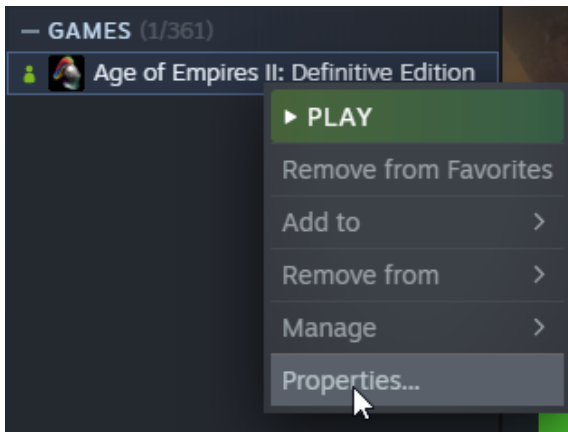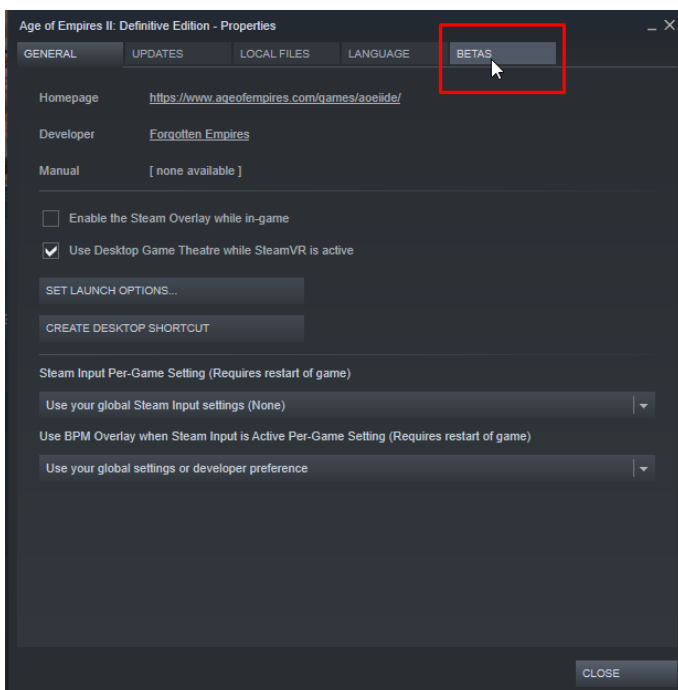This previous build Beta Branch will be updated every time there is a major update to AoE2 Definitive Edition, and will retain the latest previous build. This will not be updated for hotfixes, only for major (generally monthly) build updates.

Please double check your hotkeys & mods each time you switch versions, as they may be changed.

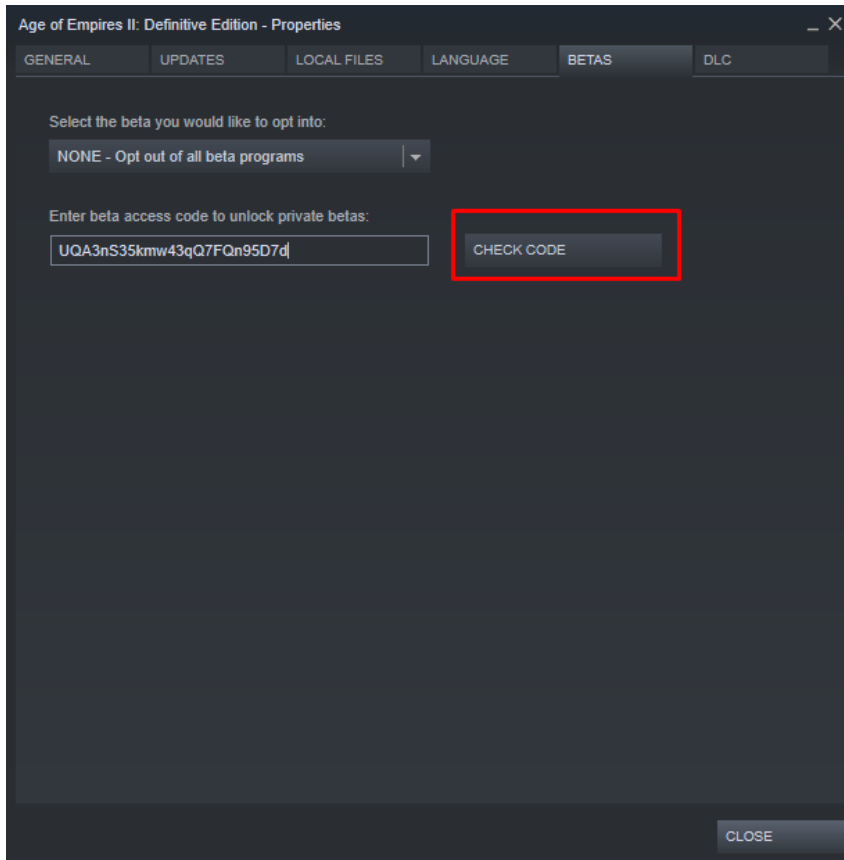Right-click on AoE 2 DE in your Steam library and go to properties.
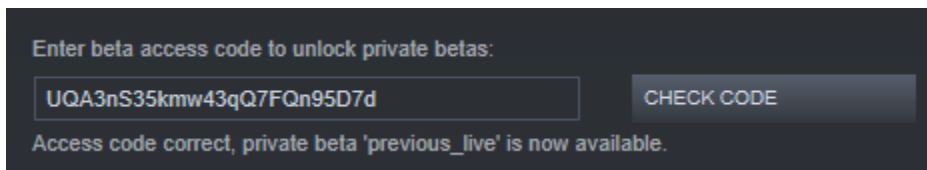

Go to the Betas tab

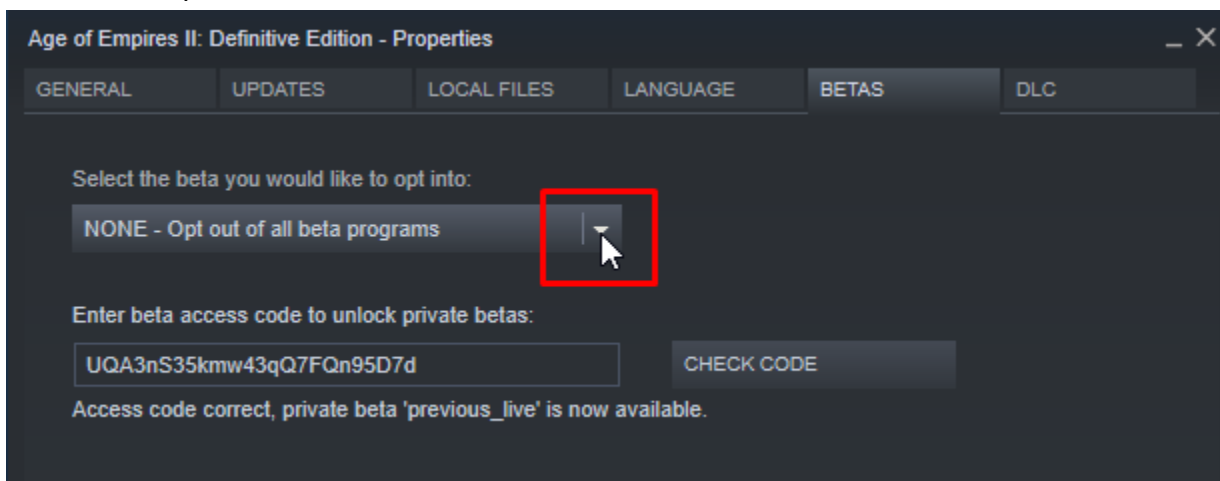Enter the previous build beta code 'UQA3nS35kmw43qQ7FQn95D7d'
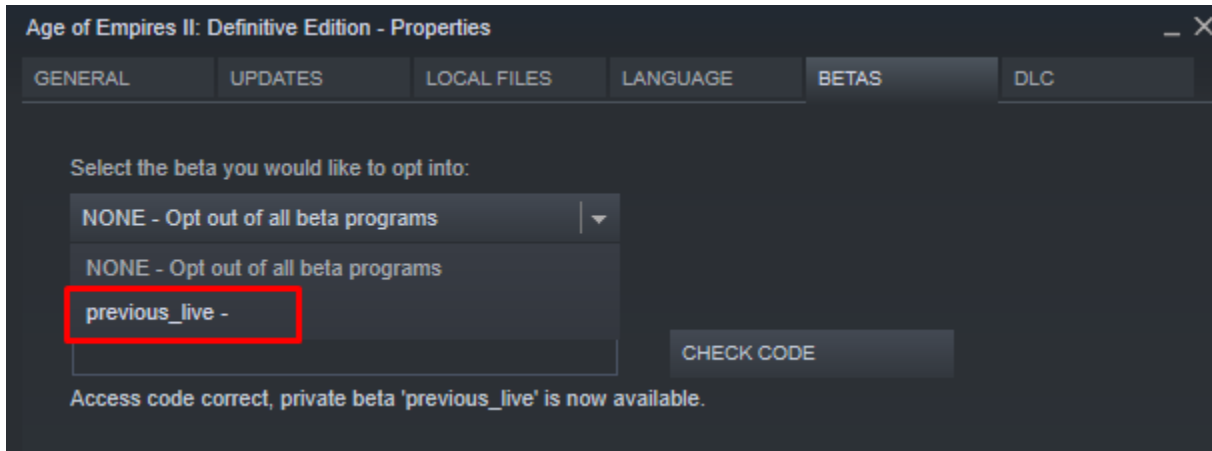
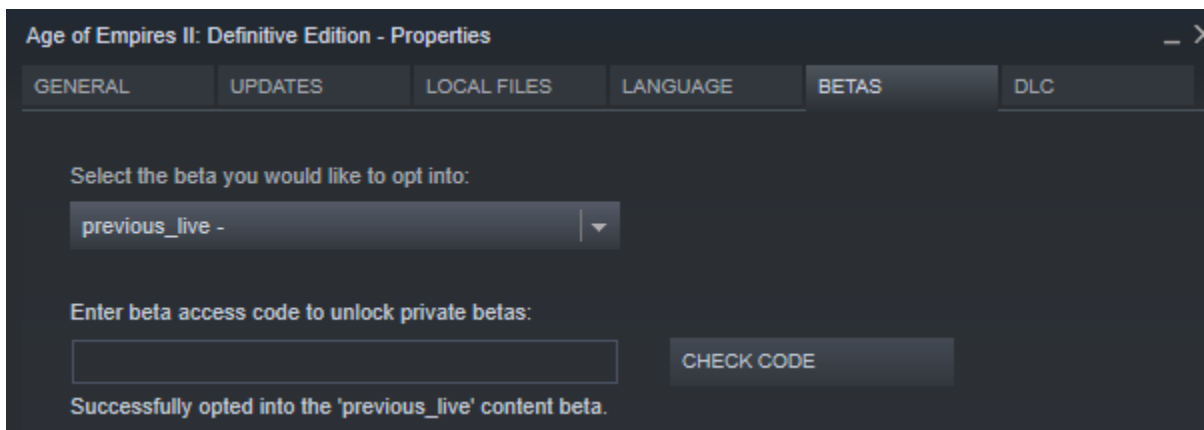Then click the Check Code button.

This message should appear:
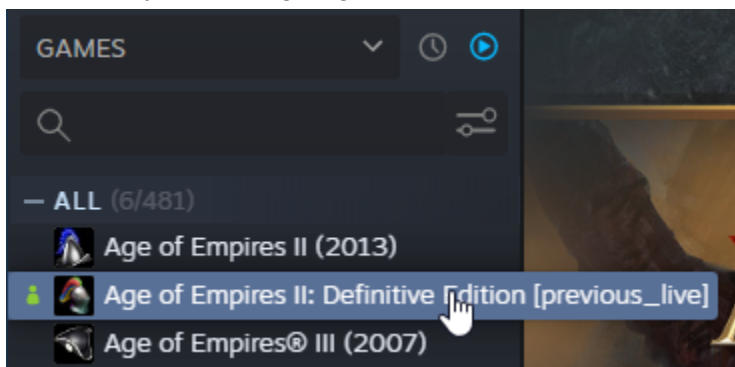

Select the drop-down arrow.

Click on the 'previous_live - ' option.

A message should now appear stating: Successfully opted into the 'previous_live' content beta.

Close the properties window and Steam should automatically update DE to the previous_live build, as indicated by the changed game name in [square brackets].

To revert to the current live version of the game, simply select 'NONE - Opt out of all beta programs' from the drop down.