

How to play old CS:GO: the right way

(Windows/Mac/Linux)



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Step 1: Downloading CS:GO Legacy

There are two ways depending on ethics and space available on your computer.

Method 1: Using Steam

1. Go into CS2's **Properties > Betas** and enroll into `csgo_legacy` beta (**image 1**)
2. Begin downloading CS2
3. Wait for the download to finish

Method 2: Downloading CS:GO Legacy manifests

1. Download the [DepotDownloader](#) utility by SteamRE
2. Extract the utility into a directory of your choosing (DD will download manifests into the directory where the program is)
3. Open your command prompt and `cd` into the directory
4. Invoke the program by typing `./DepotDownloader` (Linux/Mac) OR `.\DepotDownloader[.exe]` (Windows)
 - Also invoke the following command line flags: `-app 730 -depot [depot number] -manifest [manifest id] -username [steam username] -password [password] -branch csgo_legacy` (psst: use [this](#) to help you find the depot and manifest ids for `csgo_legacy`)
 - Depot 731 is where the common files are. Depots 732, 733, and 734 are binaries depending on your OS platform
5. Wait for the manifest to finish loading
6. Create a new directory and merge all contents downloaded (`[depot number] > [changelist number]`) into the directory

Step 2: Downloading and installing CS:CO 1.2.6/1.2.5c/d

1. Download the [base](#) and it's [corresponding patch](#)
2. Extract the **base** CS:CO first and put the extracted contents into the root of the game directory
3. Extract the **patch** files next and put the extracted contents into the root of the game directory (if it asks to overwrite files, **do it**)
4. Ensure the root directory similarly matches this image: [75VMs5D.png](#)
 - **Please do not skip this step.** If you do not double check the directory, the next several steps will effectively be invalid.
 - **NOTE: DO NOT LAUNCH CS:CO THROUGH THE PROVIDED EXECUTABLE. IT WILL NOT LAUNCH CS:CO. READ NEXT STEP.**

Step 3: Launching CS:CO

Method 1: Through non-Steam game

1. Add a non-steam game by clicking + Add a game > Add a Non-Steam. Game...
2. Select **Browse...**, navigate to CSGO's root directory and select **csgo.exe** (Windows) or **csgo.sh** (Mac/Linux)
3. Add the selected program
 - **Additional step for Linux users using native binary:** In that newly added non-Steam game, force Scout runtime in **Properties > Compatibility**
4. Go into the non-Steam game's **Properties** and add the following launch arguments: `-game cscomod/csgo -language csco -steam`
5. See **Step 4** below
6. Launch the non-Steam game
7. Enjoy. :)

Method 2: Through Main Game

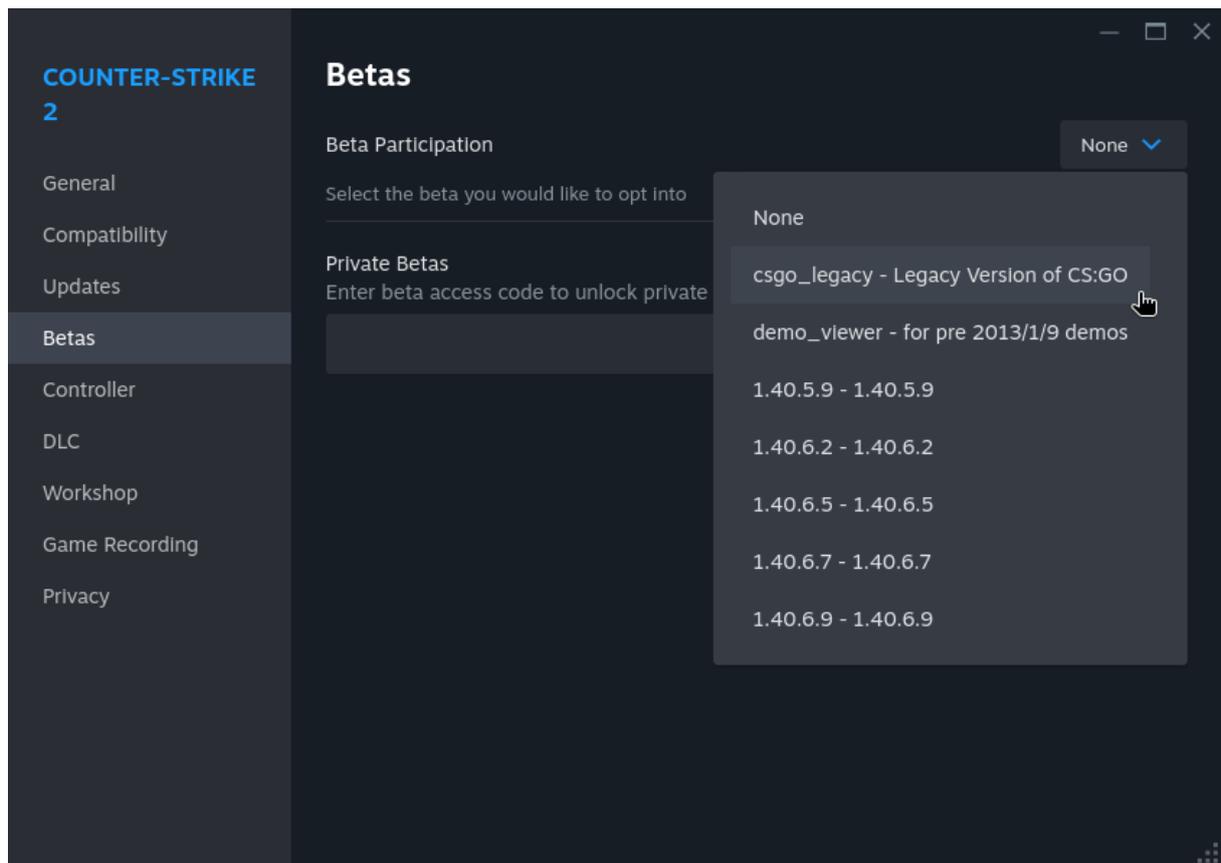
This method is not recommended, especially for Linux users, however it is here just in case.

1. Open CS2's **Properties** and add the following launch arguments: `-game cscomod/csgo -language csco -steam`
2. See **Step 4** below
3. Launch CSGO Legacy
4. Enjoy. :)

Step 4: Enabling connection to CS:GO Network

This step is semi-optional, but if you want to connect to servers, you **must** not skip this step.

1. Open the `csgo` folder of the game's root directory
2. Find and open `steam.inf` file
3. Replace the `ClientVersion` ID with: `2000258`
4. Save the file



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