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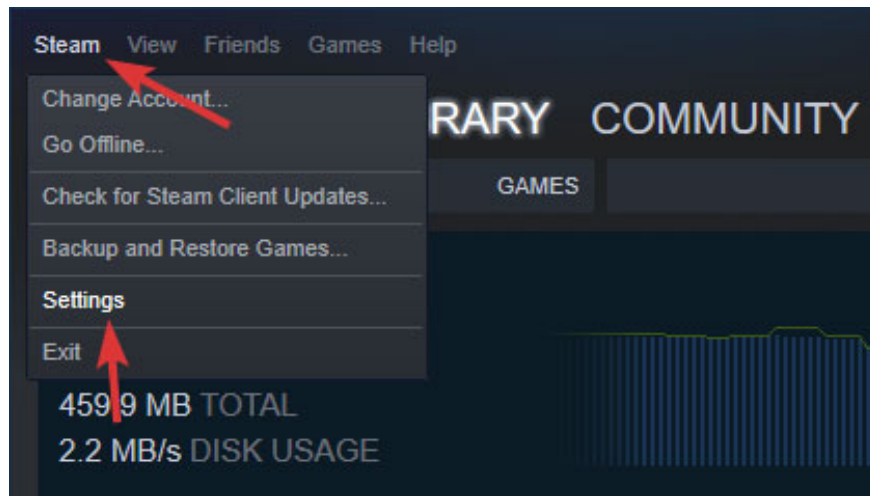
Steam is the most popular application for downloading games in Windows. The best thing about the Steam client is that it makes downloading, installing and managing games a lot easier.

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Steps to limit the download speed of Steam

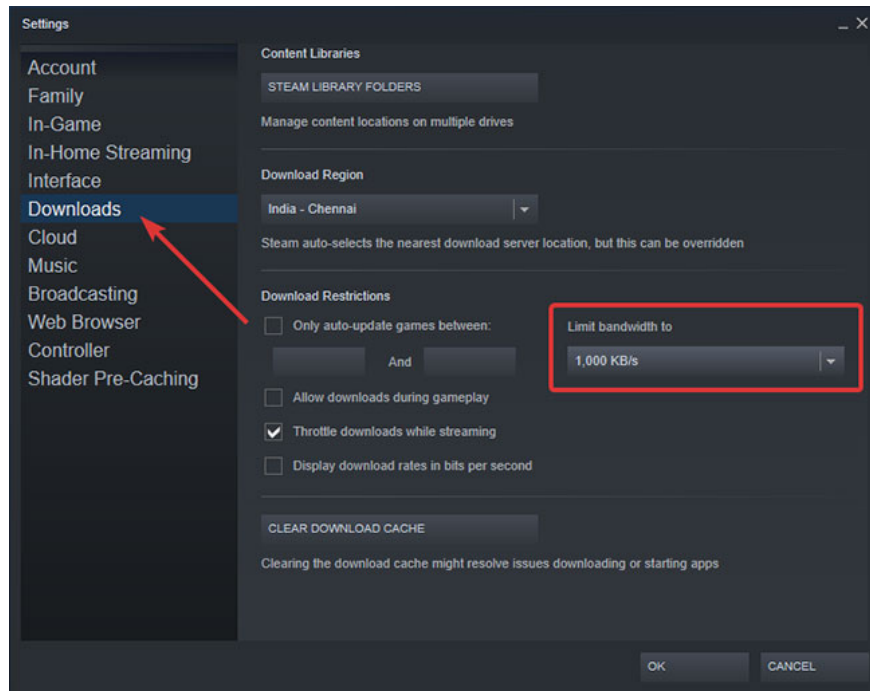
Here are the steps you should follow to limit the download speed of the Steam client.

1. Open the **Steam client**.
2. Go to **Steam> Settings** page .



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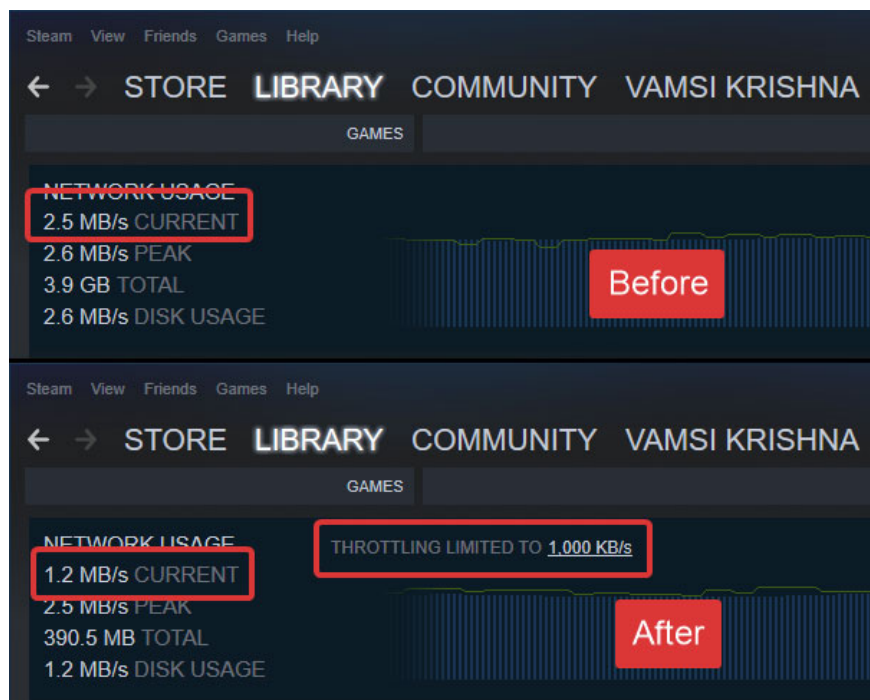
3. On the left panel, select the **Downloads** tab .
4. On the right panel, select the download speed from the **Limit bandwidth to** drop-down menu .



Select the download speed from the Limit bandwidth to drop-down menu to 5. Click **OK** to save the changes.

As soon as you choose the download speed and save changes, the Steam client will limit the download speed. You can see the speed adjustment immediately on the Steam download page.

The article has chosen to limit the Steam client to only use 10Mb / s, the effective download speed is 1MB / s and has an additional 10Mb / s bandwidth for other Internet activities such as web browsing and streaming.



Speed ??limit is changed

Delete download limits

To revert and remove the download limit in the Steam client, just follow the same steps as above but select **No limit** from the drop-down menu in step 4. Don't forget to save changes.

Find the real download and upload speed

All almost all Internet service providers (ISPs) advertise speeds at Kbps (Kilobits per second) or Mbps (Megabits per second).

To find the actual download and upload speed, you need to divide the advertised Internet speed by 8.

For example, if you have a 20Mbps connection, the effective download speed you get from your Internet service provider is $20/8 = 2.5$ Megabytes / sec (MBps).

The same example applies even if your speed is specified in Kbps. When dividing, you will get the effective speed in KBps.

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