

Flatpak

Flatpak is a portable software packager for native Linux software deployment. It has been designed to offer a sandbox environment in which users can run applications in isolation from the rest of the system. This means that Flatpak software can run on virtually any Linux distribution... including Batocera.

This is currently supported only for x86_64, as most Flatpak packages are only provided for Linux on the x86/x86_64 platform.

Although we aim to have all Flatpaks functioning, we can't guarantee 100% compatibility; audio tends to be a common issue. Report any issues you find to our Github/Discord server (check for duplicates first).

Common issues: no PS4 controller support, cannot install Flatpaks if using a NAS for your SAVES directory, audio is absent on some configurations, some games think the D-pad is eternally being pressed down on certain controllers, apps that depend on opening the file browser crash upon doing so, etc.

If you still want to use a NAS for the rest of your systems' saves, Flatpaks can still be installed to internal storage as a workaround.

Steam now has its own dedicated page!

This system scrapes metadata for the “flatpak” group and loads the `flatpak` set from the currently selected theme, if available.

Grouped with the “ports” group of systems.

Quick reference

- **Emulator:** Flatpak
- **Folder:** `/userdata/roms/flatpak`
- **Accepted ROM formats:** `.flatpak`

Application files

Unlike with most systems, Flatpaks aren't actually installed to its ROM folder at `/userdata/roms/flatpak`. No no, here only the shortcuts to them are stored. The actual Flatpaks themselves are installed to the SAVEs folder at `/userdata/saves/flatpak`.

How to install a Flatpak

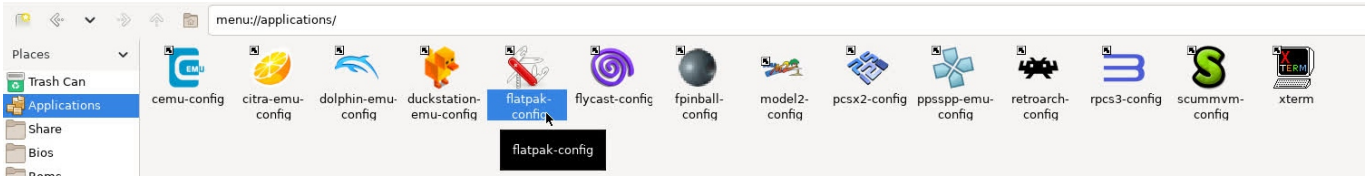
Using flatpak-config

On Batocera **v31**, if this is your first time using Flatpak on the system, you'll have to add the repository first. One of the most popular is the Flathub repo. To do that, first connect to your Batocera via SSH or use xterm (`[F1]` on system list → **Applications**) and run the following command (while connected to the internet):

```
flatpak remote-add --if-not-exists flathub
https://flathub.org/repo/flathub.flatpakrepo
```

Batocera **v32** and higher already have this set as the default repository.

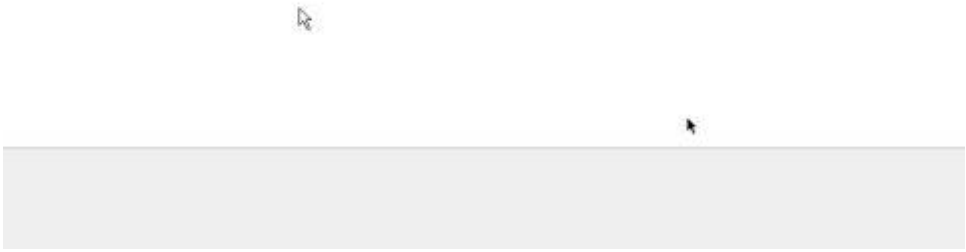
In Batocera **v32** and higher, you can then launch `flatpak-config` from the file manager (`[F1]` → Applications) to search for and install Flatpaks.





Two cursors on-screen?

> There's a bug affecting **v32** where two cursors are displayed. The one you're controlling is the white one. This has since been fixed.



This is also where you would upgrade your packages in the future.

Using the terminal/SSH

First of all, you need to connect to Batocera through SSH.

Then, you need to add your Flatpak remote repo to the system. One of the most popular is the Flathub repo.

```
 flatpak remote-add --if-not-exists flathub
https://flathub.org/repo/flathub.flatpakrepo
```

Once your repo is added, you can search for the software you want to install. In our example here, we are going to install Steam. So, let's search for it:

```
flatpak search Steam
```

```
 Name               Description                                Application ID
Version       Branch Remotes
 Steam              Manage and play games distributed by Ste?
com.valvesoftware.Steam          1.0.0.70      stable flathub
 Boxtron            Compatibility tool to run DOS games on S?
?Steam.CompatibilityTool.Boxtron               stable flathub
 vkBasalt           A Vulkan post processing layer for Linux
?software.Steam.Utility.vkBasalt 0.3.2.4       stable flathub
 protontricks       A simple wrapper that does winetricks th?
?ware.Steam.Utility.protontricks 1.5.2         stable flathu
 (...)
```

The piece of software we want to install, Valve's Steam client, is the first one. It can be installed with:

```
flatpak install com.valvesoftware.Steam
```

```
 Looking for matches?
 Found similar ref(s) for ?com.valvesoftware.Steam? in remote ?flathub?
(system).
 Use this remote? [Y/n]: Y
 Required runtime for com.valvesoftware.Steam/x86_64/stable
(runtime/org.freedesktop.Platform/x86_64/20.08) found in remote flathub
 Do you want to install it? [Y/n]: Y

 com.valvesoftware.Steam permissions:
   ipc                              network                 pulseaudio
wayland
   x11                              devices                 bluetooth
devel
   multiarch                        per-app-dev-shm         file access [1]
dbus access [2]
   system dbus access [3]           tags [4]
  [1] xdg-music:ro, xdg-pictures:ro, xdg-
run/app/com.discordapp.Discord:create
  [2] org.freedesktop.Notifications, org.freedesktop.PowerManagement,
org.freedesktop.ScreenSaver,
      org.gnome.SettingsDaemon.MediaKeys, org.kde.StatusNotifierWatcher
  [3] org.freedesktop.UDisks2, org.freedesktop.UPower
  [4] proprietary
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flathub          < 152.6?MB
 2.     org.freedesktop.Platform.GL.default         20.08           i
flathub          < 106.4?MB
 3.     org.freedesktop.Platform.GL32.default       20.08           i
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flathub          < 322.2?MB
 5.     org.freedesktop.Platform.VAAPI.Intel          20.08           i
flathub           < 11.6?MB
 6.     org.freedesktop.Platform.openh264             2.0             i
flathub            < 1.5?MB
 7.     org.freedesktop.Platform                      20.08           i
flathub          < 268.1?MB
 8.     com.valvesoftware.Steam                       stable          i
flathub           < 13.5?MB

 Proceed with these changes to the system installation? [Y/n]

        ID                                            Branch          Op
Remote           Download
 1. [?] org.freedesktop.Platform.Compat.i386          20.08           i
flathub          140.4?MB / 152.6?MB
 2. [?] org.freedesktop.Platform.GL.default           20.08           i
flathub          105.8?MB / 106.4?MB
 3. [?] org.freedesktop.Platform.GL32.default         20.08           i
flathub          113.8?MB / 114.1?MB
 4. [?] org.freedesktop.Platform.Locale               20.08           i
flathub          140.6?MB / 322.2?MB
 5. [?] org.freedesktop.Platform.VAAPI.Intel          20.08           i
flathub           11.5?MB / 11.6?MB
 6. [?] org.freedesktop.Platform.openh264             2.0             i
flathub            1.5?MB / 1.5?MB
 7. [?] org.freedesktop.Platform                      20.08           i
flathub          222.5?MB / 268.1?MB
 8. [?] com.valvesoftware.Steam                       stable          i
flathub           12.3?MB / 13.5?MB

 Installation complete.
```

Now, the Flatpak package is installed, but you need to tell Batocera to show it up in the EmulationStation menu (under **Ports**):

```
batocera-flatpak-update
```

```
adding Steam
updating permissions on files.
```

Manually placing the files

Let's say you've got yourself a fine and dandy Flatpak package in its physical folder form and you want to tell Batocera to just use that instead of searching for it in a repository. This is simple:

1. Move the folder containing your Flatpak package to `roms/flatpak/`
2. Then just run `flatpak install <name of package>`

So for example if I had `emby-theater-snap_3.0.15_amd64`, I would move it to `roms/flatpak/emby-theater-snap_3.0.15_amd64` and then run:

```
flatpak install emby-theater-snap_3.0.15_amd64.snap
```

Updating Flatpak packages

Note: Flatpak is an isolated environment by default unless you are configuring it otherwise manually. Therefore you can always safely update any flatpak packages without having to worry your Batocera system will be affected in any way other than flatpak package installations. All packages appearing in the *flatpak-config* update list are only part of existing flatpak package installations on your system and will only affect those. However, keep in mind, that updating those packages *could* affect an existing flatpak package installation in a negative way but this is very unlikely. Generally said, it is safe for existing flatpak package installations to install any of those updates.

Updating Flatpak packages is simple: open `flatpak-config` and click **Upgrade**. All applicable packages will be updated to their latest version. You may be asked to reboot.

Alternatively, this can be done by running the following command via SSH:

```
flatpak update
```

Type in Y and hit `[Enter]`.

Uninstalling Flatpak packages

☹ A sometimes necessary evil.

You can use the same `flatpak-config` tool to remove them or run the command:

```
flatpak uninstall <name-of-package-here>
```

Don't worry about spelling the package's name precisely, Flatpak will search your system for matching results and ask you if it's the correct one to uninstall first.

Unfortunately, for now at least, the `.flatpak` file from the `/userdata/roms/` directory must be removed manually in order to remove the entry from your game list too.

Cleaning unused Flatpak packages

This command used to be buggy on **v32** and below, it is not advised to use it on older Batocera versions. Link to the related issue report.

So you've been using Flatpak packages for a while now, you may have noticed that some applications need to install “runtimes” and other libraries to function. It's safe to leave these packages, and even multiple versions of the same package even, on a system after you no longer need the package that initially installed it. However over time they can take up quite some space, especially if you've been installing and uninstalling games as you play through them.

So you could uninstall these packages one by one, but that would take an inordinate amount of time especially if you have to shift through which packages are *really* no longer required and which ones are. There's a simple command you can run instead to do all that for you:

```
flatpak uninstall --unused
```

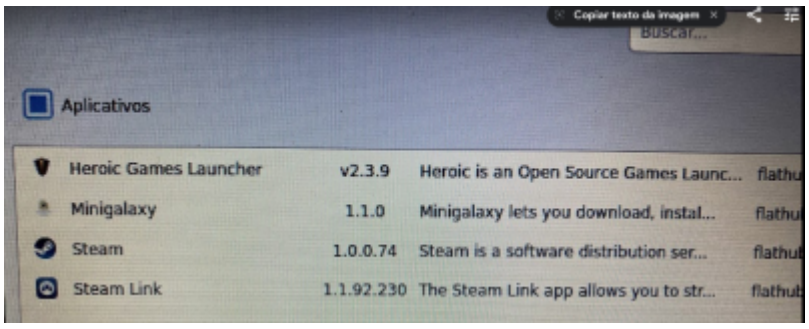
Heroic Games Launcher (Epic Games store)

Heroic Games Launcher is an open-source launcher available on Flathub which supports launching games from the Epic Games Store using Legendary and GOG Games. Unfortunately this launcher is not as fully integrated into Batocera as Steam is so some manual work is required.

Install

If you already have the Heroic Launcher Flatpak package installed, it will conflict. Uninstall it first.

Search for “Heroic Games Launcher” and install it.



To do so from SSH:

```
flatpak install com.heroicgameslauncher.hgl
batocera-flatpak-update
```

Launch Heroic Games Launcher

The Heroic Games Launcher Flatpak is bugged and will not launch correctly using the default flags. You **must** launch via SSH using the following command:

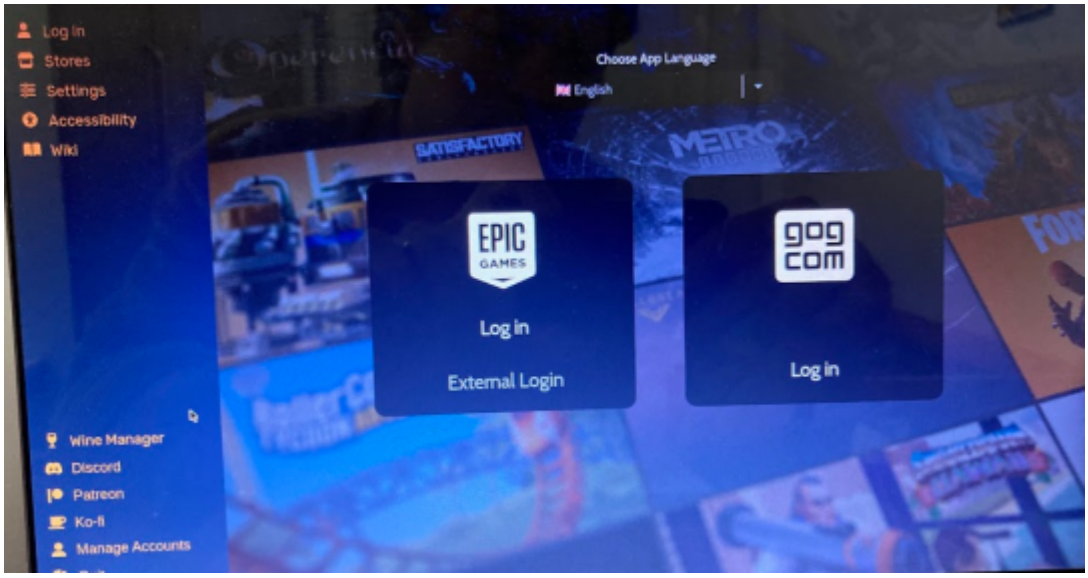
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flatpak run com.heroicgameslauncher.hgl --no-sandbox
```



This may be worked around in the future. As alternative you can create a .sh launcher at ports system: add launcher at ports section

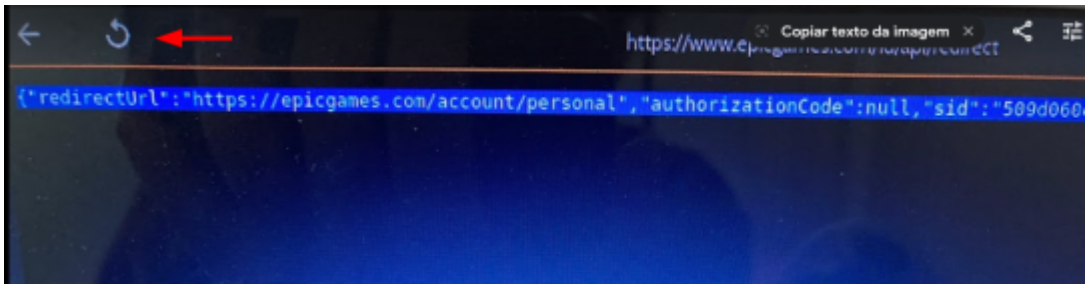
Login

Heroic Games Launcher will offer two services to login to. Log in to the appropriate one (or select **Manage Accounts**):

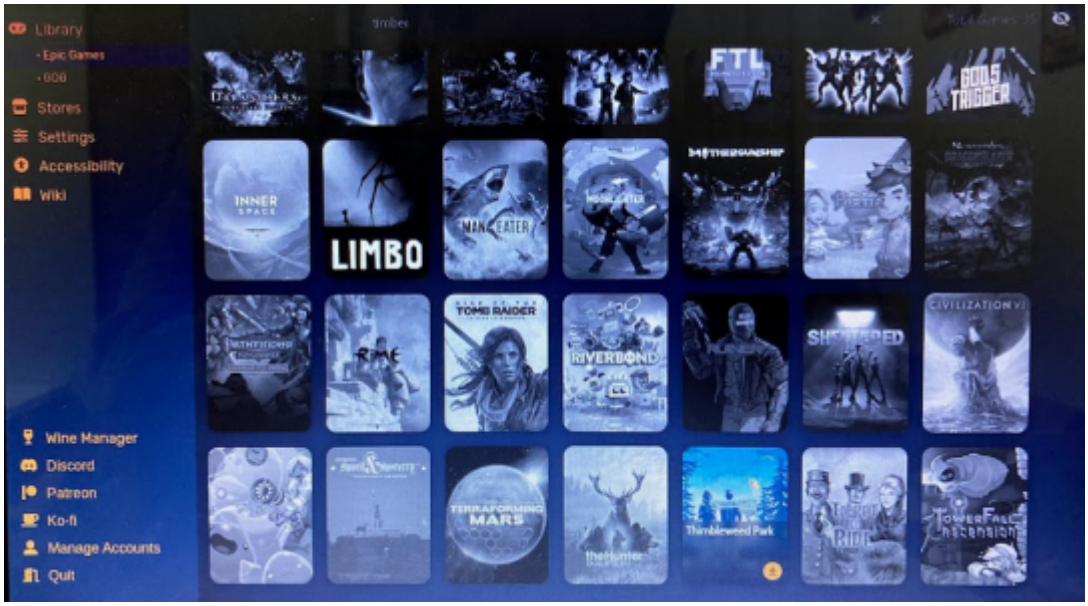


As alternative for Epic Store login, the External Login is available, this way you have to inform your Epic Store Account SID to log in properly.

If the log in fails, press the reload symbol at the top of the launcher window to try again.

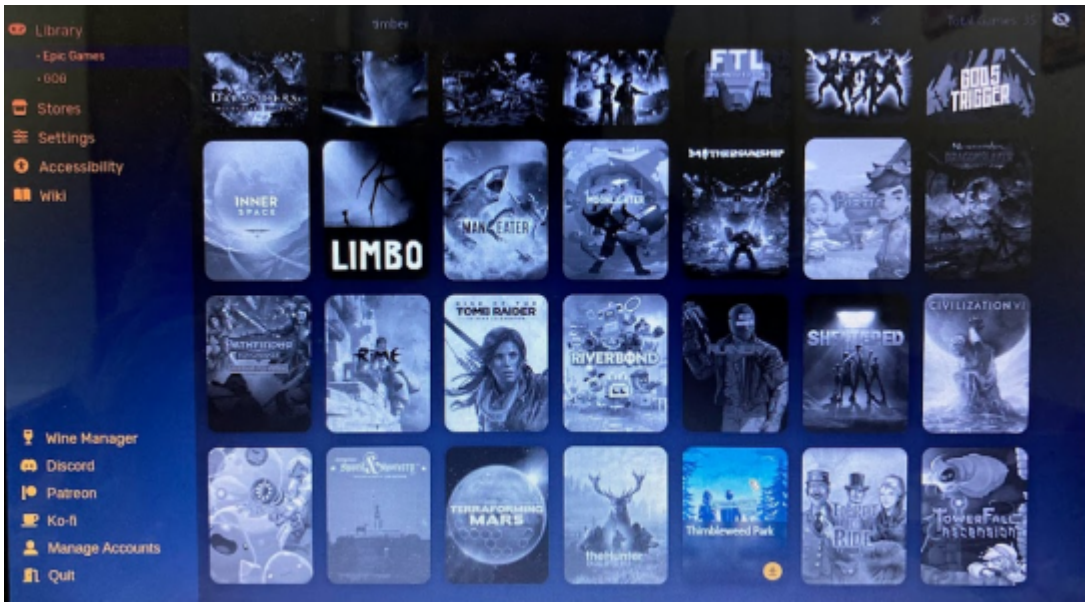


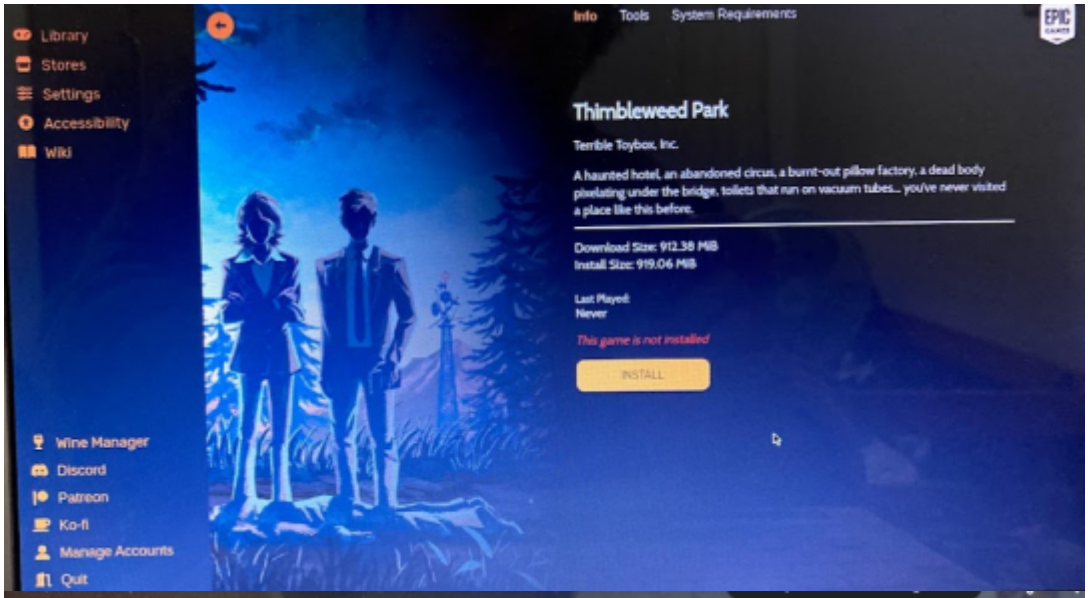
Your games will appear in the **Library** split between **Epic Games** and **GOG**. It could take a while to download all games' information and boxart.

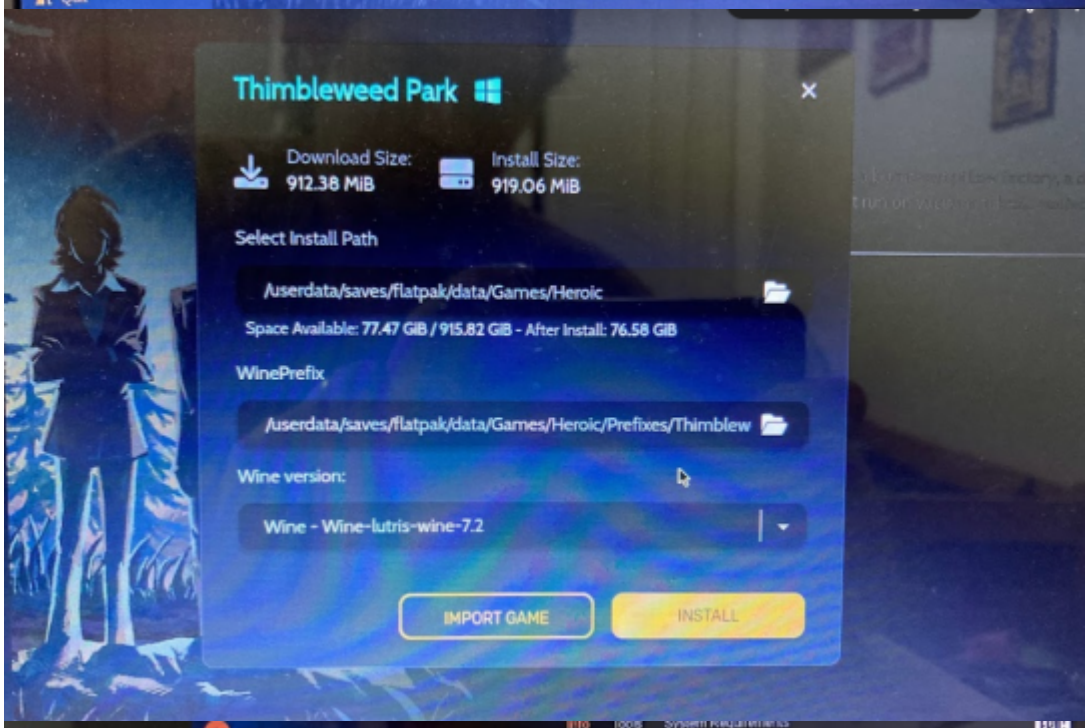


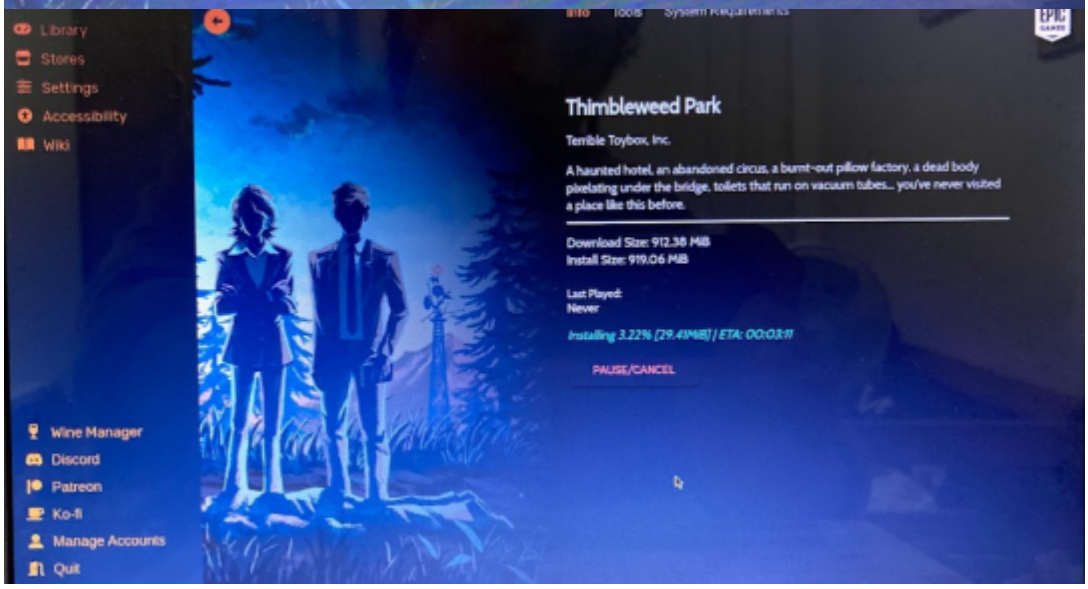
Download Game

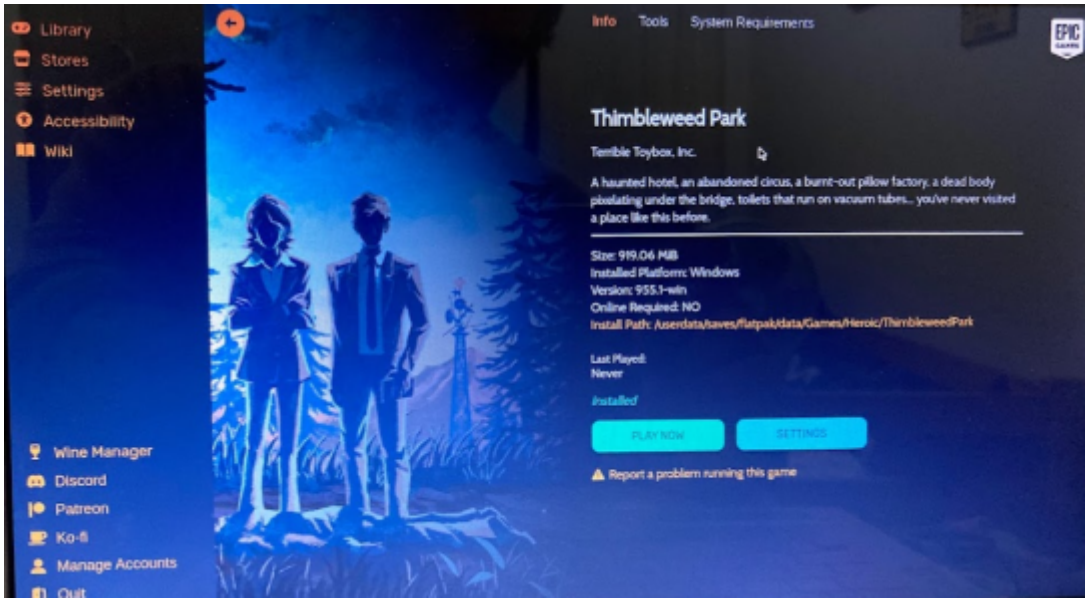
1. Go to **Library**
2. Select the game
3. Select **Install**



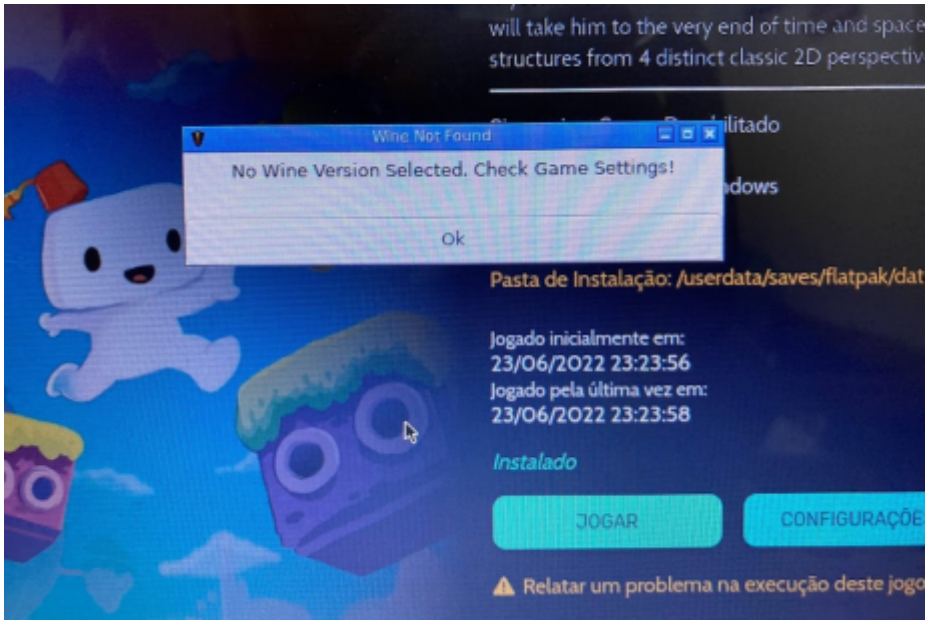

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System Requirements
Thimbleweed Park
Terrible Toybox, Inc.
A haunted hotel, an abandoned circus, a burnt-out pillow factory, a dead body pixelating under the bridge, toilets that run on vacuum tubes... you've never visited a place like this before.
Download Size: 912.38 MiB
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Last Played:
Never
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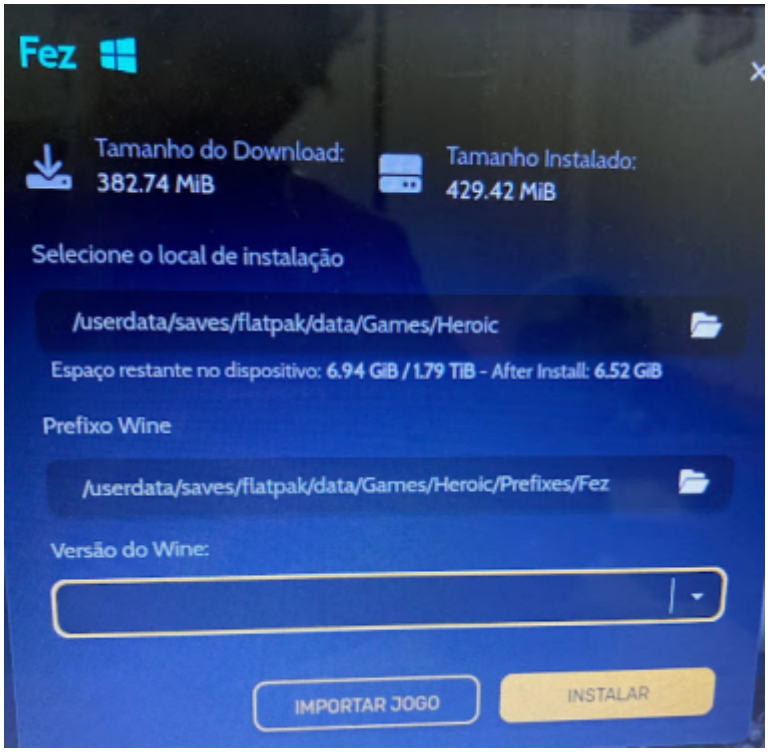

Thimbleweed Park
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Wine version:
Wine - Wine-lutris-wine-7.2
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Last Played:
Never
PAUSE/CANCEL



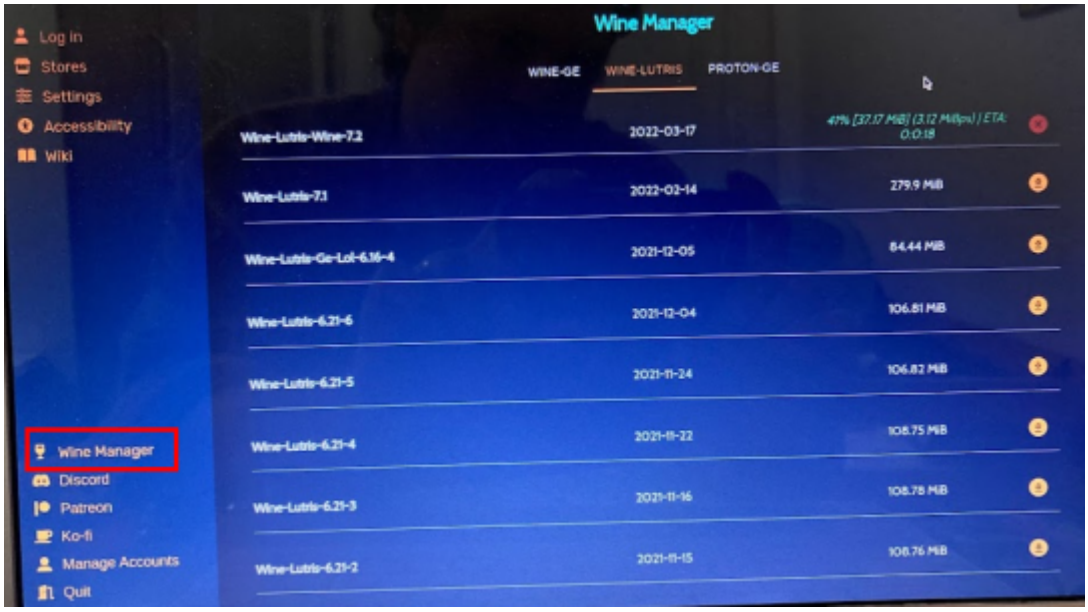
Windows games will need to have their intended version of WINE selected.





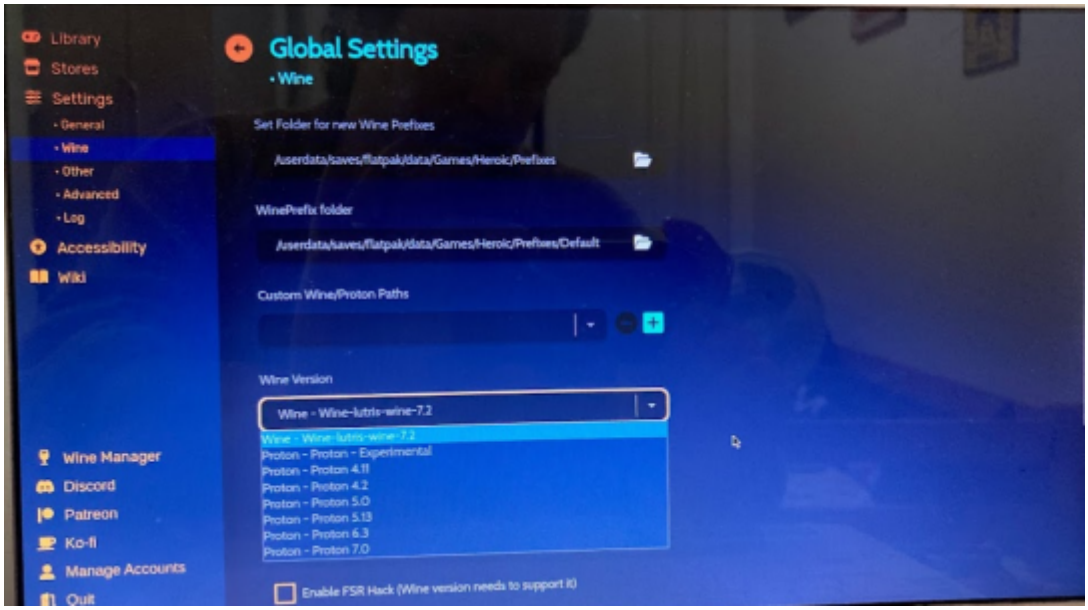
Install Wine (for Windows games)

1. Select **Wine Manager**
2. Select the desired version of Wine to be downloaded. In order of recommendation: “Wine-GE”, “Wine-Lutris” and “Proton-GE”, the rest are older versions (some games do not work with the latest versions)



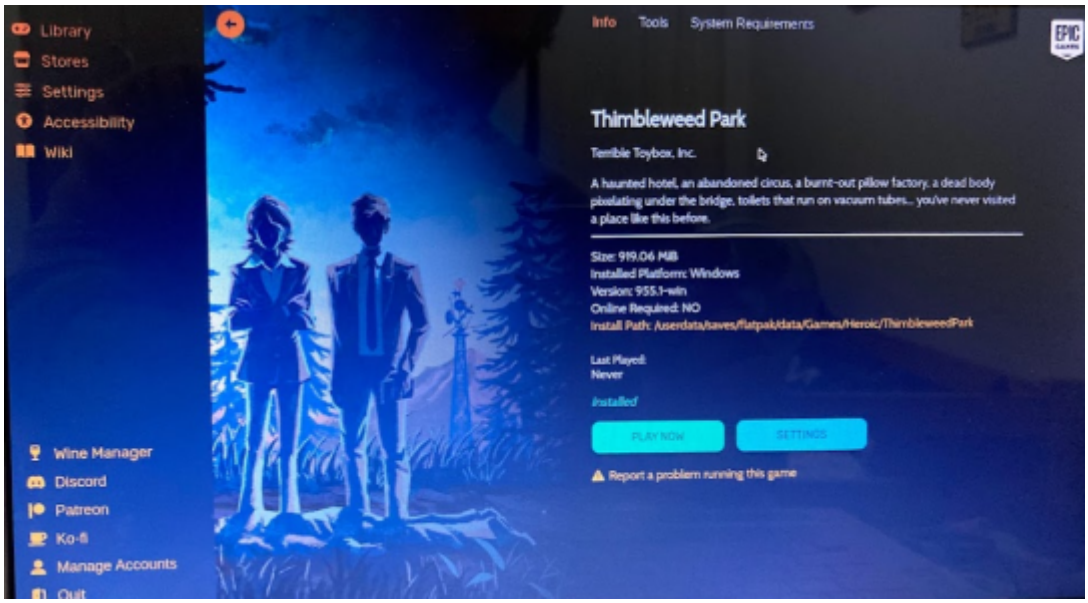
Global Wine setting

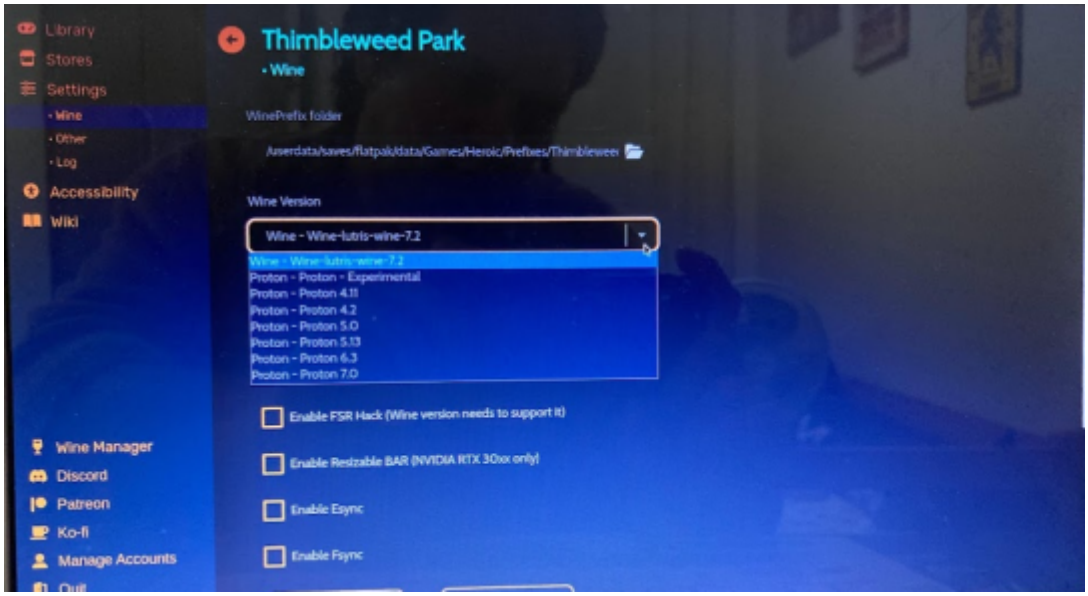
1. Go to **Settings** → **Wine** → **Wine Version** and select the desired version of Wine.



Per game Wine setting

1. Go to **Library**
2. Select the downloaded Windows game
3. Go to **Settings**
4. Select the desired version of Wine to use for that game.



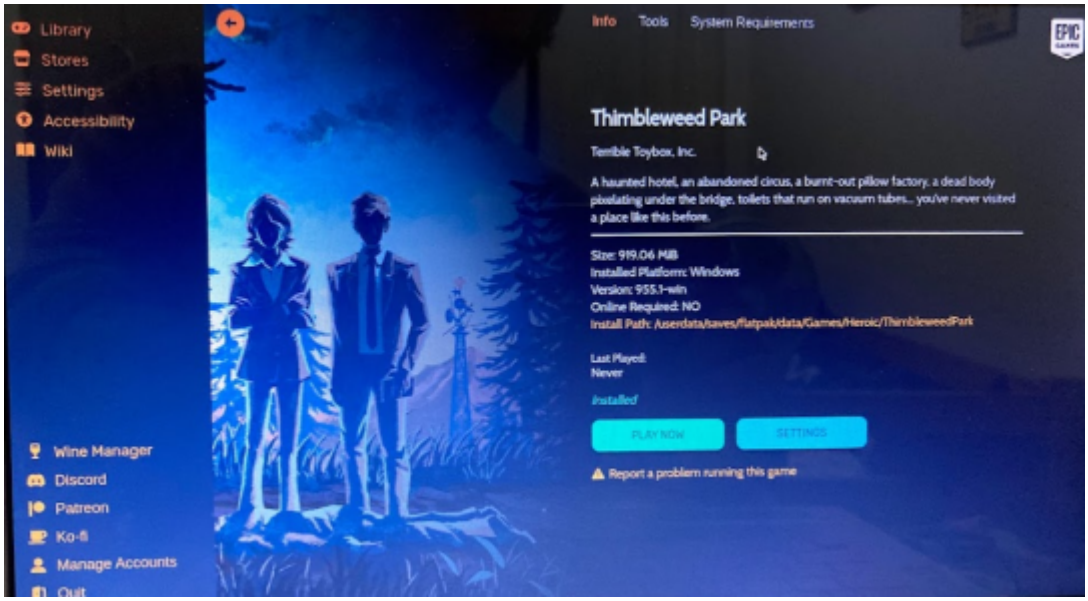


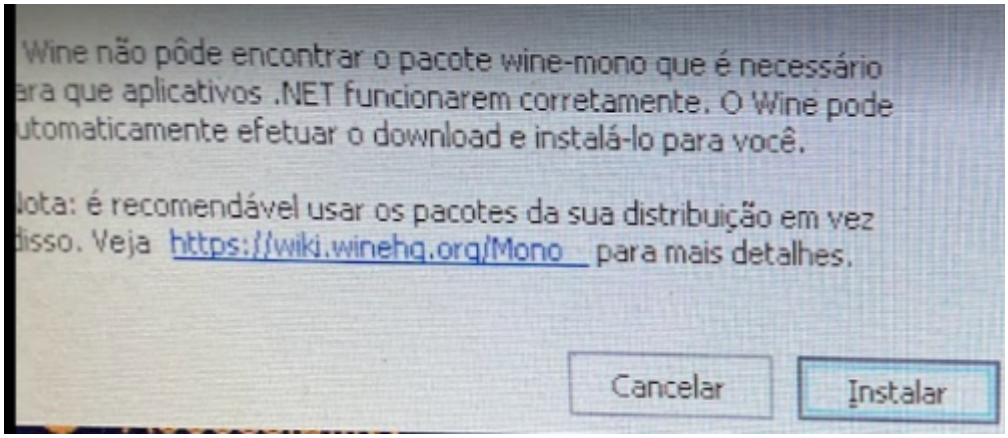
Launch game

1. Go to **Library**
2. Select a downloaded game
3. Select **PLAY NOW** (Windows games require Wine to be set up first)
    - Heroic Games Launcher will say “Opening the Game…” and then eventually “Playing (STOP)”

      Games may take a while to initially launch as they need to compile shaders for your hardware.

4. If playing a Windows game, confirm the Wine installation dialogue box.
5. Game start!





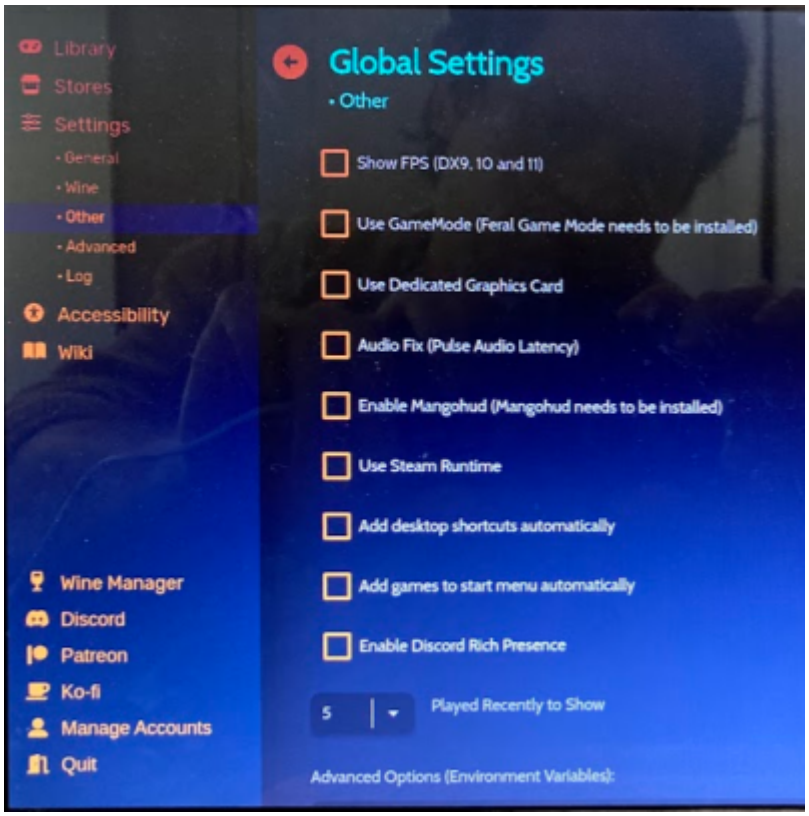
Right now, Batocera isn't integrated to Heroic Games Launcher; its games will not be automatically added and launchable with EmulationStation like Steam does. This may change in the future.

Uninstall a game

1. Go to **Library**
2. Select an installed game
3. Select **Tools** at the top of the window
4. Select **Uninstall**

Other option

Other options can be found in **Settings** → **Other**.



GeForce NOW Electron

GeForce NOW Electron is an unofficial open-source launcher available on Flathub which supports launching games for the GeForce NOW streaming service. Unfortunately this launcher is not as fully integrated into Batocera as Steam is so some manual work is required.

Install

Search for “GeForce NOW Electron” and install it.



To do so from SSH:

```
flatpak install flathub io.github.hmlendea.geforcenow-electron
batocera-flatpak-update
```

Launch GeForce NOW Electron

The GeForce NOW Electron Flatpak is bugged and will not launch correctly using the default flags. You **must** launch via SSH using the following command:

```
flatpak run io.github.hmlendea.geforcenow-electron --no-sandbox
```

This may be worked around in the future. As alternative you can create a .sh launcher at ports system: add launcher at ports section

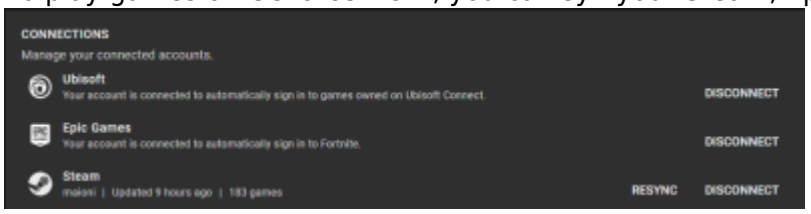
Login

GeForce NOW Electron offers many ways to log in, but the only one that works for now is the E-mail and password login. Make sure to log in using the regular GeForce NOW with only your E-mail and password.

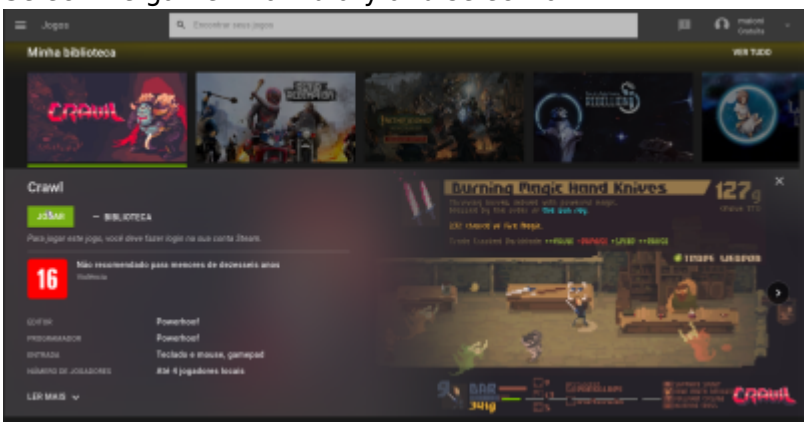
1. So, create a ABYA account with your E-mail and password.
2. And log in to GeForce NOW Electron with an ABYA account with the E-mail and password options.

Play Games

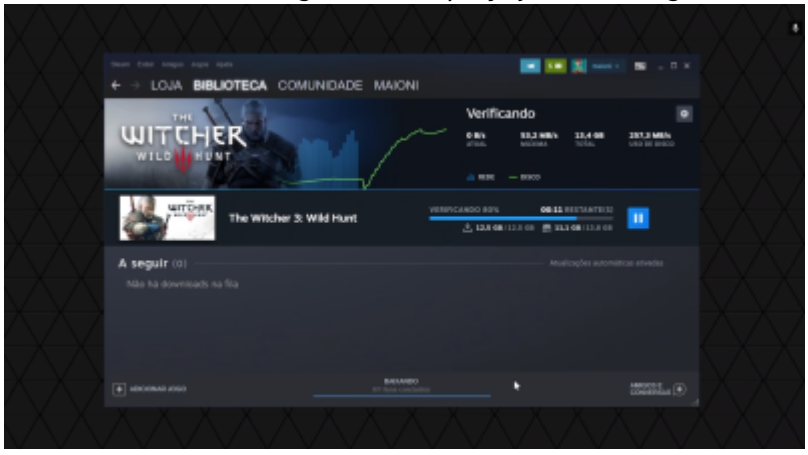
To play games on GeForce NOW, you can syn your Steam, Epic Store and Ubisoft stores.



1. Goes to Settings and sync your accounts
2. Select the game into Library and select to PLAY it.



    1. **PAID plan**s: You will play as soon as possible.
    2. **FREE plans**: you will be waiting in a line to be able to play the game and for a couple of minutes when ready (around 20 minutes) [So, do not quit game until time ends, otherwise the game's session will shutdown before that!]. Also do not schedule a game you don't have on your library, e.g. The Witcher 3 has it's versions for Steam, Gog and Epic Store, if you have it on Steam but opens the Epic Store version, you can't play the game! This way, you will have to finish your game section, and open the correct version and wait again in line.
3. After you get access to the GeforceNOW virtual machine, you will be pop up with the game's store application, log in into, download the game, and play, just as a regular Steam, Epic Store or Ubisoft softwares.



4. It supports Gamepad, even if the tools indicate it have no controller connected to it (just make sure the game you selected has support, or play it with a mouse/keyboard plug-in).

Freely distributed games

Here are some lists of freely distributed Linux games!

Controls

Here are the default controls used in Flatpak games shown on a Batocera Retropad:

Obviously, applications designed for a mouse and keyboard interface will probably only work when those are connected.

Troubleshooting

My Flatpaks (including Steam) won't launch!

Try one of the following:

- Update your game list: **Main Menu → Game Settings → Update Gamelists**.
- Flatpaks currently do not work on a NAS, if you are using a NAS try switching to internal storage.
- The application may need to not be run in the sandbox. From SSH, run `flatpak run <name-of-package> --no-sandbox` to test for this.

  This can be launched directly from ES by using an SH script in the ports system.

  For example, to launch the Heroic Games launcher without sandbox, save the following file to `roms/ports` and then update the gamelist:

  heroicgameslauncher.sh

  ```
  flatpak run com.heroicgameslauncher.hgl --no-sandbox
  ```

- SSH into Batocera and run the following: `batocera-flatpak-update`
- If you are on an older Batocera version (like **v31** or lower) it might be a permissions issue.
  1. Press `[F1]` on your keyboard to enter into File Manager
  2. Ensure you are in the Share folder (left in the sidebar)
  3. Navigate to the `saves` folder
  4. Select everything by pressing `[Ctrl] + [A]`
  5. Right-click and go to **Properties**
  6. Click on the “Permissions” tab
  7. Click on “View Content:” and choose “Anyone”
  8. Click on “Change Content:” and choose “Anyone”
  9. Click on “Access content:” and choose “Anyone”
  10. Click on “OK”
  11. Reboot and try it

- If trying to run a Flatpak of a Windows game via a Flatpak of Wine (yes, it is complicated and there are many things that can go wrong), search the game on the ProtonDB and see what other users have said they've had to do to make it work. You may need to utilize custom launch commands to get a game working.
- Flatpak can be effectively reset to its default state by deleting the `/userdata/saves/flatpak/` and `/userdata/roms/flatpak/` folders.

My game is running really slowly

- If using a Nvidia GPU, make sure your official Nvidia graphics drivers are enabled and functional.
  - Sometimes, Flatpak will “forget” that you have drivers and will need to “redownload” them (you'll find Steam is suddenly lagging in its menus). Run `flatpak update` in the SSH and if it starts downloading `org.freedesktop.Platform.GL.nvidia-###-##-##` then that is what happened.
- Try reinstalling the game and ensure all of its dependencies are sorted out, with no errors.
- PC games in general (especially ones that were ported from home consoles *to* PC) can be buggy. Check out the PCGamingWiki for general tips, settings configurations, launch commands and patches you can apply to fix the game (just keep in mind it's focused on Windows, not Linux (and thus, not Batocera) so a lot of external programs/patches won't be compatible).

My controls in-game are not working

Unfortunately some games are just garbage at supporting certain controllers. Refer to the PCGamingWiki for general tips, but if you're still struggling to get your controller recognized by the game, see if it would be possible to get the game running from Steam. Once that's done, it should be possible to use Steam to configure the controls, allowing you to use any controller that would be compatible with Steam instead.

Further troubleshooting

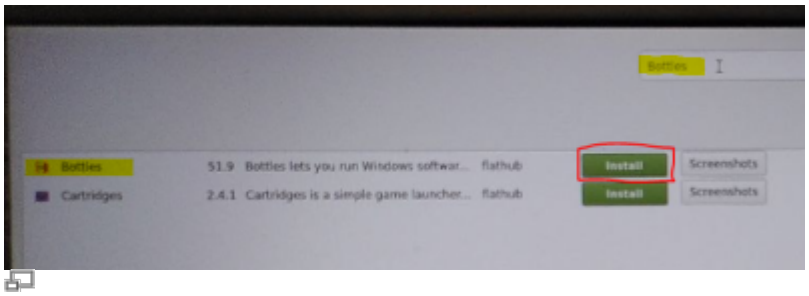
For further troubleshooting, refer to the generic support pages.

Bottles

Bottles is a virtual application/gaming platform for setting up preconfigured environments to support a large set of Windows applications/games on Linux. In other words: *Bottles* gives you the possibility to run almost any Windows application/game on Linux with currently much better compatibility than Batocera's native WINE implementation. Chances are high that you will be able to run any Windows game not running on the native Batocera WINE implementation. Nevertheless, be aware that *Bottles* is not officially supported by Batocera developers, which means in case of problems you “only” have the unofficial troubleshooting support of the Batocera community (mostly via Discord).

Installation

On the Batocera main menu press `Alt+F1` on your keyboard, then navigate to `Applications` → `flatpak-config` (if a warning message appears, just confirm by clicking OK). Then, in the searchbar on the top of the screen, search for *Bottles* and install the *Bottles* application by clicking on `Install`:



“Bottles” installation

Confirm by clicking on `Yes` and wait for the installation process to be finished (click on `Show details` if you want to check the installation progress, which can take a couple of minutes). As soon as the Installation process has finished, click on `Close`, then click on `File` → `Close Window`. Now, back on the Batocera main screen, update the gamelist. *Bottles* application should now be available in the `Ports` section. If so, you have already successfully installed *Bottles* on your Batocera system!

Preparing the Bottles environment

To keep things abstracted it is recommended to create a new gaming system folder `/userdata/roms/bottles` which holds all Windows game data source folders you want to play (you could also keep all your Windows games inside the `/userdata/roms/windows` folder if you want to keep things together and be able to use *Bottles* and Batocera's native WINE implementation in parallel for any of your Windows games). To do so launch a SSH/Xterm session and execute the following command:

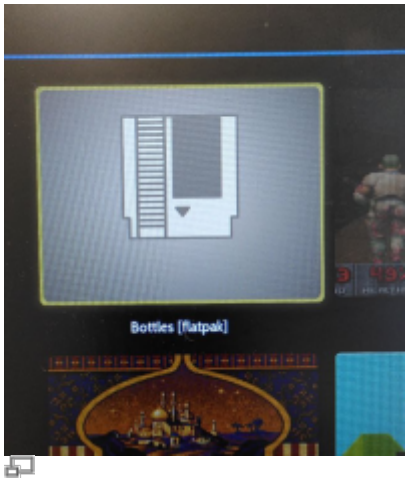
```
mkdir -p /userdata/roms/bottles
```

The according `/userdata/roms/bottles` folder has now being created. Now you have to make sure that *Bottles* has access to the `/userdata` folder and all of its subfolders because it obviously needs access to the according game files. Do so by executing the following command:

```
flatpak override com.usebottles.bottles --filesystem=/userdata
```

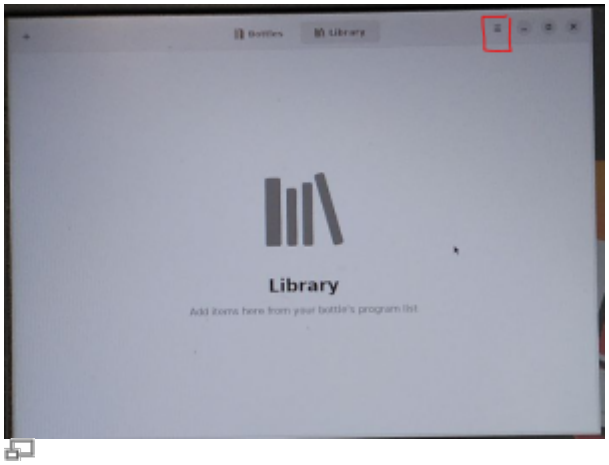
Setting up a game (example)

The following example will cover the game Twin Cobra:
First of all, copy the game's main source data folder to `/userdata/roms/bottles`. Then start *Bottles* via the Batocera `Ports` system section:



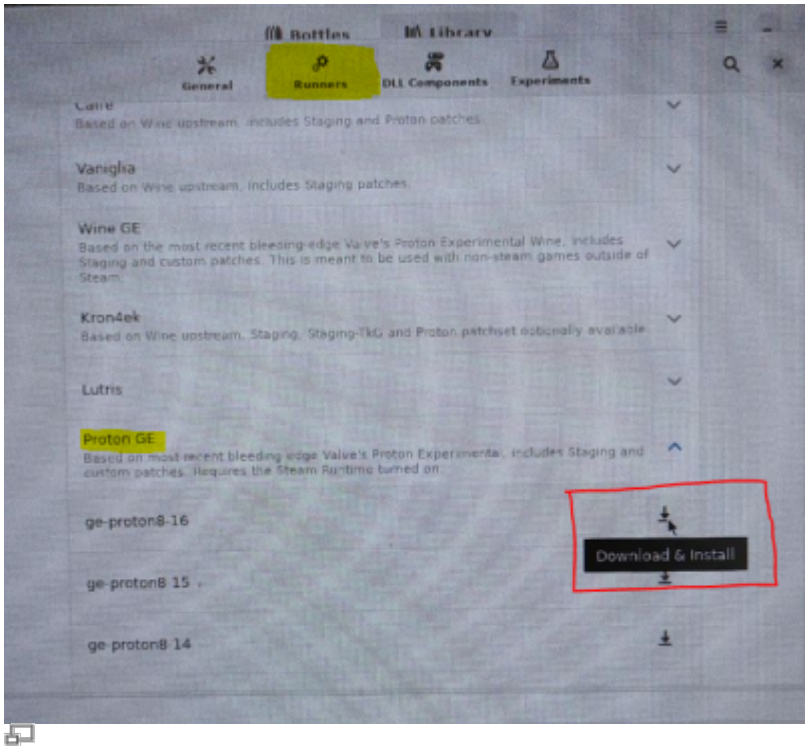
Start “Bottles”

Navigate through the initial *Welcome to Bottles* screen (don't close it!). Then, on the according last screen, confirm by clicking on the `Continue` button and then on `Start using Bottles` (the initial setup can take a couple of minutes, this step only has to be done once after a fresh *Bottles* installation). First of all, additionally to the bottle runners already installed by default, you should add the most common and most compatible one(s) as follows: From the *Bottles* main menu click on the “Hamburger” icon:



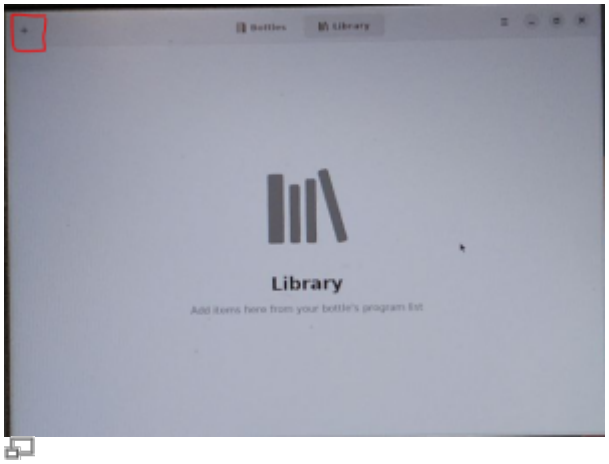
“Hamburger” icon

Click on `Preferences` and navigate to `Runners`. From there click on `Proton GE` which opens a dropdown menu. Select the most recent one from the top of the list (currently `ge-proton8-16`) by clicking on the download icon (`Download & Install`):



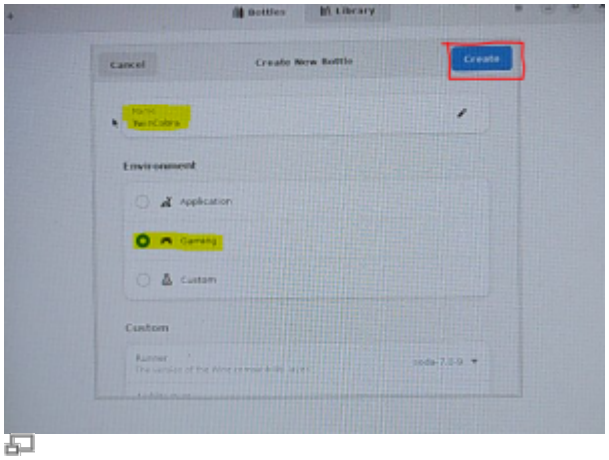
Install additional runner(s)

It can take a couple of minutes for an additional runner to install, just wait for it to finish installing. Now close the `Runners` window which brings you back to the main *Bottles* menu. From there, on the left upper corner, create a new bottle by clicking on the + symbol:



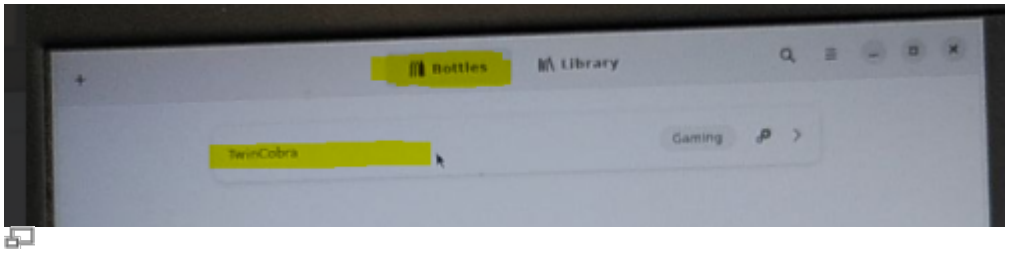
Create a new bottle

In the `Name` input field give the bottle a meaningful custom name by inserting the game's name (`TwinCobra` in this case). For the `Environment` section select the `Gaming` radio button (which will set up an optimized gaming environment bottle automatically) and then click on `Create` (don't worry, you can change the according runner later):



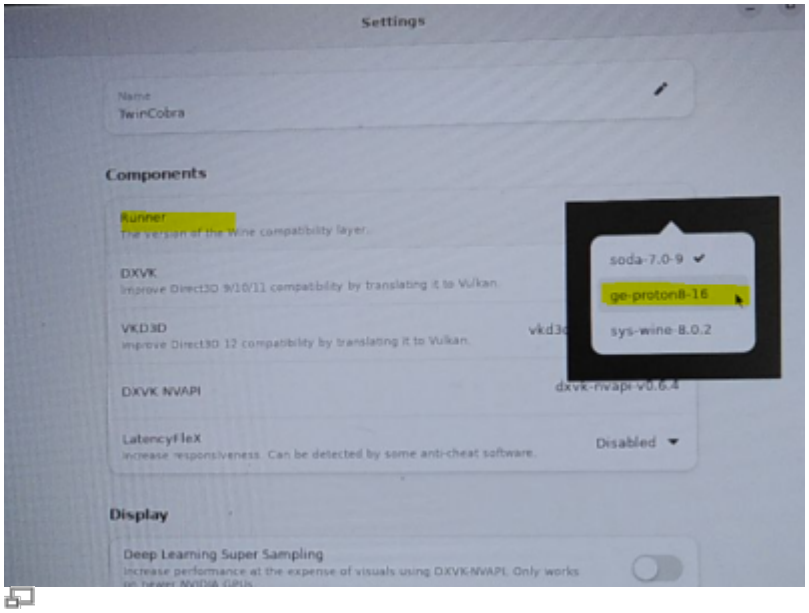
Initial bottle settings

Wait for the bottle to be set up which can take a couple of minutes. Confirm the success message by clicking on `Close`. Navigate to `Bottles` on the top register card menu. From there you can see all available bottle(s) you have created, in this case the one you have just created:



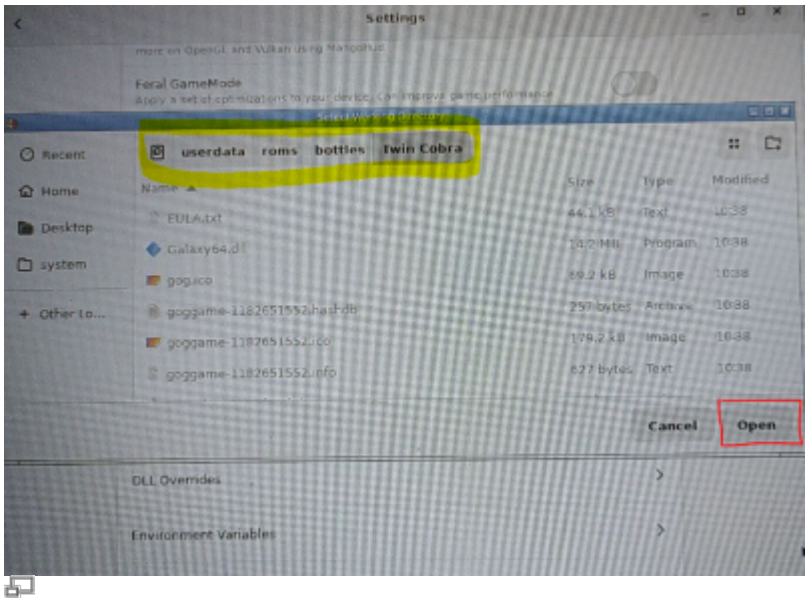
Bottle

Click on the bottle, which will open up the bottle's settings menu. From there you can do a lot of stuff to customize the according bottle. We will only cover the most common settings here as every game potentially needs its own settings to run successfully and optimized. First of all let's take on look on how you can change the according bottle runner: Click on `Runner` and from the appearing dropdown menu select the according *ge-proton* runner you have just installed previously (Sidenote: This is just an example on how to install/change a bottle runner. For the specific game *Twin Cobra* leave the runner on `soda` as `ge-proton` will currently not work for *Twin Cobra*!):



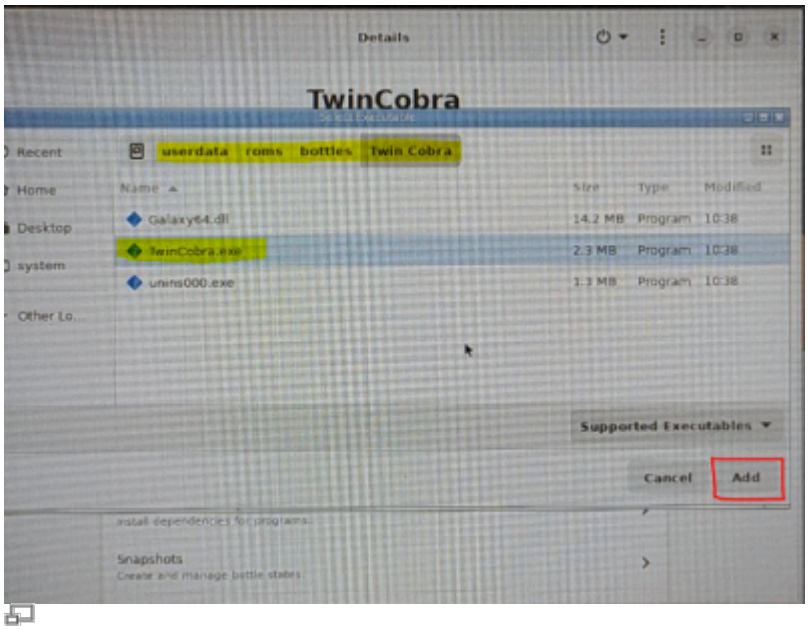
ge-proton runner

Wait for the runner to be changed which can take a couple of seconds. Scroll down to the `Compatibility` section and click on `Working Directory`. From the newly opened window click on `+ Other Locations` and navigate to the according game's main folder, then click on `Open`:



Working directory

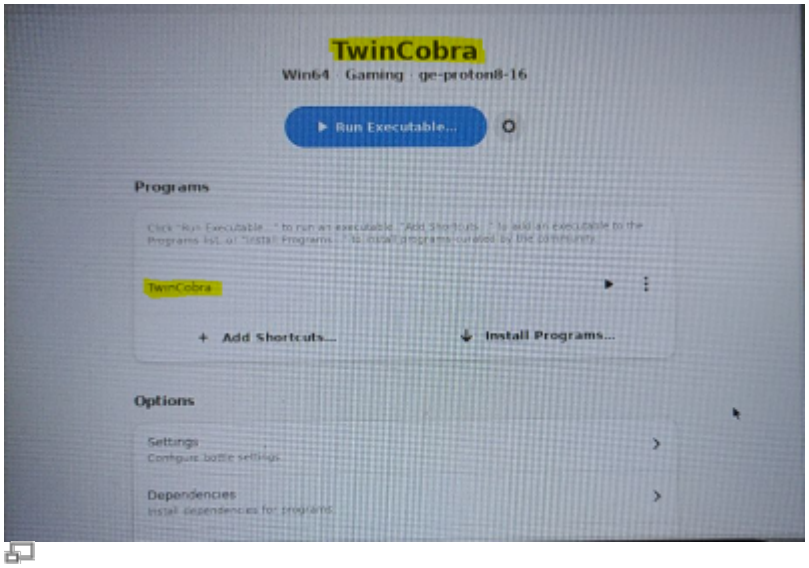
Now scroll up to the top and on the top left corner click on the back arrow symbol (`Go Back`), which brings you back to the main bottle screen. From there click on `Add Shortcuts…`, navigate to your game's main folder where the according game's executable file (`<myGame>.exe`) is located, highlight the according game's executable file and click on `Add`:



Executable (.exe) file

Now, for later automation reasons, you have to remember two things:

- There is the bottle's unique **main name** being shown on top of the main bottle menu screen.
- There is the bottle's unique **executable name** being shown under the `Programs` section (This is due to you can have multiple executables per bottle which in theory gives you the possibility to install multiple games within a single bottle, but for abstraction and compatibility/dependency reasons it is strongly recommended to set up an unique bottle per game (you have been warned!).):



Bottle's name and game's executable name

Keeping the bottle's name and the game's executable name in mind, let's now do the automation part which lets you start the bottle's according executable with just a single click like usually in every other gaming system in Batocera: Via SSH/Xterm create an according start script file by executing the following command:

```
nano /userdata/roms/bottles/<myGame>.sh
```

Paste the following content (adjust the according <myBottleMainName> and <myBottleExecutableName> variables with the according values according to your setup:

```
#!/bin/bash
killall -9 bottles
chown -R root:audio /var/run/pulse
chmod -R g+rwX /var/run/pulse
su - batocera -c "DISPLAY=:0.0 flatpak run --command=bottles-cli
com.usebottles.bottles run -b '<myBottleMainName>' -p
'<myBottleExecutableName>'"
```

Here's an example for the game Twin Cobra:



Start script example

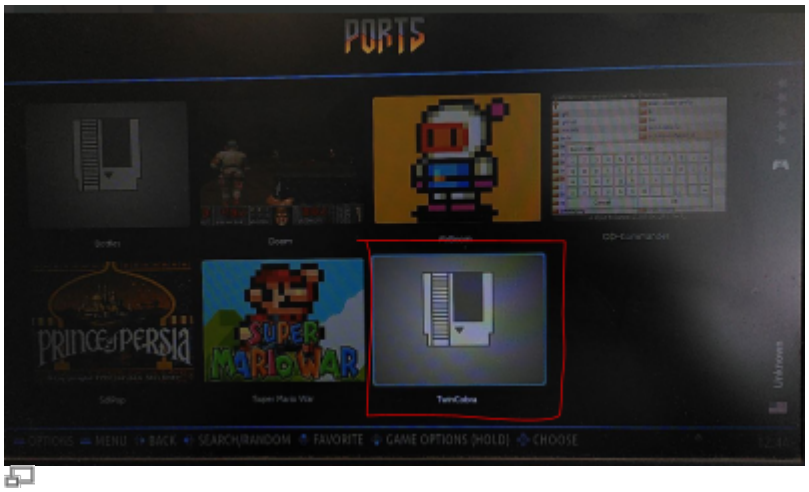
Save the file and quit the editor. Now make the according start script executable by executing the following command (replace <myGame> with the according game name (avoid spaces if possible)):

```
chmod +x /userdata/roms/bottles/<myGame>.sh
```

Now symlink the according start script to your /userdata/roms/ports folder by executing the following command (replace <myGame> with the according game name (avoid spaces if possible)):

```
ln -s /userdata/roms/bottles/<myGame>.sh /userdata/roms/ports/<myGame>.sh
```

Now, from the Batocera main screen, update the gamelist. The according game's start script you've just created should now appear in the `Ports` system section:



Ports

You can now start the according game like every other game in Batocera.

Optional: Feel free to add the according `/userdata/roms/bottles/videos` and `/userdata/roms/bottles/images` folders manually via SSH/Xterm to add the according media data per game afterwards. You can create those folders by executing the following command:

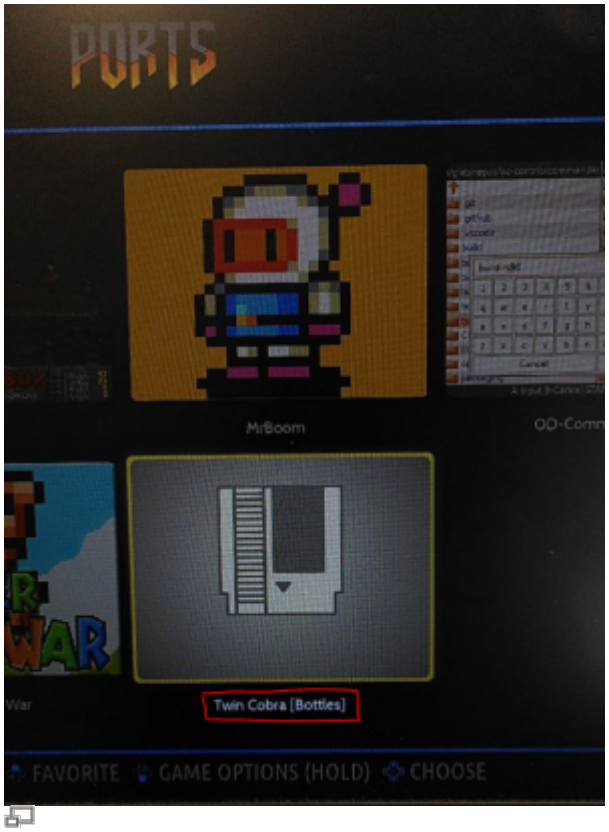
```
mkdir -p /userdata/roms/bottles/videos /userdata/roms/bottles/images
```

Optional: If for the future you want to keep in mind which games are set up by *Bottles*, you can add a `[Bottles]` tag to the according games by renaming them via ES as follows:
Highlight the according game → long-press the “Enter” key on the keyboard → Select `EDIT THIS GAME'S METADATA` → Select `Name` → Add a `[Bottles]` tag to the game's name:



“[Bottles]” tag

This way the according games will appear with an additional `[Bottles]` tag on the `Ports` section:



"[Bottles]" tag

Troubleshooting

Game not starting

As always, when a game does not start as expected, this can have multiple reasons. From experience it can be said that the most common problems for games failing to run via *Bottles* is due to missing dependencies (see below on how to install dependencies), wrong bottle runners (see tutorial step *Setting up a game (example)* above on how to install/change a bottle runner), and/or wrong CPU synchronization settings.
For changing CPU synchronization settings, open the according bottle and then navigate to:
`Options` → `Settings` → `Performance` → `Synchronization`:
Changing this setting from `Esync` (default) to `Fsync` often resolves the problem of games not starting as expected.
You can also have a look into the main Batocera logfiles which may be helpful sometimes too.

Dependencies

If you know or you want to try which additional dependencies (e.g. *Microsoft Visual C++ Redistributable* (vcrun), *.NET*, etc.) your game needs to run, you can add/remove those dependencies as follows:
Open the according bottle and then navigate to:
`Options` → `Dependencies`
From here you can add/remove any dependencies listed.

Controller issues

Open the according bottle and then navigate to:
`Tools` → `Legacy Wine Tools` → `Control panel`
From there you can check the `dinput` and/or `xinput` controllers being recognized by *Bottles*
(Beware: This option is only available if the according chosen runner for your bottle supports this setting (e.g. *ge-proton*).

Map hotkeys to quit bottle games

If you want to map the hotkey-combo keys to the according game to quit the according game as for other Batocera gaming systems, you can do so by creating an according `.keys` file as follows by executing:

```
nano /userdata/roms/ports/<myGame>.sh.keys
```

Paste the following content:

```
{
    "actions_player1": [
        {
            "trigger": [
                "hotkey",
                "start"
            ],
            "type": "exec",
            "target": [
            "killall -9 bottles"
            ]
        }
    ]
}
```

Save the file and quit the editor.
If you need the same for the *Bottles* application itself, this can be done by creating the following file with the same content as described above:
`/userdata/roms/flatpak/Bottles.flatpak.keys`

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