

# Gaming on Linux: A guide for sane people with limited patience

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So, you want to play games on your Linux machine. Oh, boy. Batten down the hatches, because we're about to show you how to do some real computing. You ever compiled something, kid? You ever compiled something like we did back in the '90s?

You ever watched a man compile?

Oops, sorry if I frightened you. Truth is, Linux is getting more user-friendly every year, and if you've been paying attention to recent developments like Valve's beta test of Steam for Linux, you might be wondering if you still need Windows in order to reliably use your PC as a modern gaming platform. Here's the honest truth: You (probably) don't. It still depends a little on your hardware, but for the most part Linux is as robust a gaming platform as you could ask for. I know you've heard that kind of talk before, but we mean it this time.

To prove it, we're going to show you how to play modern PC games on a Linux PC no matter what kind of hardware you own.

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