

Install AoE3 on mac using CrossOver

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Preface

Recently the idea of playing AoE3 on mac comes to me, so I decide to find available options and try them. Thanks to Mitoe, I know there are basically 3 ways installing AoE3 on a mac:

Bootcamp - If you can get a hold of a Windows install disk, you can install the OS via bootcamp and then reboot your computer onto your new Windows partition and play there.

Crossover - Codeweavers (www.codeweavers.com) have developed a program called Crossover which uses Wine to emulate the Windows OS and thereby let you install Windows applications directly to your Mac. I've heard it works very well for AoE3 and there's a free trial if you want to make sure you can get it working before you buy :)

WineSkin - This is my preferred option, but probably only because I didn't have to pay for it. It works similarly to Crossover in the sense that it uses Wine to install Windows applications on your Mac, but while WineSkin is free, it is also a lot more work than either of the two previous solutions, and you often have to do a lot of minor tweaking to get things working just right.

So I try the CrossOver option. Though the installation steps are simple and straightforward, there are some minor problems and I have to make an effort to get it done. And this is what this small pdf is for: save your time and enjoy playing, no matter on a Mac or a Windows PC. Any kind of comment and help are warmly welcomed!!! :)

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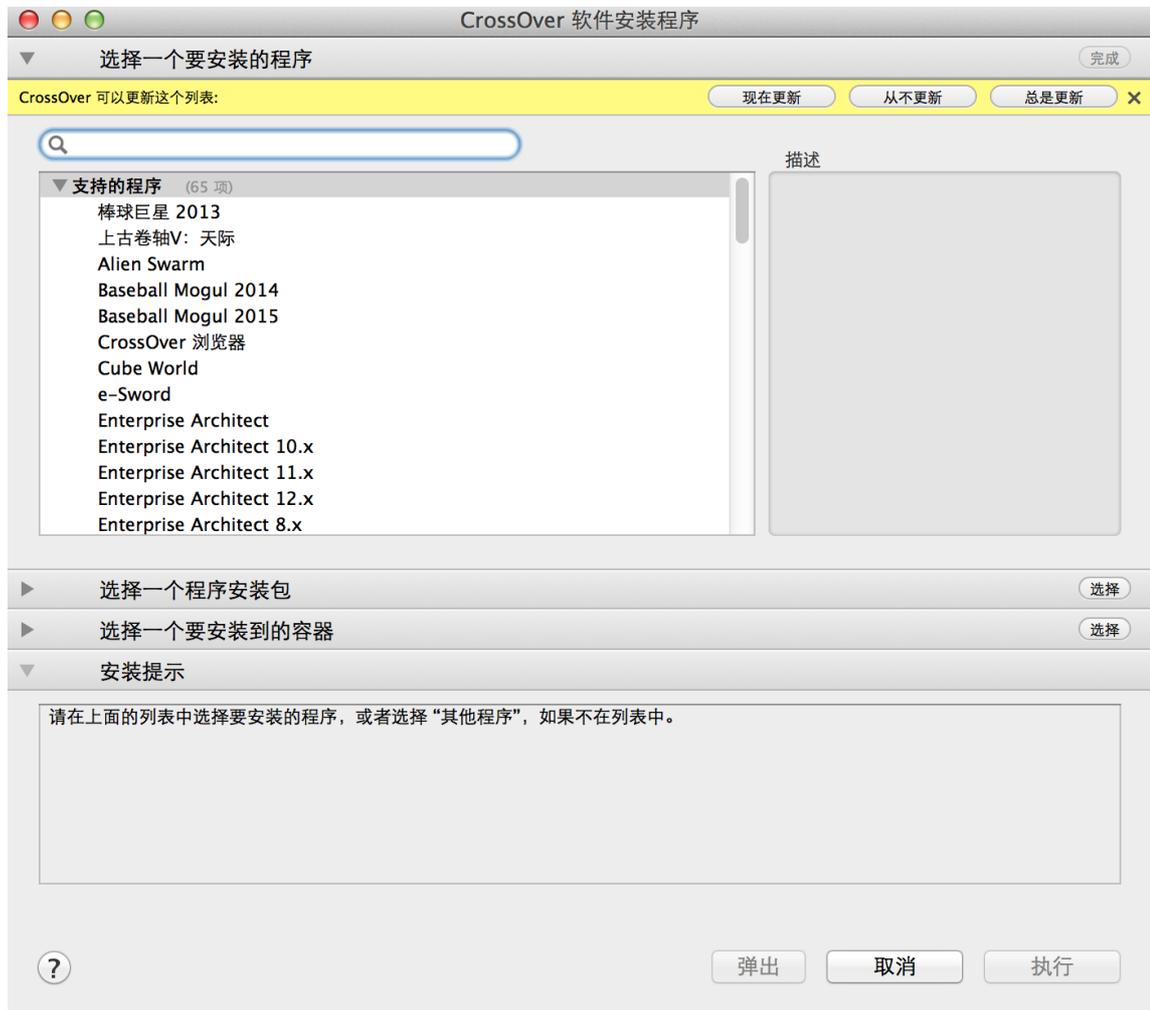
1. I am still learning and trying WineSkin option, if I succeed I would complement this guide ASAP)
2. I am using Chinese, so there are Chinese characters in the picture. Besides sorry for my poor English.

Steps

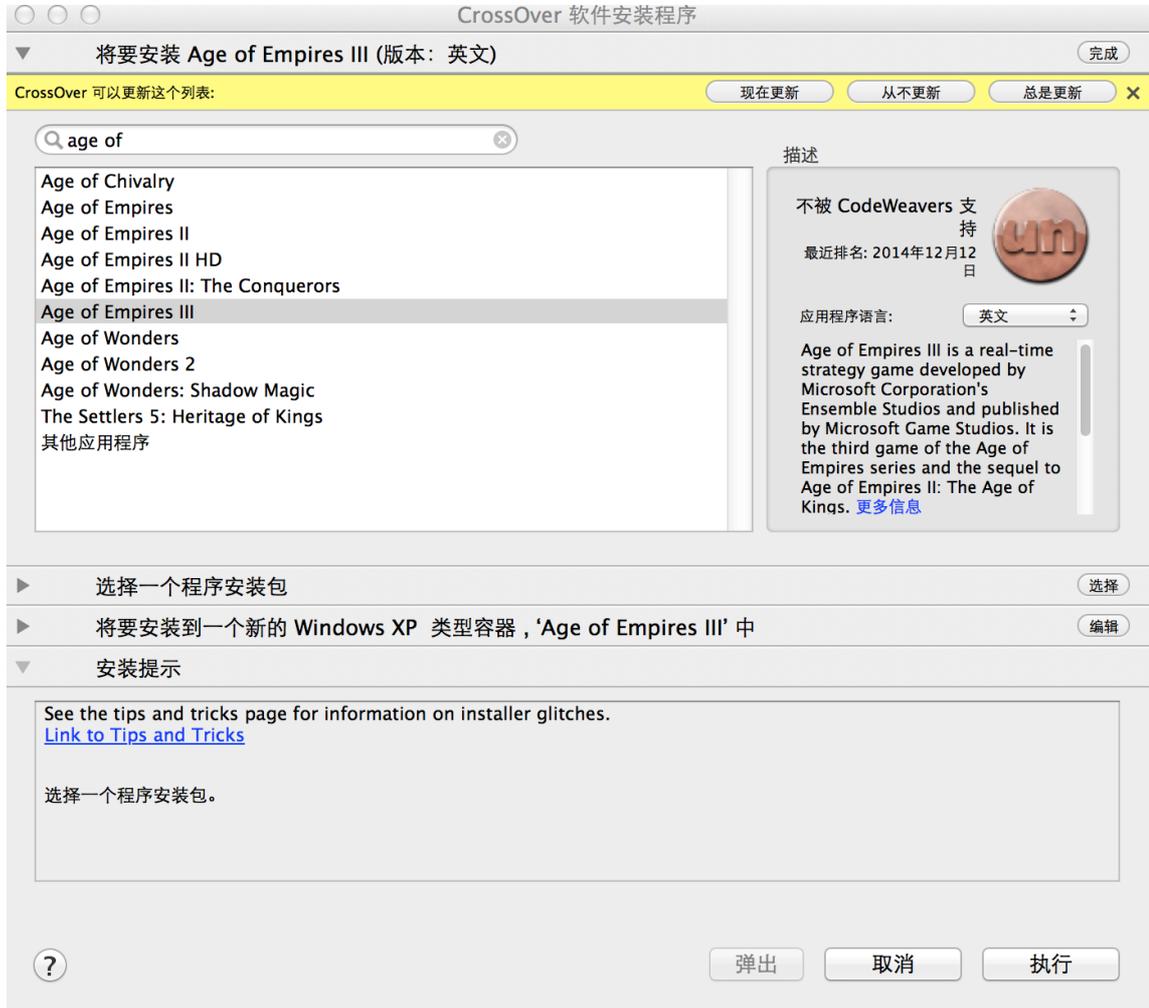
1. Get CrossOver from below

[CrossOver Official Site](#)

2. Choose “install software”



3. Search “Age of Empires”

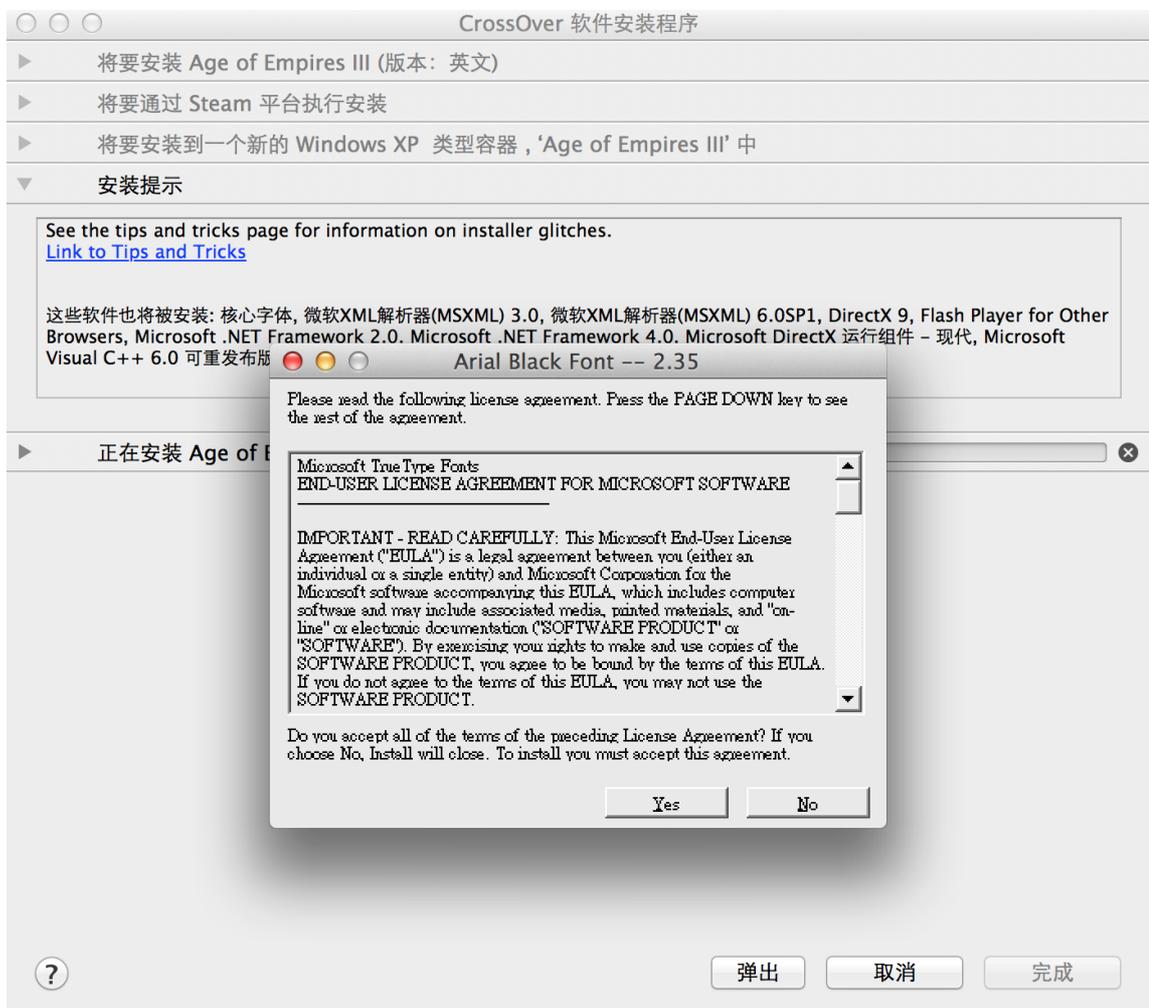


4. Choose your install package(from steam)



5. Press “Install”

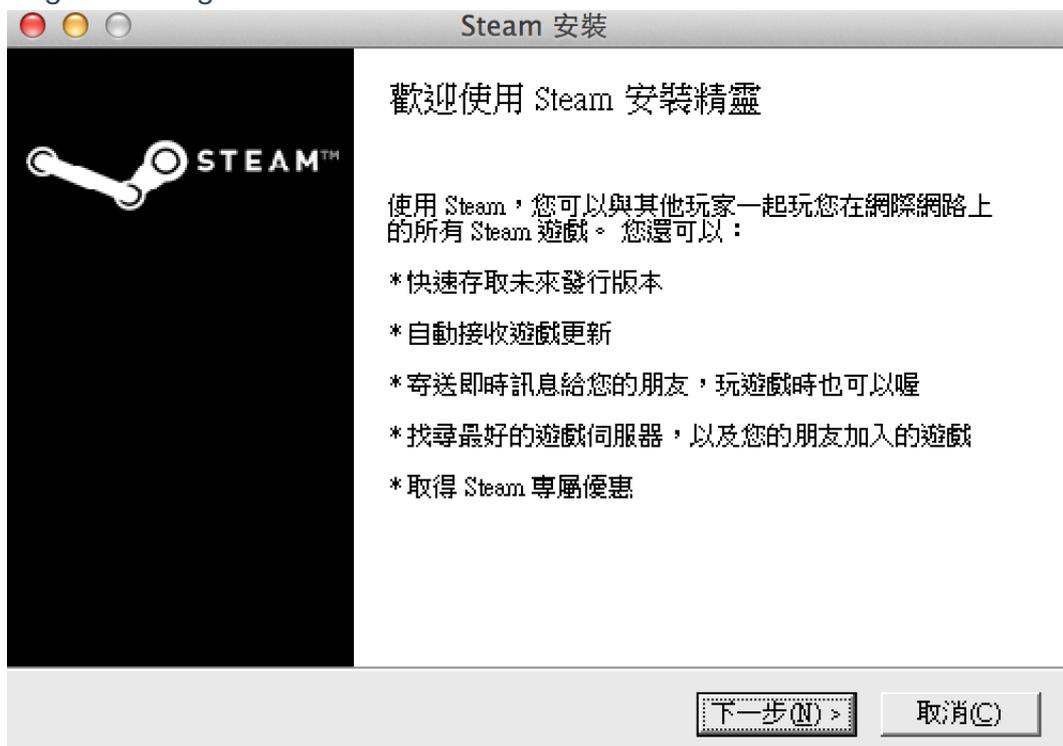
6. Follow the instructions popped up when installing(will be many)



If all goes well, you should see the pop up window in Step 7. If you encountered any problems, refer to the “during installation” part in **Possible problems and solutions**

7. Install Steam

- o Begin installing Steam



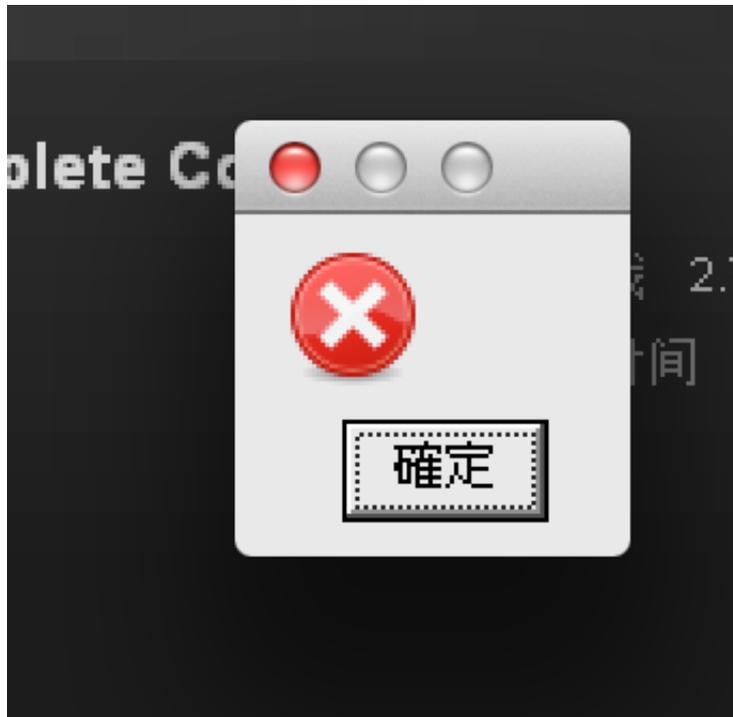
- o Install Steam successfully



- o sign in Steam and install AoE3 as usual



If you have encountered pop up msg asking for “MSXML 4.0” or some error window like these:



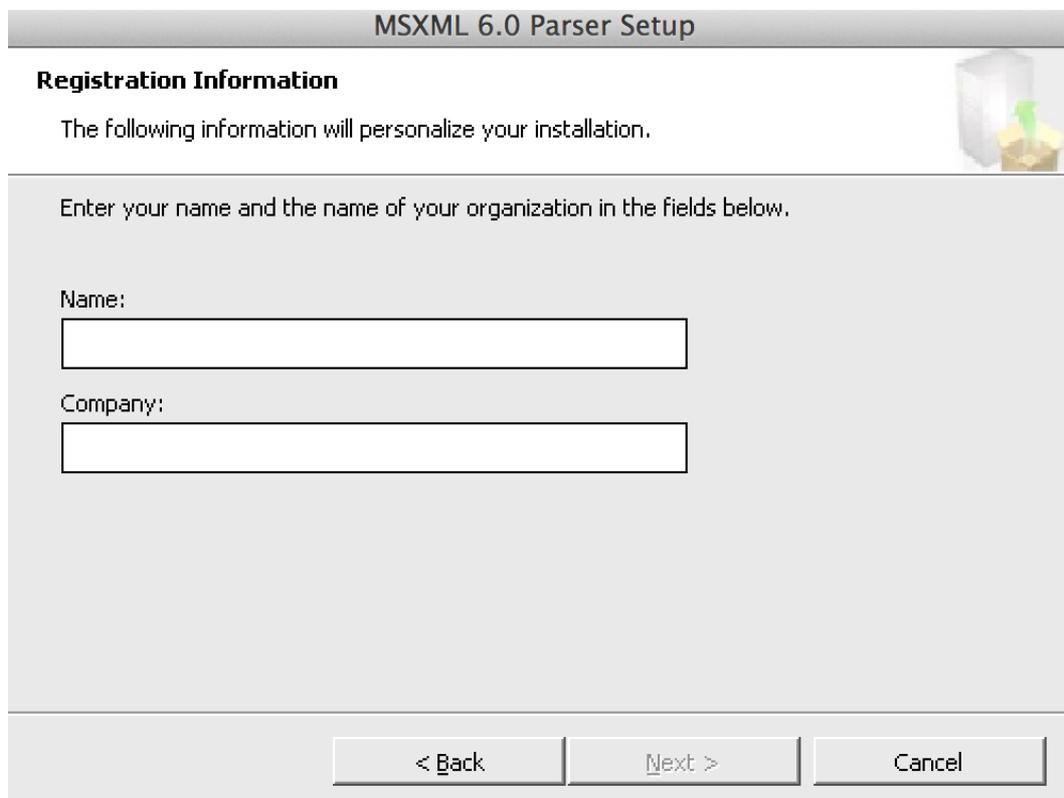
refer to the “install AoE3” part for further information

Possible problems and solutions

1. During installing

Note: You may encounter some problems when installing.

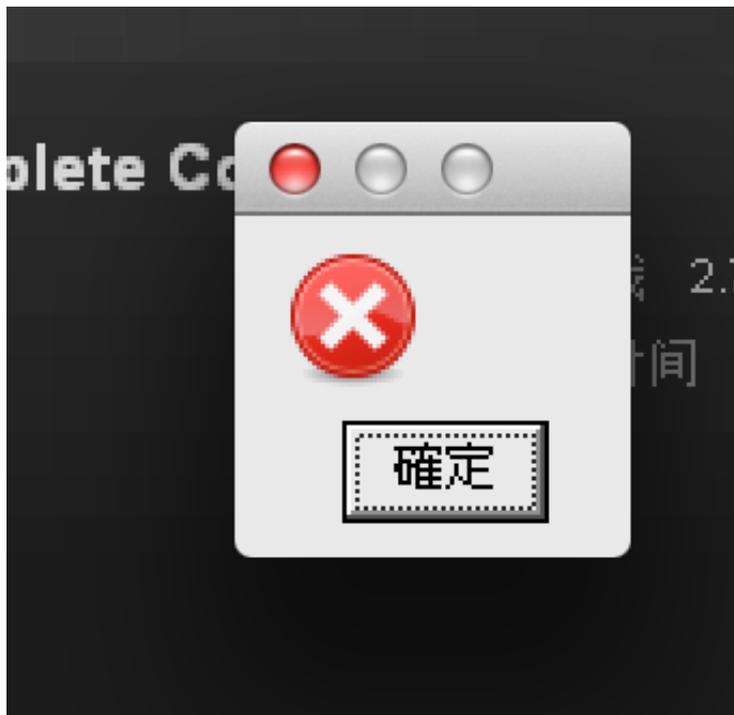
- If you get an error message on cannot install .NET, don't panic. Go on clicking other pop up windows and finally you will be able to install it.(This problem doesn't occur when I repeat my installing process)
- You may need to enter a random name or any string to continue installing:



Enter an arbitrary string and continue installing

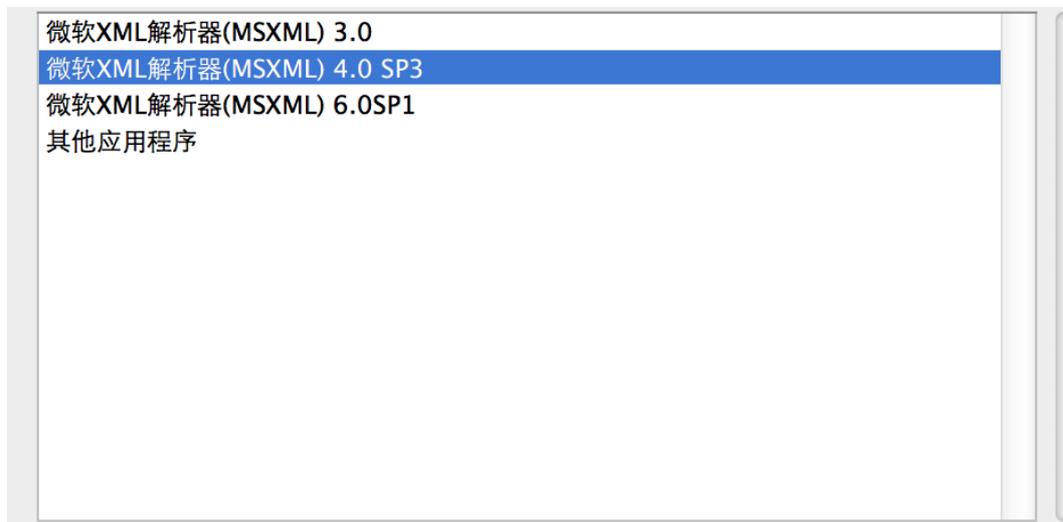
2. Install AoE3

You may encounter error msg like "MSXML 4.0" or something like this:

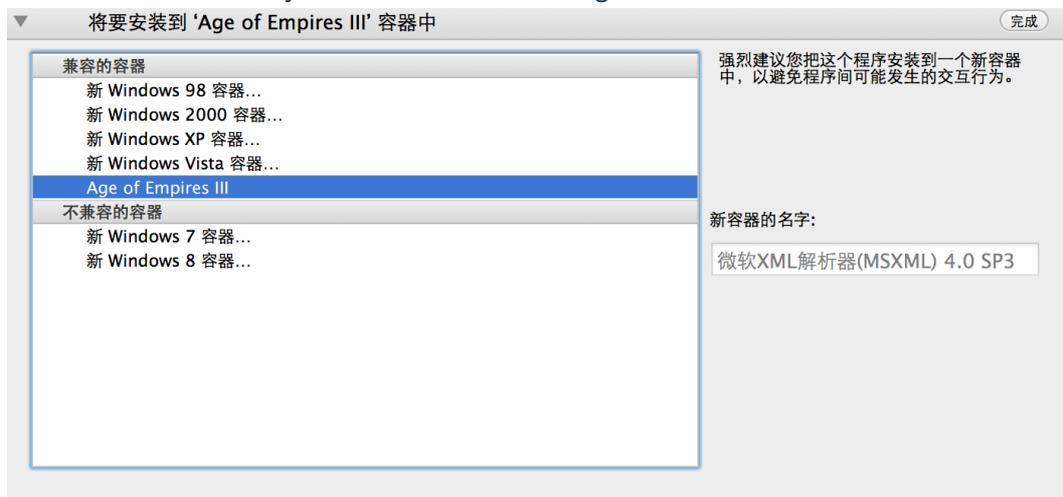


You may solve this problem following below steps:

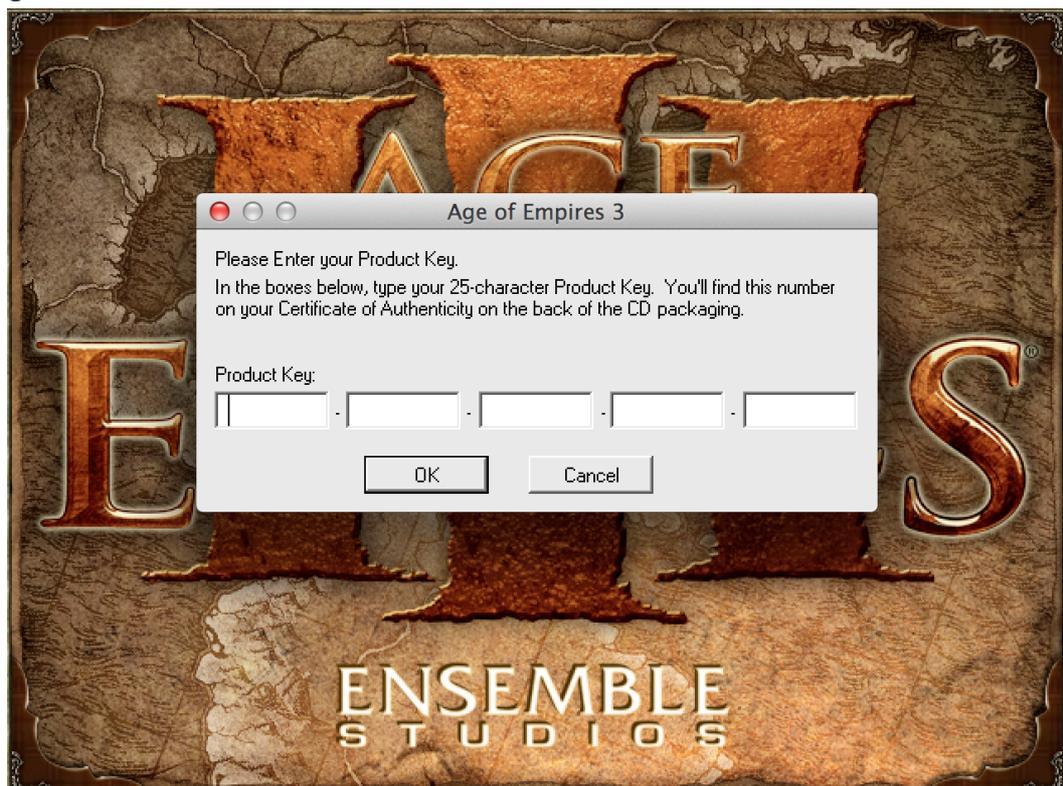
1. search msxml4.0 sp3 in the crossover install software panel:



2. select the container you have used installing Steam and AoE3:



3. After finishing installing MSXML4.0 sp3, you should be able to launch the game:



3. After launching

You may find your mouse cursor not responding after you have entered the game. Solution: switch to other window, make sure your mouse cursor is normal and respond well, then click back to the game. You should be able to use your mouse now and the cursor is what it looks like in the game.

Environment Info

1. CrossOver: 14.1.3
2. Mac info:
 - os version: 10.9.5
 - Intel Iris 1536MB