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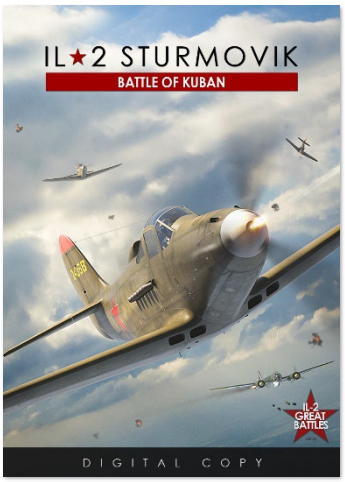
The ***IL-2 Sturmovik: Great Battles*** series of combat flight and armor simulators is developed by 1C Game Studios (1CGS) and features WWII and Great War aircraft and WWII armor. The Great Battles series carries on the tradition begun by the original IL-2 Sturmovik first released in 2001, and recreates the aircraft, missions, and the environment in which they flew. This series is the third generation of the popular IL-2 Sturmovik franchise that has been a leader of the combat flight-simulation genre for nearly twenty years.

The Great Battles series is a complex PC combat flight and armor simulation with modern graphics and realistic physics. It was originally set on the Eastern Front, but the Western Front is now included along with a WWI setting and a tank combat title.

The first title in the Great Battles series is Battle of Stalingrad which began development in late 2012 and was released in 2014. Since then, additional titles have been released (Moscow, Kuban, Bodenplatte, Flying Circus and Tank Crew) on a regular basis with others currently in development (Normandy, Flying Circus 2). All Great Battles products share the same core client and all titles together form one gigantic interconnected combat simulation.

















The Great Battles series is in a state of constant development and improvement. Updates that improve or add content to the simulation are released on a regular basis every year since its initial release. Also, all improvements or additions to the simulation benefit all our titles since we use only one cohesive game client.

In addition to the regular updates, we showcase all our upcoming improvements in our Developer Diaries that are posted on the IL-2 Official Forum. We highly suggest you check these out to stay informed about current developments.

Want to Take Flight?

If you are new to the Great Battles series, we say WELCOME! You'll find a friendly, helpful community with whom you can make new friends and wing-mates from around the world!

IL-2 Sturmovik is a combat flight-sim franchise that has existed for 20+ years. We hope you'll be part of the community for the next 20 years!

There is no RIGHT or WRONG way to play and enjoy Sturmovik. How casual or serious you want to get with it is up to you. We offer many different modes of gameplay and adjustable realism options for all players to learn to fly and fight at their own pace. Whether you are a virtual pilot who enjoys single-player action or multiplayer, there is something here for everyone!

If you decide that you have what it takes to be an ace pilot and want to purchase one or more of the IL-2 Sturmovik: Great Battles series titles, it's a good idea to first consider and understand some basics. Please study the steps below before you embark on your Sturmovik adventure. It will be helpful to know which route you want to take and ease any confusion as there are a couple different options in how you can purchase, install and link your IL-2 Sturmovik products.

1. If you're new to Sturmovik, the best first step is to create a **User Account** on the **IL-2 Official Website**. This will add you to our database and allow you to make purchases in the IL-2 Official Webstore and post in the IL-2 Official Forum. You can also purchase it on Steam if you are so inclined.

2. You should decide whether you want to purchase through the **IL-2 Webstore** or through **Steam**.

- If you purchase through the **IL-2 Webstore** you are ensuring that the maximum amount of money is reaching the developers and help fund new development. Also, any of our main product titles (Stalingrad, Moscow, Kuban, Bodenplatte, Flying Circus, Tank Crew etc.) purchased through our website can be purchased in any order. See Section 1.2 below.

- if you purchase through the **Steam** store, you must first purchase Battle of Stalingrad as the "base game". This a Steam store rule and not our choice. Once you purchase Battle of Stalingrad you can then purchase any other content, we sell on Steam in any order you wish. See Section 5.1 below.

3. If you decided to purchase through Steam, but want to have the most flexible shopping options in the future, consider **Linking** your **Steam account** and your **IL-2 Website User Account** mentioned in point 1 above. This will allow you to buy from both stores and play whatever content you own every time you login to play. That process is explained in Section 5.2 below.

4. If you decide to purchase from Steam and link your accounts, to access all your content (assuming you bought some from either store), you must launch Sturmovik from Steam.

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Section 1.0 User Account Registration and Purchasing

There are a few different ways in which you can obtain and get started with a copy of the game. Our preference is that you purchase from our website as it gives us the largest profit per copy, but we also understand users may prefer other options. Getting you into the cockpit and having fun is our goal no matter where you purchased it.

1. Purchase in the IL-2 Official Webstore (Website). Requires a Website User Account.

Official Webstore - http://il2sturmovik.com/store

2. Purchase in the Steam store. (Steam). Requires a Steam User Account.
Steam Store - https://store.steampowered.com/app/307960/IL2_Sturmovik_Battle_of_Stalingrad/

Note: You can link your Steam purchases with your IL-2 Official Webstore purchases giving you one cohesive install and also allows you to buy content from either store at any time. If you want to perform the linkage, you must however purchase Battle of Stalingrad first because of the requirements of the Steam platform. Battle of Stalingrad is considered the "base game" on Steam and is what you must launch in order to play all your content. You can find more detailed instruction on Steam/Website account linkage in Section 5.3 below.

Important: Always make sure you purchase from a retailer that is officially licensed. Do not purchase from secondary grey or black-market websites that offer deep discounts. There is a chance those licenses were purchased illegitimately and may be de-activated later. We offer regular sales and discount codes to reduce the overall cost often. There is NO NEED to buy from a secondary grey or black-market website. It only profits the scammers and robs the development team of needed funds.

Remember: There is also no such thing as a used copy of ANY Great Battles titles.

Every copy of IL-2 can have additional content added to it by purchasing Collector Aircraft and Campaigns. The Official Webstore sells all additional content and Steam sells most additional content. Some content is exclusive to the Official Webstore.

The only difference between the different versions of IL-2 Sturmovik: Great Battles is the content included. All titles in the IL-2 Sturmovik: Great Battles series are fully compatible with each other as they are included in the core game client.

The different paths to owning IL-2 Sturmovik: Great Battles are simple and easy to follow. The important thing to remember is IL-2 Sturmovik: Great Battles is a modular system that allows users to add content individually. IL-2 Sturmovik: Great Battles uses key codes to determine access to content you have purchased, so all users receive the same updates and content at the same time due to sharing the same core client.

This means you only need to install IL-2 Sturmovik: Great Battles one time and register one User Account. All your purchased content is connected to your User Account, not the installation on your computer. This allows you you to have IL-2 Sturmovik: Great Battles installed on multiple computers or multiple independent installs on the same computer. However, you can only be logged into one of them at any given time. All you need to do is login online once to unlock any new content you may have purchased which makes for a very flexible system

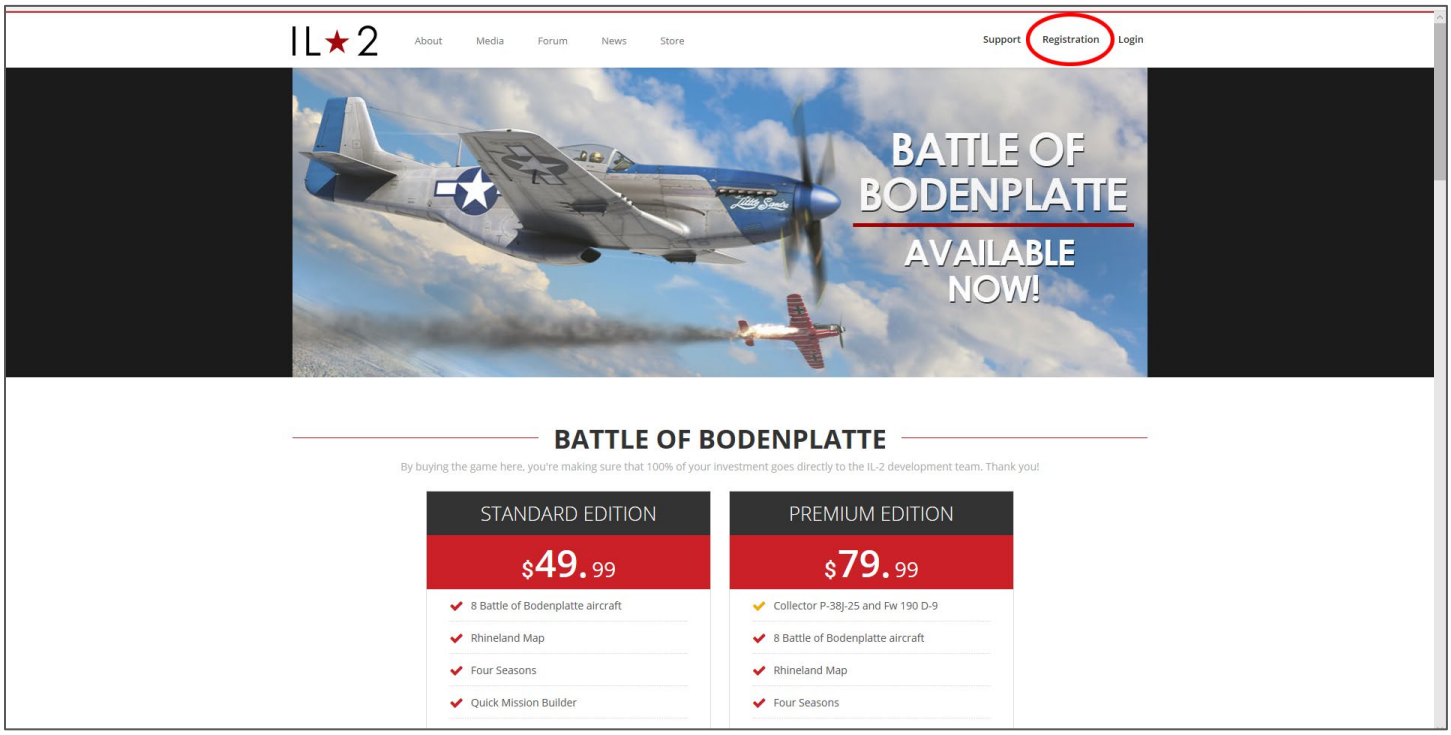
It is important to remember your IL-2 Sturmovik: Great Battles Website User Account includes the Login and Password for both the Game AND the Official Website. This connects your purchased content with the game itself and identifies what content you own. It also gives you access to the Official Discussion Forum.

1.1 Website User Account Registration

We HIGHLY recommend that before you venture into Great Battles that you first create an IL-2 Website User Account. This User Account will allow you to unlock everything that Great Battles has to offer!

To begin the process please visit the website and click on Create an Account and follow the prompts.

1. Go Here to get Started. The process if easy and takes just a minute or two.



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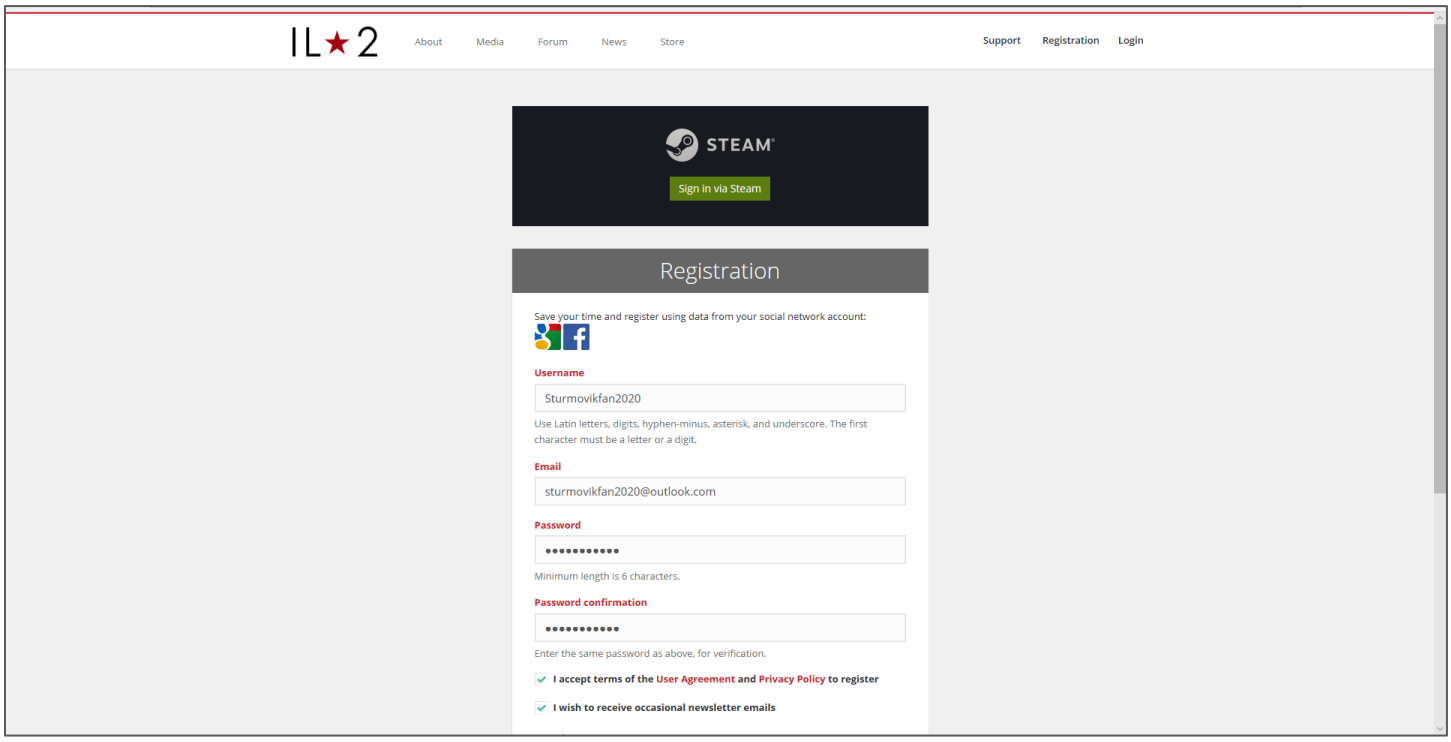

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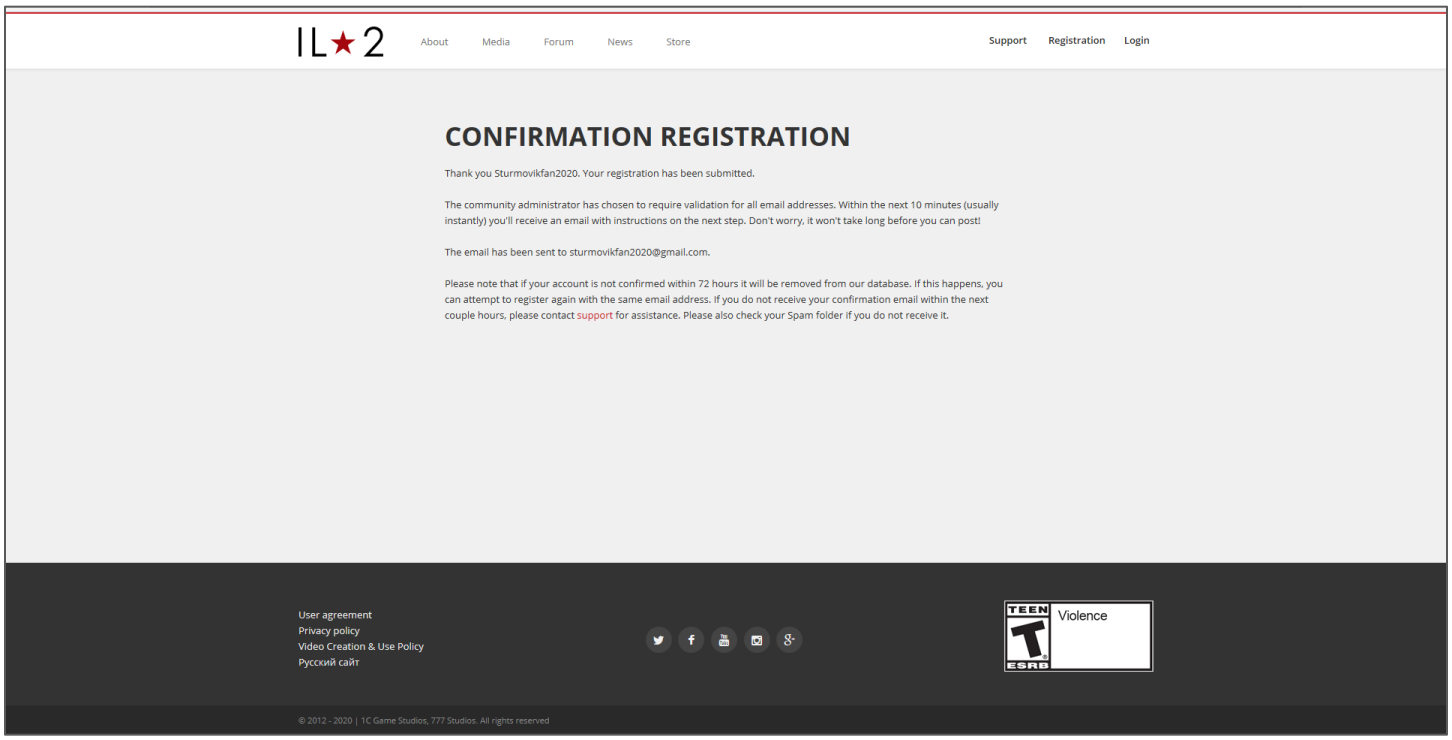
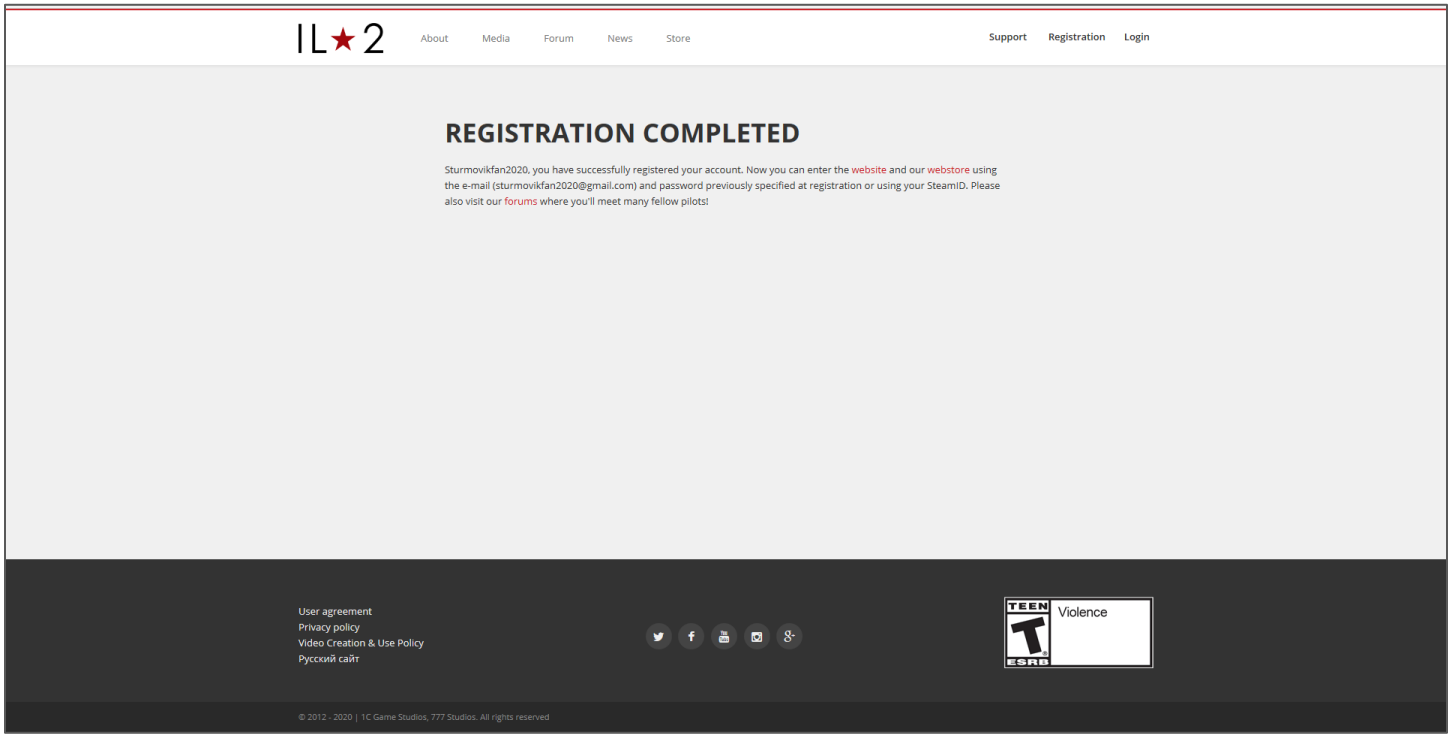
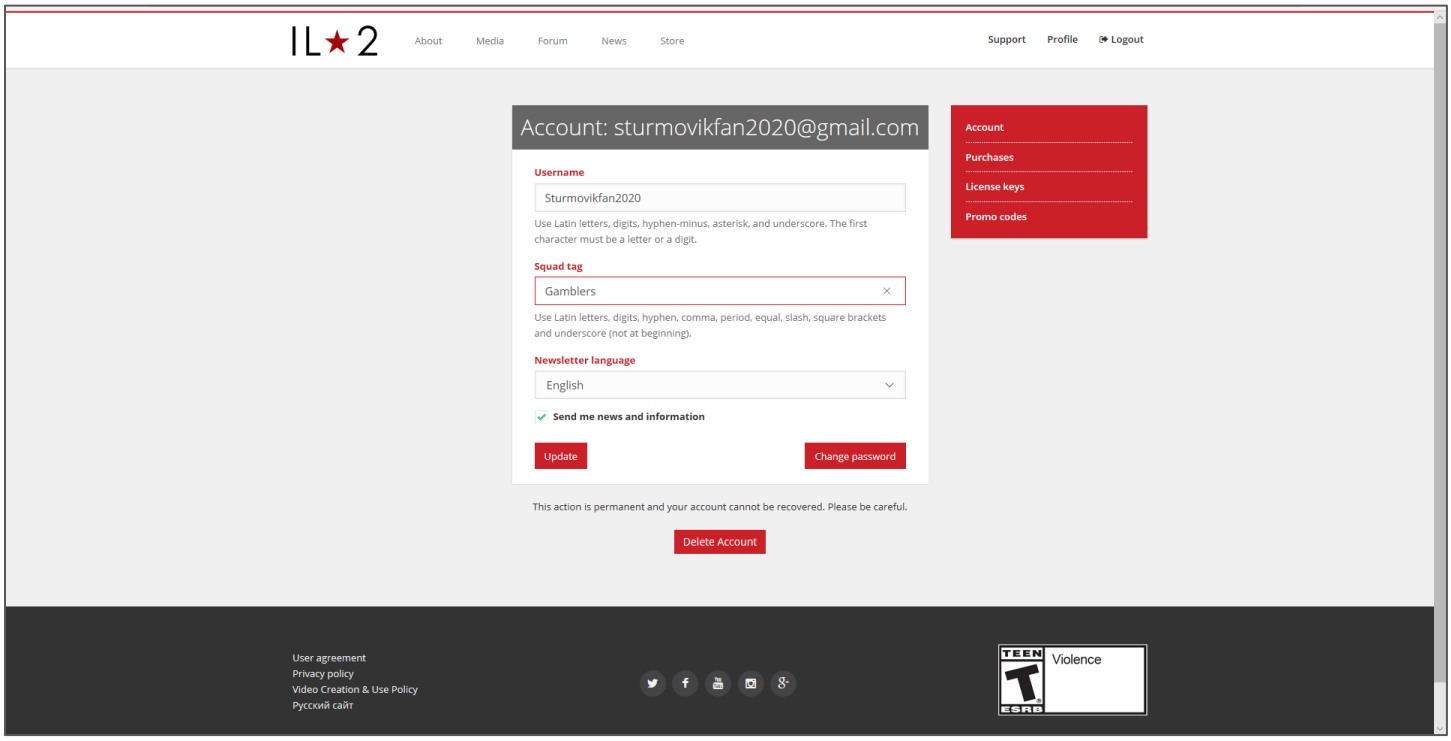
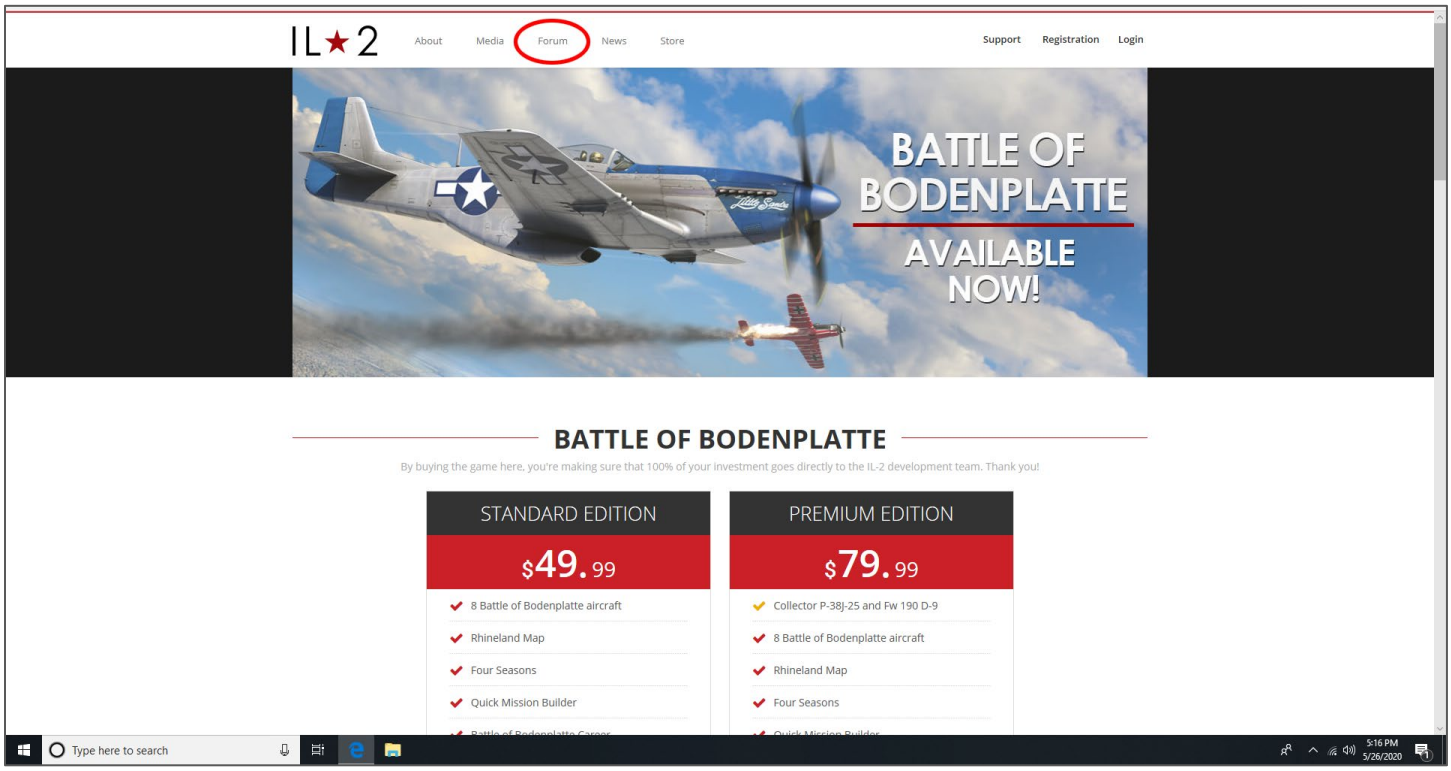




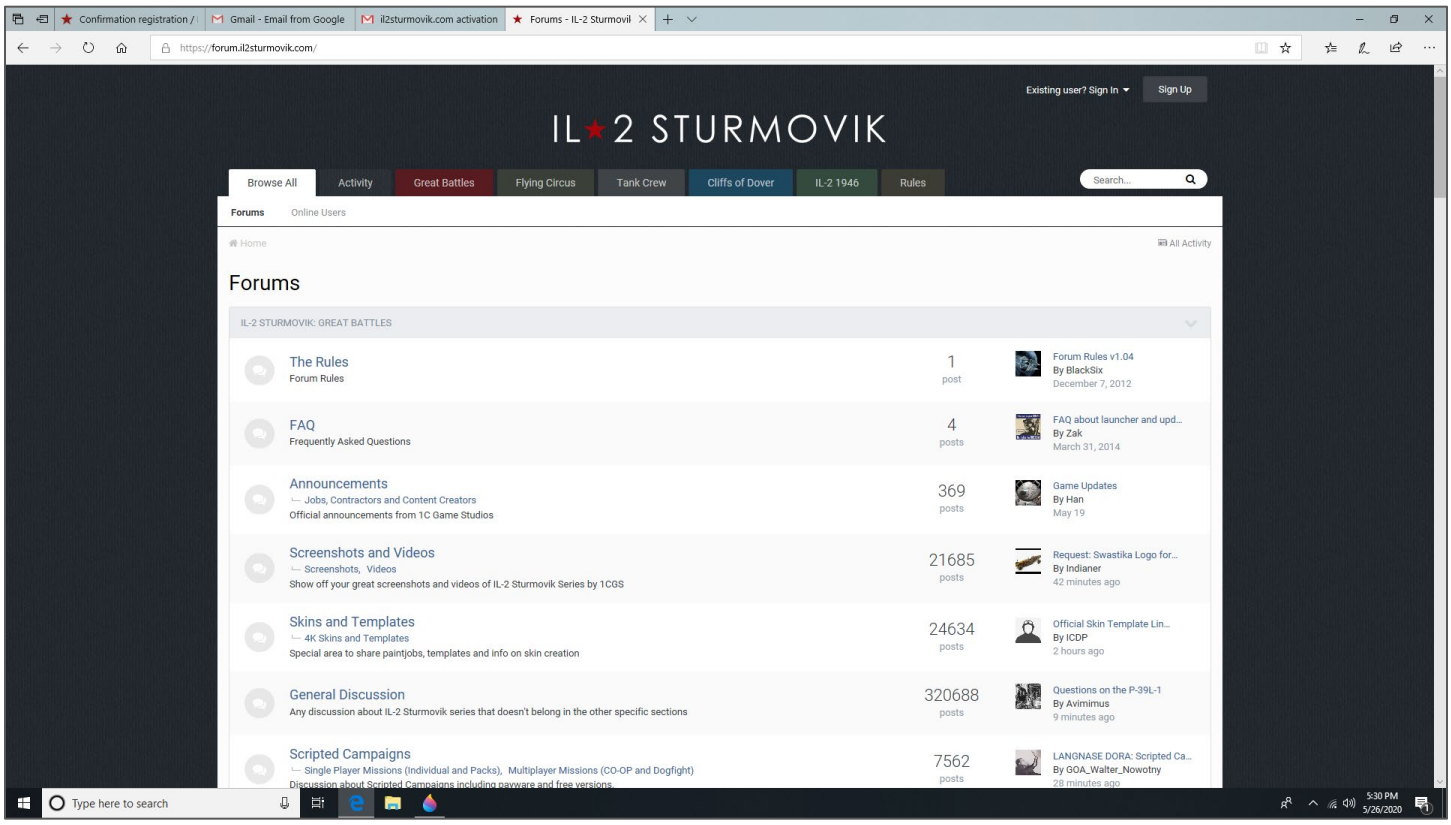
4. Once you have verified your User Account, you can access your Profile here.



5. You can also now participate in the Official Discussion Forum by clicking here. If you are prompted to enter your credentials, they are the same ones you entered when you signed up for the User Account on the main page.

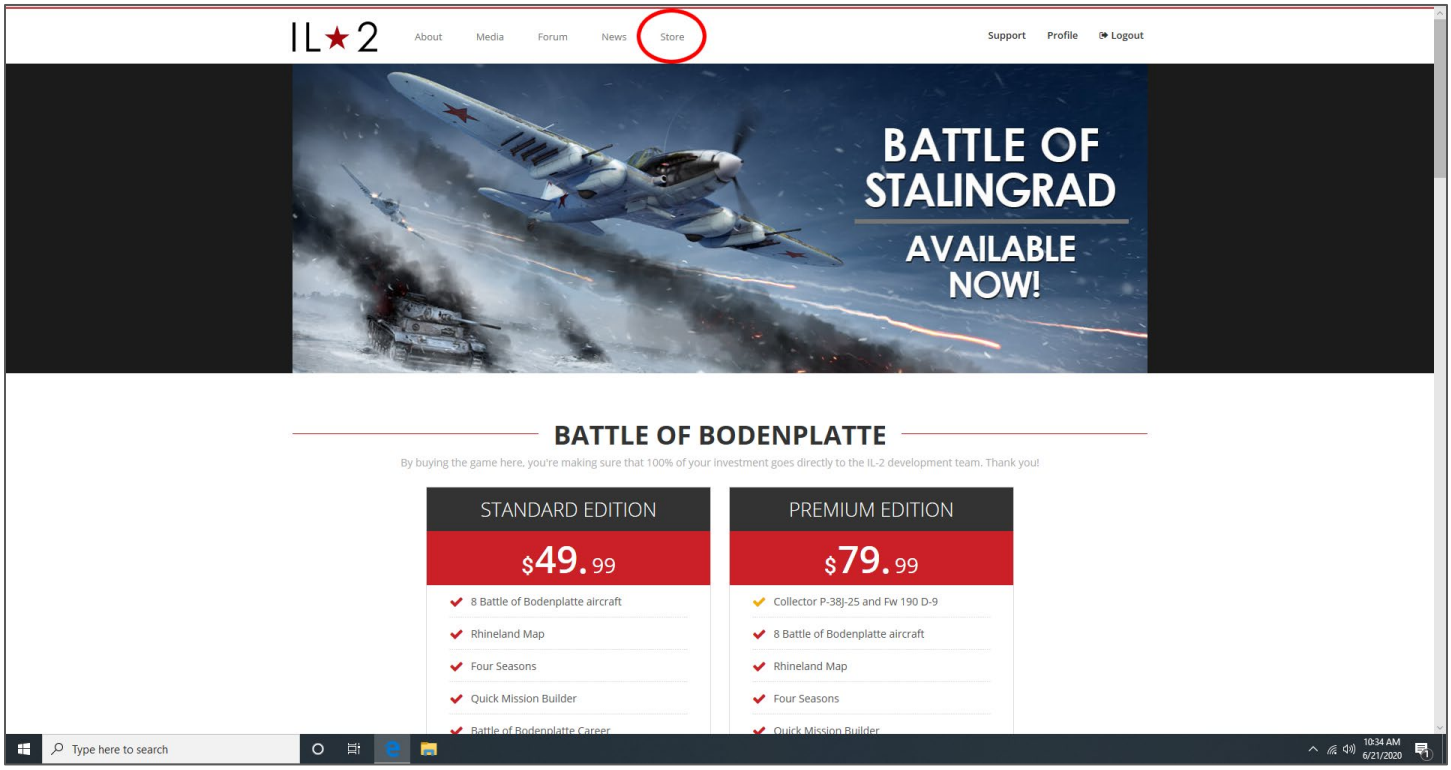


6. The Discussion Forum is a huge resource for any new or current Great Battles pilot. It's a large friendly community. Most if not all of your questions not answered in this User Manual can be found in the forum.

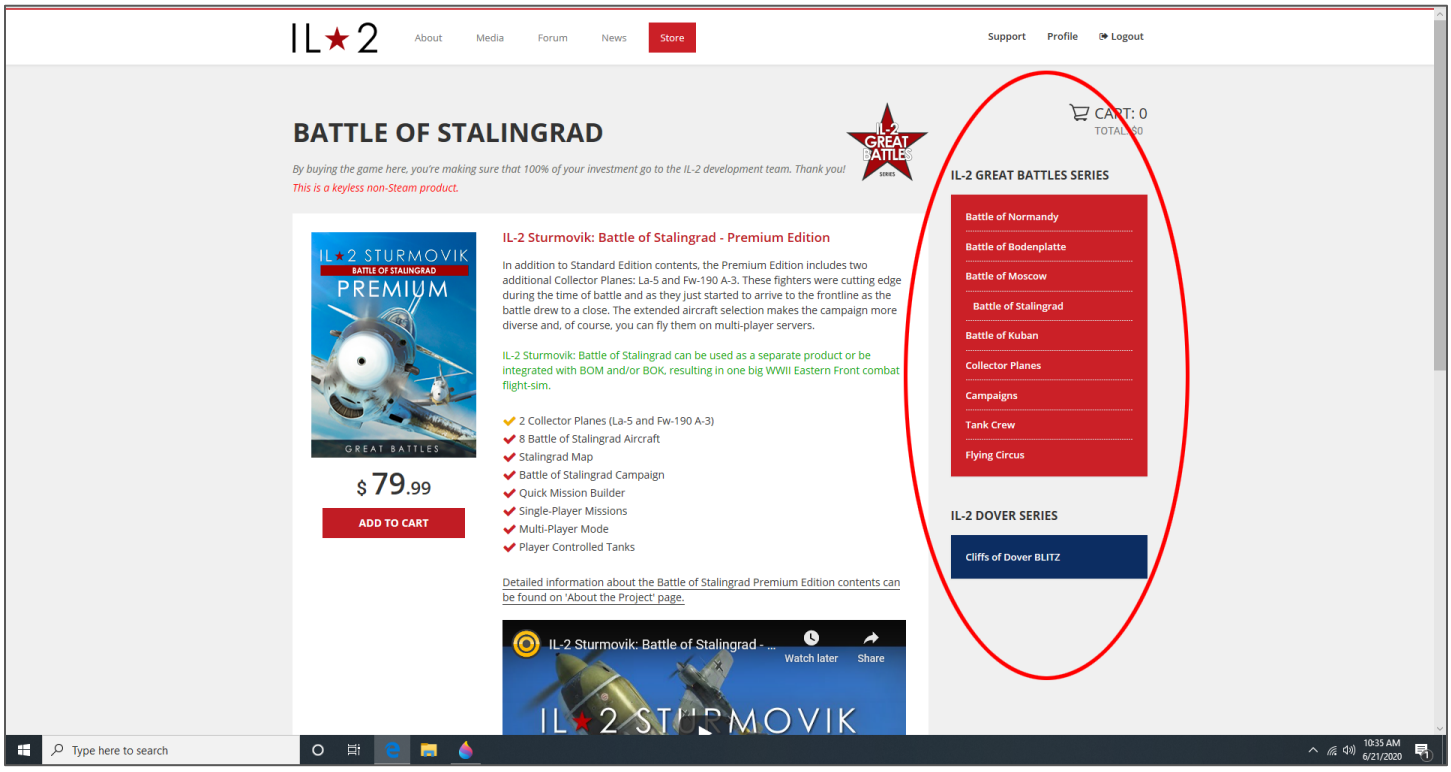


1.2 Purchase in the Official Webstore (Website)

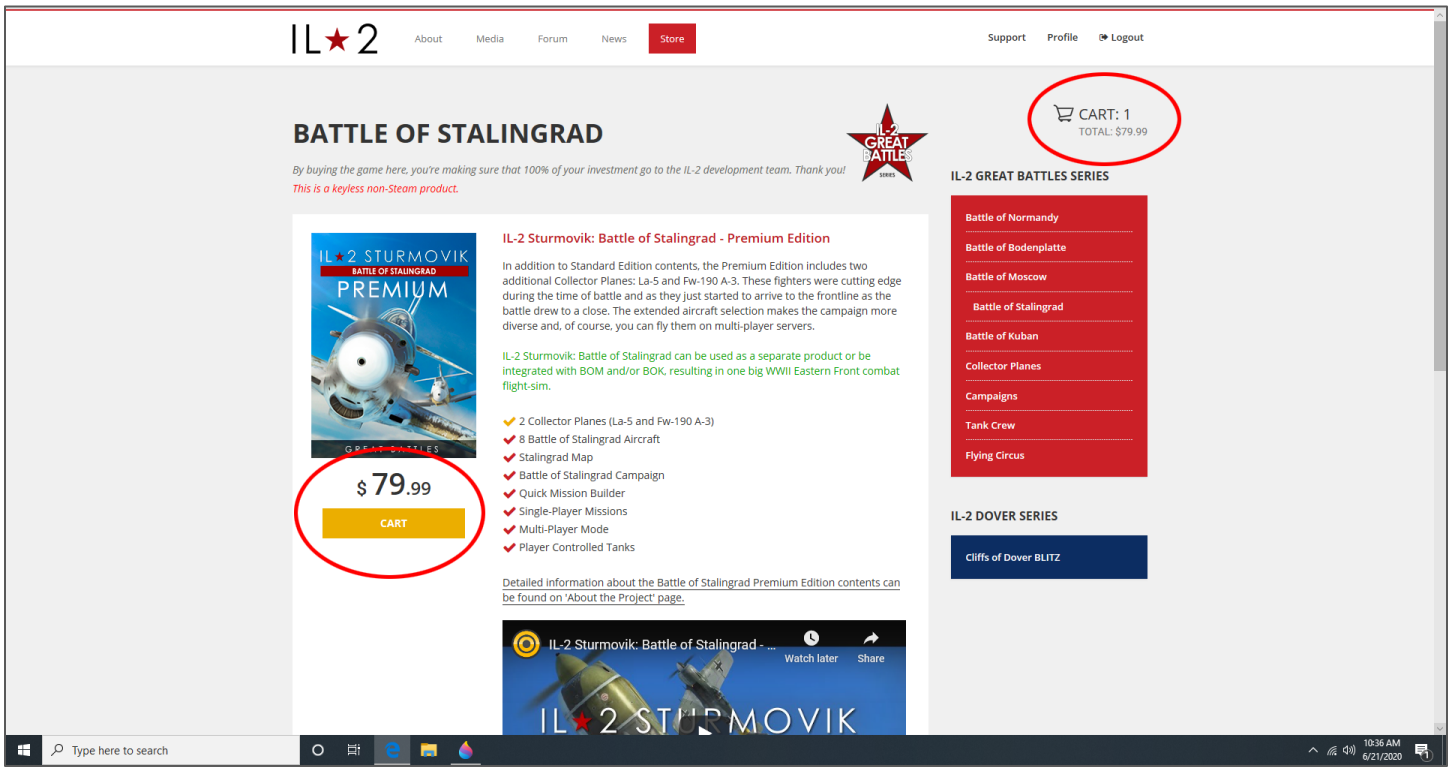
1. Making a purchase in the Official Webstore is easy and fast. Just log into your User Account and click on Store.

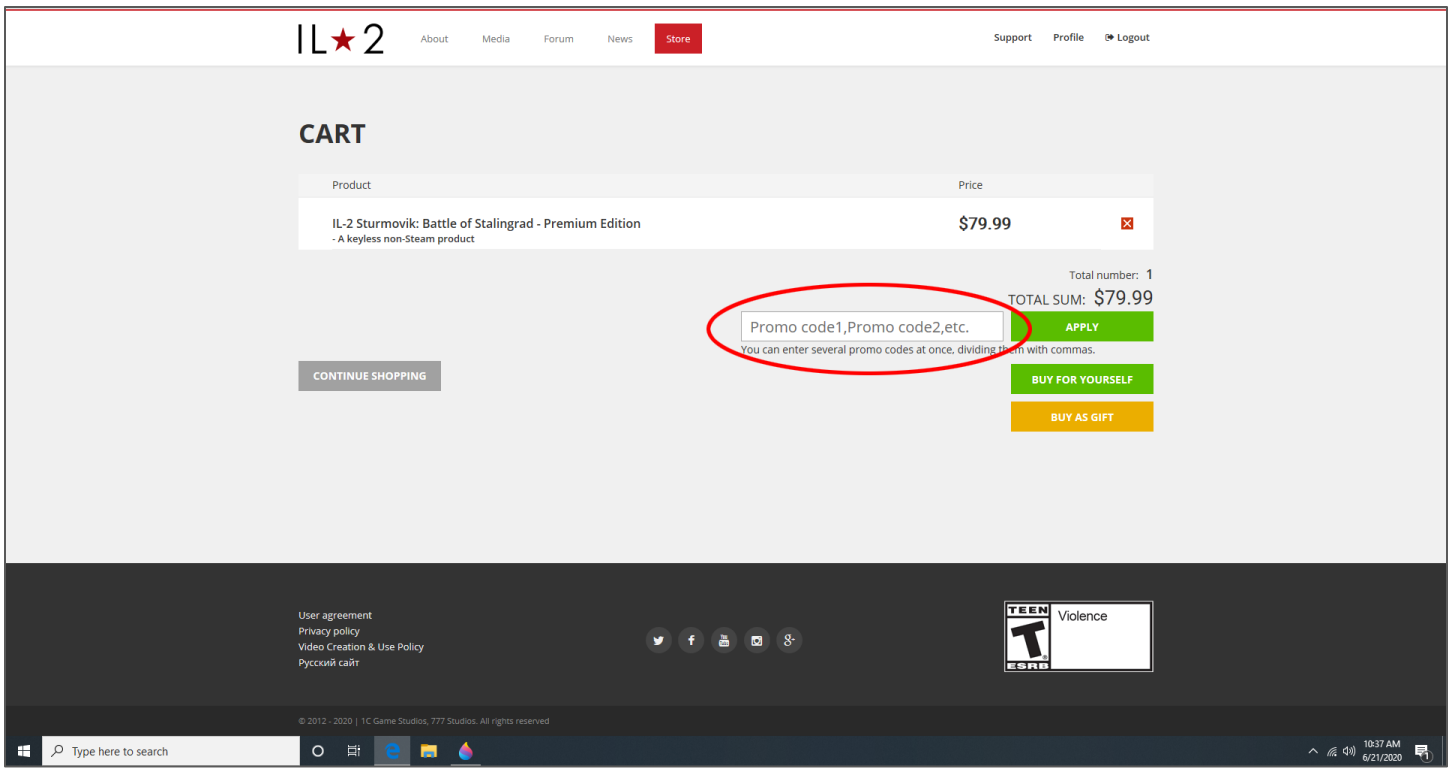


2. Once in the Store you can browse the different Great Battles, Collector Planes and Campaigns. You can also purchase any other titles we offer including those from Team Fusion Simulations which are also part of the IL-2 Sturmovik franchise, but is a separate product-line from the Great Battles Series.

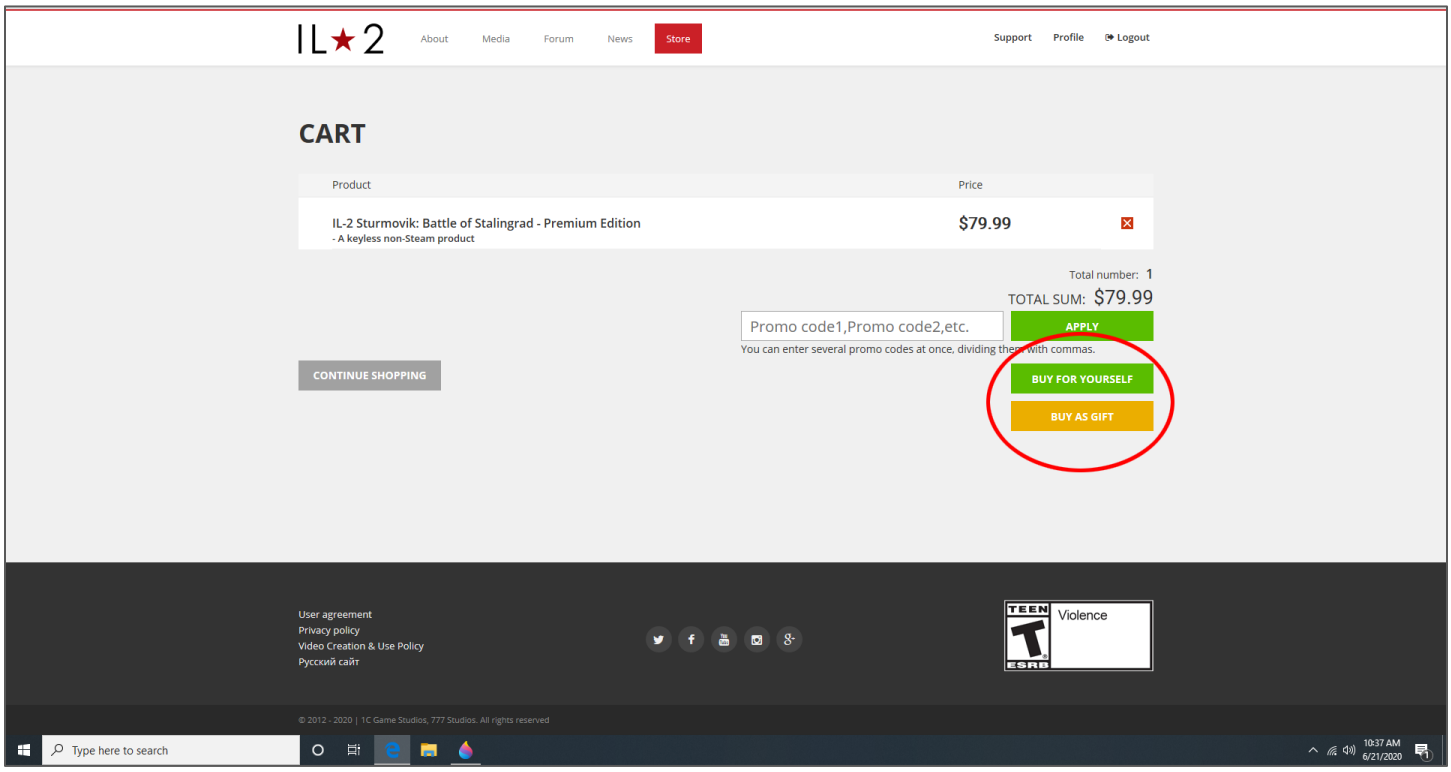


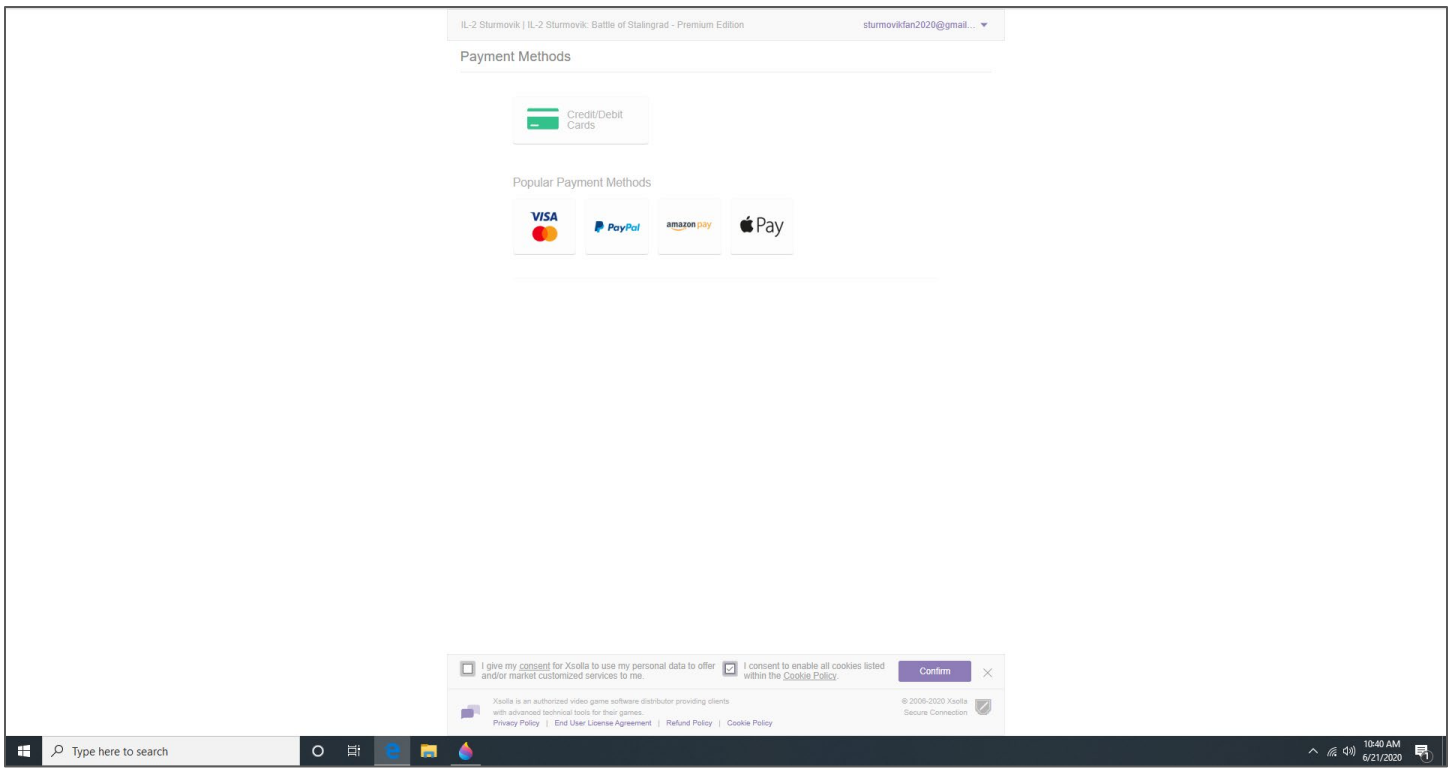
3. Simply put any content you are interested in into the Cart and click on CART to proceed to the checkout. There you can enter and Promo Codes you may have. Discounts will be shown before final checkout occurs.





4. Click on BUY FOR YOURSELF or BUY AS GIFT to pay and enter your payment information. We use Xsolla for our payment processing and they offer several different options based on your location and include Credit Cards and PayPal options. WE DO NOT RETAIN YOUR CREDIT CARD INFORMATION and WE DO NOT COLLECT ANY OTHER PERSONAL INFORMATION and WE DO NOT SELL YOUR INFORMATION TO THIRD PARTIES. Xsolla, Inc. is a secure and trustworthy payment processor for many online retail stores around the world. They take credit card fraud seriously and have several checks in place to ensure it is a legitimate purchase.

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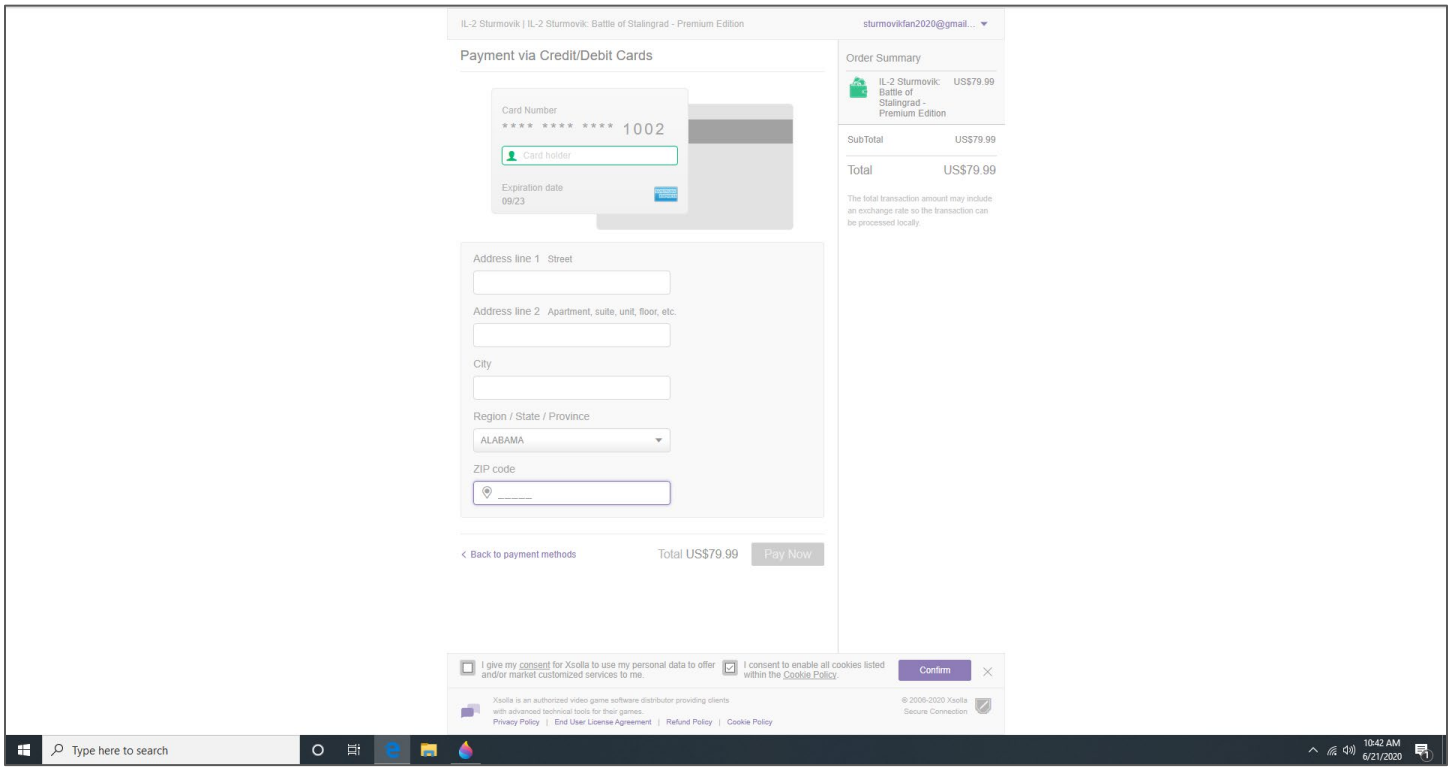
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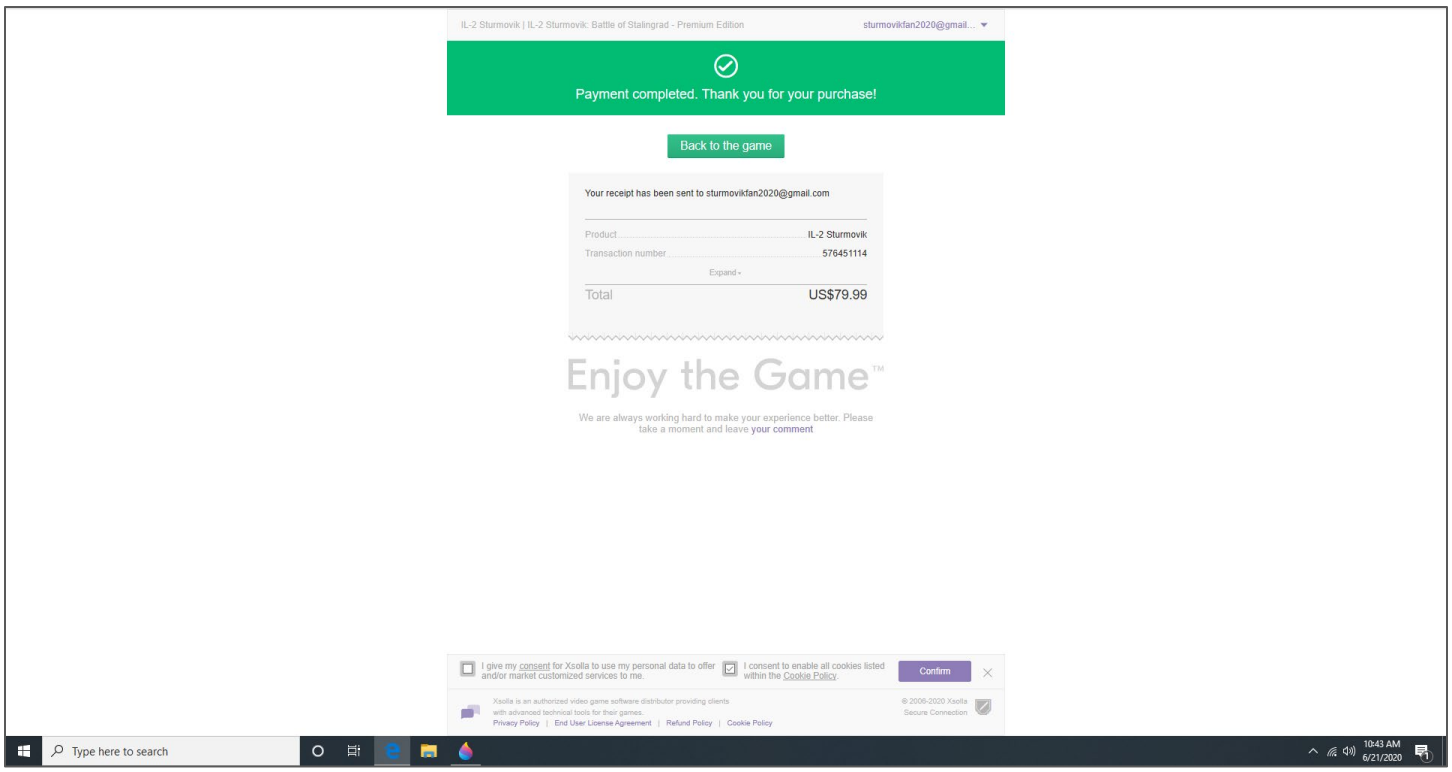
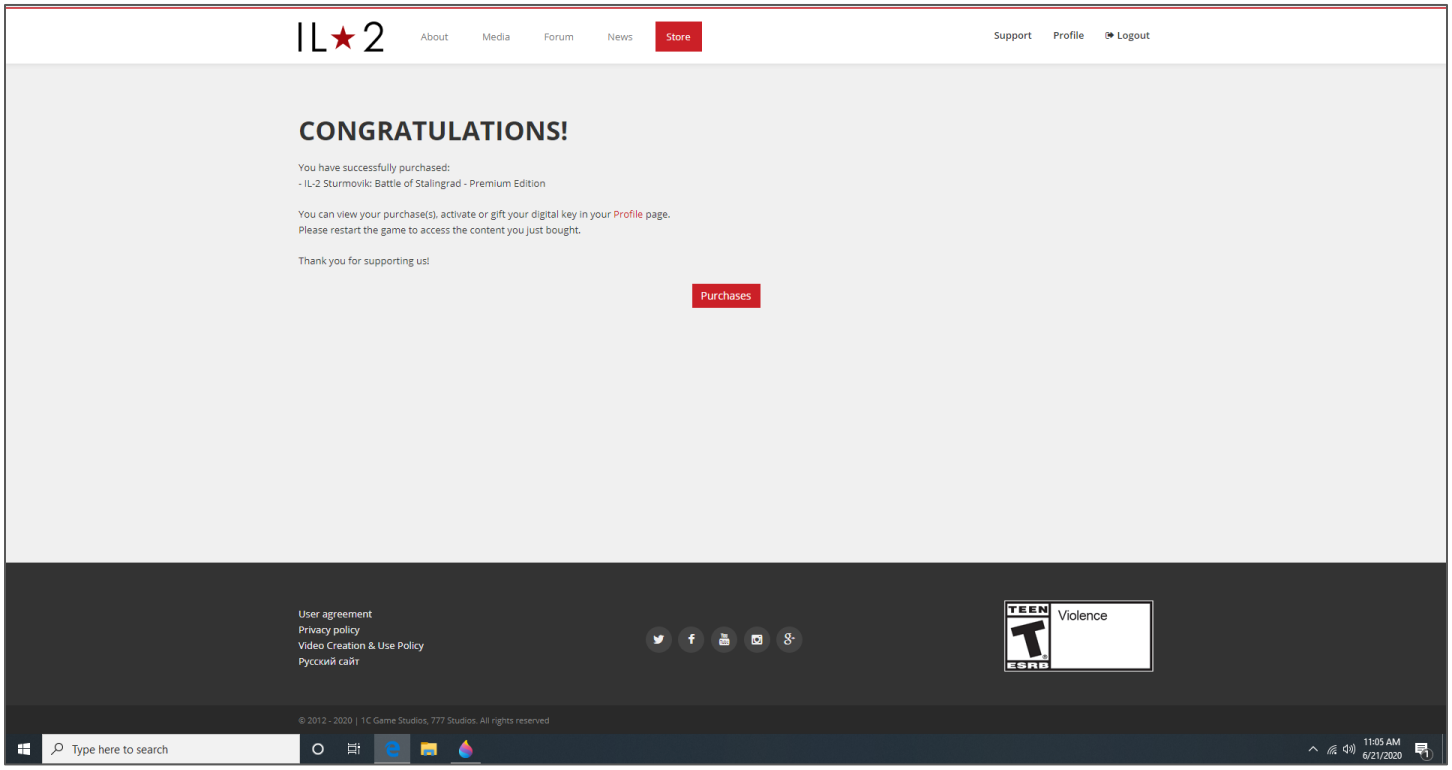


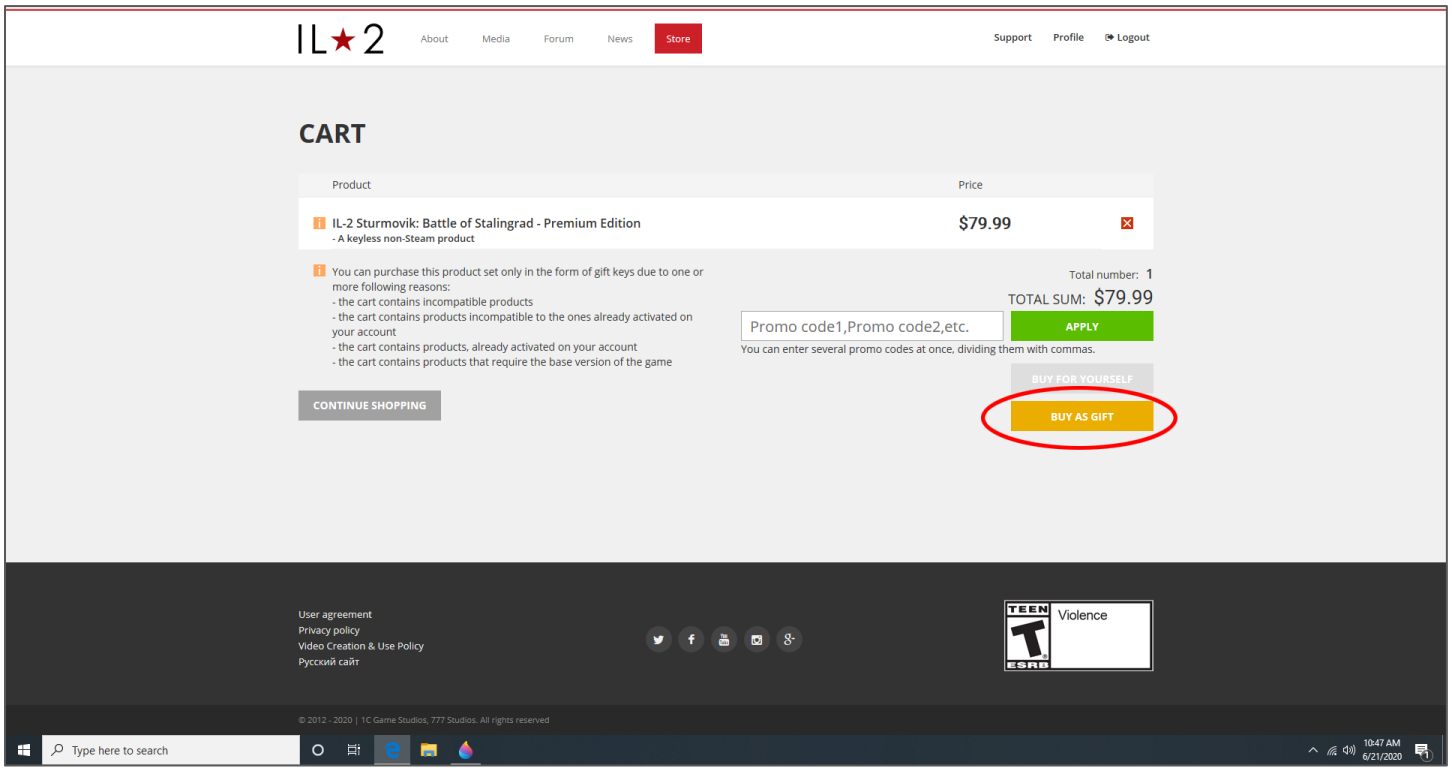
After purchase is complete you can select BACK TO GAME and return to the IL-2 Official Webstore where you will see the following message.



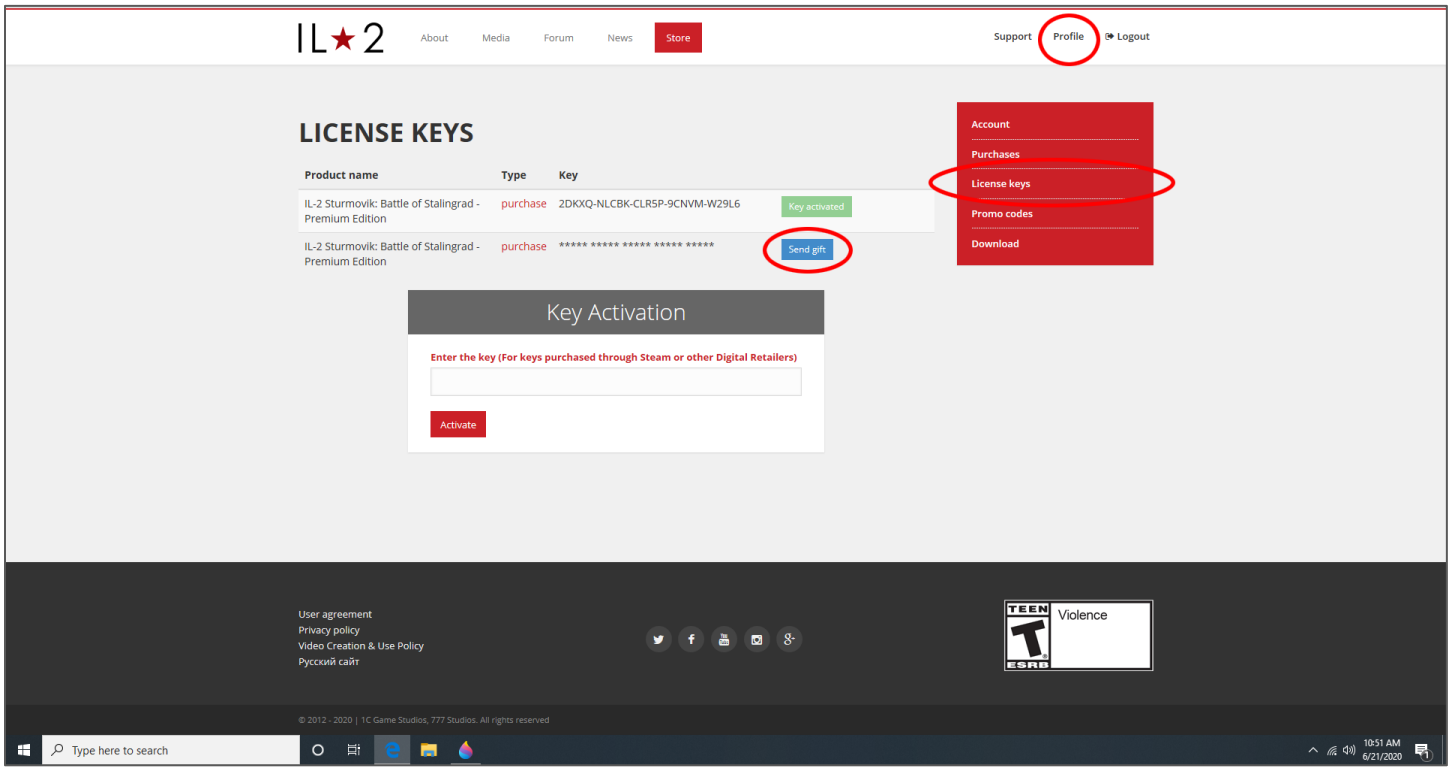
Important: From time to time, a payment may get declined or stopped short of completion. This is likely due to anti-fraud filters that Xsolla uses. Please do not take offense, this is for your own protection. Credit card fraud hurts everyone and we try to prevent it as often as possible. If for some reason there is an issue with your payment, such as it being declined or additional information is required by Xsolla before the transaction can be approved, please contact them at https://help.xsolla.com. If Xsolla has trouble helping you please contact our support at https://il2sturmovik.com/support.

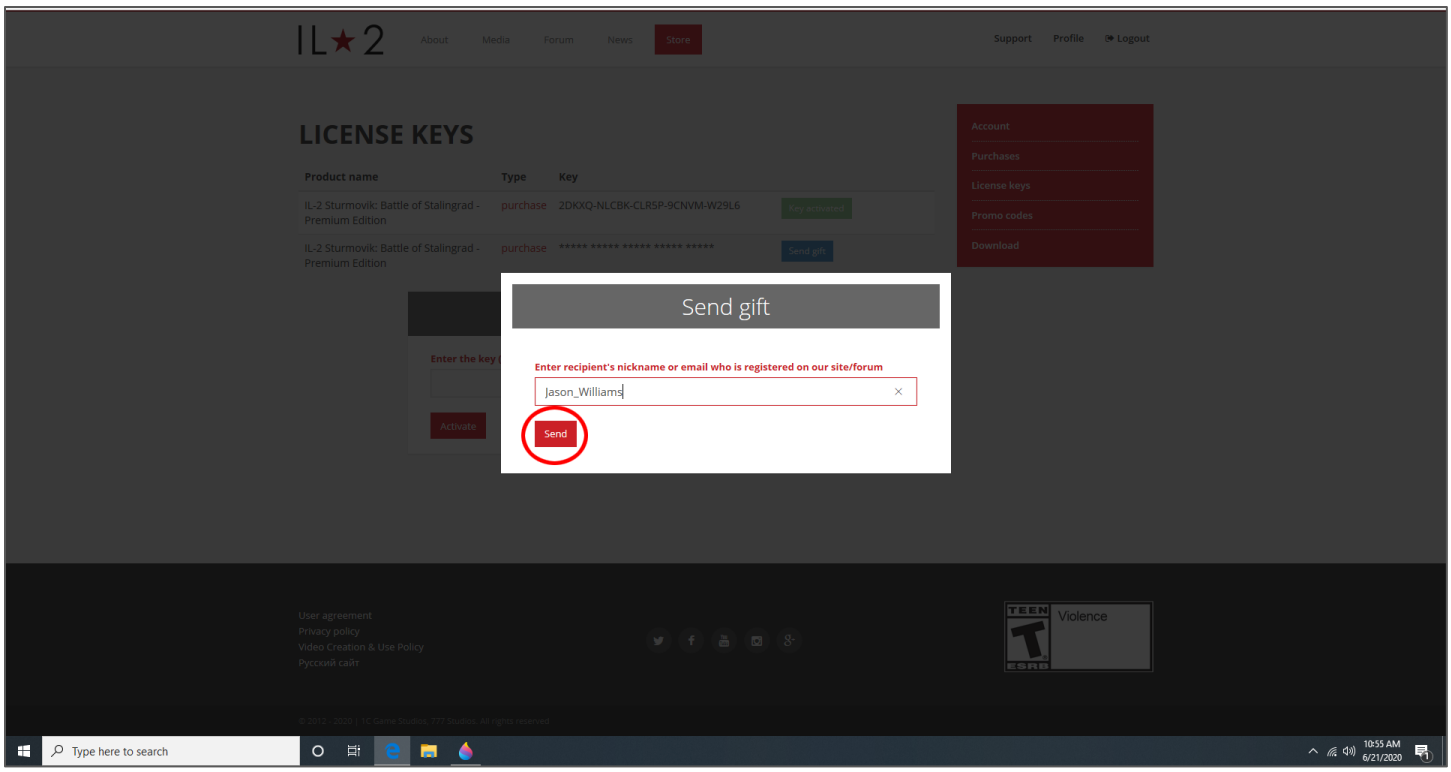
1.3 Buying and Sending as a Gift

1. When in the Cart just, choose BUY AS GIFT and just proceed as any other purchase as documented above.



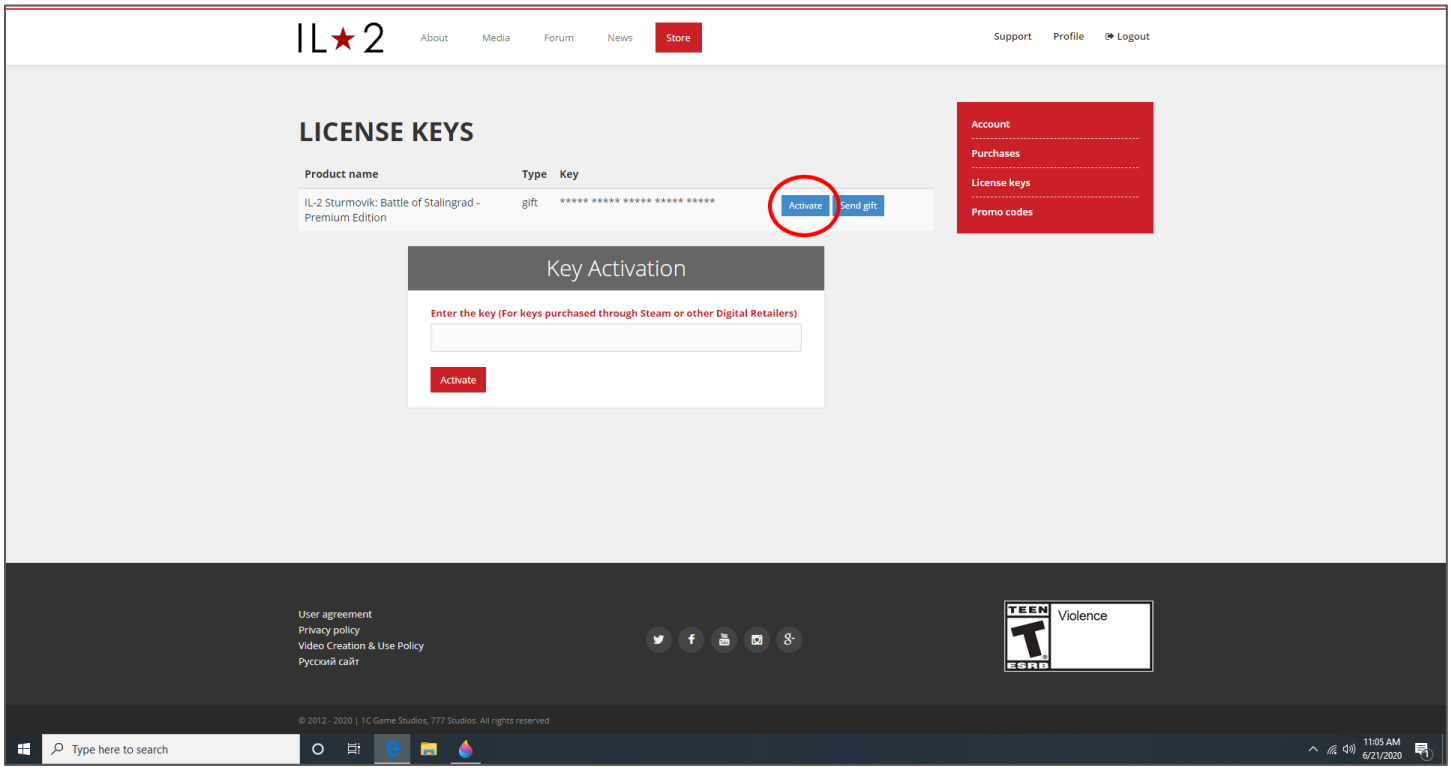
To send the Gift you just log into your User Account and choose PROFILE in the top right. Then click on LICENSES. There you will see a list of purchases you have made. You can then select Send Gift and enter the email address of the Use Account you want to send the Gift to. Then just hit SEND to transmit it.



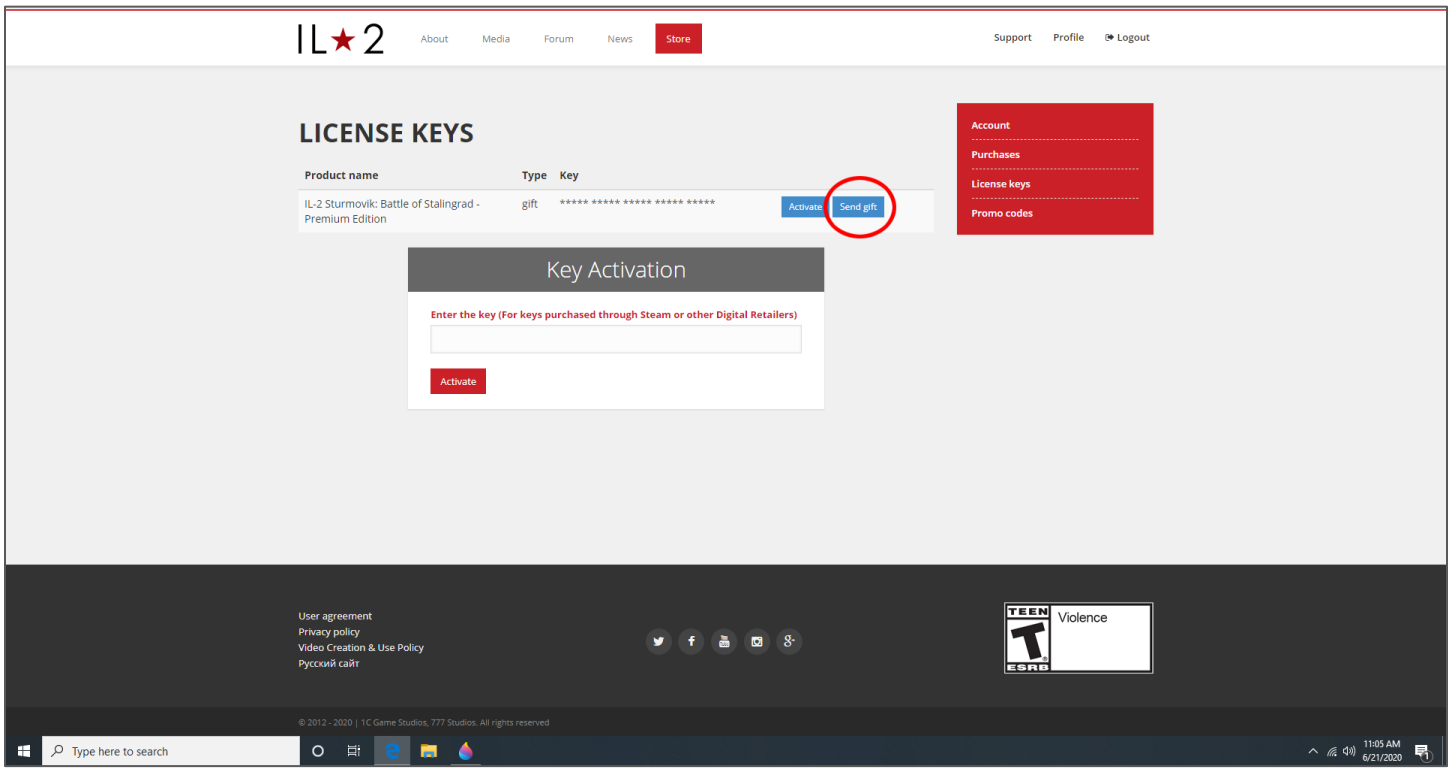


1.4 Activating a Gift

To activate a gift, the recipient of the gift, just needs to click on Profile and choose Licenses. There he or she will notice the new Gift key that has been sent to them. To claim the Gift simply click on Activate to assign the Gift to your account.



Somebody may send you a Gift that you already have or not interested in. Just select SEND GIFT to forward it on to someone else. Just follow the steps above. A product can be gifted a maximum of two times.



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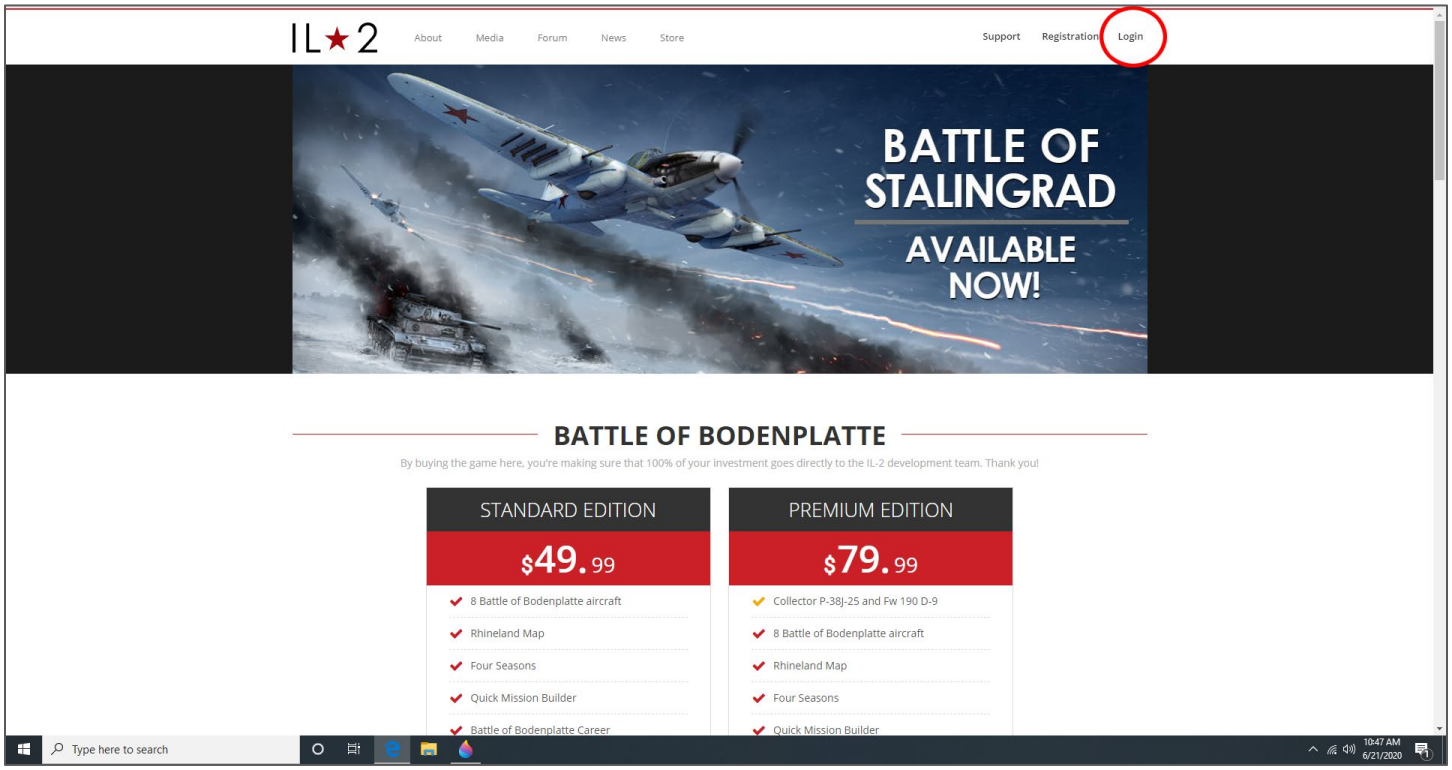
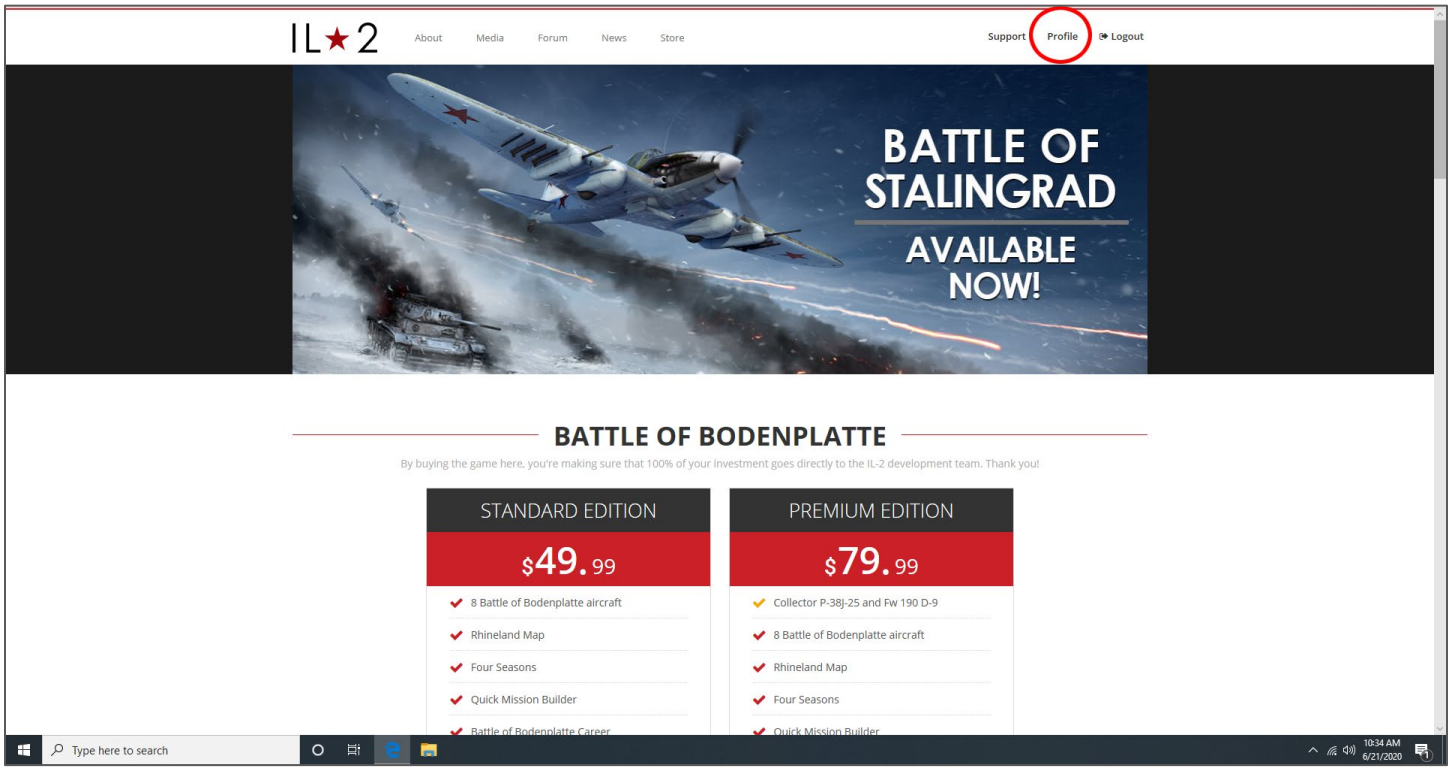
Section 2.0 Client Download and Install (Webstore)

The first time you purchase an IL-2 Sturmovik: Great Battles title you will need to download the installer executable and then install the CLIENT. That process is quite simple to do and once your client is installed, it is very easy to maintain it and install future updates.

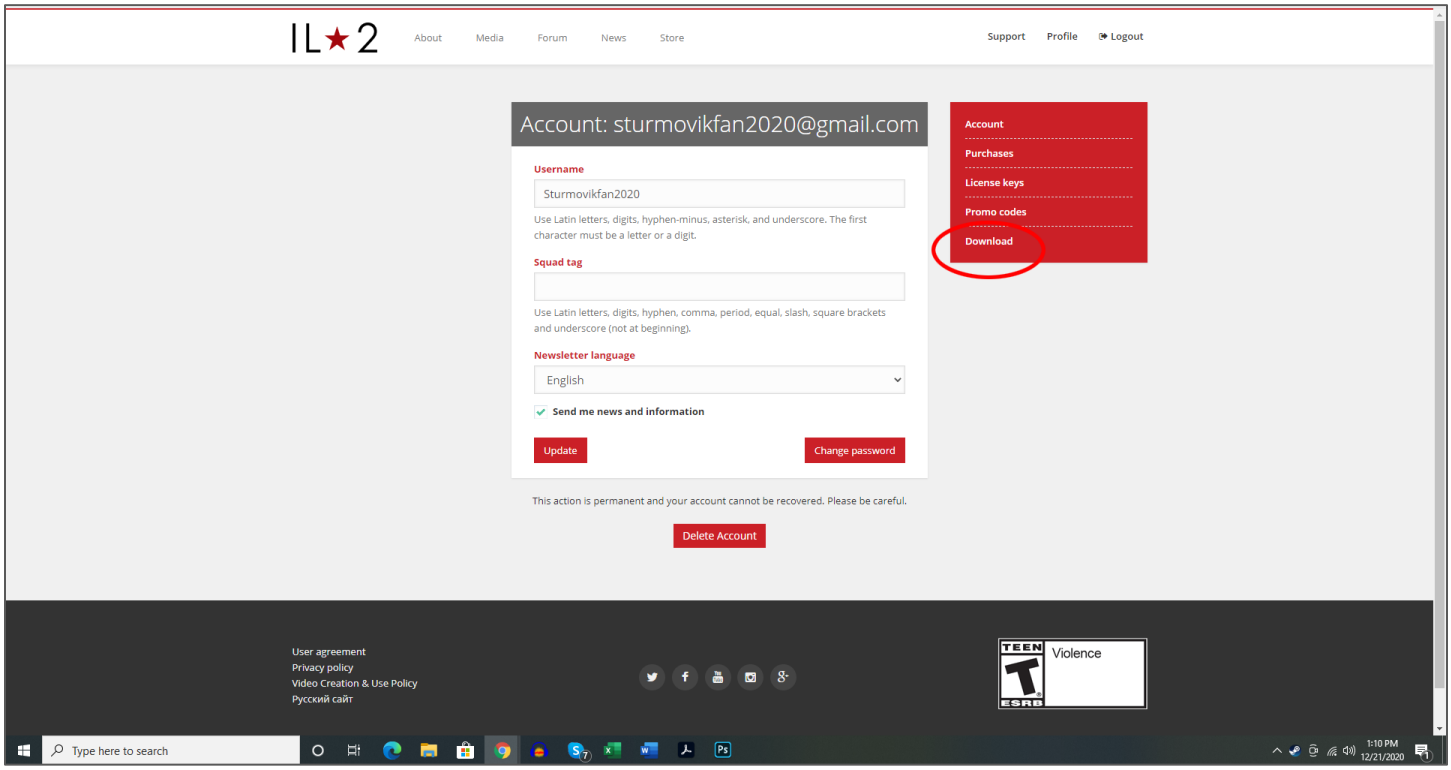
1. Log into the IL-2 website by clicking **LOGIN**.



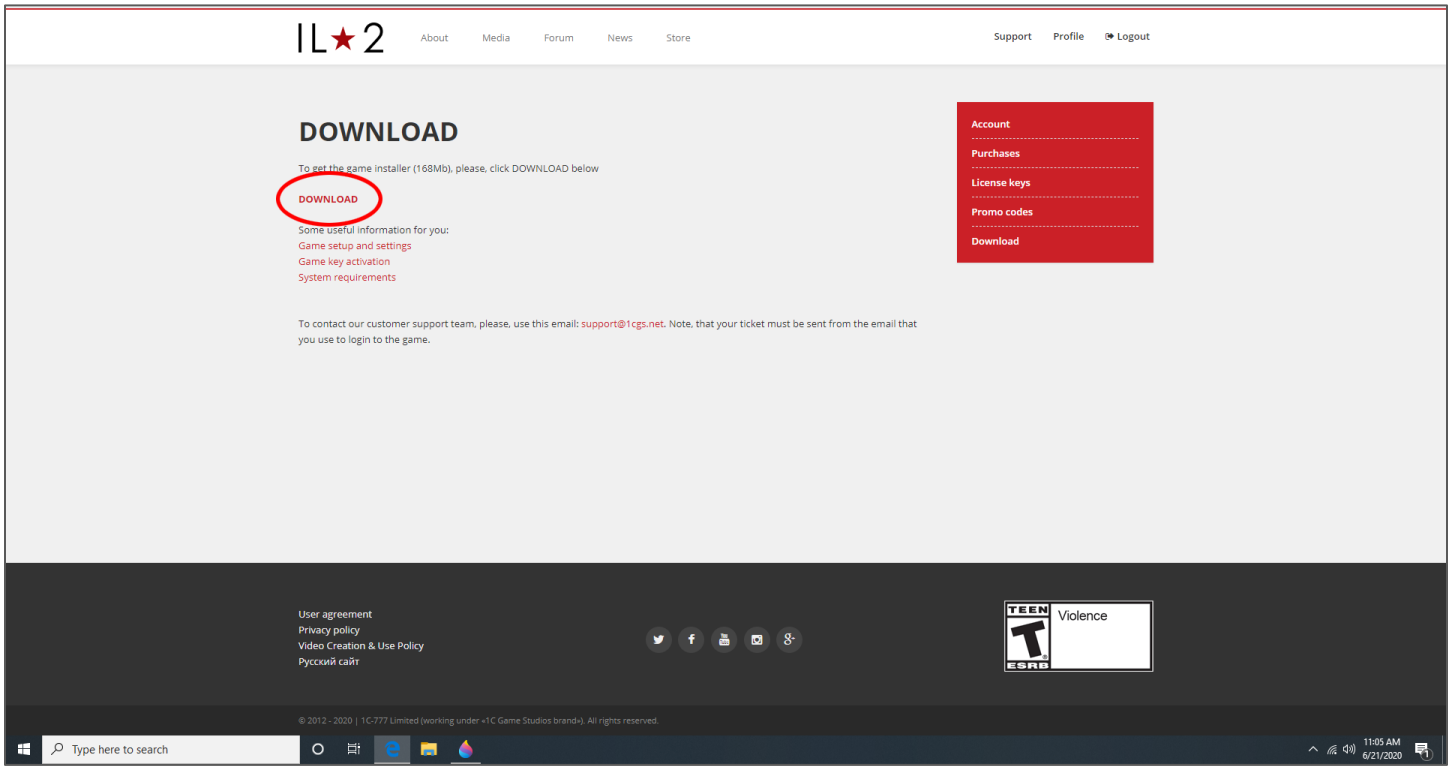
2. Once logged in, select **PROFILE**.



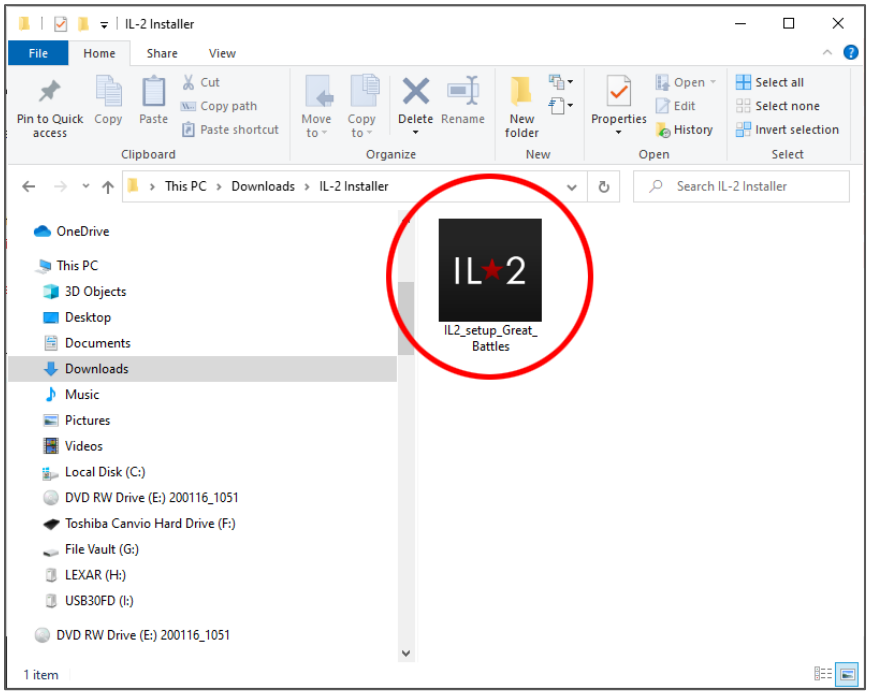
3. Then select **DOWNLOAD**



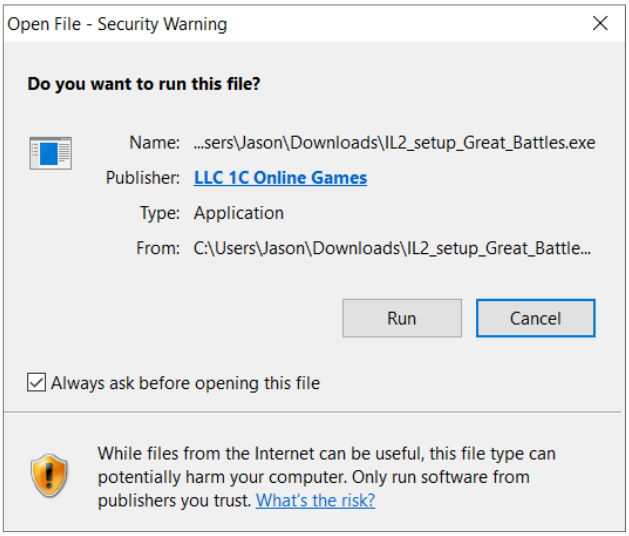
4. Choose to download and save the installer.

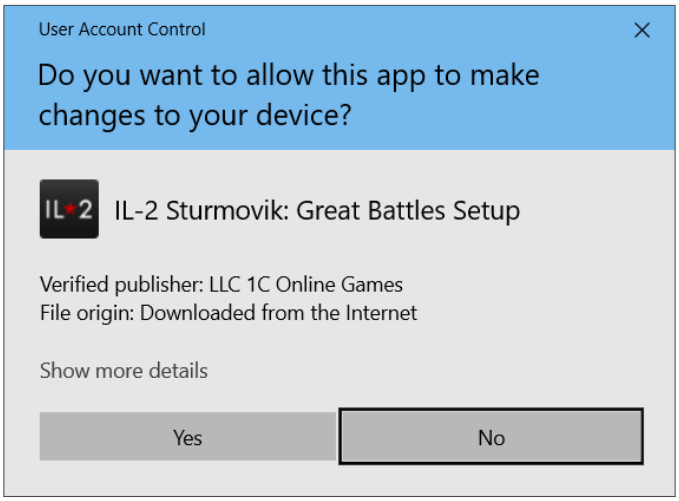


5. Navigate to wherever you saved the installer to and double click on it. This will start the install process.



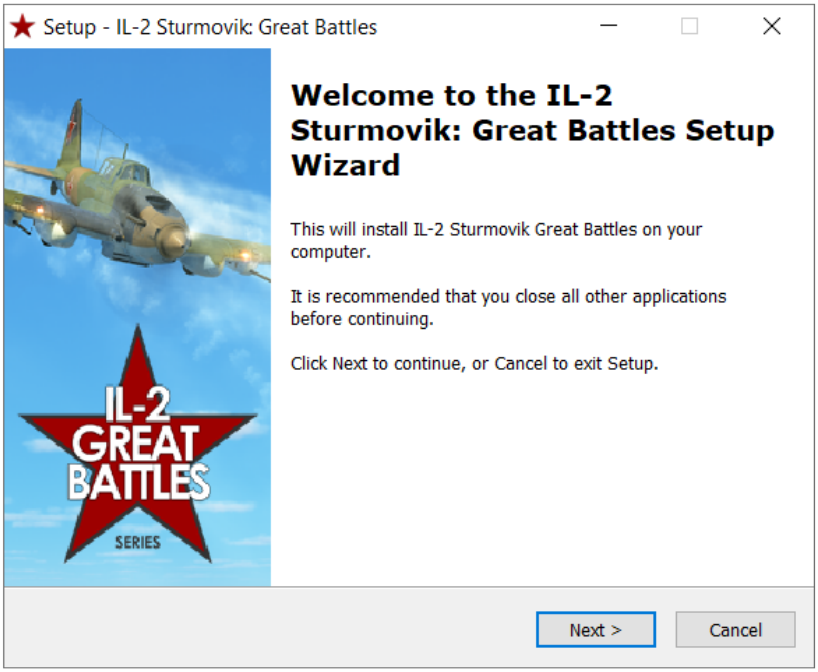
6. The install process will begin and you just need to follow the prompts. If Windows asks if this is a legitimate program please accept any changes it will make. Nothing in our install routine will hurt your computer.



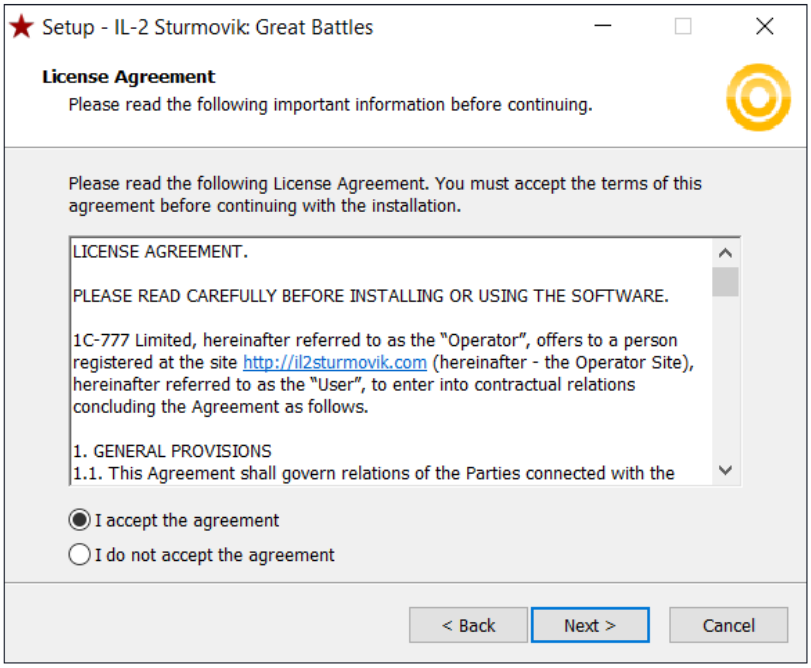


7. Once you've given permission to install click **NEXT** to begin the process. There will be several small steps which include not only the game files, but some Microsoft libraries and software what your computer needs to run Sturmovik successfully. Your install of Windows may or may not include all these libraries such as MS C++ Redistributable, .Net 4 Framework or DirectX.

Important: Later versions of Windows such as 7, 8.1 and 10 comes with DirectX 11 or 12 already installed, but even though Sturmovik is now a DirectX 11 powered game, it still requires some files that are found in DirectX 9.0c. Newer versions of Windows no longer comes with DirectX 9.0C this installed, so you should always install DirectX when prompted by the Sturmovik install process. It won't hurt anything and you may have some older games on your system that need it to run, so it's a good idea to have it installed anyways.



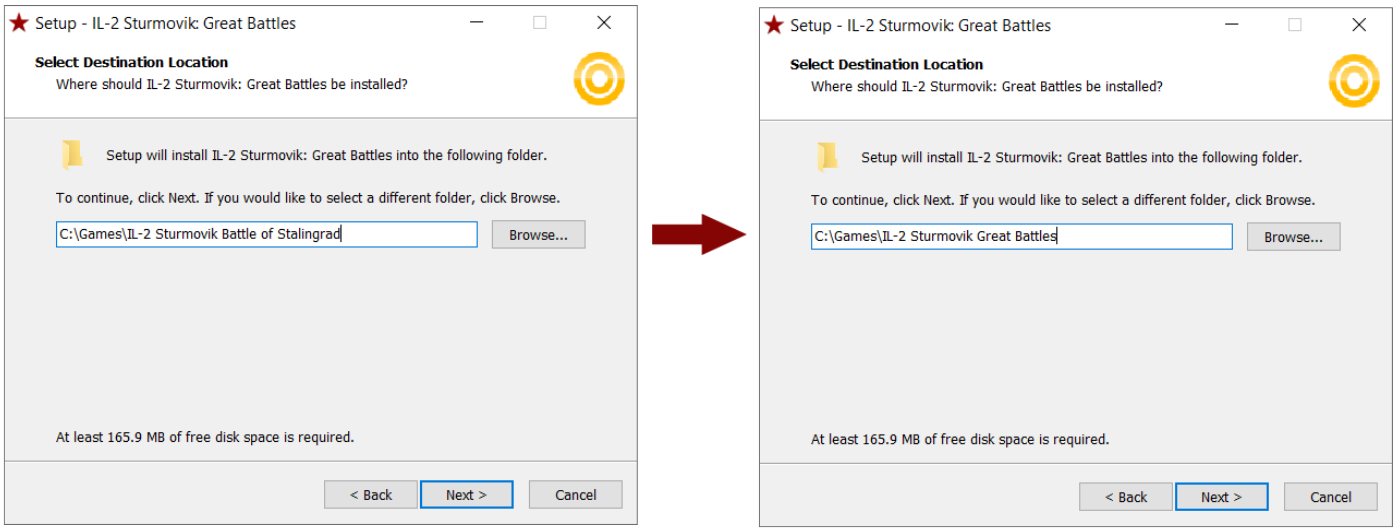
8. You must accept the License Agreement to continue. Check **I ACCEPT** and then **NEXT** to continue.



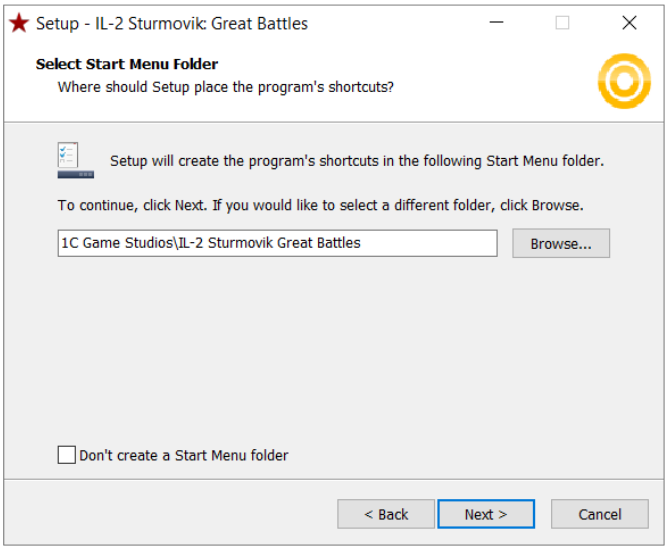
9. Choose the Destination Folder which is where the game will be installed. We suggest you change the default name from Battle of Stalingrad to **Great Battles** like in the image below. This will not affect anything, but it may ease any confusion later when you need to access the install folders to install skins or mods. Remember that the Great Battles series encompasses and includes several '*Battle of*' titles and Flying Circus and Tank Crew. All this content is found in the main install folder. Calling it just Battle of Stalingrad is not really accurate.

Note: The final installation size of Sturmovik will be quite large over 50GB in size. However, during this phase of the install process the size of the installation folder in very minimal and the game will not run until you update the game to the current version using the IL-2 Sturmovik Launcher. This process is covered below in a later step.

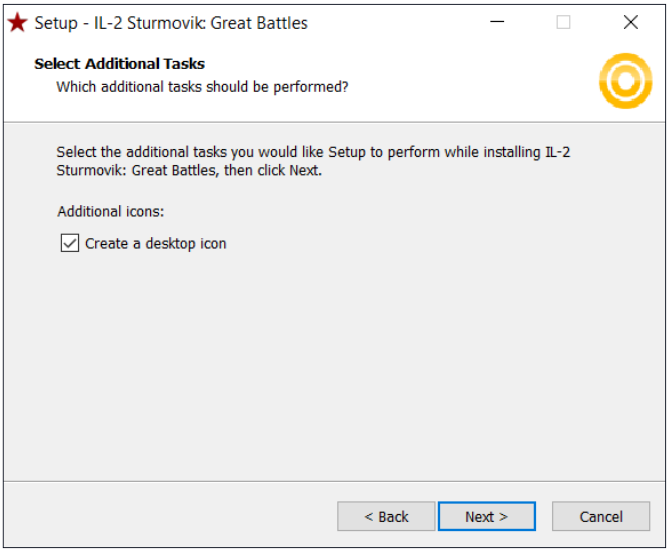
Important: The Launcher application greatly reduces the complexity of installing our updates and does all the hard work for you. You can even make some changes to the game from the launcher to ensure Sturmovik has a successful first launch. The Launcher is covered in more detail below.



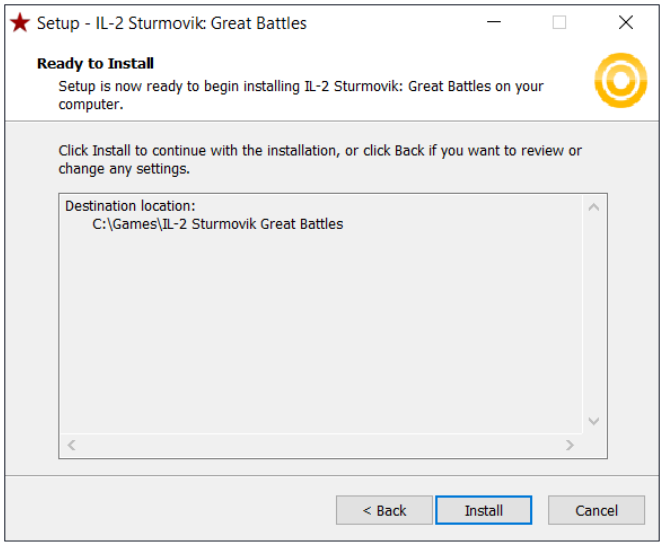
10. Next you need to choose the **Start Menu** name. Click NEXT when ready.



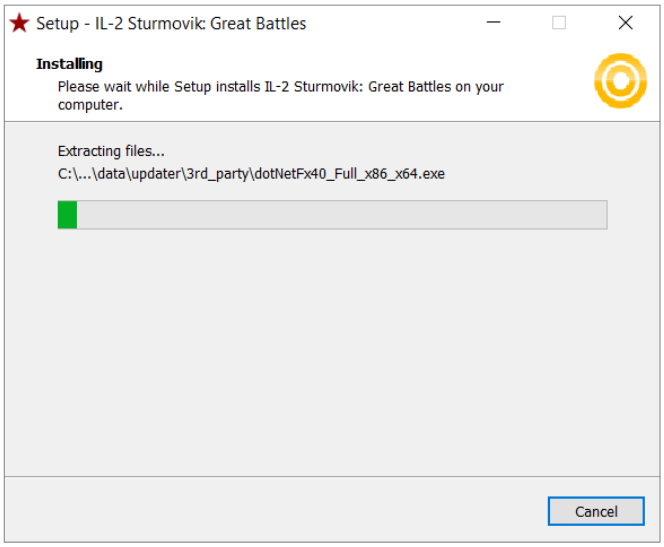
11. Decide to create a **Desktop Icon** or not. We suggest that you do. It will create a shortcut to the Launcher by default. You can later link to the game executable itself manually if you wish. Click **NEXT** when ready.



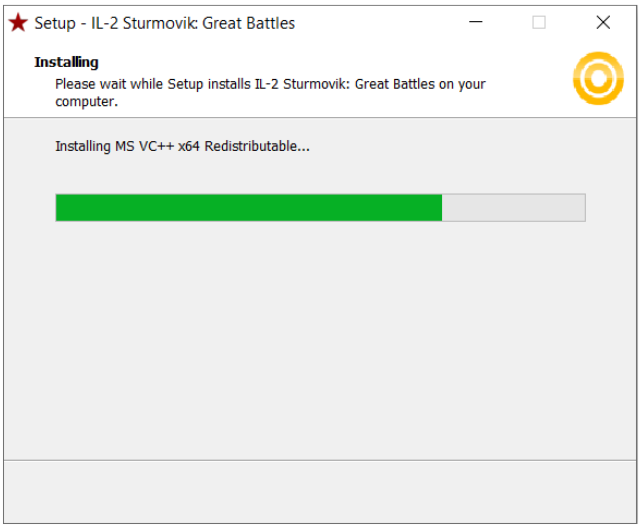
12. Next hit **INSTALL** to begin installing the initial game files.



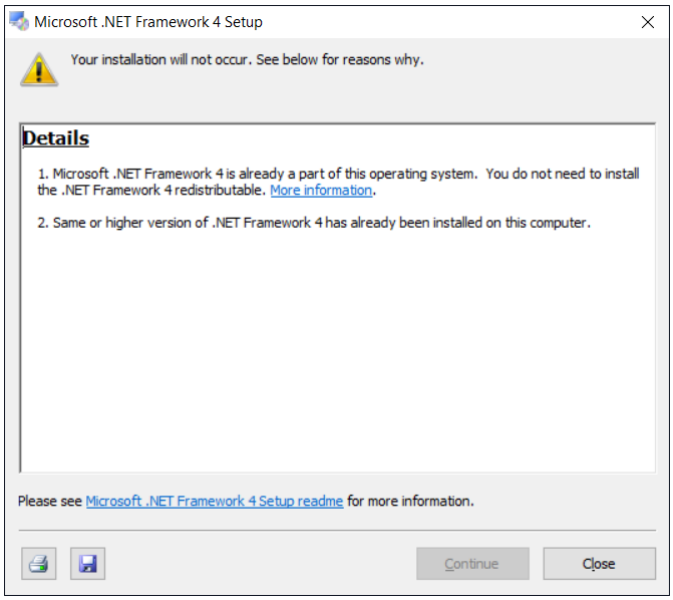
13. The initial file install process will begin. It may just last a few quick seconds depending on the speed of your system.



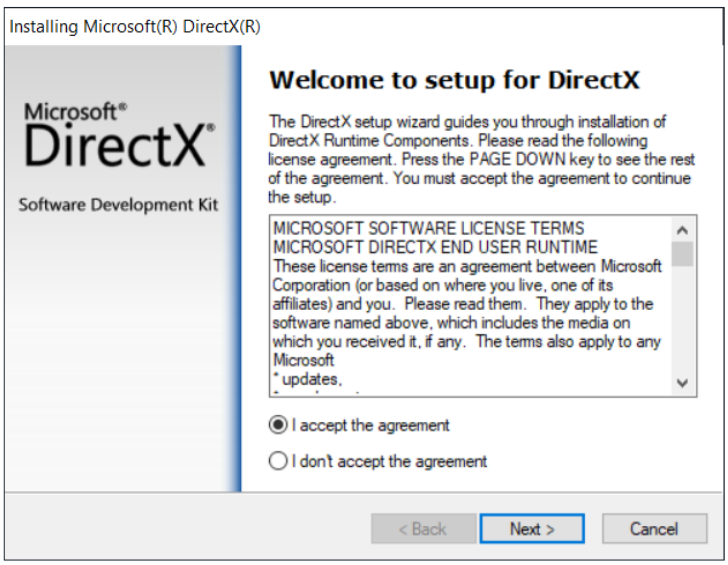
14. After the game files have been installed it will then begin the Microsoft Library install process beginning with the **MS C++ Redistributable** library. This is needed to run the game so you must install it. It will not harm anything.

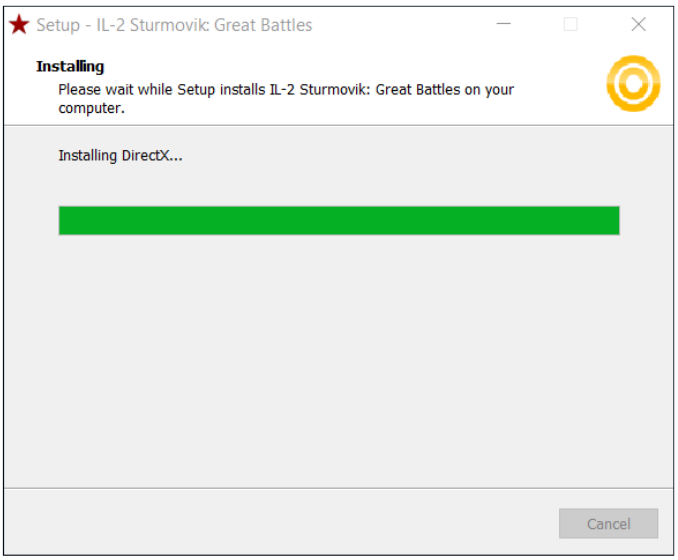


15. Next it will ask you if you want to install the **.Net 4 Framework**. This library is also needed for the game to run, but MOST computers already have a version of .Net that is greater than version 4 and will say your computer is already up to date so it is not necessary to install it. This is done automatically and if not needed just hit NEXT. If for some reason you have an older version of .Net it will be installed. It will not hurt anything. Jus hit **CLOSE** if your computer is up to date which it likely will be.



16. Next you will need to either install DirectX or skip it. As we stated above in Step 6 we suggest you install it even if you think you already have it. It won't harm anything and only ensure Sturmovik will run successfully the first time. Select **I ACCEPT** and then **NEXT** to install it or hit **CANCEL** to not install it.

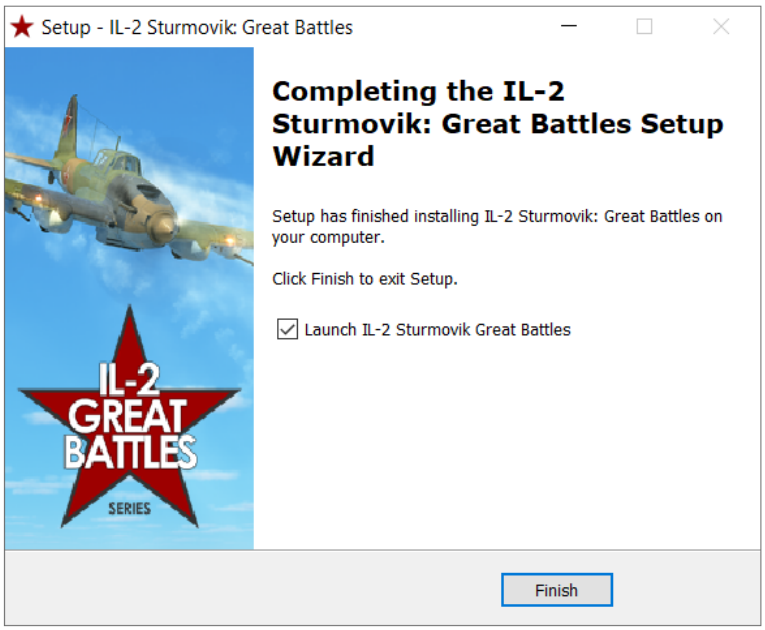




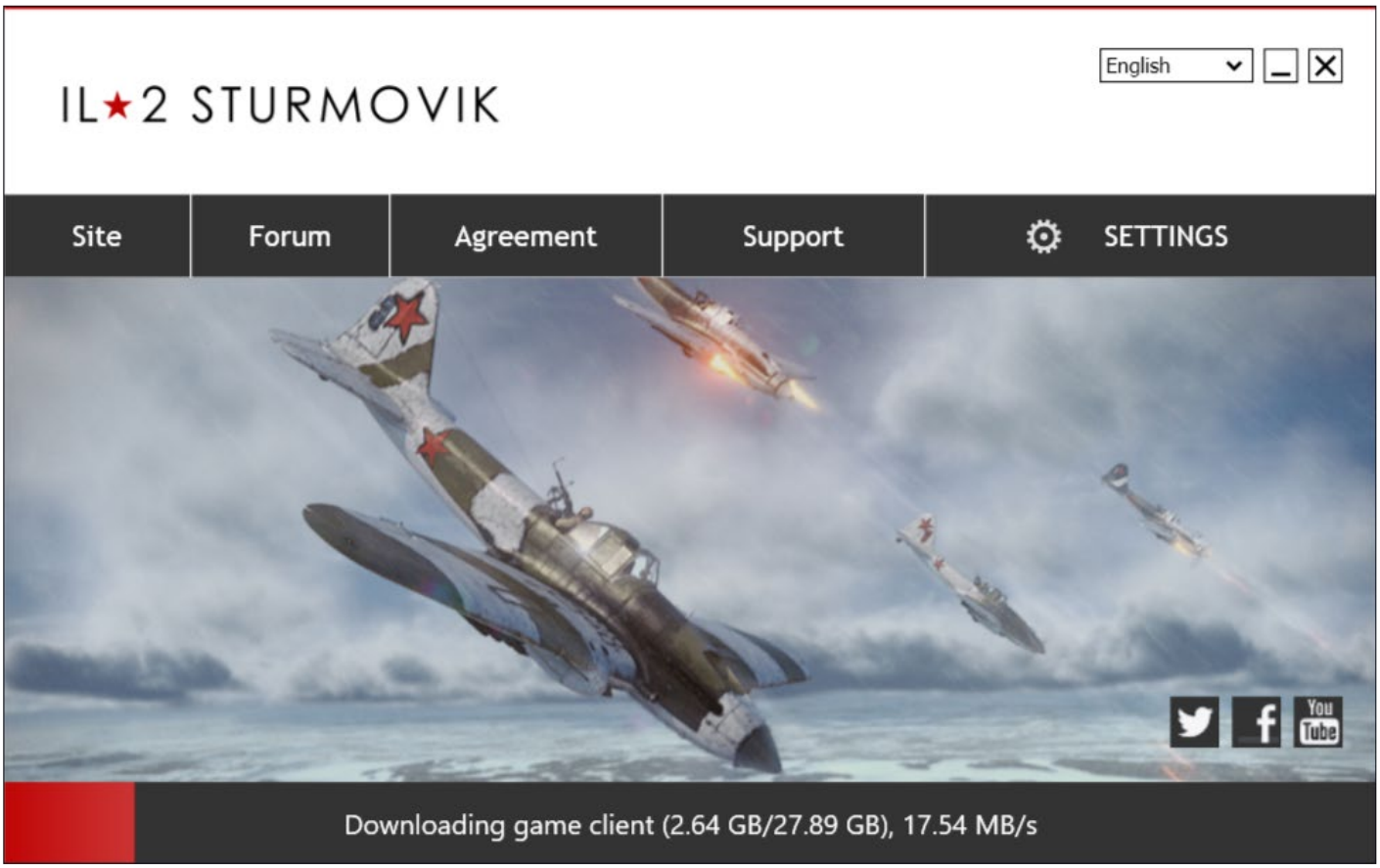
Important (Again): Later versions of Windows such as 7, 8.1 and 10 comes with DirectX 11 or 12 already installed, but even though Sturmovik is now a DirectX 11 powered game, it still requires some files that are found in DirectX 9.0c. Newer versions of Windows no longer comes with DirectX 9.0C this installed, so you should always install DirectX when prompted by the Sturmovik install process. It won't hurt anything and you may have some older games on your system that need it to run, so it's a good idea to have it installed anyways.

If you attempt to launch the game without this version of DirectX being installed, the game will likely crash. This is the most common mistake users make that causes a crash. However, once you install it, you don't have to do it again unless you have a fresh newly installed version of Windows running or it gets somehow corrupted which does not happen often.

17. Next it will conform that you've now reached the end of the initial install process. Click **FINISH** to continue and start up the IL-2 Sturmovik Launcher which will complete the entire install process so you can play. Leave the checkbox ticked to make sure the Launcher starts.



18. The Launcher will start and automatically begin the download process for the large amount of game files needed to give you the absolute latest version of the IL-2 Sturmovik: Great Battles client. The launcher will grab all the necessary and latest files from the cloud and install them for you. It's a very simple process, but sometimes it can take a little while to download everything so please be patient.



End of Section 2. Section 3 Below.

Section 3.0 The IL-2 Sturmovik Launcher

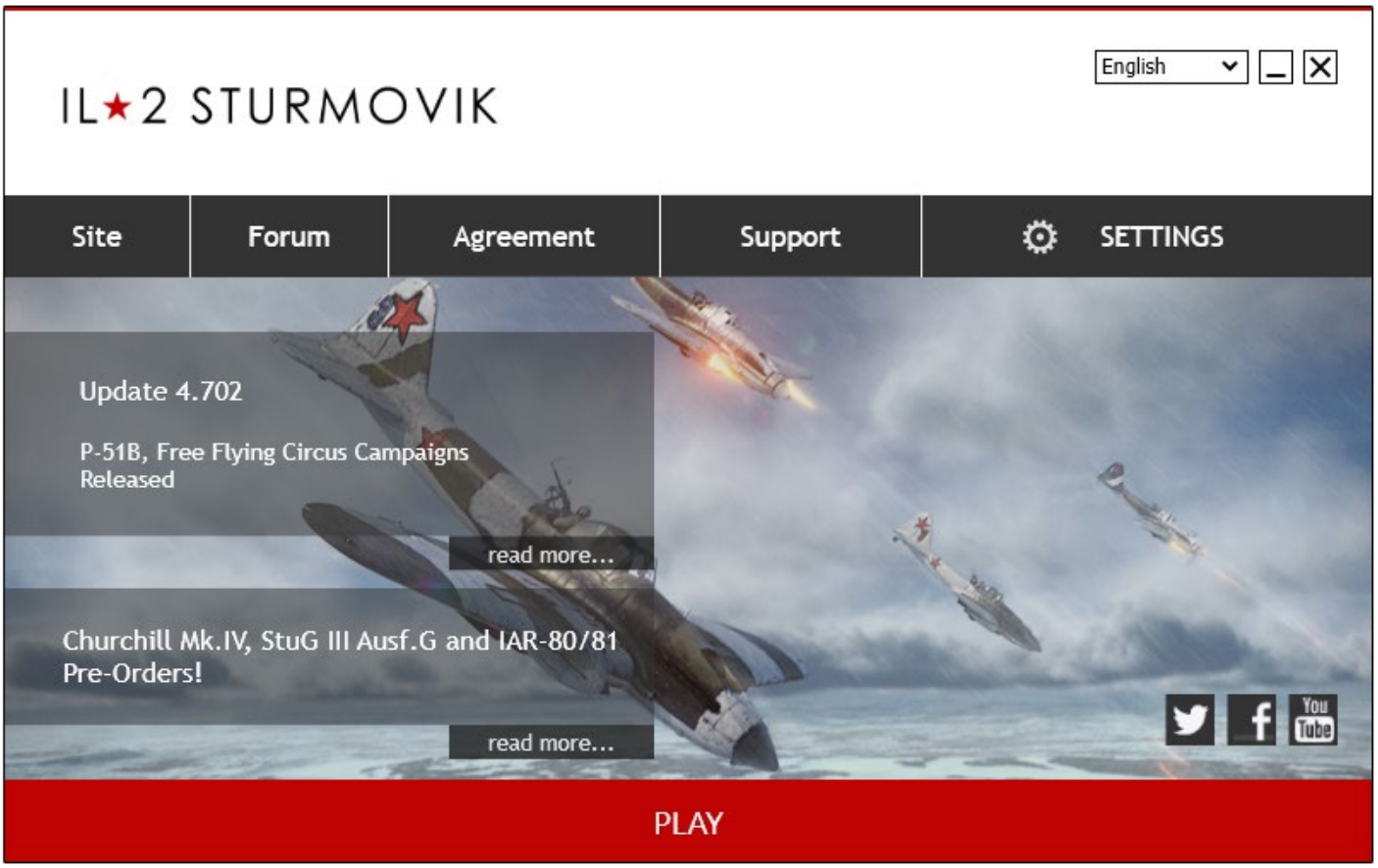
IL-2 Sturmovik: Great Battles comes with an external application called the Launcher. After the game is installed, a shortcut to the Launcher will be placed on your desktop Simply double-click on it to start the application.



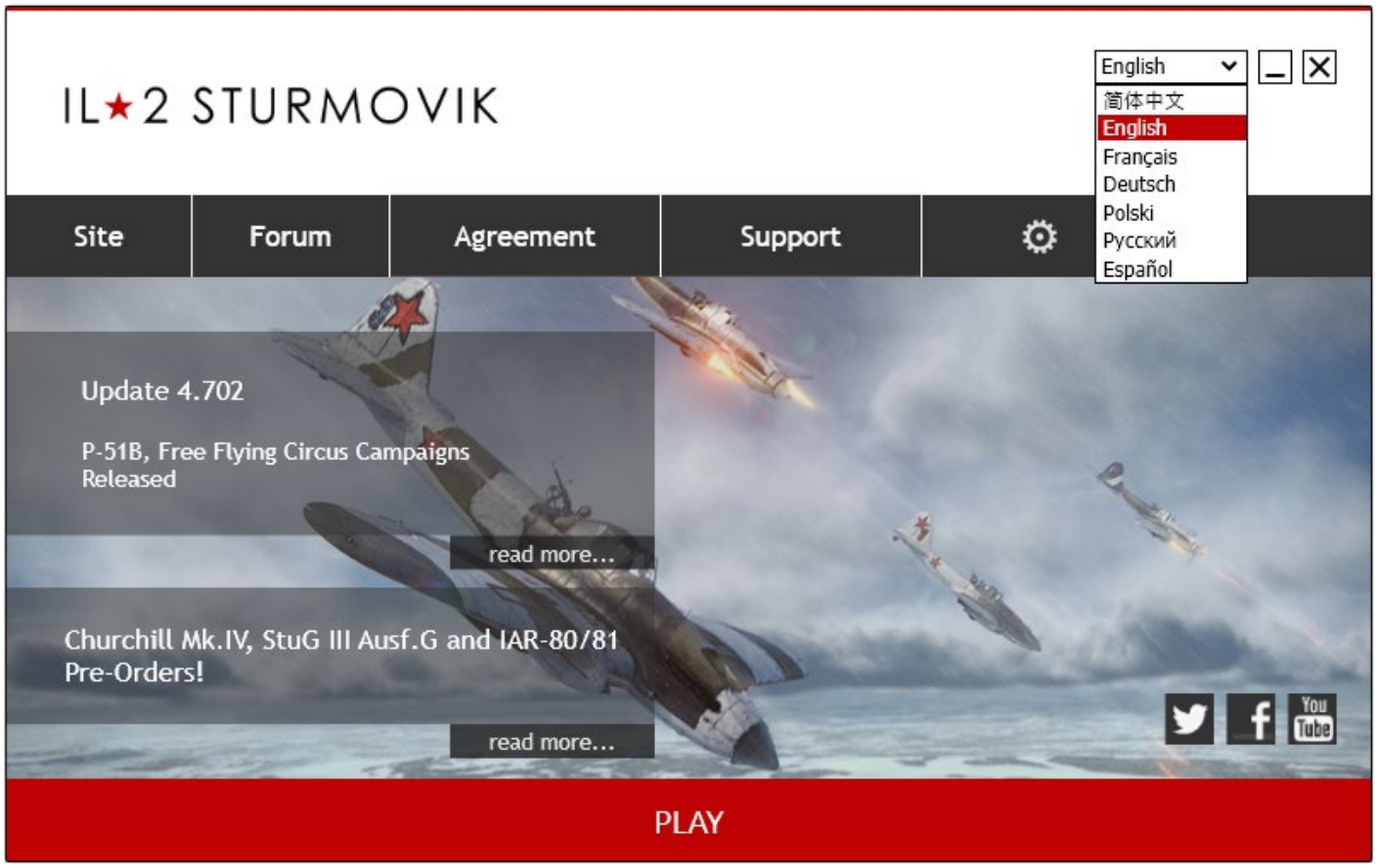
The Launcher allows the user to manage some of the necessary graphical and technical settings for IL-2 Sturmovik: Great Battles. It also updates you on any News on IL-2 Sturmovik: Great Battles development and is also the portal in which you keep IL-2 Sturmovik: Great Battles automatically updated to the latest version. Links to different sections of the IL-2 Sturmovik: Great Battles website can also be found at the top of the IL-2 Sturmovik: Great Battles Launcher. For more information about the IL-2 Sturmovik: Great Battles website, please see Section 2.0.

3.1 Main Screen

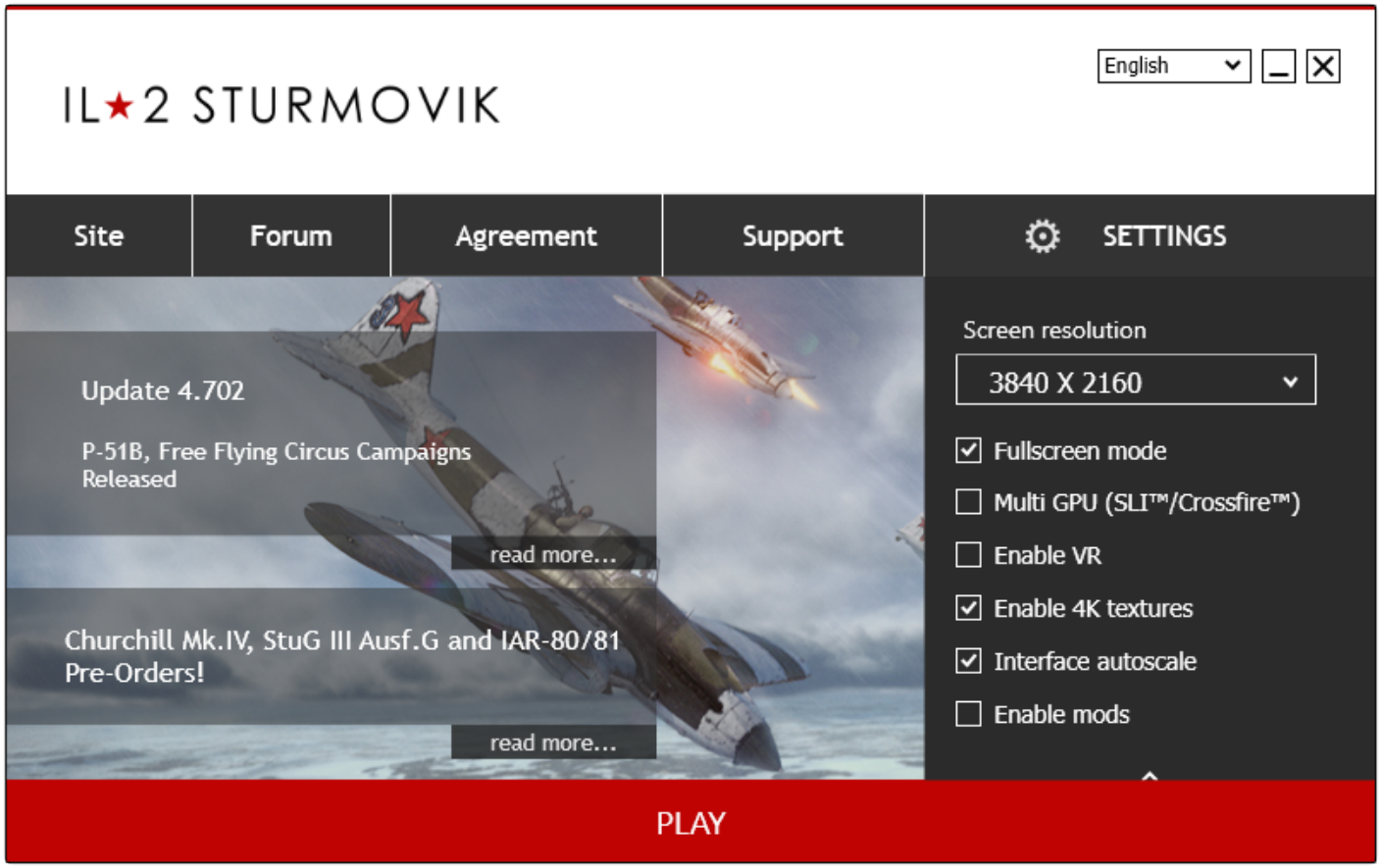
When you start the launcher, you will be greeted by the main window of the application. This display gives you information about IL-2 Sturmovik: Great Battles development news and other special updates the team wishes to share, such as new features and aircraft. To read more information about these updates, click on the read more… button that can be found beneath each news item.



Note: The language in which the Launcher is displayed can be changed by selecting from the drop-down list at the upper right-hand corner of the screen. This option also affects the language in which the game is displayed.



The Main Screen of the Launcher when **Settings** button is pushed. See section 3.1below for more info on these settings.



3.2 Launcher Buttons

Site – This button will take you to the home page of the official IL-2 Sturmovik: Great Battles website https://il2sturmovik.com/. Please see Section 4.0 below for more information about the IL-2 Official Website.

Forum – This button will take you to the IL-2 Sturmovik: Great Battles Community Forum, located at https://forum.il2sturmovik.com/. Please see Section 4.0 below for more information about the IL-2 Official Forum.

Agreement – This button takes you to a page at the official IL-2 Sturmovik: Great Battles website, where you can view the details of the Terms of the Service agreement governing the relationship between the publisher of IL-2 Sturmovik: Great Battles and the end-user. The direct link to this page is https://il2sturmovik.com/user-agreement/.

Support – This button takes you to where you submit a help request. We will then attempt to help solve your problem. Please be thorough in describing your problem and give as much info as possible so we can try to be effective in our assistance. We strive to answer all help requests within 1-2 business days. We apologize, but we do not offer phone-based support. The Support page can be reached directly at https://il2sturmovik.com/support/

Settings – The Settings tab is where you can set several settings for IL-2 Sturmovik: Great Battles prior to launch. You can adjust the following settings both here and inside the game, which is discussed in more detail in the separate Operators Manual.

SCREEN RESOLUTION: Choose the resolution at which you want to play the game from the provided drop-down list. For the best visual results, choose the resolution that matches your monitor's resolution. Choosing a lower resolution value can improve the performance of the game, at a cost to the quality of the graphics displayed.

FULLSCREEN MODE: Enabling this checkbox will allow the game to take up the entire space of your monitor's display. This is especially important if you are playing the game at a resolution that is lower than your monitor's resolution. Disabling this setting can result in your computer's desktop being visible while the game is running.

MULTI GPU (SLI™/CROSSFIRE™): Enabling this checkbox loads special multi-GPU optimizations for IL-2 Sturmovik: Great Battles. (Beginning with version 4.701 and beyond SLI/Crossfire is no longer supported.)

ENABLE VR: Renders the game in a VR HMD, if available.

ENABLE 4K TEXTURES: Enables 4K quality textures, if available.

INTERFACE AUTOSCALE: User interface elements will be scaled depending on screen resolution settings.

ENABLE MODS: Enables modifications created by third-party users. Many of these mods, along with the instructions about how to install them, can be found at the official community forum.

IMPORTANT: Many multiplayer servers do not allow players with user modifications to connect. Users download and install modifications at their own risk.

3.3 Official Social Media Links

There are icons in the lower right-hand side of the Launcher allowing you to quickly access official social media channels for 1C Game Studios.

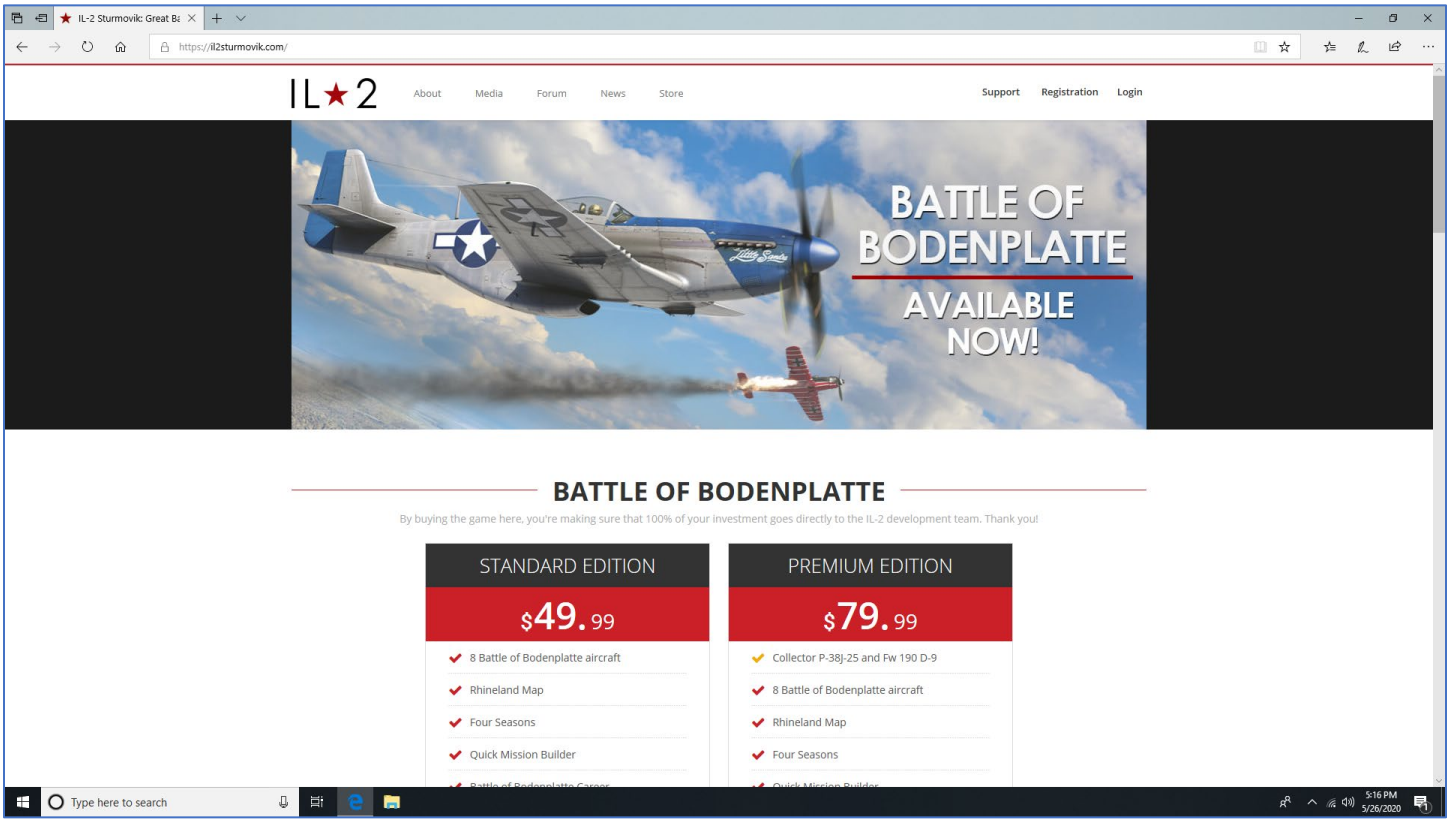


End of Section 3. Section 4 Below.

Section 4.0 IL-2 Sturmovik Official Website – IL2STURMOVIK.COM

There is much more to IL-2 Sturmovik: Great Battles than just the simulation or game – it also has a companion website which is very important to the entire IL-2: Great Battles experience. The website is located at https://il2sturmovik.com/ and allows you to carry out many important tasks such as:

- Learn about each title and the team that makes them.
- Purchase additional content such as Great Battles Modules, Collector Aircraft, and Scripted Campaigns.
- Purchase gifts for friends.
- Track your purchases.
- Update your Username and Squad Tag.
- Update your newsletter and statistics display preferences
- Get the latest news about IL-2 Sturmovik: Great Battles Development.
- Participate in our Community Forum.



4.1 Sections of the Website

About – This section of the website discusses the research and design philosophy behind IL-2 Sturmovik: Great Battles, key features of the game, the aircraft and armored vehicles featured in IL-2 Great Battles, and the game's system requirements, among other things. This section of the website can be found at https://il2sturmovik.com/about/.

Media – This section of the website allows users and other interested parties to read reviews about IL-2 Great Battles from media outlets and to download the game's official press kit. Also available here is a selection of screenshots and videos promoting the aircraft and armored vehicles featured in the game. This section of the website can be directly accessed at https://il2sturmovik.com/media/ .

Forum – We offer all IL-2 Great Battles users the opportunity to have their voice heard and participate in our community forum, and as such it is a great place to learn more about the game and chat with like-minded flight

and tank simulator enthusiasts from around the world. The forum can be directly accessed at https://forum.il2sturmovik.com/.

The IL-2 Great Battles team also utilizes the forum to make special announcements and discuss future development issues surrounding the game. Please read and understand the forum rules; if you choose to participate in the forum, please remember to be friendly and kind to your fellow flight-simmers. The IL-2 Sturmovik: Great Battles community is a very friendly and helpful bunch.

News – We frequently post important news and development updates about IL-2 Great Battles on our website. The latest news will be posted at the top and is usually accompanied with screenshots. You can also view previous news and see how IL-2 Sturmovik: Great Battles has developed over time. The news section can be found at https://il2sturmovik.com/news/ .

Store – The IL-2 Sturmovik: Great Battles web store is where you can purchase the various editions of IL-2 Sturmovik: Great Battles, pre-order upcoming titles, and purchase Premium Collector Aircraft. This digital content can either be added to your copy of IL-2 Sturmovik: Great Battles or sent as a gift to another user. The store can be accessed directly at https://il2sturmovik.com/store/.

To purchase an item, simply click on the **Buy** button. You will then be given a choice to pay by credit/debit card, PayPal, Amazon Pay, or Apple Pay. Fill in the necessary information on the checkout page to complete the purchase. Once the purchase is successful, you will be directed back to the IL-2 Sturmovik: Great Battles website, and you will see a message confirming your purchase.

> **Note:** We do not retain your credit card or personal information. Every purchase is encrypted, and the information is deleted after each purchase. We do not keep any personal records after your transaction. We use Xsolla for our credit card the PayPal payment processing system to ensure safe and secure transactions.

It is also possible to purchase and send game Modules and Collector Aircraft codes as gifts. Not only can you purchase a copy for yourself, but you can also purchase one or more copies of either Module or Collector Aircraft per user account (e-mail) and send it to a friend. You can activate one copy (digital key) on your account and send the others to friends, family or squadron mates.

Support – If you encounter a problem with your copy of IL-2 Sturmovik: Great Battles that cannot be resolved, please click on the Support link (at https://il2sturmovik.com/support/) to submit a help request. On this page you will find several links to Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) that may hold a solution for the issue you are experiencing. If none of these FAQs are helpful, please click on the red "I have not found a solution in the FAQ" button. This will take you to a form where you can describe the issue you are having. Please be thorough in describing your problem and give as much info as possible so we can try to be effective in our assistance. We strive to answer all help requests within 1-2 business days. We apologize, but we do not offer phone-based support.

The Support page also features several links to the forum where you can post your suggestions to help improve the game and to file any bugs you have found while playing the game.

> **Note:** The Support section of the forum is meant for resolving issues directly related to the game's functionality. All forum-related issues need to be addressed directly to the forum's moderators and community managers.

Profile – This section of the website, which can be found at https://il2sturmovik.com/account/, allows you to manage all details related directly to your account. These options include updating your username and squad tag information, managing your newsletter preferences, tracking your purchases and license keys, and several other items all discussed below.

The first page you will see when clicking on the Profile link is the Account page. At the head of this page is your registered e-mail address. Immediately below this are the Username and Squad tag fields. Your username and squad tag can be updated at any time. This information is used to identify you both on the official community forum and within all game modes. If you choose to include a squad tag in your profile, it will be automatically appended to your username.

Below the Squad tag field is the Newsletter language section. As news about IL-2 Great Battles is communicated occasionally through e-mail, you can choose whether you want to receive news about the game with this method of communication. Clicking on the Send me news and information checkbox will keep your registered e-mail address on

the mailing list while clearing this checkbox will remove your registered e-mail address from any further news updates. You can also choose the language (English or Russian) in which you want to receive these e-mails.

In this section of your Profile page, you can also update your password by clicking on the Change password button. Finally, if you have made any changes to your profile in this section of the page, be sure to click on the Update button to save your changes.

On the right-hand side of the Account page are several other links related to your account information. The Purchases link allows you to track the purchases you have made by viewing the licenses you currently own within IL-2 Great Battles. All items you purchase come with a unique identifying code that is stored in our database.

Below the Purchases link is the License keys link. This page shows all license keys you have either purchased or that have been given to you as a gift. This is also the page on which you can activate a license key if needed. To activate a license key, copy the key, paste it into the Key Activation box, and then click the red **Activate** button. You will then need to login to the game in online mode to sync your account and thus enable the use of the license keys you have activated. If you don't see your paid order listed immediately after completion, please do not panic. It takes a few minutes to process the order and post. If after 10-15 minutes it still does not appear, please contact Customer Support.

If you want to send an inactivated key code as a gift to another player, click the blue **Send gift** button next to the key code. A pop-up window will appear; enter the recipient's e-mail or nickname in the form, and then click Send.

Below the License keys link is the Promo Codes link. This page allows you to enter a Promo code which allows the purchase of content at a reduced price.

To use your discount code, copy and insert it into the Promo code field in the store.

If you have no Promo Codes available, the following message will be displayed on this page:
"You don't have active promo codes."

Login / Logout – Clicking on the Login link will take you to the username and password sign-in page, from where you can then log in with your registered e-mail address and password. Once you are logged in, you can then view all information stored on your Profile page.

If you have forgotten your password, you can choose to have it reset by choosing the Forgot your password? link. Alternatively, you can contact customer support from this page if you need further assistance with your username and/or password.

Lastly, if you have not already done so, you can sign up for an IL-2 Sturmovik: Great Battles account through the Login page.

4.2 Additional Information

User Agreement – This links to the User Agreement which details the contract between the User and the Operator of Services (1C Game Studios).

Privacy Policy – This links to the Privacy Policy. The Privacy Policy details how your User Data is stored and used by 1C Game Studios.

Video Creation and Use Policy – This links to the Policy for the Creation and Use of IL-2 Game Engine Videos. If you are videoing your games and uploading them to Social Media sites like YouTube, this details the basic rules and policies for utilizing 1C Game Studios Intellectual Property in Videos.

РУССКИЙ САЙТ - This links to the Russian language IL-2 Store and Webpages.

SOCIAL MEDIA LINKS - There are links to several Social Media sites including – Twitter, Facebook and YouTube.

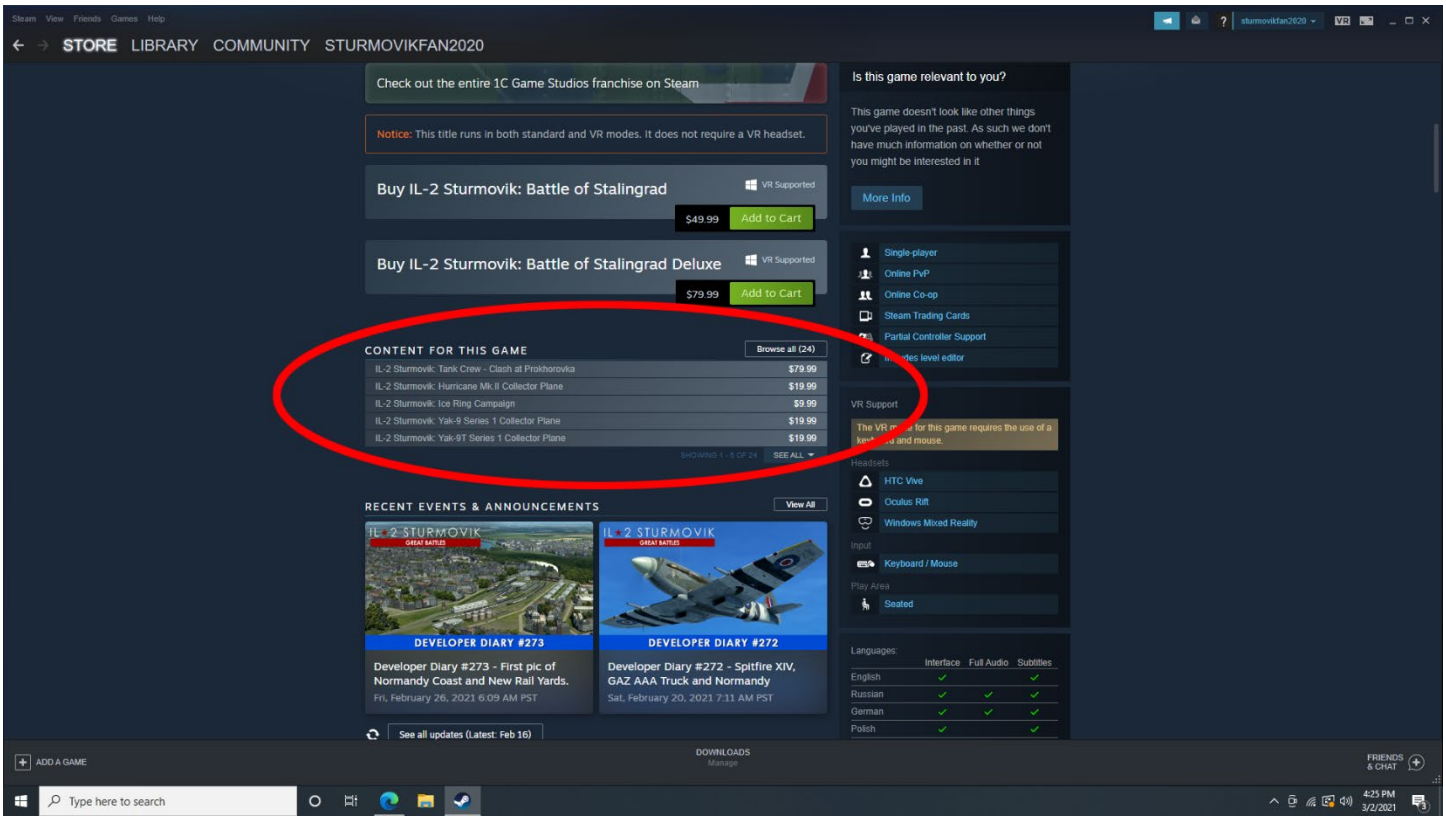
End of Section 4. Section 5 Below.

Section 5.0 IL-2 Sturmovik on Steam

You can also acquire IL-2 titles through Steam. However, Steam requires all users to first purchase **Battle of Stalingrad** as the "base" title before making any other IL-2 purchases on Steam.

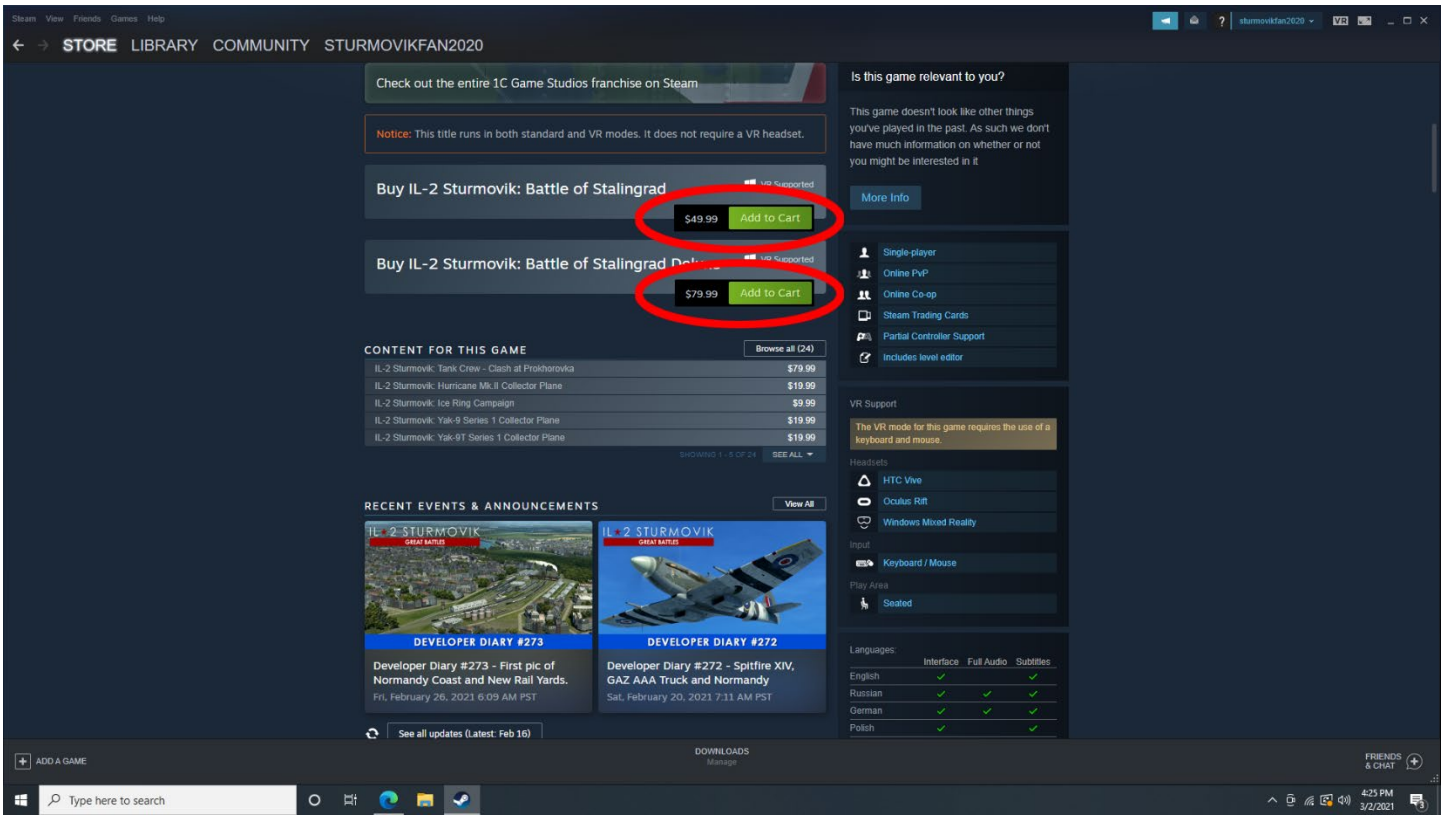


Steam refers to all additional titles other than Battle of Stalingrad as **DLC** even if it is not DLC in the traditional sense.

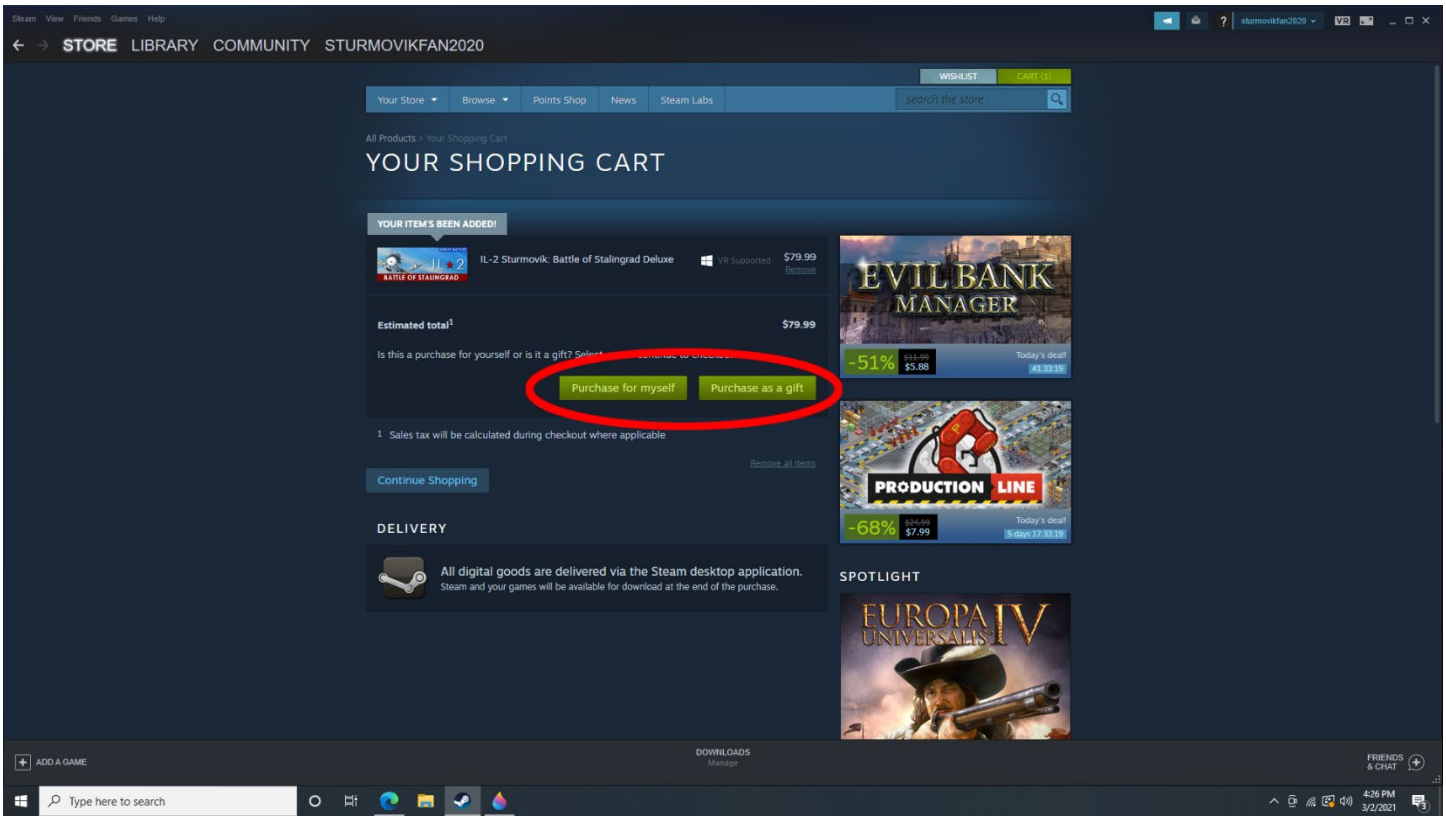


5.1 Purchasing Sturmovik Content in the Steam Store

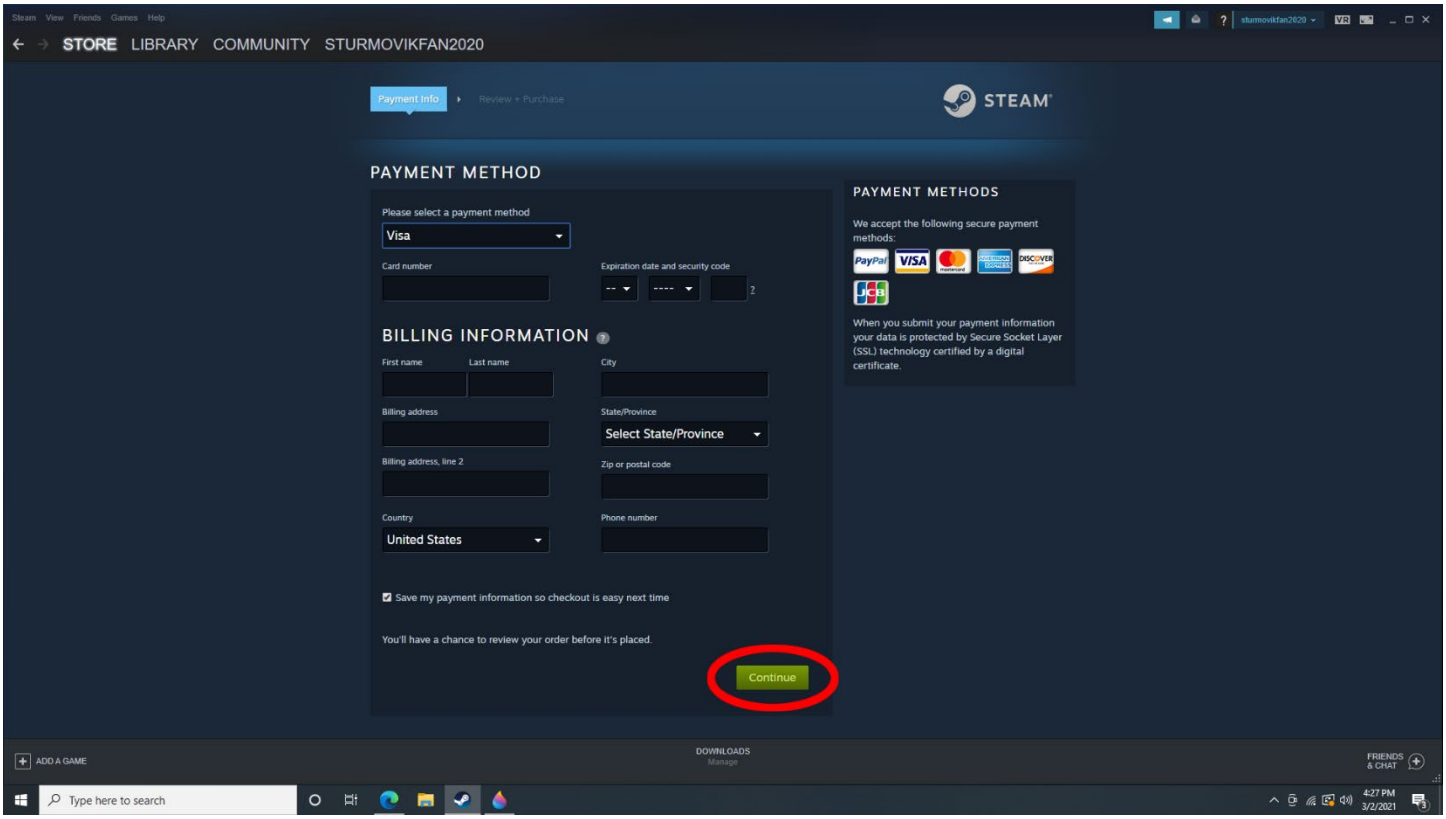
Step 1: To purchase IL-2 content on Steam just follow the steps below. Locate IL-2 I the store and clock on **Add to Cart**.



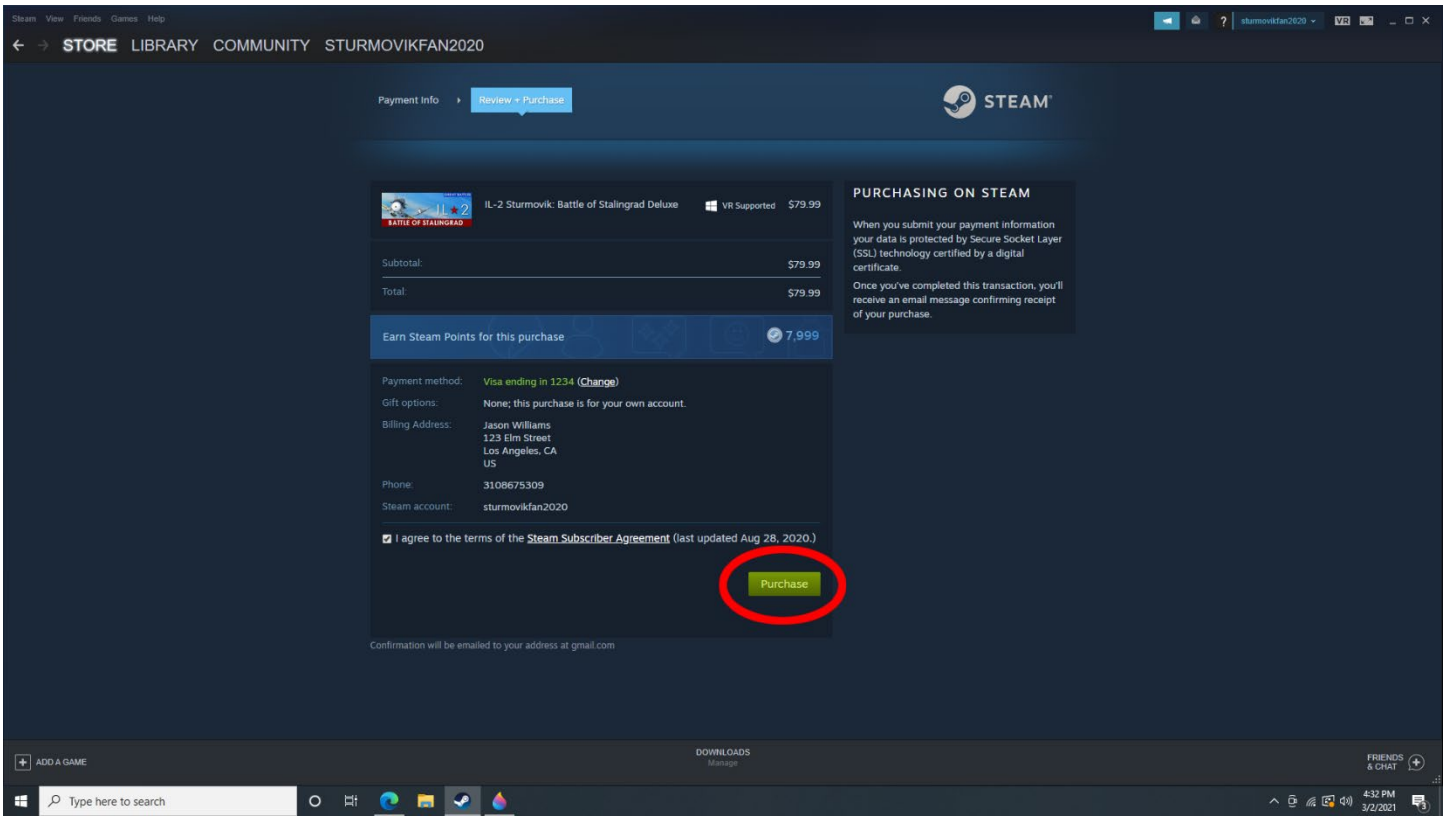
Step 2: Go to the **Cart** then choose **Purchase or Yourself** or **Purchase as a Gift** and enter your Payment Information.



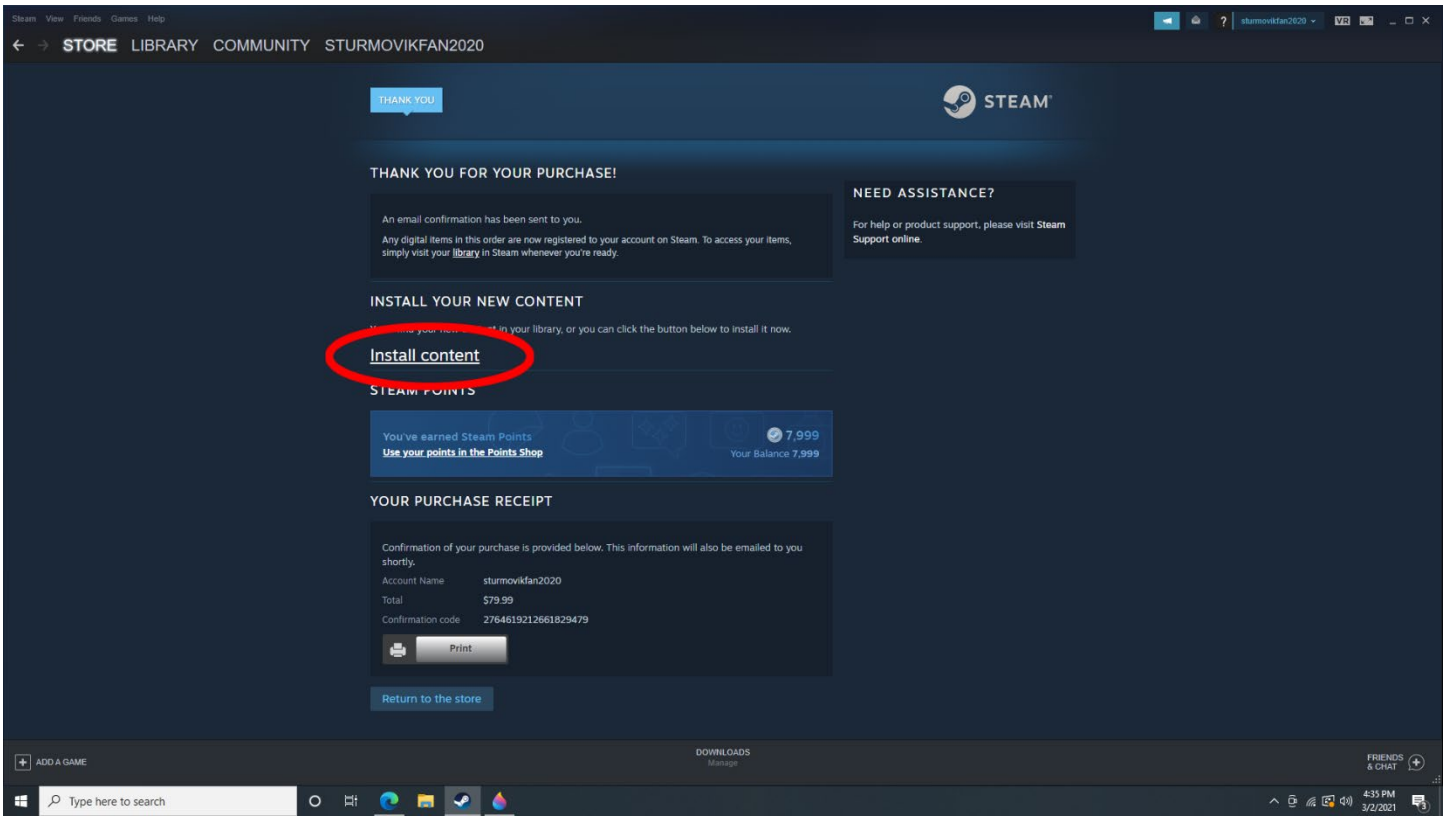
Step 3: Enter your Payment Method and Billing Information then click on **Continue**.



Step 4: If everything is correct, clock on **Purchase**.

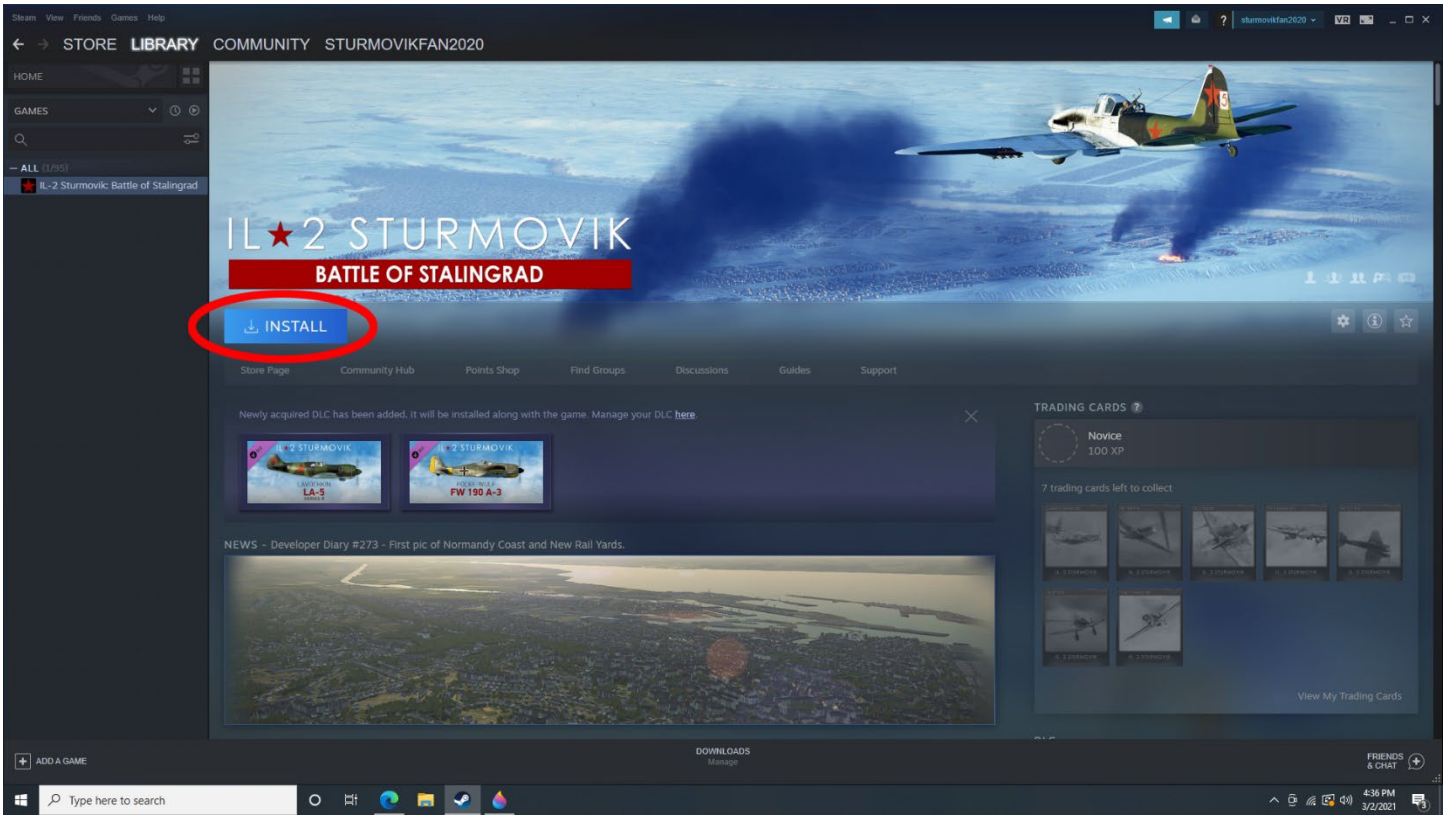


Step 5: Once the transaction is complete you will see a confirmation message. You can now clock on **Install Content** to begin installation.

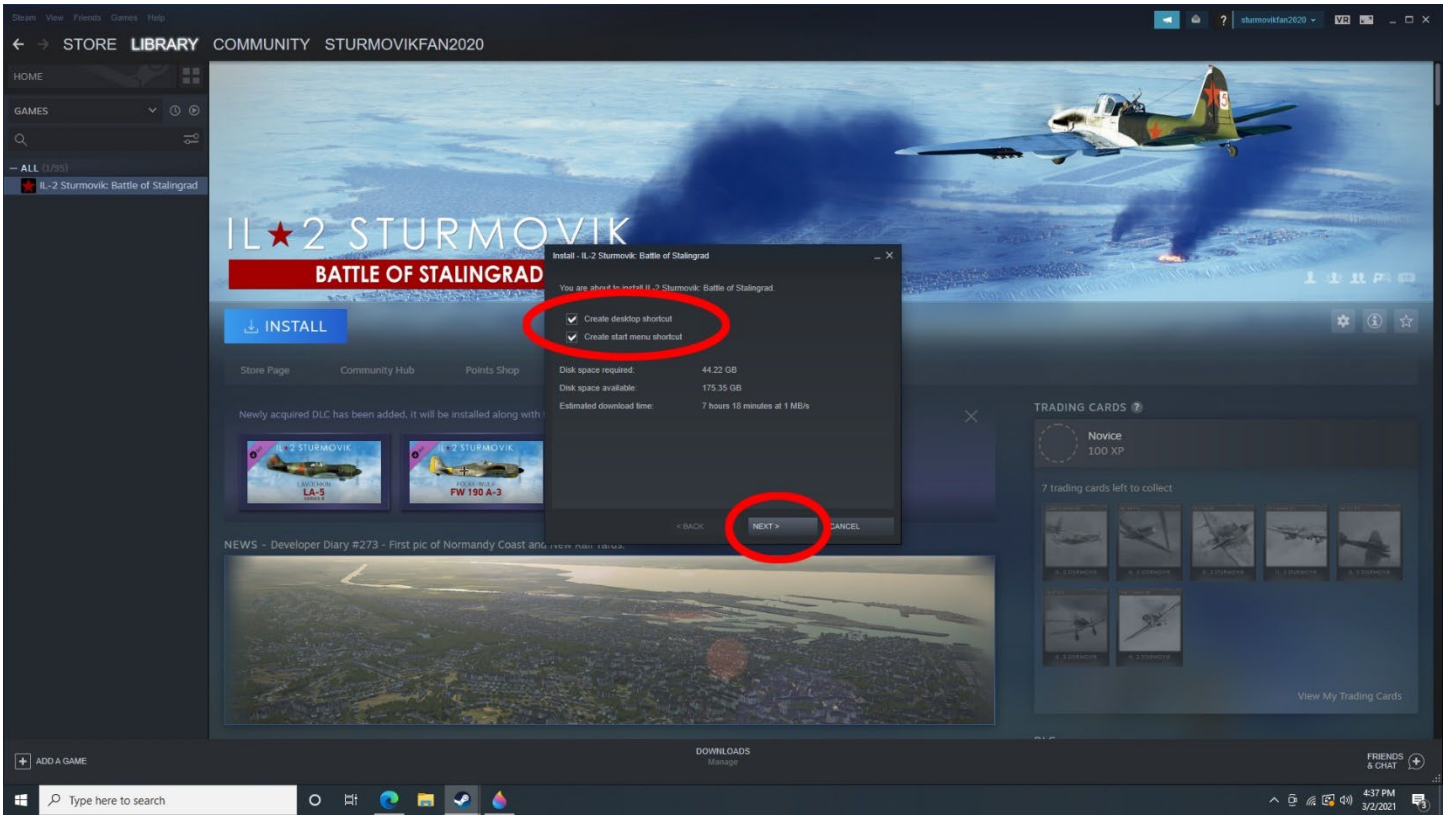


5.2 Installing Sturmovik on Steam

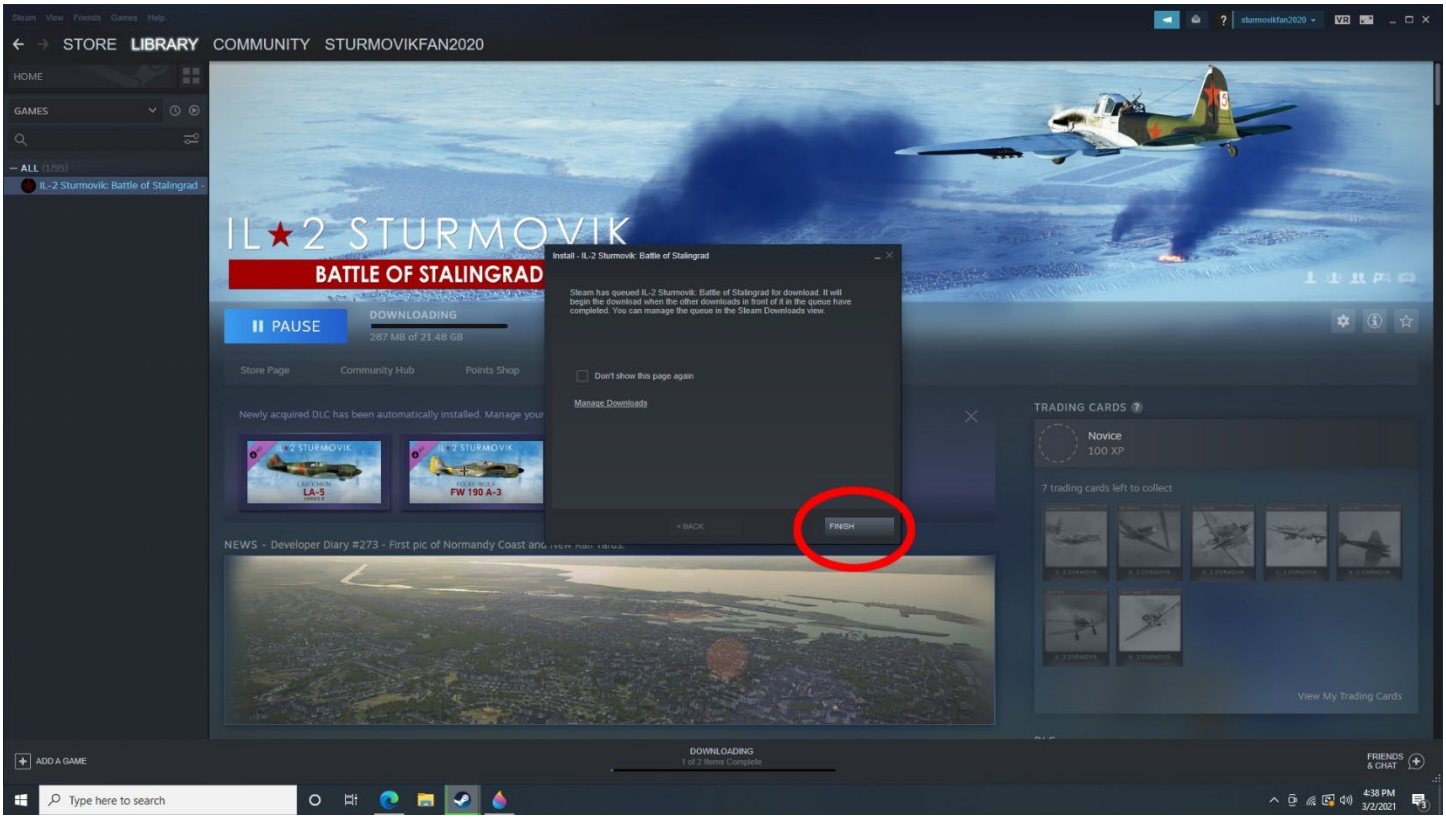
If you haven't already installed IL-2 from the order confirmation screen above, you can install it by selecting IL-2 in your Steam Library and clicking on **Install.**



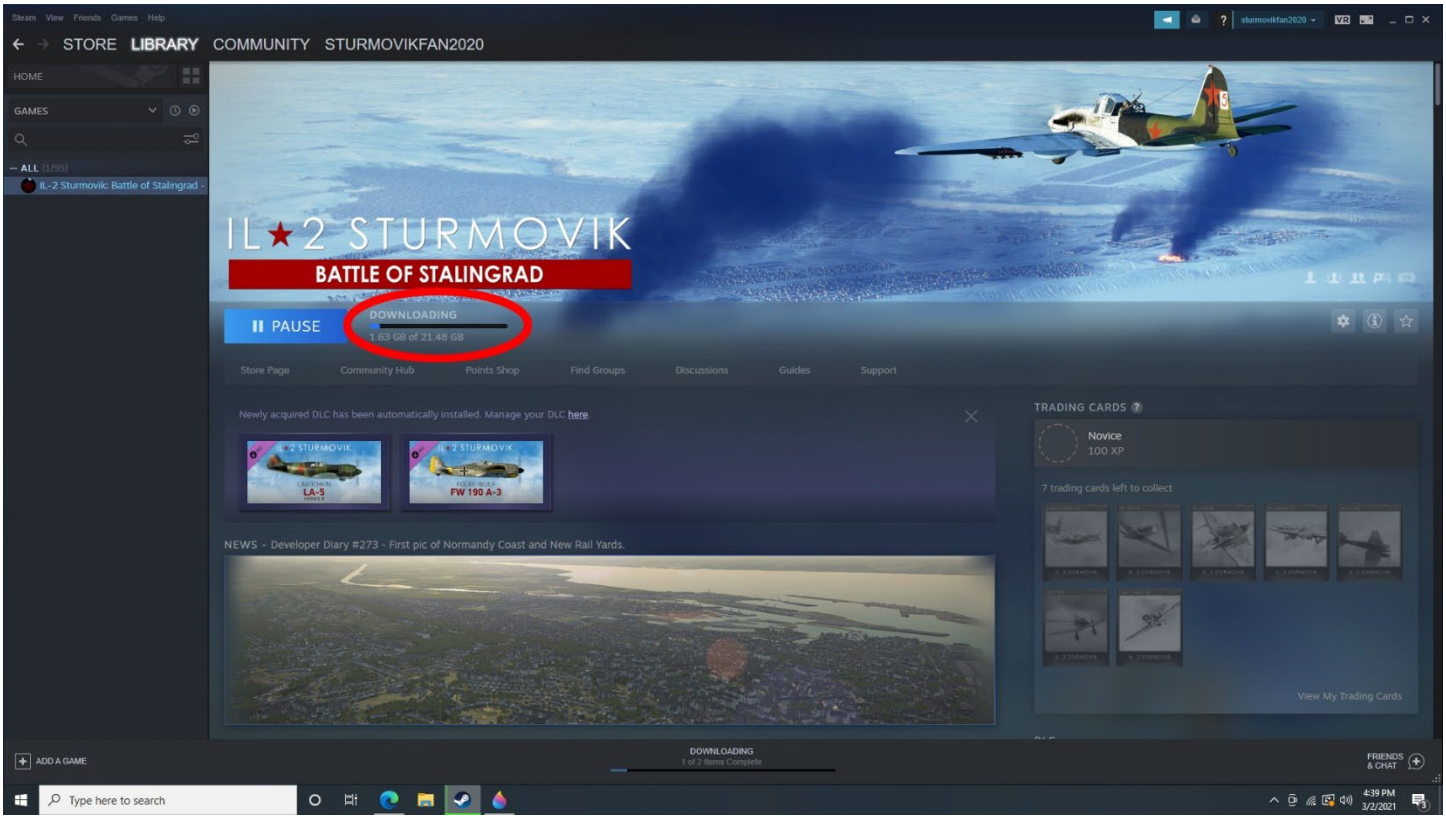
Then confirm you want to indeed install it. We recommend you create the shortcuts and then click **Next**.



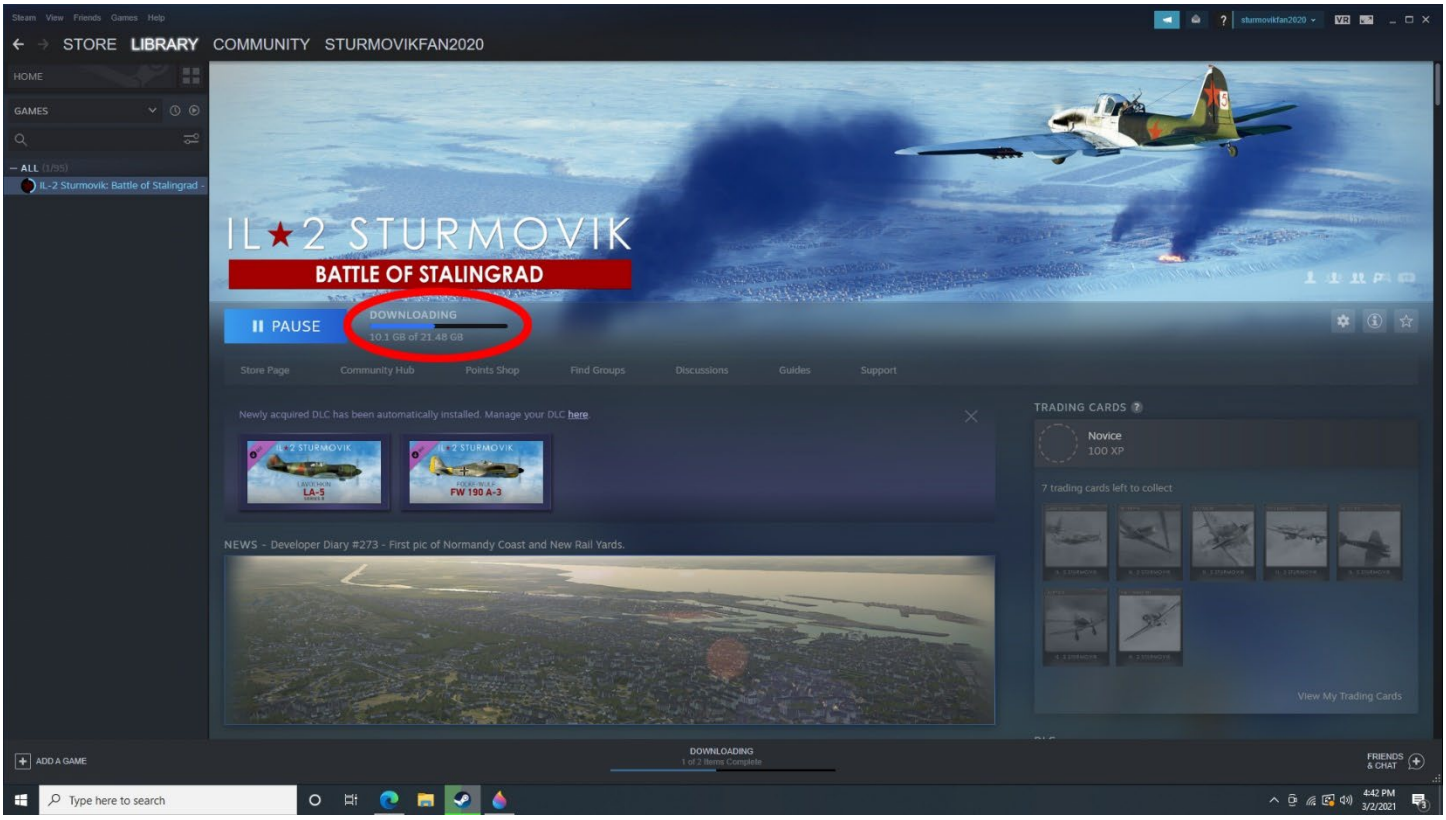
Steam will then add IL-2 Sturmovik to your download que in your Library. Just click on **Finish**.



Steam will then download and install the game files and any necessary support libraries.



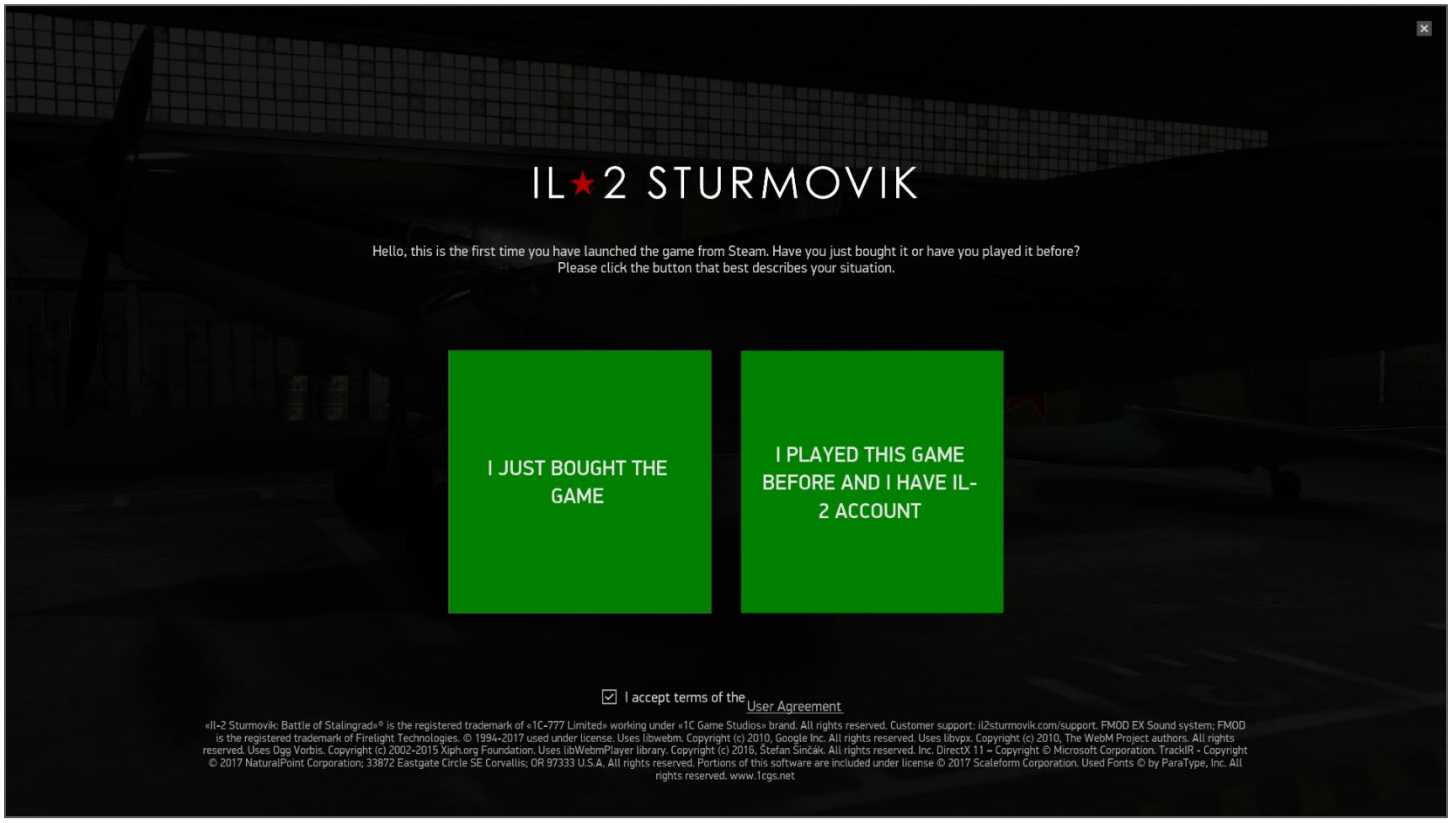
Note: The download may take a little bit of time due to the large size of the files. All IL-2 content is included in the Client itself. Any future DLC purchases are included already, you just are unlocking the content with each purchase.



Once IL-2 has been installed, you can launch Great Battles and play the game.



The first time you launch Great Battles from Steam, it will ask you if you want to Link the accounts. That process is explained below. We heavily recommend you to this, but it is optional. Click the X in the top right to close this option.



5.3 Linking Steam Account with Website User Account

To get the most out of your Steam purchased copy of Great Battles we STRONGLY recommend you LINK the accounts. This gives you the most flexibility on where you can purchase content and best take advantage of any discounts, we may be offering in either store. It also allows you to play IL-2 with your preferred Name and Squad Tag attached to your plane instead of a generic numerical ID.

To link accounts simply launch Battle of Stalingrad from Steam.

Click **Play** to launch IL-2 Sturmovik: Battle of Stalingrad for the first time.



IMPORTANT: Before you link accounts, you need to have or create an IL-2 Website User Account. Please see the section above on how to do that or follow the prompts as you begin the process of linking. Once you have an account you are ready to link. If you have not made the account and try to link, you will be prompted to go to the website and create an account.

When the game launches you will be greeted with the following screen. Select either **A.) "I Just Bought the Game"** or **B.) "I Played This Game Before and Have an IL-2 User Account".**

- If you have just bought the game on Steam, but **DO NOT** currently have an IL-2 User Account from the IL-2 Official Website, but you would like to link accounts, chose **I JUST BOUGHT THE GAME** and follow the steps below.

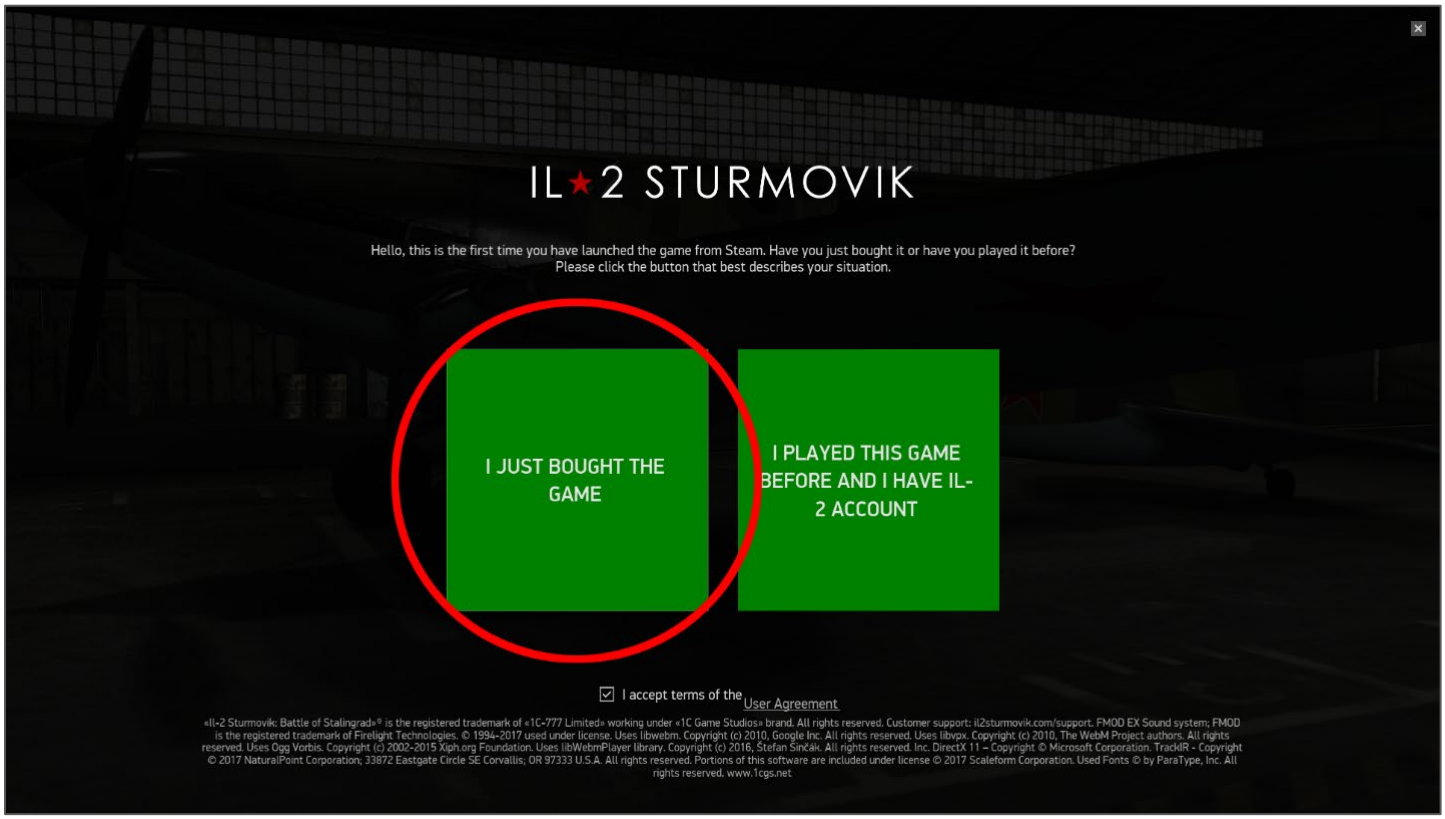
- If you have just bought the game on Steam, but **ALREADY** have an IL-2 User Account from the IL-2 Official Website, and you would like to link accounts and be able to buy content from either vendor, chose **I HAVE PLAYED THIS GAME BEFORE AND I HAVE AN IL-2 ACCOUNT** and follow the steps below.

NOTE: You can play without creating an IL-2 Website User Account as discussed above and below, but you will be assigned a random ID and cannot choose your name or add a Squadron Tag. If you want to have this ability you need to create a User Account on the IL-2 Website and then **LINK** your Steam account and your User Account.

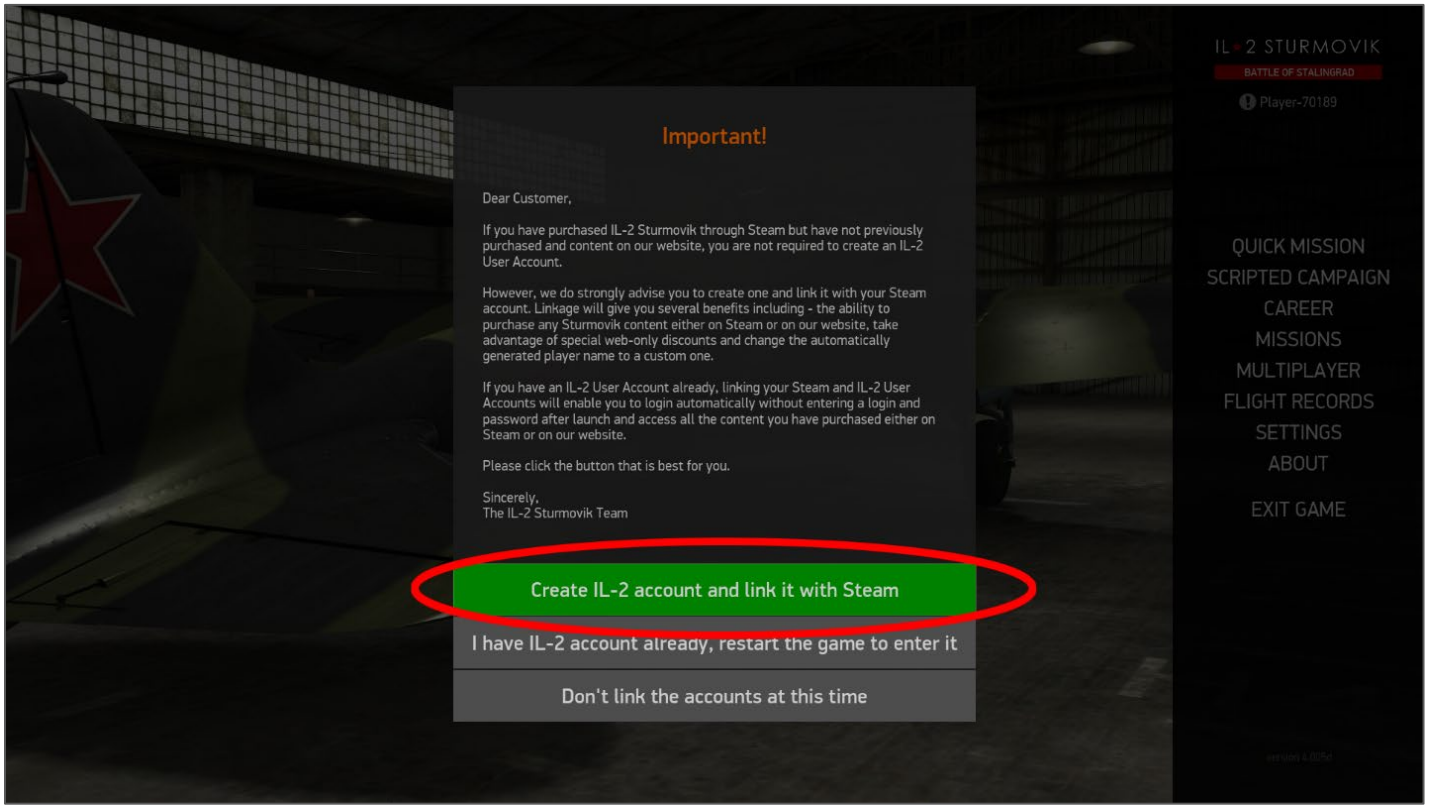
REMEMBER: If you want to take full advantage of buying content either on Steam or in the IL-2 Official Webstore, you need to link accounts. This will save you the most money in the long run and give you the most flexibility.

If you have chosen **A.) "I Just Bought this Game"** you will see these the following screens.

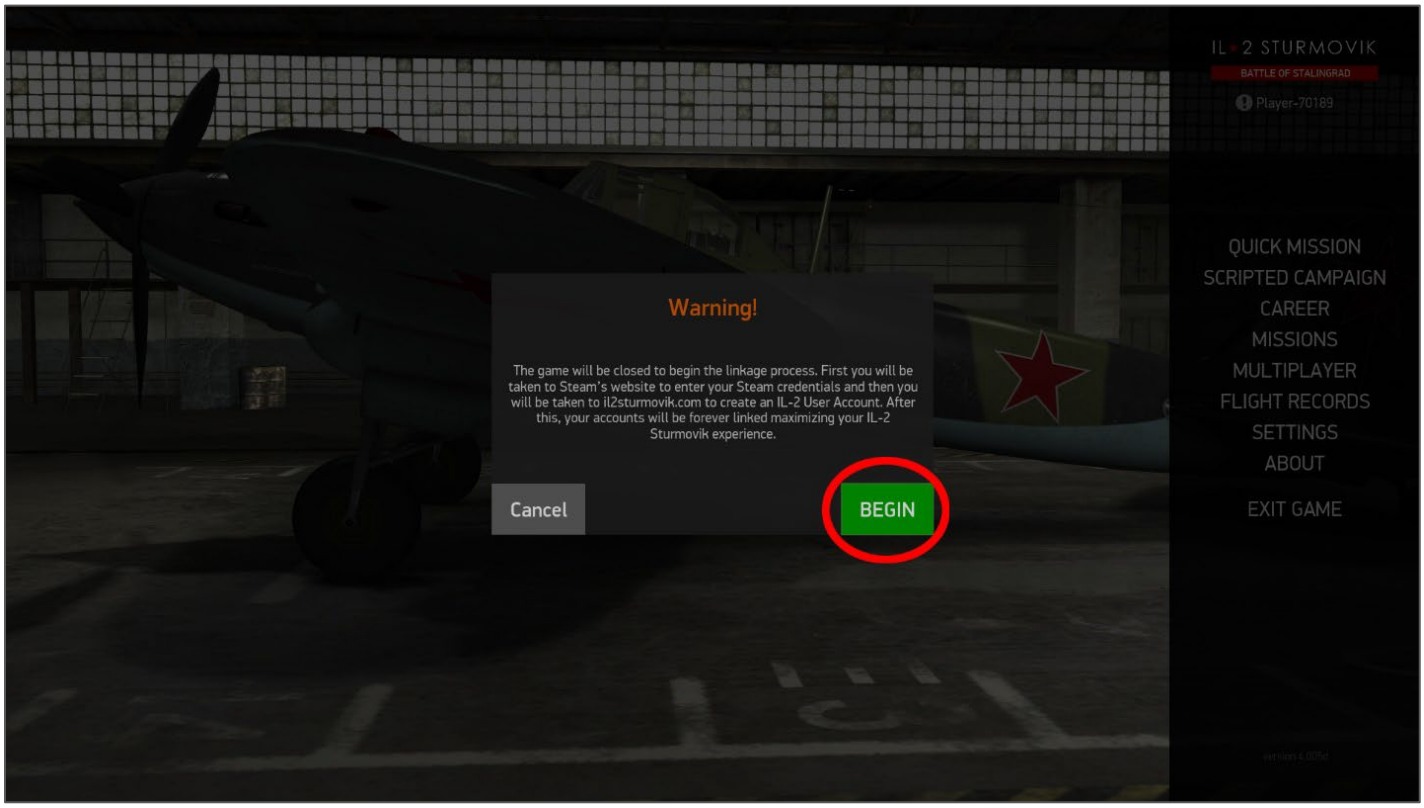
Step 1A: Choose **I JUST BOUGHT THE GAME**



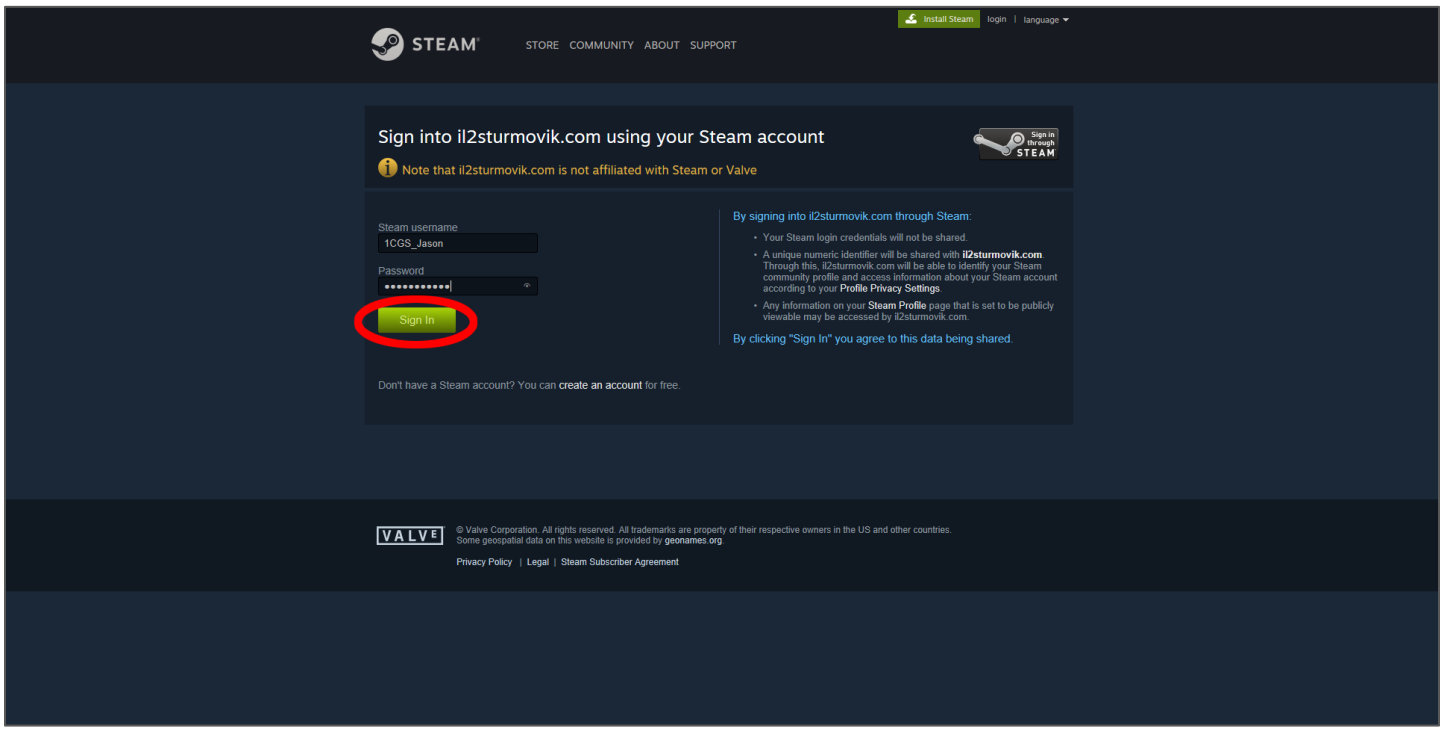
Step 2A: Choose "Create IL-2 account and link with Steam"



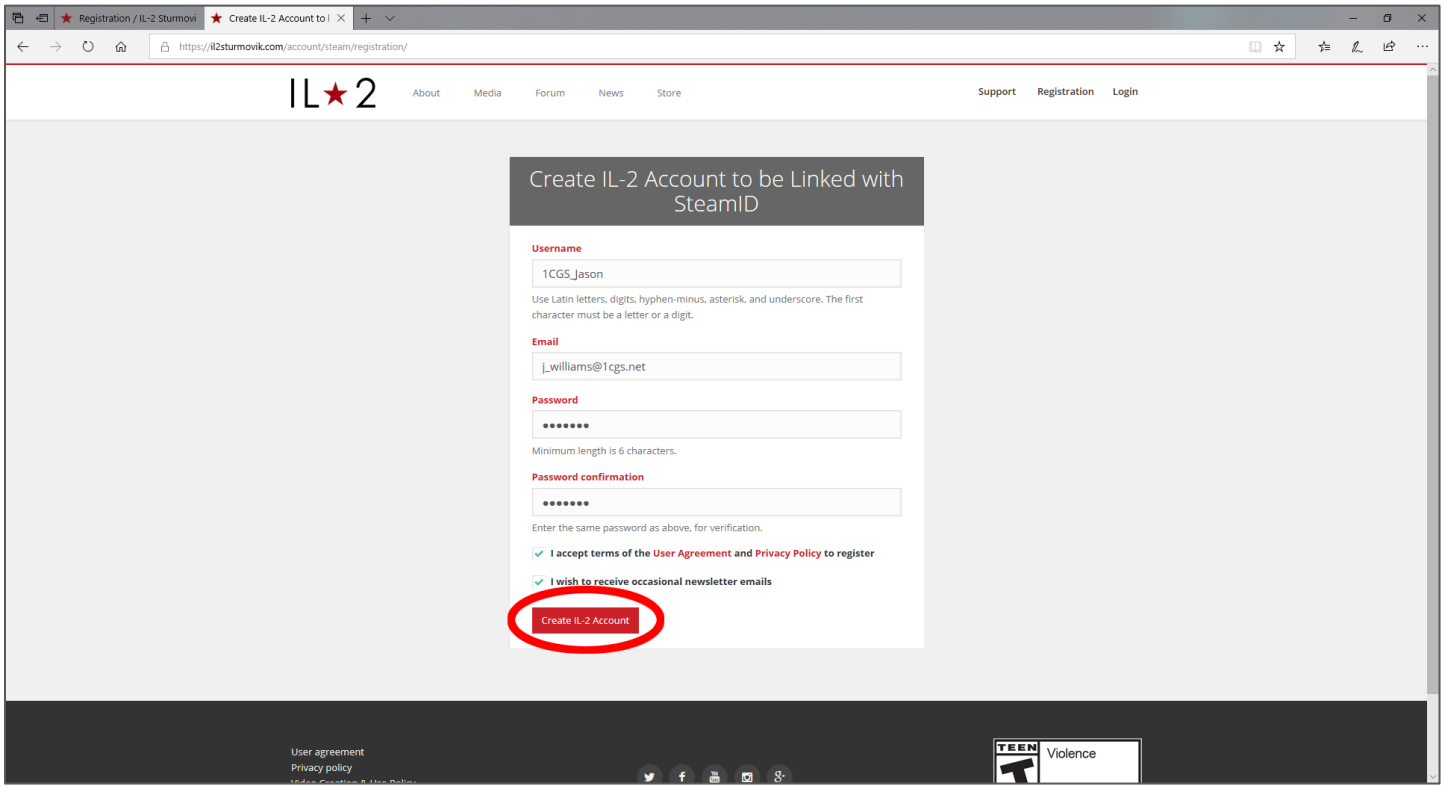
Step 3A: Click **BEGIN**.



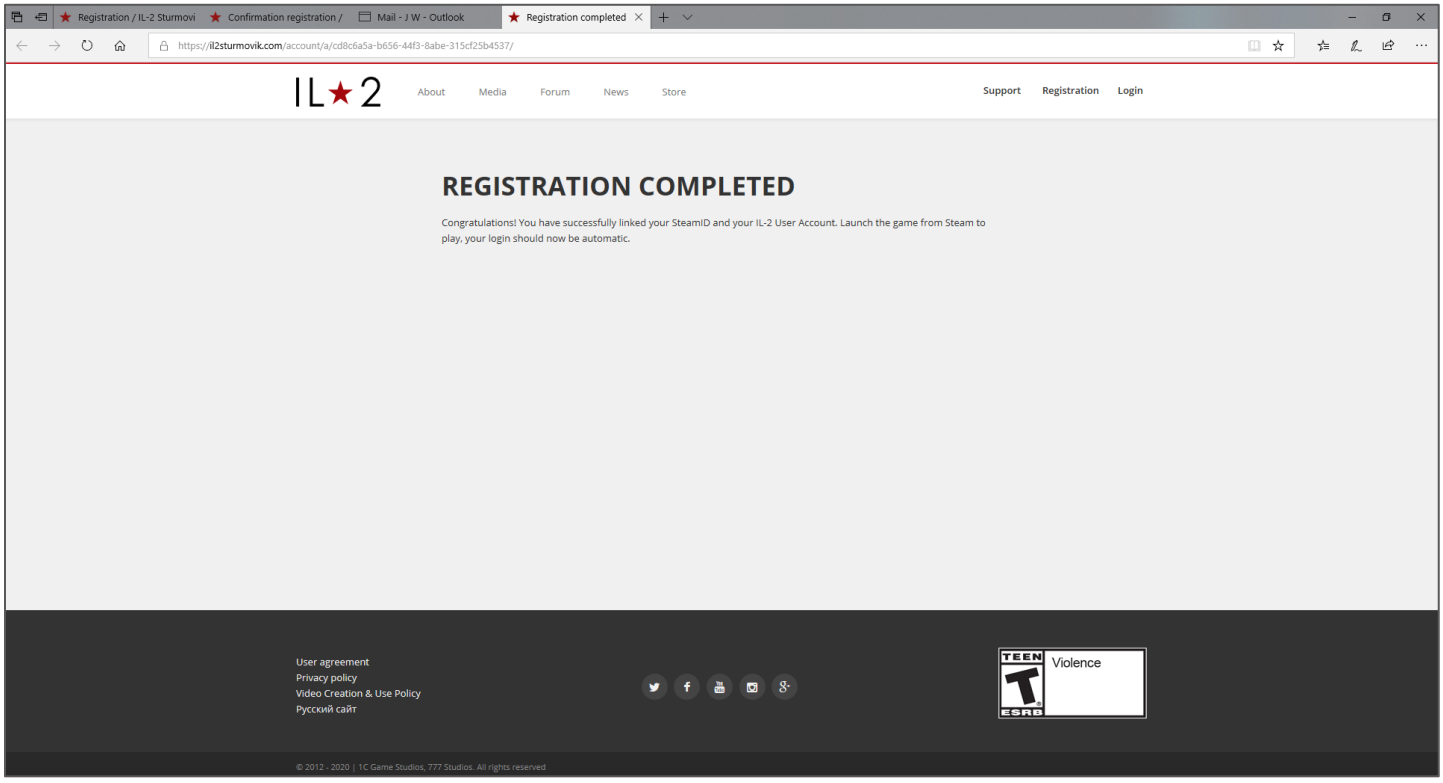
Step 4A: Enter Steam Account Credentials of account you want to link. Must be same account where you bought the game. Click **SIGN IN.**



Step 5A: Enter account info for new IL-2 Website User Account. Click on **CREATE IL-2 ACCOUNT** when ready.



Step 6A: Once User Account info is received you will get this screen.



Step 7A: Return to Steam and click **PLAY** to launch IL-2 Sturmovik: Battle of Stalingrad for the first time.

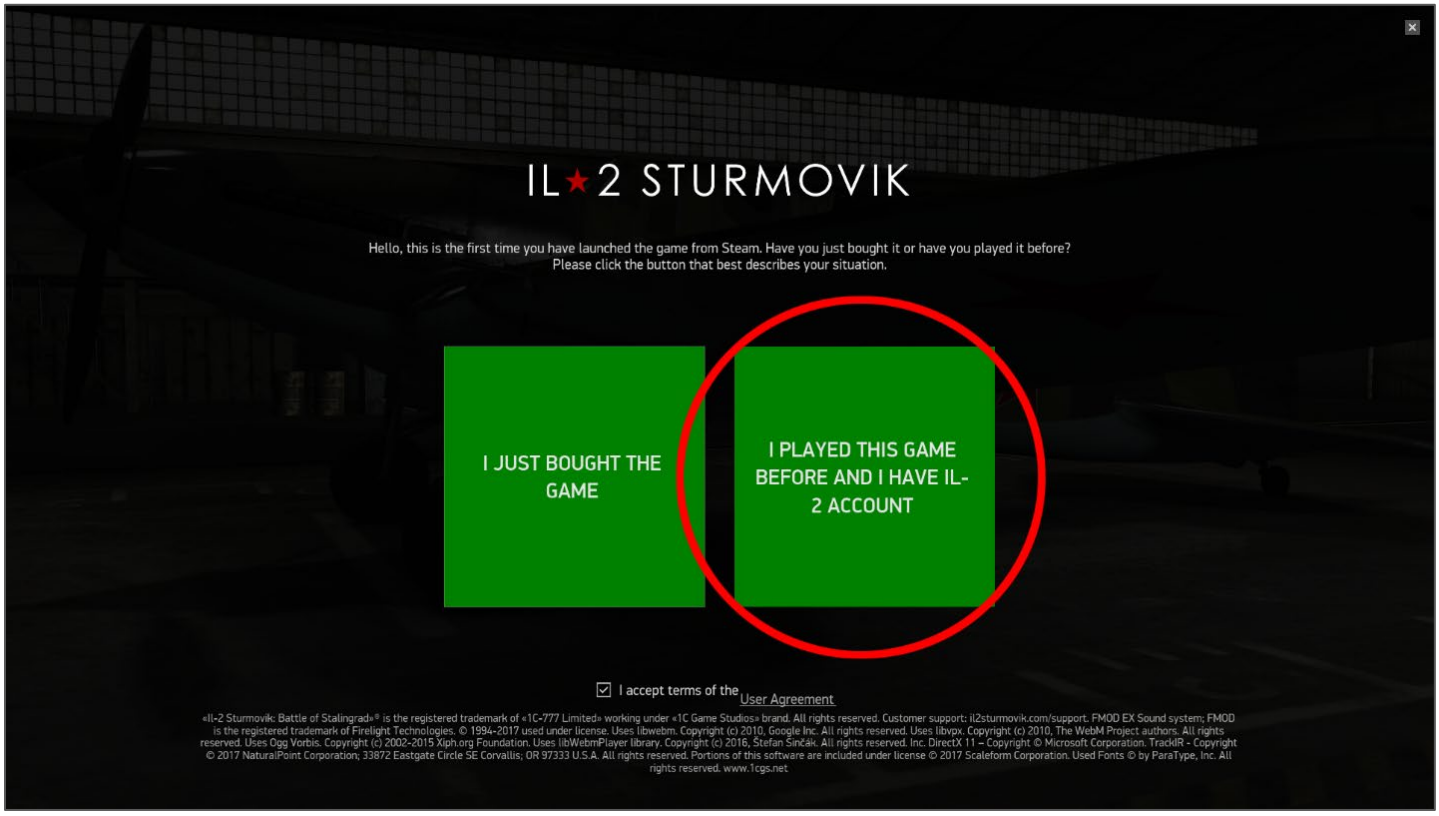


Step 8A: The game will launch and you will be automatically logged into your new IL-2 Website User Account. Notice your nickname is visible. This indicates linkage has worked. You can now buy additional content from either Steam or the Website and be able to play with all the content you have purchased from either place.

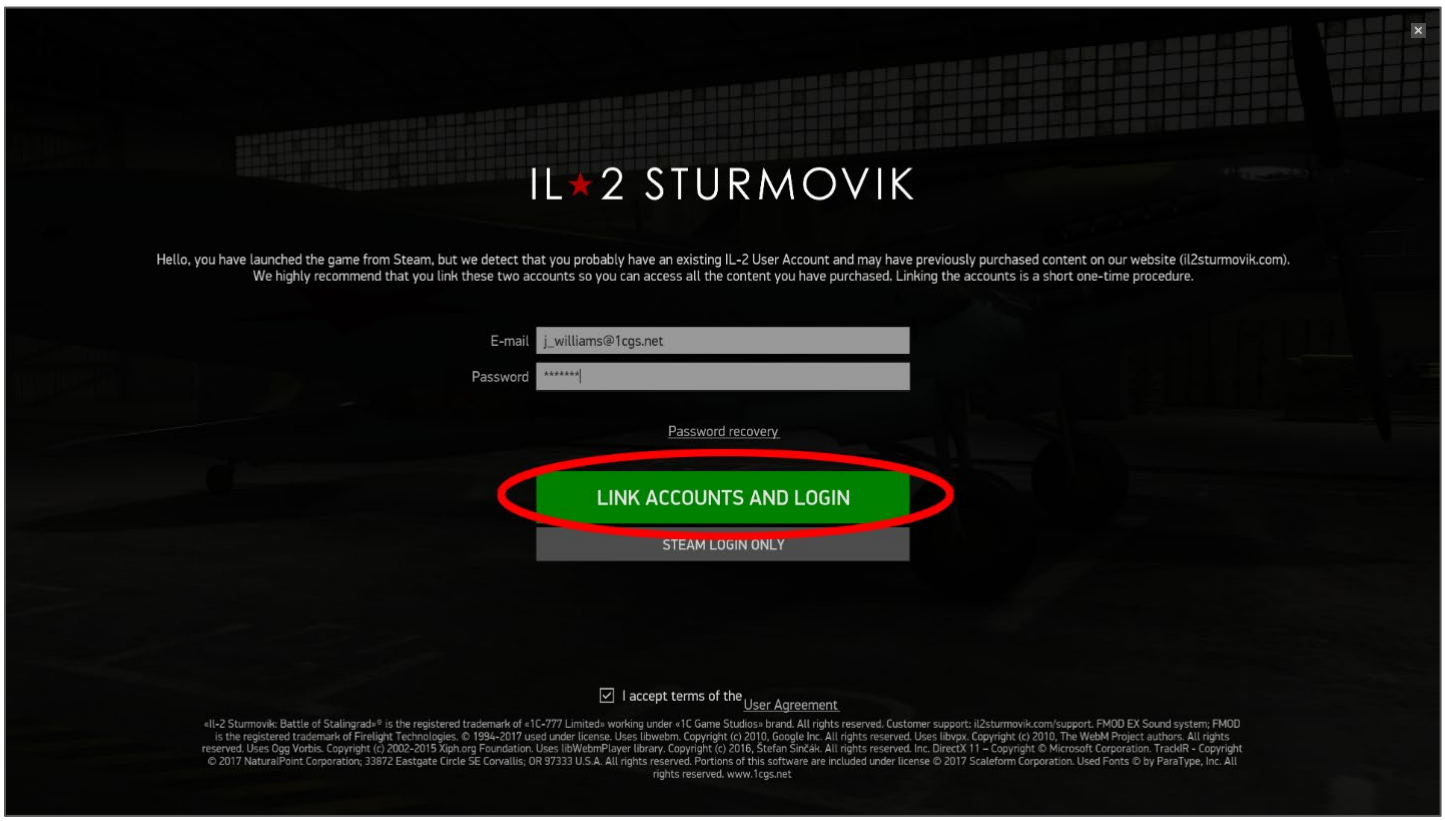


If you have chosen **B.) "I Played This Game Before and Have an IL-2 User Account"** you will see these the following screens.

Step 1B: Choose "I PLAYED THIS GAME BEFORE AND I HAVE AN IL-2 ACCOUNT"



Step 2B: Enter your IL-2 Website User Account credentials and click on "LINK ACCOUNTS AND LOGIN" When you do the systems will talk to each other and linkage will occur. You ONLY NEED TO LINK ONCE and they will forever be linked.



Step 3B: The game will launch and you will be automatically logged into your new IL-2 Website User Account. Notice your nickname is visible. This indicated linkage has worked. You can now buy content from either Steam or the Website and be able to play with all content you have purchased from with store, but you must always launch to play from your Steam account.



Important: If you skipped linking previously and want to finally link, but are not greeted with the option screen for A or B, click on the **icon in the upper right-hand side** of the screen to begin the linking process.

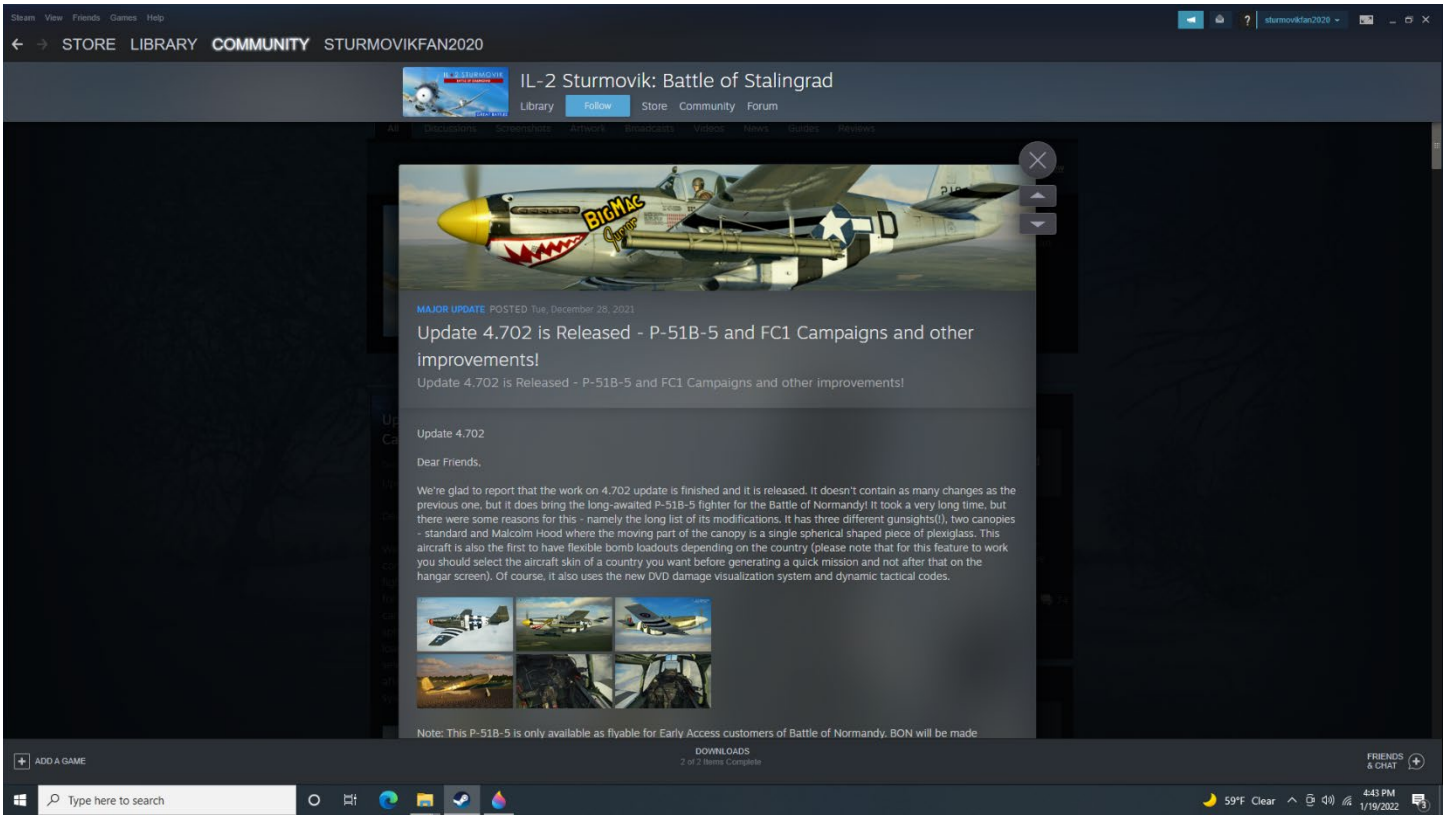


5.4 The Sturmovik Steam Community

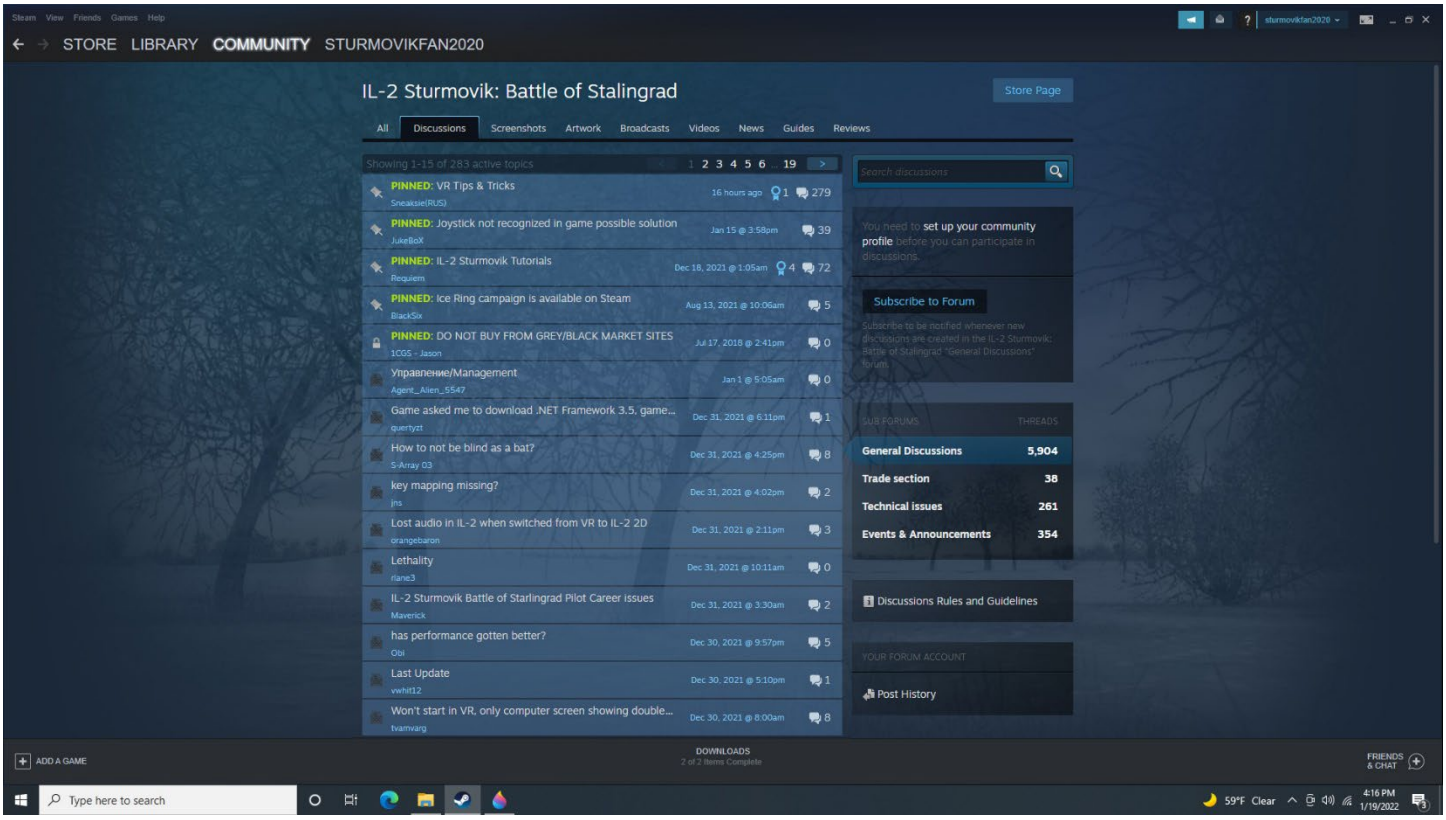
Just like at il2sturmovik.com, the Sturmovik Steam community is a place to learn about upcoming features or content and talk to others in the community who play Sturmovik.



We post all our Developer Diaries on Steam as well.



And there is also a Discussion forum about all our IL-2 Sturmovik: Great Battles titles.



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