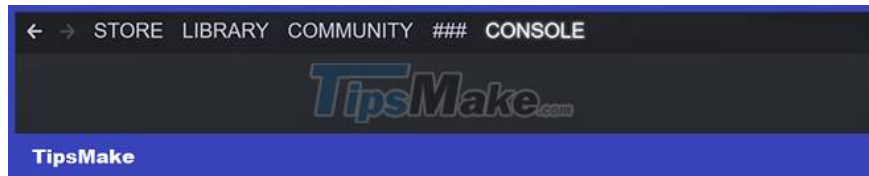


How to use Steam to download files from the Internet

Steam is a huge gaming platform and download manager for very powerful and fast games. Did you know that you can reuse Steam's download manager to download anything via a URL?

Let's learn how to use Steam to download files from the Internet through the following article!

Activate Steam Client Console

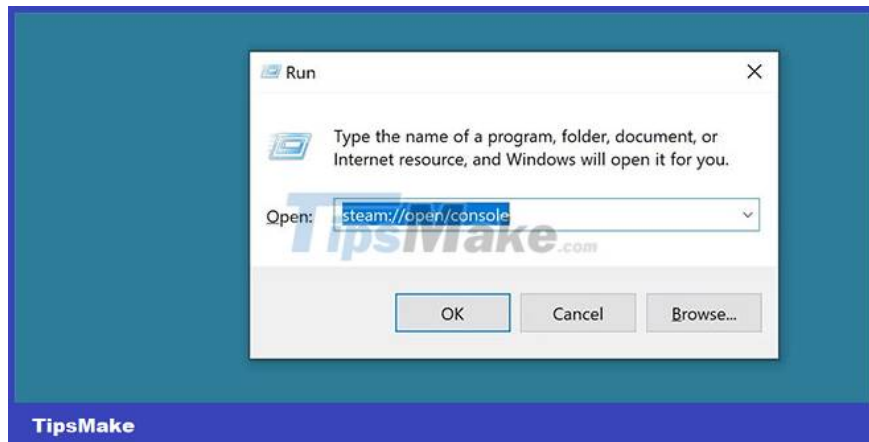


All of this is done through the Steam Client Console, an advanced developer function. The fastest way to access the Steam Client Console on a Windows machine is as follows.

First, press the **Win + R** buttons to bring up the Run program . Then, type the following text string and press **Enter** :

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steam://open/console
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If you have any problems with this method, check out TipsMake.com.com's guide on other ways to open the Run dialog box on Windows.



Steam will immediately open and a new tab will appear on the home screen, simply titled **Console**.

You can do a lot with this console, so be careful not to enter any commands that you are unsure of. We just do a relatively simple thing with it.

Using Steam Client Console



If you have a background in technology or even just modifying games, you will be familiar with the developer console.

A quick example of what you can do with the developer console on Steam is the **Open** command. Type **Open**, followed by the URL to any website. The article will use *google.com*.



The website will now open in Steam's web browser. However, you probably won't be using Steam to browse the Internet, so download something with it.

How to download files from any website using Steam



All you need to do from here is find a download link. This can be anything the browser can open and download.

Use the **Open** command from earlier, followed by a URL. The article will use Steam's own download URL for this example.

This will open the Save As dialog window and you can choose where to download the file.

Steam is not exactly designed to be used this way, so there is no progress bar for these custom downloads.

There aren't many cases where you'd want to download a file through Steam instead of a regular Internet browser. However, knowing how to download files using Steam can be useful in some cases. And now you have all the information you need.

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