

How to pin a Steam game in Windows 10

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Steam is a great service to buy and catalog all PC games. If you have your favorite games, you may want to pin them to the Windows 10 taskbar or somewhere else, like the desktop or the Start menu, for easy access.

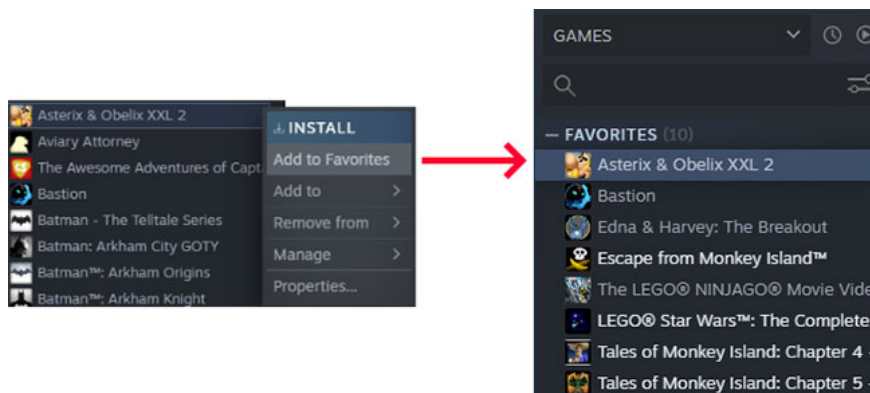
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1. How to pin a game in Steam

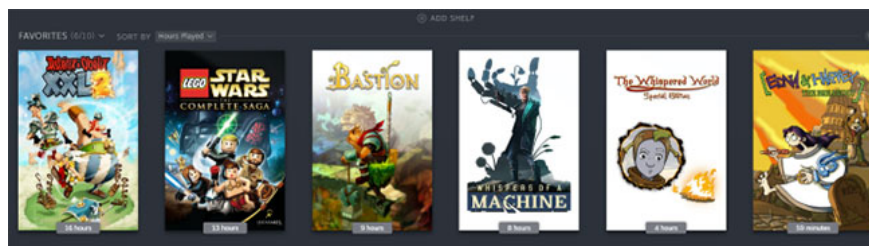
If you have a huge collection of Steam games, pinning games will be convenient, so you can find and play them quickly. The best way to do this in the Steam client is to use the **Favorites** feature .



Pin the game with the Favorites feature

Open **Steam** and switch to the **Library** section . A list of all games will appear on the left. Right-click on the game you want to pin and click on **Add to Favorites** .

This step will create a new category at the top called **Favorites**. You can add as many games as you like to this section. Alternatively, you can create custom categories in Steam, but the **Favorites** list will always appear at the top.

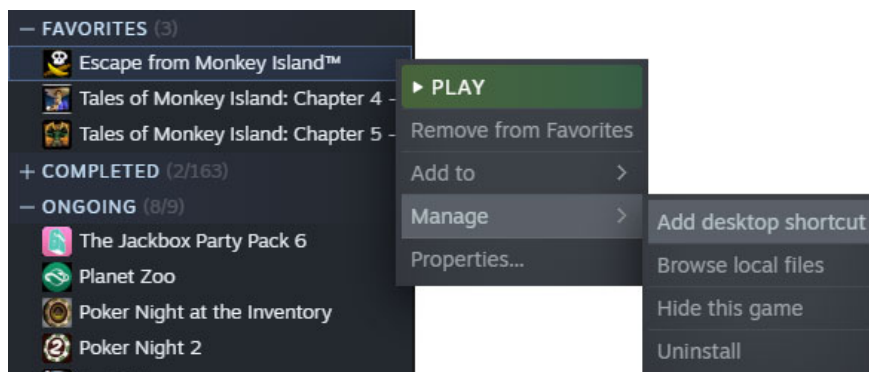


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2. How to pin a Steam game to the Windows 10 desktop

You can add shortcuts to Steam games directly on the Windows 10 desktop. The game will still open with Steam, but you don't have to load the client first.



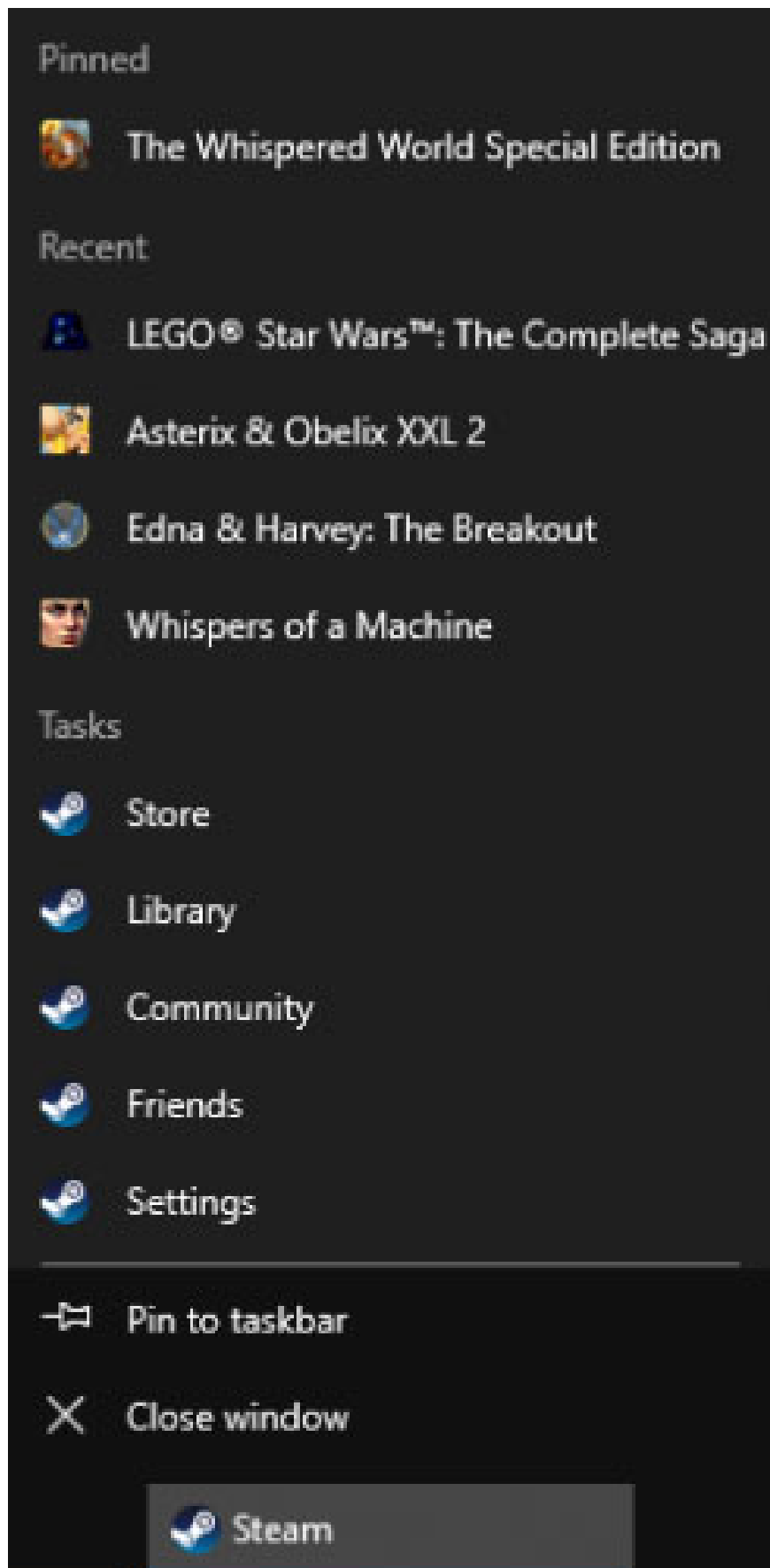
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To do this, open **Steam** and go to the **Library** section . Right-click on the game you want to place on the desktop and click **Manage> Add desktop shortcut** .

3. How to pin Steam games to the taskbar and Start menu of Windows 10

There are several ways to pin Steam games to the taskbar and Start menu in Windows 10. You can place the Steam client on the taskbar or the Start menu and pin the game to the context menu. Additionally, you can pin the game as a separate entity.

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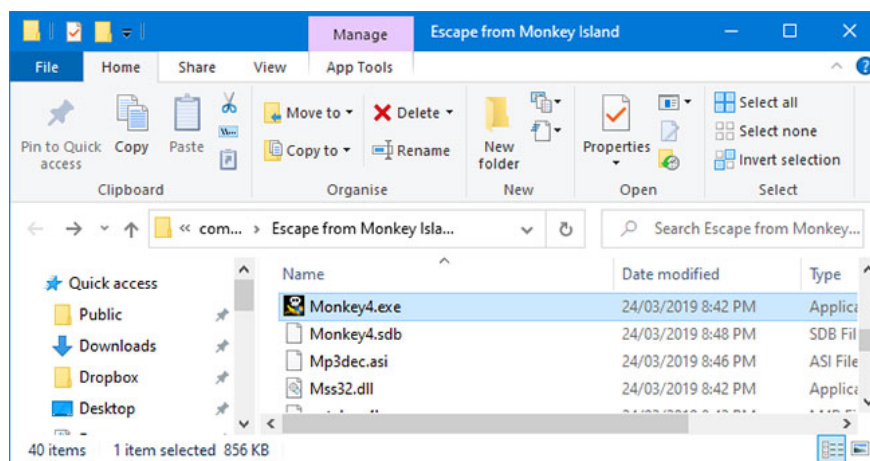
To pin a Steam client to the taskbar or Start menu, open **Start** and type **steam**. Steam application will be found. Right-click on the result and choose **Pin to taskbar** or **Pin to start** . Steam Shortcut will be added to the location you selected, you can click to launch Steam.

You can go one step further: Right-click on the Steam icon in the taskbar or Start menu and the context menu will open. Here, you can go straight to sections like **Store** or **Library**.

On top are 5 games that you have interacted recently. Hover over a game and a pin icon will appear. Click the pin icon if you want to permanently place that game in the new **Pinned** category at the top of the context menu.

If the game you want to pin isn't on the **Recent** list , there's no problem. You can launch it shortly for it to appear on the list. Also, for the taskbar alone, follow the instructions above to place the game shortcut on the desktop. Then, click and drag the icon onto the taskbar. It will be pinned to the Steam context menu.

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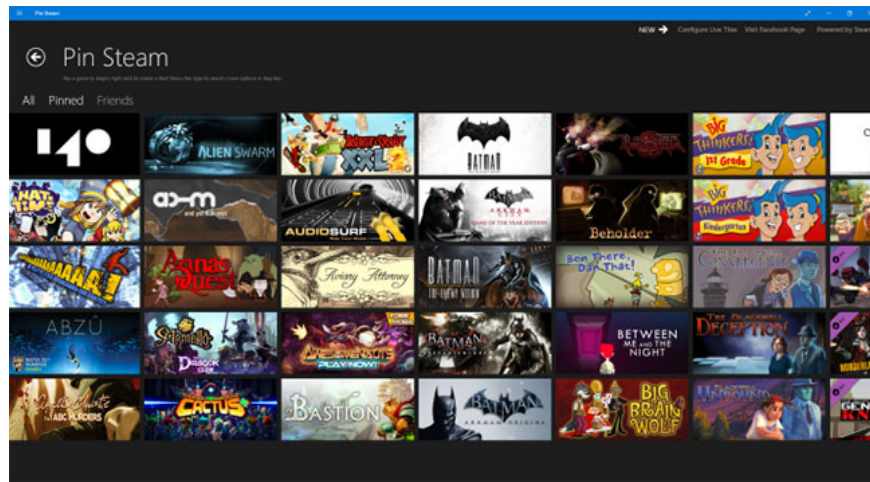
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You can individually pin a game to the taskbar or the Start menu. To do this, open **Steam** and go to the **Library** tab . Right-click the game you want to pin and select **Manage> Browse local files** .

This will open File Explorer and take you directly to the game's installation files. There will be an application file with the EXE extension. This is what is used to launch the game. If you can't find it, look in the subfolders.

Once you've located the EXE file, right-click the file and choose **Pin to taskbar** or **Pin to start** .

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For the Start menu, you can get more fancy looking tiles by using the free Microsoft Store app called Pin Steam. Simply download and launch the application. Then enter the custom section of the Steam profile URL when prompted. Your profile needs to be public for this to work.

If you don't have a custom URL or profile in private, you need to make a few adjustments. To do this, open **Steam**, hover over your username in the top menu, and click on **Profile**. Then click **Edit profile** on the right.

First, set the custom URL (**Custom URL**). Next, switch to the **My Privacy Settings** tab and set **Game details** to **Public**. You can set your profile to private after you have finished syncing with the Pin Steam app.

After you fully connect the Pin Steam application, it will display your games as a grid. Click the games you want to add to the Start menu one by one, then click **Quick Pin**.

Or, click **Create Tile** to customize the tile specific settings, like font color. When these tiles are on the Start menu, you can right-click and select **Resize** to resize them to small, medium or large.

The great thing about Pin Steam is that it creates live tiles, meaning that the tiles in the Start will show up when your friends are playing the game. You can also pin your friends as a tile in Start, if you want to follow them.

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