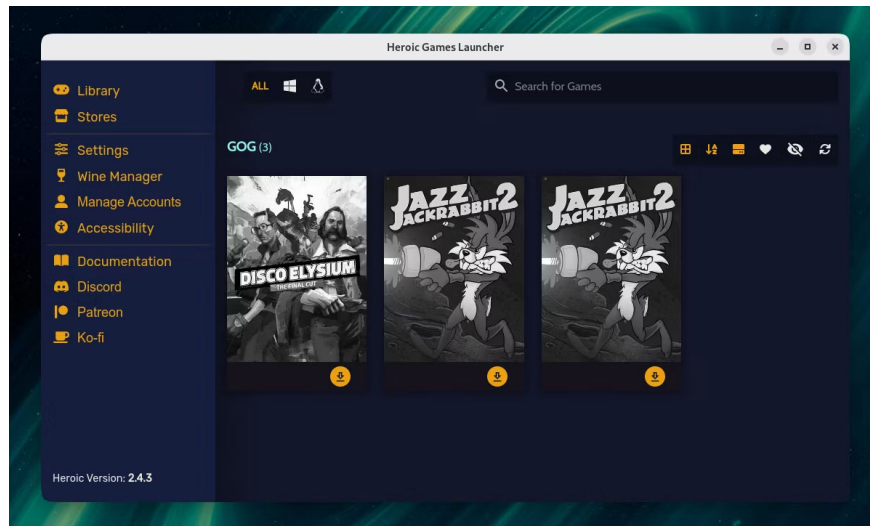
Heroic Games Launcher is a cross-platform game launcher for Epic Games and GOG games. As an open source alternative to Epic Games Launcher, Heroic allows users to install Epic Games and GOG games easily.

Unlike Lutris, Heroic automatically goes through the game installation process. With this app, you just need to click two buttons to install your favorite GOG games.

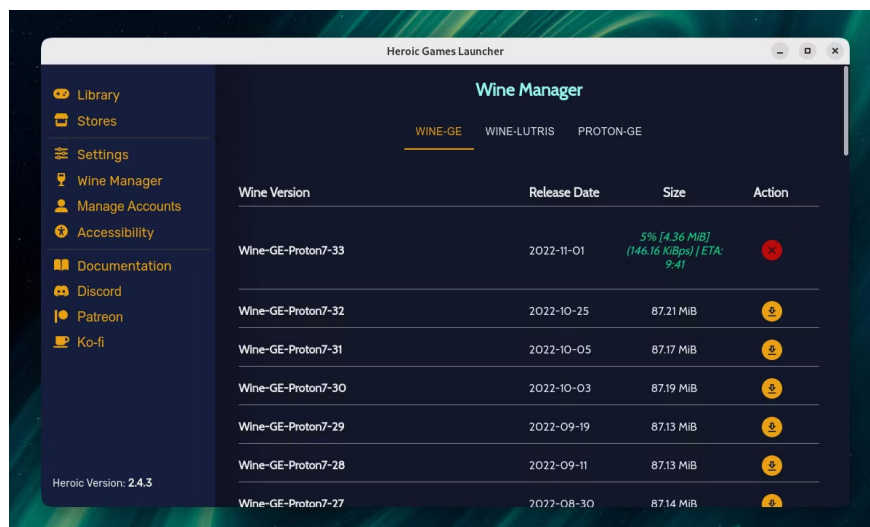
Download Heroic Games Launcher (Free)



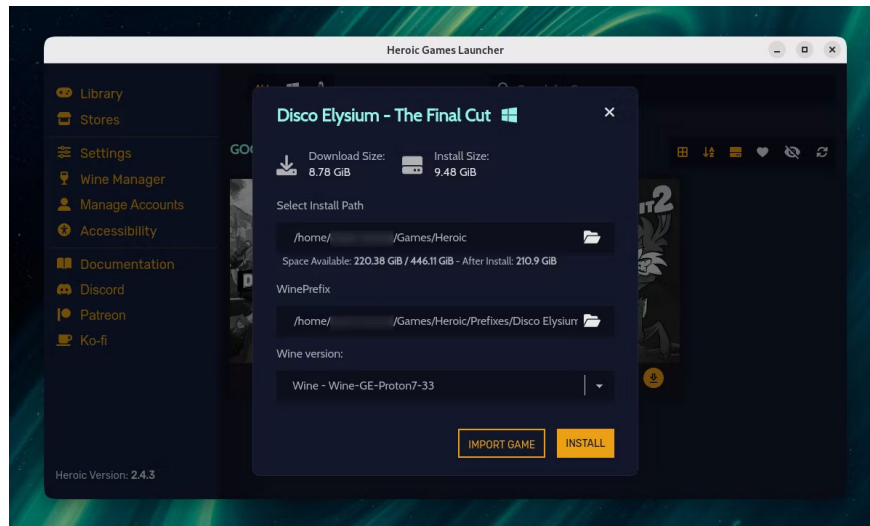
Once you have installed Heroic Games Launcher, you will need to log in to your GOG account to connect your GOG game library to the application. Click **Log in** under the GOG logo to perform the login process.



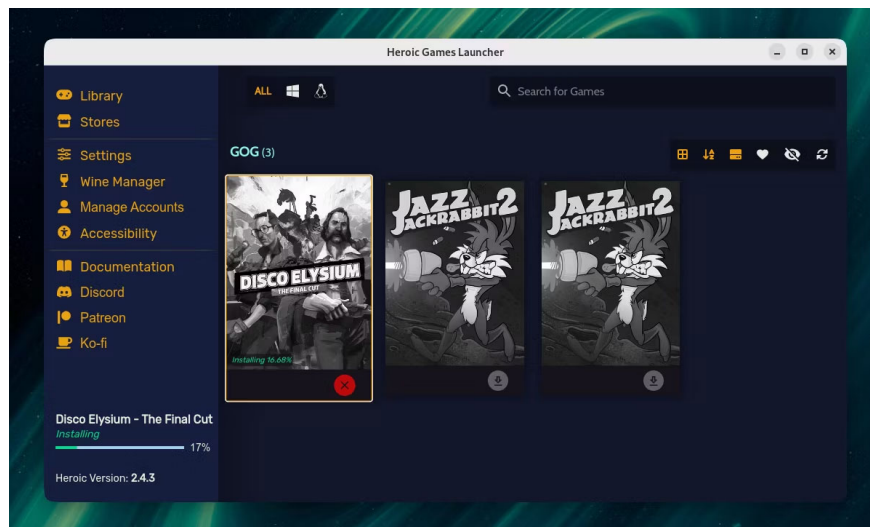
Once you've connected your GOG account to Heroic, your GOG game library will show up on the **Library** button in the sidebar.



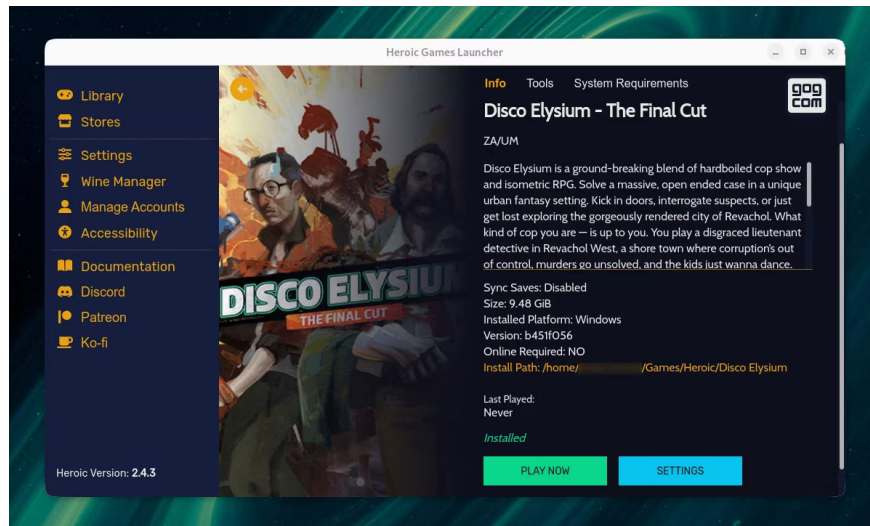
Before installing the GOG game, click on the **Wine Manager** option on the sidebar. Heroic automatically detects the latest Wine versions for Lutris, Proton GE and Wine GE. Download the Wine version of your choice, return to the **Library** window and click the **Download** button on the game of your choice to begin the installation.



If you are installing a Windows-based game, a pop-up window will prompt you to select the installation path, WinePrefix path, and Wine version for the game. The default paths in the game directory should work fine. Click **Install** to continue.



From here, all you need to do is wait. Heroic may take some time to download and install your game, depending on the size of the game.



After Heroic finishes installing the GOG game for you, you may have to restart the application for the changes to take effect. Once complete, your GOG game will be ready to play!

Which Linux application should I use to play GOG games?

Although both Lutris and Heroic Games Launcher are capable of playing Windows-based GOG games in Linux, they both have their own pros and cons.

Lutris gives gamers a lot of control when installing and running games. But it also complicates the process. Meanwhile, you can download GOG games on Heroic with just two buttons.

If you just want to sit down and play games, then you can choose Heroic. But if you want to fine-tune your system for the smoothest gaming experience possible, then Lutris is better suited for you.

Either way, both applications give users a great experience when gaming on Linux. GOG players can have a better time on Linux with the right compatibility layer, like Proton GE.

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