

**Help! I get the error “Game initialization failed. Please do a full scan in the launcher and try again.(CORE)”**

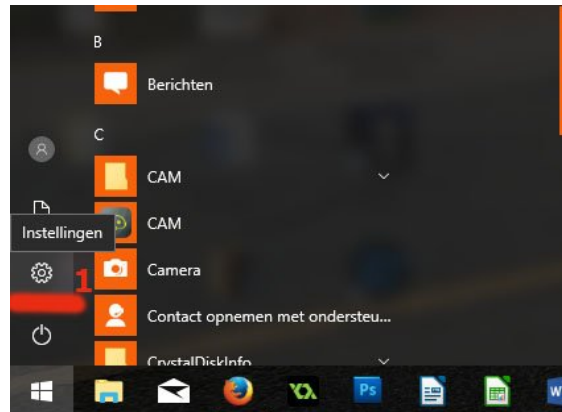
This error means you don't have DirectX 9 and DirectPlay installed on your machine. Windows 8 and later don't come with this old version of DirectX and DirectPlay. You need to install it, then turn it on.

### Step 1

First, download and install DirectX 9 and DirectPlay. You can download it from my website, I packed it to a self installing archive: <http://www.nauticalgames.eu/directx/>

### Step 2

After the installation is done, you need to turn on DirectPlay. It is turned off by default. Click on Start, then click on Settings.



### Step 3

The settings window shows up. Here, click on the icon “System”. If you have an older version of Windows, it might be a different option, just look for the option that says “Apps” or “Applications” in the description.

### Step 4

Now in this window, on the left, there is a list of options. Click on “Apps & features”.

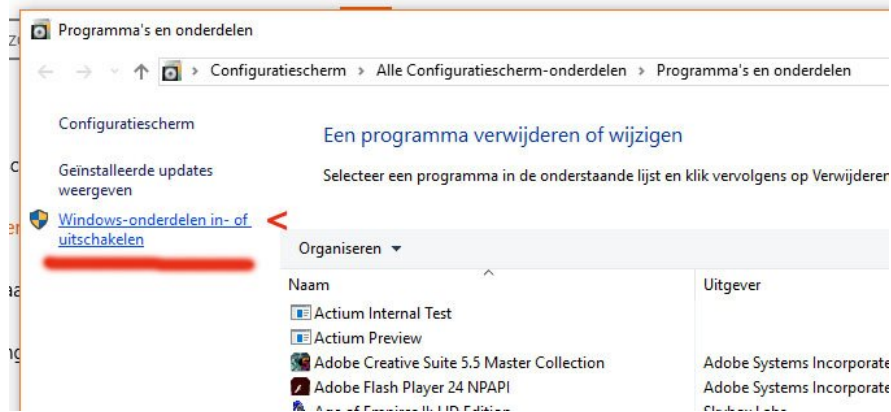
### Step 5

A list of all installed applications will show up, wait until it is loaded. Then scroll all the way down. You should see this: “Related settings: Programs & features”. Click on it.



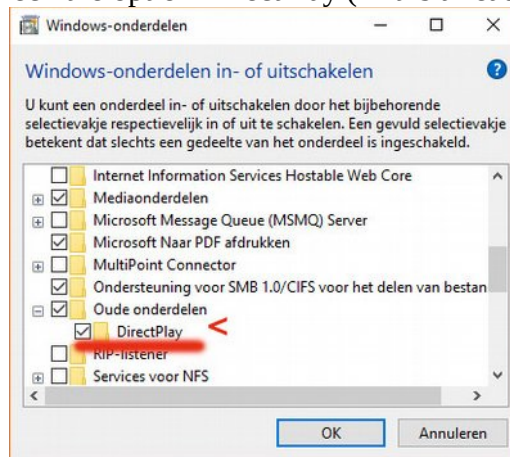
## Step 6

A new window pops up. On the left, click on the option that says “Turn Windows features on or off”. It is a small text link. Click on it.



## Step 7

A small window appears, wait until it is fully loaded. Scroll down until you see the folder “Legacy components”. Open it, then check the option DirectPlay (if it is already checked, leave it like that!).



Click Ok. DirectPlay will now be installed. When it is done, it might be wise to restart your pc, just to be sure. Penelope should now run!