

BG-4KCH

4K UHD/1080P FHD USB-C Video Capture Device/Box with Scaler

User Manual







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Statement

Please read these instructions carefully before connecting, operating, or configuring this product. Please save this manual for future reference.

Safety Precaution

- To prevent damaging this product, avoid heavy pressure, strong vibration, or immersion during transportation, storage, and installation.
- The housing of this product is made of organic materials. Do not expose to any liquid, gas, or solids which may corrode the shell.
- Do not expose the product to rain or moisture.
- To prevent the risk of electric shock, do not open the case. Installation and maintenance should only be carried out by qualified technicians.
- Do not use the product beyond the specified temperature, humidity, or power supply specifications.
- This product does not contain parts that can be maintained or repaired by users. Damage caused by dismantling the product without authorization from BZBGear is not covered under the warranty policy.
- Installation and use of this product must strictly comply with local electrical safety standards.
- Disconnect power cord by connector only. Do not pull on cable portion.
- Do not place or drop heavy or sharp-edged objects on power cord. A damaged cord can cause fire or electrical shock hazards. Regularly check power cord for excessive wear or damage to avoid possible fire / electrical hazards.
- Ensure unit is always properly grounded to prevent electrical shock hazard.
- Do not operate unit in hazardous or potentially explosive atmospheres. Doing so could result in fire, explosion, or other dangerous results.
- Handle with care to avoid shocks in transit. Shocks may cause malfunction. When you need to transport the unit, use the original packing materials, or alternate adequate packing.
- Turn off the unit if an abnormality or malfunction occurs. Disconnect everything before moving the unit.

Note: due to constant efforts to improve products and product features, specifications may change without notice.



Introduction

The BG-4KCH USB-C 4K video capture box with scaler provides a simple and reliable way to capture HDMI video signals. Users can capture HDMI signals from devices like PTZ cameras, video game consoles, and PC's for recording or broadcast to streaming services such as YouTube, Twitch, and Facebook. The utilization of large volume image buffering technology prevents video tearing, allowing for optimal image reproduction. Compact and portable, the BG-4KCH is an ideal fit for a video technicians toolkit, as well as anyone needing a convenient capture device.

Features

- HDMI video and audio streams over USB 3.1 Type-C Gen 1
- UVC1.0/1.1/1.5
- Video resolutions up to 4K2K@30
- Deinterlace & scaler*
- Auto-detection of video formats to ensure plug-play operation
- Recording Video Format: Software Compression
- Works on multiple operating systems/platforms (Windows 7/8.1/10/11, Mac, and Linux OS)
- Compatible with most 3rd party software including YouTube, Twitch, Facebook, OBS Studio, and Zoom
- USB 3.1 Gen 1 (RGB/YUY2/NV12) (capture up to 4K2K@30) and USB 2.0 (YUY2/NV12) (capture up to 720P@30)
- Low Latency (3~4ms at 1080P)
- System Requirements (Recommended)
 - Windows® 7(SP1) / Windows 8.1 / Windows 10 / Windows 11
 - PC: Intel® Core™ i5-4440 3.10GHz + NVIDIA® GeForce® GTX 660 or higher
 - Laptop: Intel® Core i7-4810MQ + NVIDIA GeForce GTX 870M or higher
 - 4GB RAM or higher

* Scale-up feature supports up to 1080P@60

Packing List

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|---|------------------------|
| • 1 x BG-4KCH | • 1x User Manual |
| • 1 x USB 3.0 A to C Cable (host to device) | • 1x Quick Start Guide |

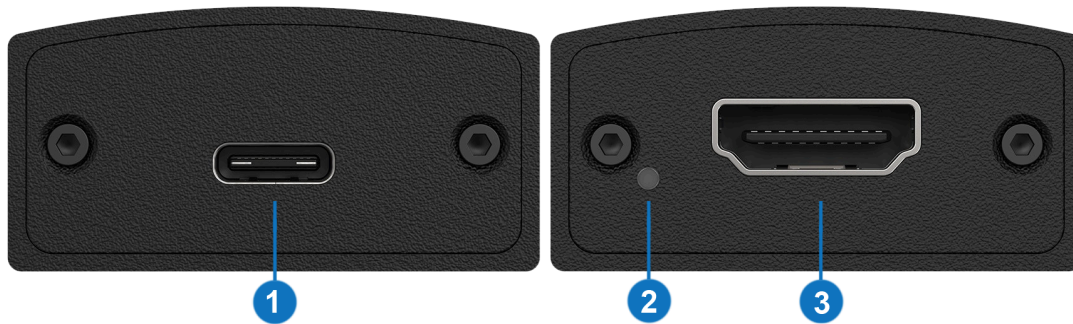


Technical Specifications

Technical		
Usage		Video Capture Device
Input Video bandwidth		297MHz
Output bandwidth		Up to 350 Mbps (USB-C)
Video support (USB-C)		Up to 4K2K@30
Audio Input		HDMI Embedded Audio
Audio Format		2CH 16 bit PCM
Recording Mode		Software Compression
Recording Video Format		RGB/YUY2/NV12 (USB3.1 Gen 1), YUY2/NV12 (USB2.0)
ESD protection		Human body model: ±15kV (air-gap discharge) & ±8kV (contact discharge)
PCB stack-up		4-layer board (impedance control — differential 100Ω; single 50Ω)
Firmware update		Feasible via USB-C Port
Input		1x HDMI
Output		1x USB-C
HDMI connector		Type A [19-pin female]
USB connector		USB 3.1 Type C (SuperSpeed USB)
Software compatibility (not complete list)		OBS Studio (Windows, Linux, MAC), Potplayer (Windows), VLC (MAC, Linux), AMCap (Windows), XSplit Broadcast (Windows), Skype (Windows, MAC), Zoom (Windows), Hangout (Windows), TeamViewer (Windows)
OS Support		Windows 7 /8.1 /10 /11, Mac, and Linux OS
Mechanical		
Housing		Metal enclosure
Dimensions (L x W x H)	Model	3" x 1.5" x 0.7" [77 x 38 x 19mm]
	Package	6.4" x 4.4" x 1.7" [165 x 111 x 42mm]
	Carton	1'6" x 1'4" x 13.8" [490 x 426 x 352mm]
Weight	Model	2 oz [58g]
	Package	5 oz [142g]
Power supply		USB-C
Power consumption		3 Watts (max)
Operation temperature		32~104°F / 0~40°C
Storage temperature		-4~140°F / -20~60°C
Relative humidity		20~90% RH (no condensation)



Operation Controls and Functions



1. **USB-C OUT:** Connect to a USB host (PC, NB, MAC...)
2. **LED INDICATOR:** Power & input signal indicator LED
 - [Blue] Device is powered on
 - [Green] Input detecting an HDMI signal
 - [Red]* Input source is HDCP protected and cannot be captured
3. **HDMI IN:** Connect to an HDMI source

*When the input source is HDCP protected, the LED will turn red to indicate the content is legally encrypted and cannot be captured.

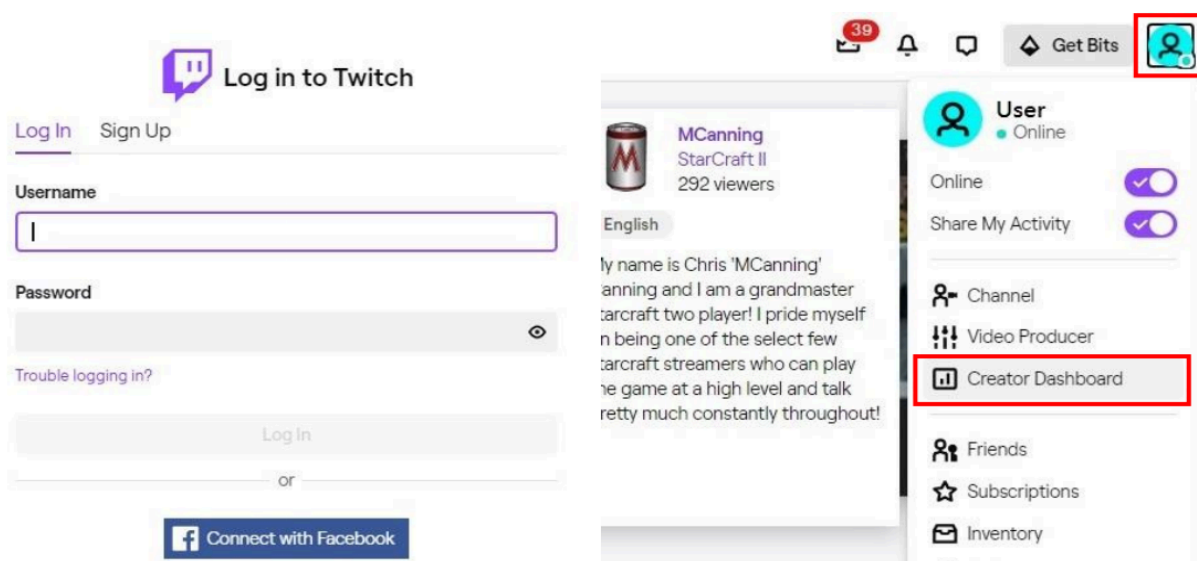
Video Streaming

Create a Video Stream

Users can create video streams on their streaming platform of choice. The below steps show how to complete the video streaming settings for Twitch and YouTube using OBS.

Twitch

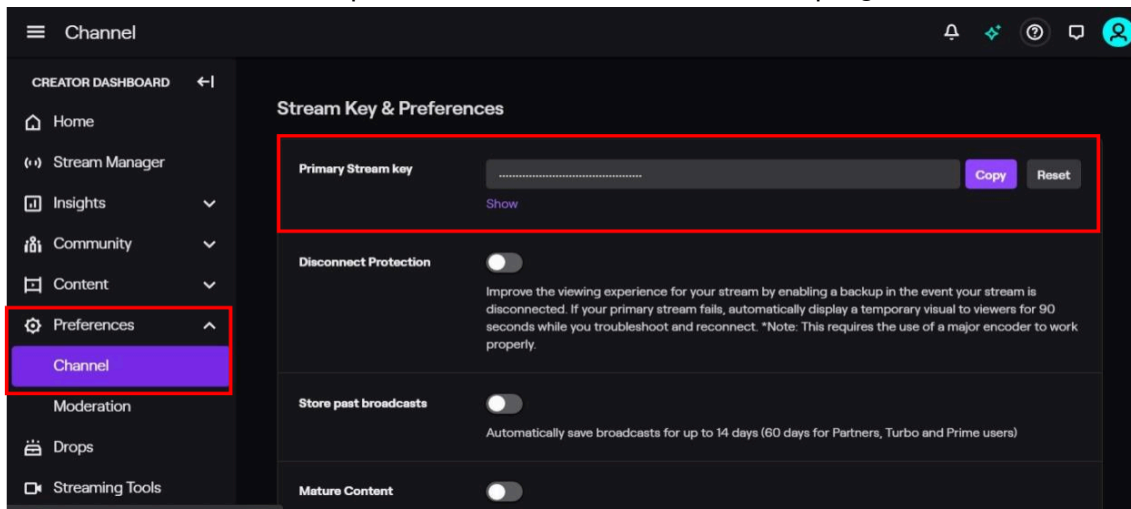
1. Browse the Twitch website (<https://www.twitch.tv/>) and log in, then select "**Creator Dashboard**" from your account drop-down menu at the top right of the screen.



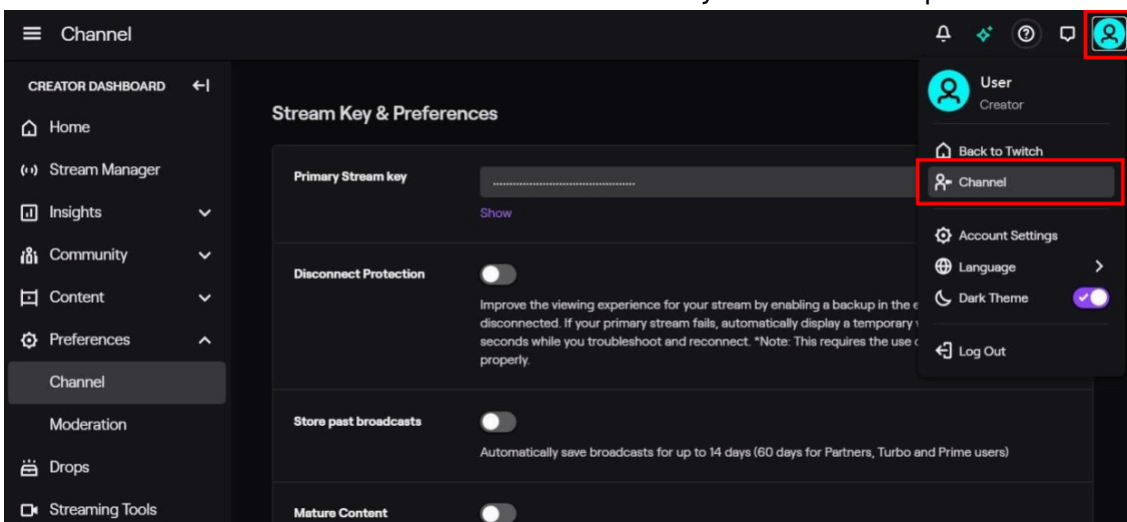


- Find **"Preferences"** in the left menu, and click **"Channel"**, then you will see **"Primary Steam key"** on the screen. Copy the **"Primary Steam key"** and paste it into the **"Stream Key"** field in the OBS, then click **"Start Streaming"** in the software.

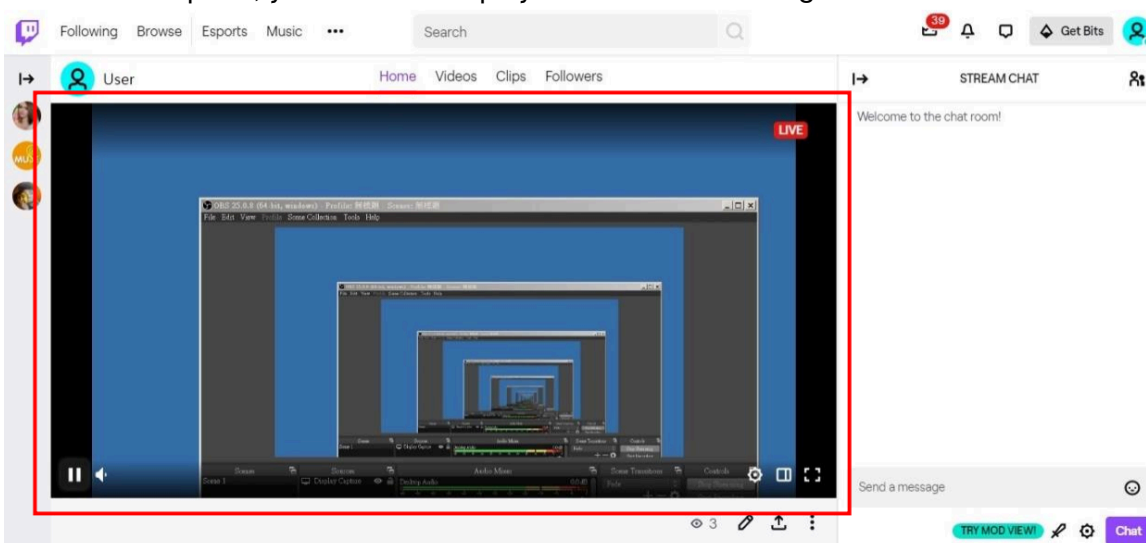
* Please refer to steps 4-6 of the OBS software control program.



- Go back to Twitch and select **"Channel"** from your account drop-down menu.



- At this point, you will see the player start live streaming.

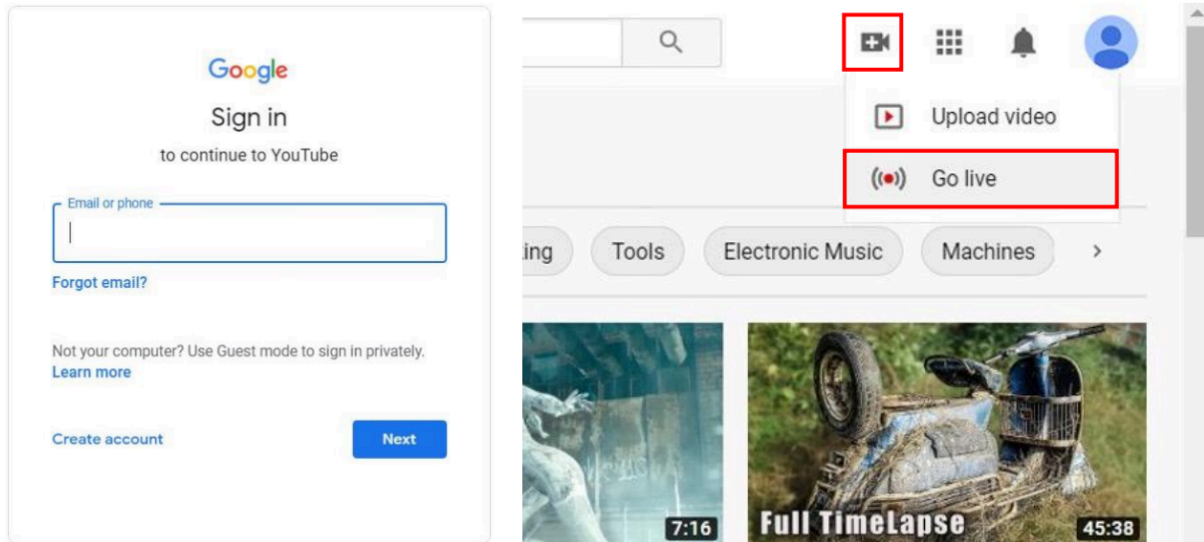




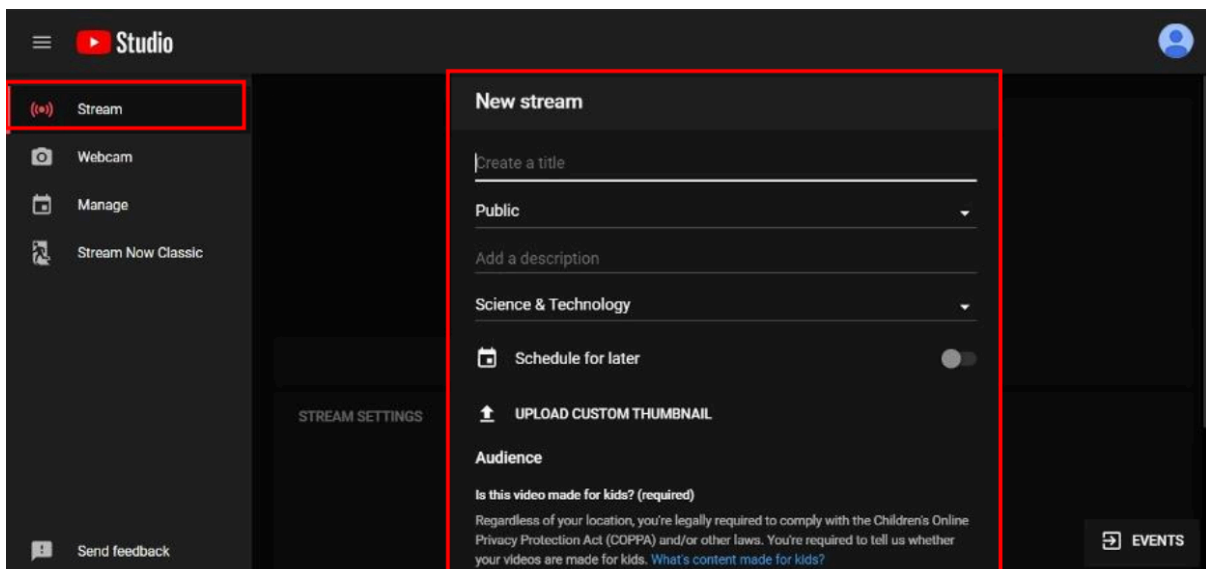
YouTube

1. Browse the YouTube website (<https://www.youtube.com/>) and log in, then click "**Go live**" from the "**Create**" icon menu at the top right of the screen.

* If your account is using YouTube for the first time to create a video stream, you need to wait 24 hours to enable the function.

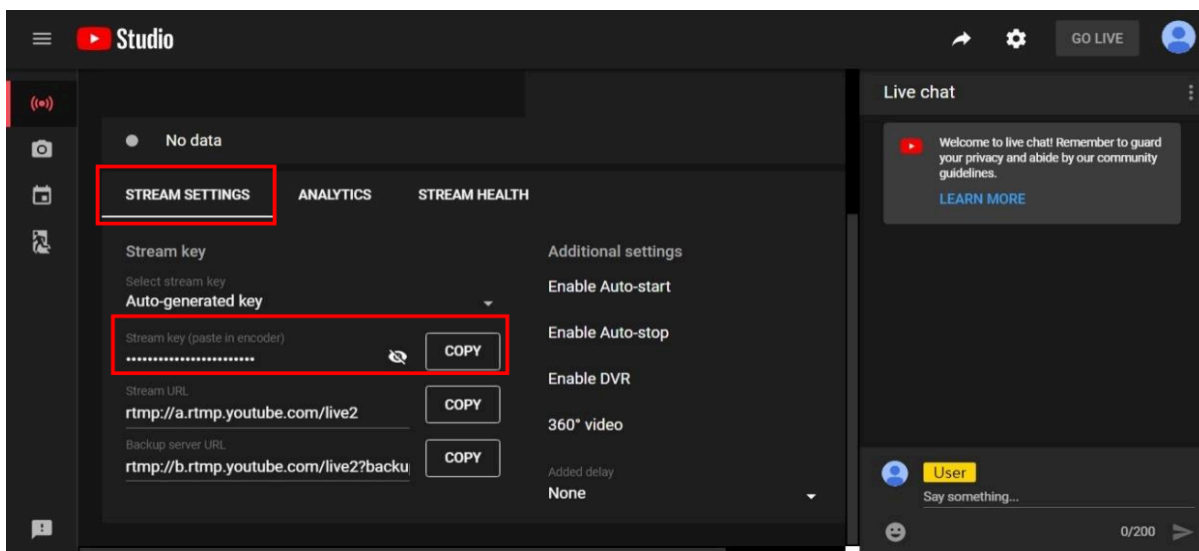


2. Click "**Stream**" in the left menu, and fill in the relevant information of the live video to create a new stream.

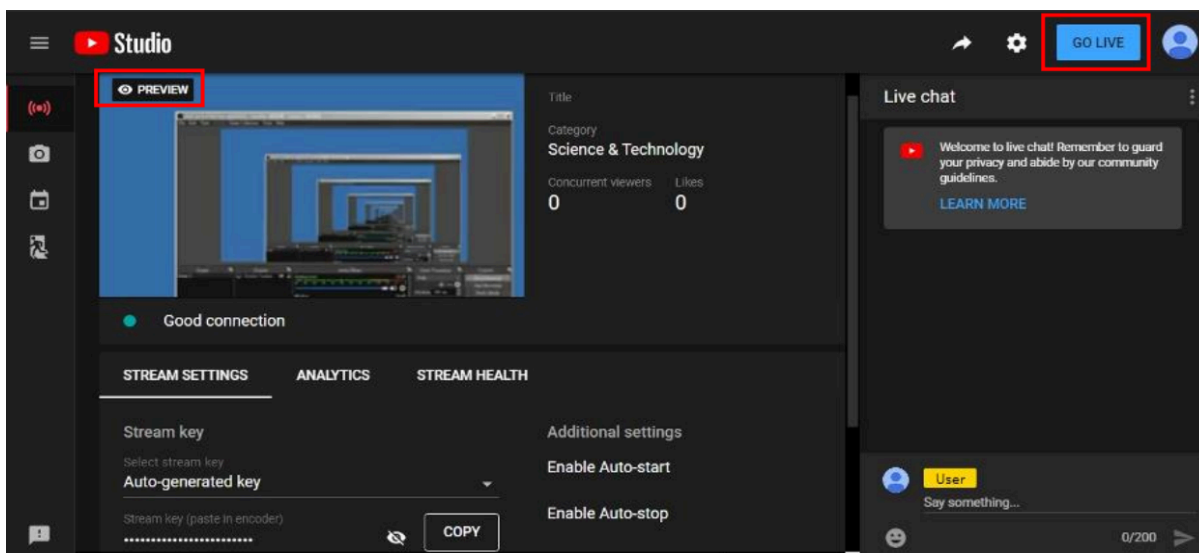


3. You will see "**Stream key**" from the "**STREAM SETTINGS**" below. Copy the "**Stream key**" and paste it into the "**Stream Key**" field in the OBS, then click "**Start Streaming**" in the software.

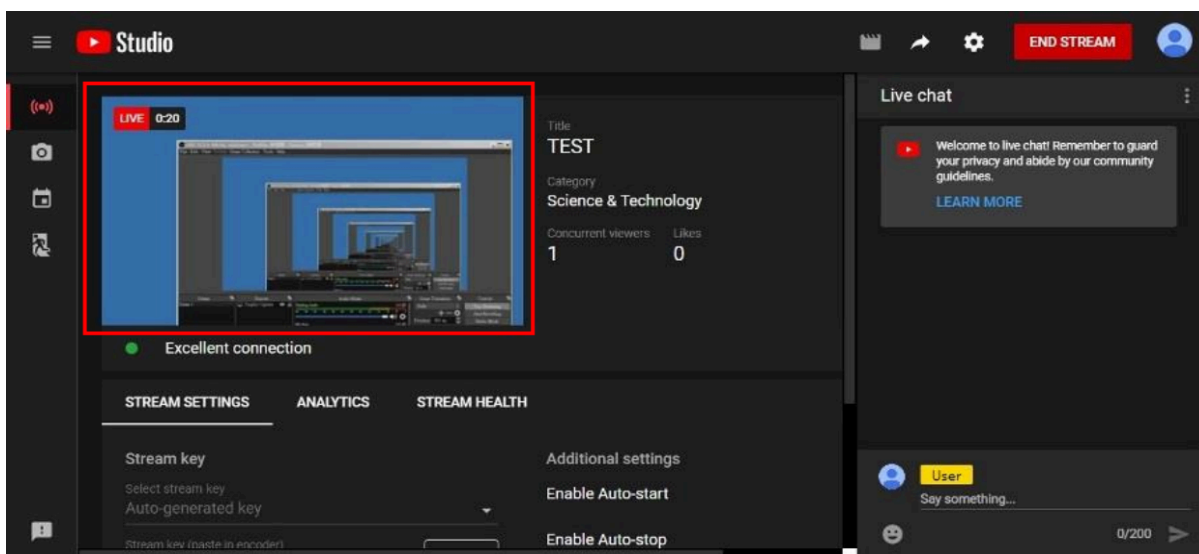
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4. Next, go back to YouTube, and then wait for 30-60 seconds, the player will display the live preview. At the same time, the "GO LIVE" button at the top right will turn blue, please press this button.



5. The player on YouTube will start live streaming.





Stream and record videos with OBS

OBS is a popular USB capture freeware and has excellent compatibility. Please start with OBS if users are not familiar with USB capture devices.

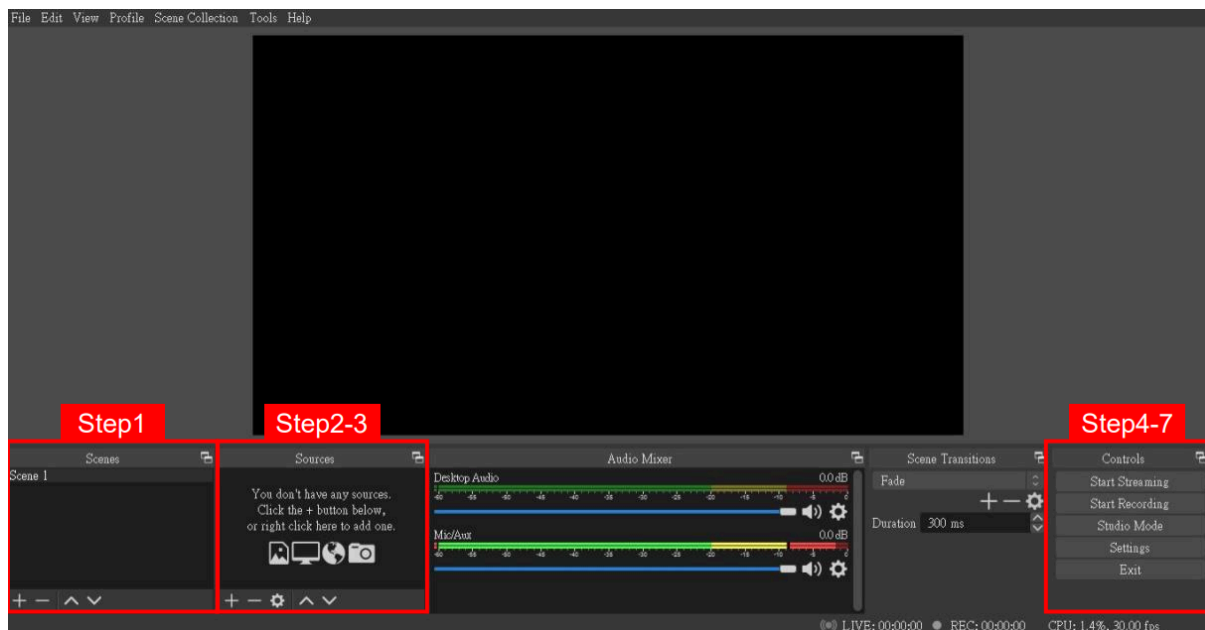
Download the software

Browse the download page of the OBS official website (<https://obsproject.com/download>), then select the suitable computer operating system and start downloading.



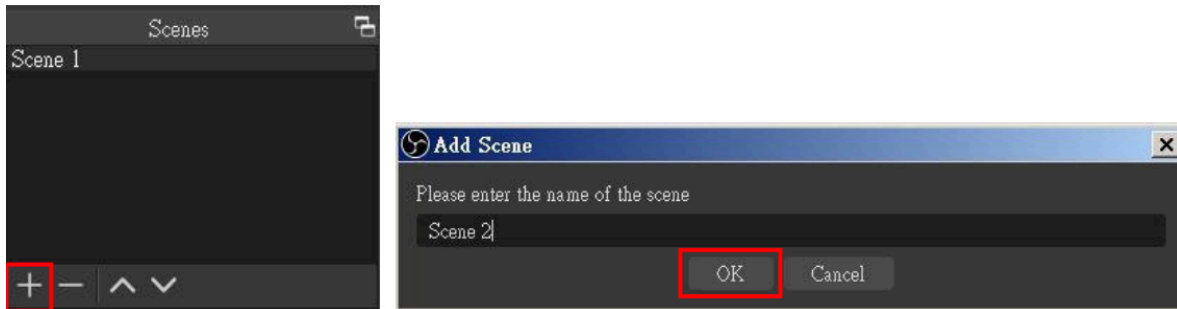
Start the software control program

After downloading the software, please open it and follow the below steps to complete the video streaming settings.

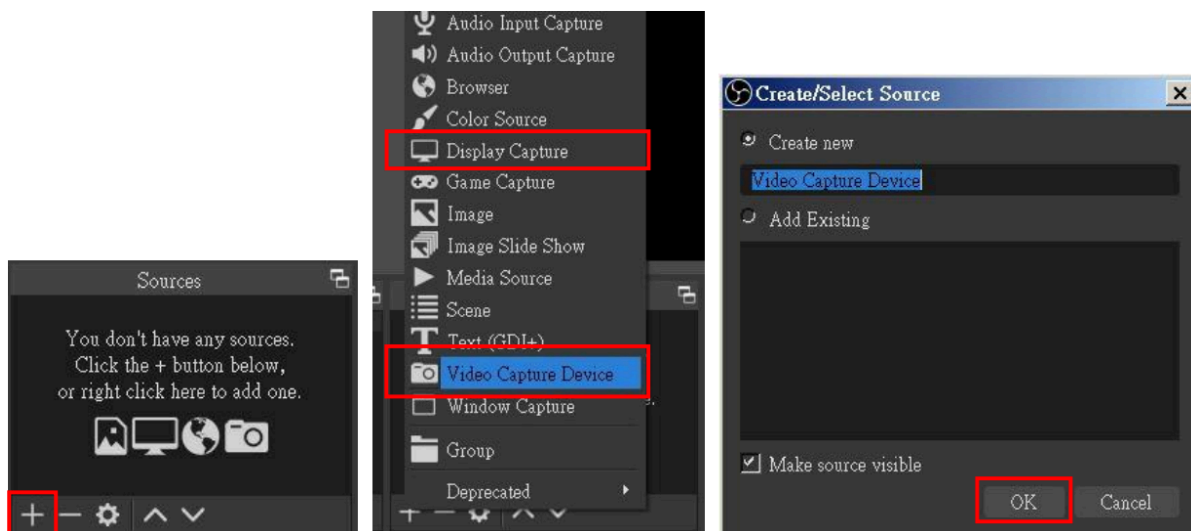




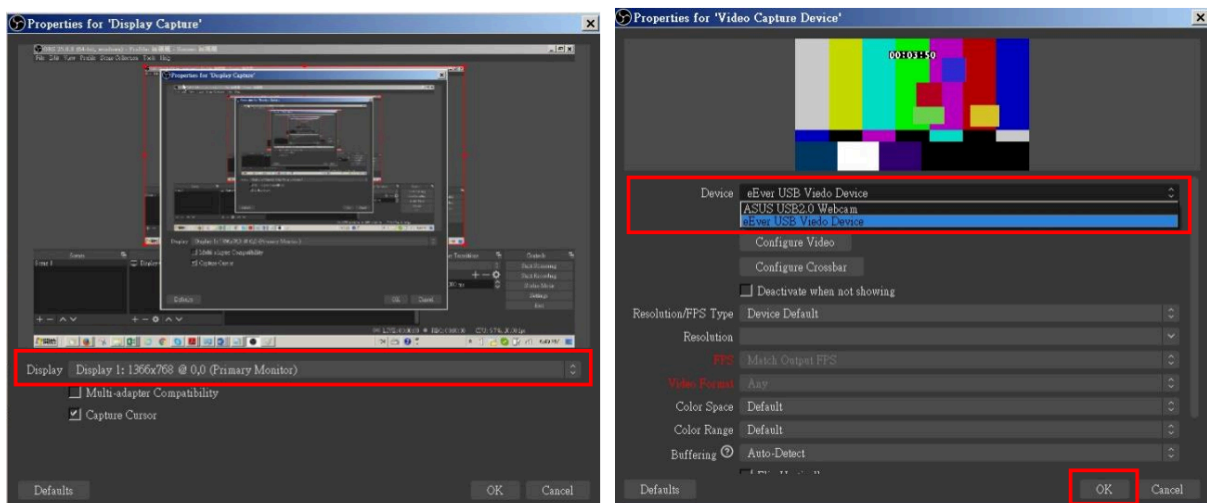
1. First, find the "**Scenes**" window, click "+" in the lower left corner, and then enter the name of the scene to create a new scene.



2. Find the "**Source**" window, click "+" in the lower left corner, and then select "**Display Capture**" or "**Video Capture Device**" to create a new source.

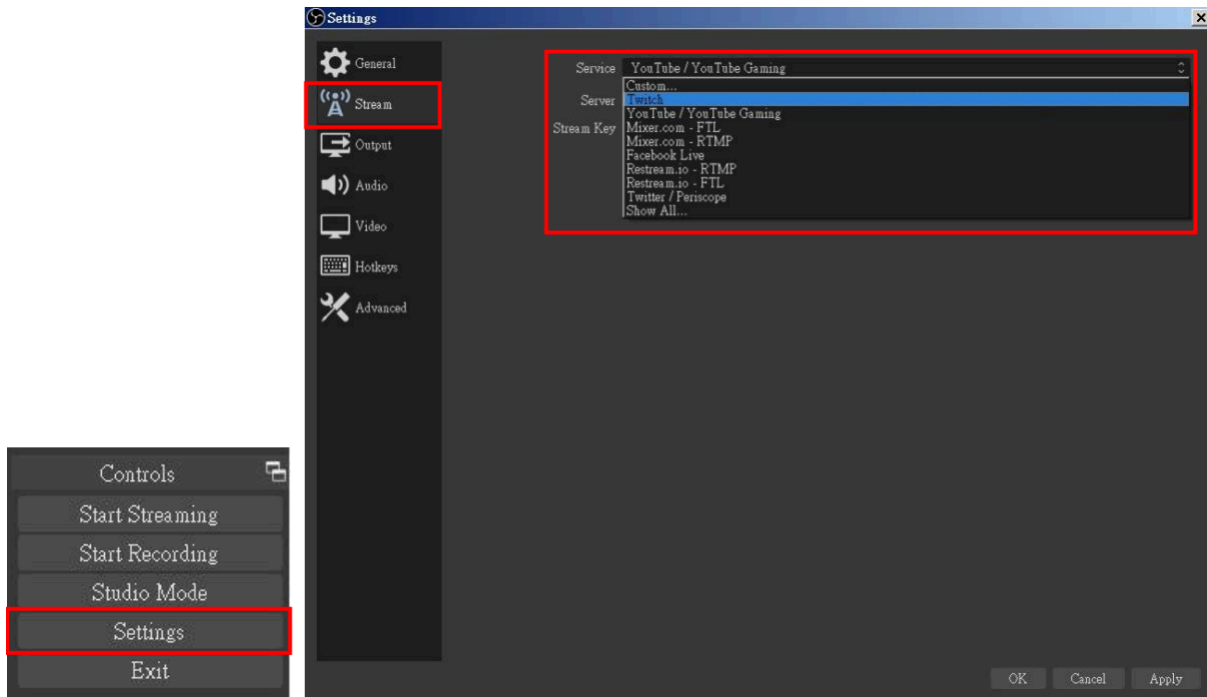


3. Next, you can set display capture properties. If you select "**Display Capture**" in step 2, you can select the primary monitor or other extended monitor as the display source. If you select "**Video Capture Device**" in step 2, you can select USB video device as the display source. After all settings are completed, click "OK".





- Click "**Settings**" and then select "**Stream**" to perform streaming settings. Users can choose service providers, including Twitch, YouTube, etc.



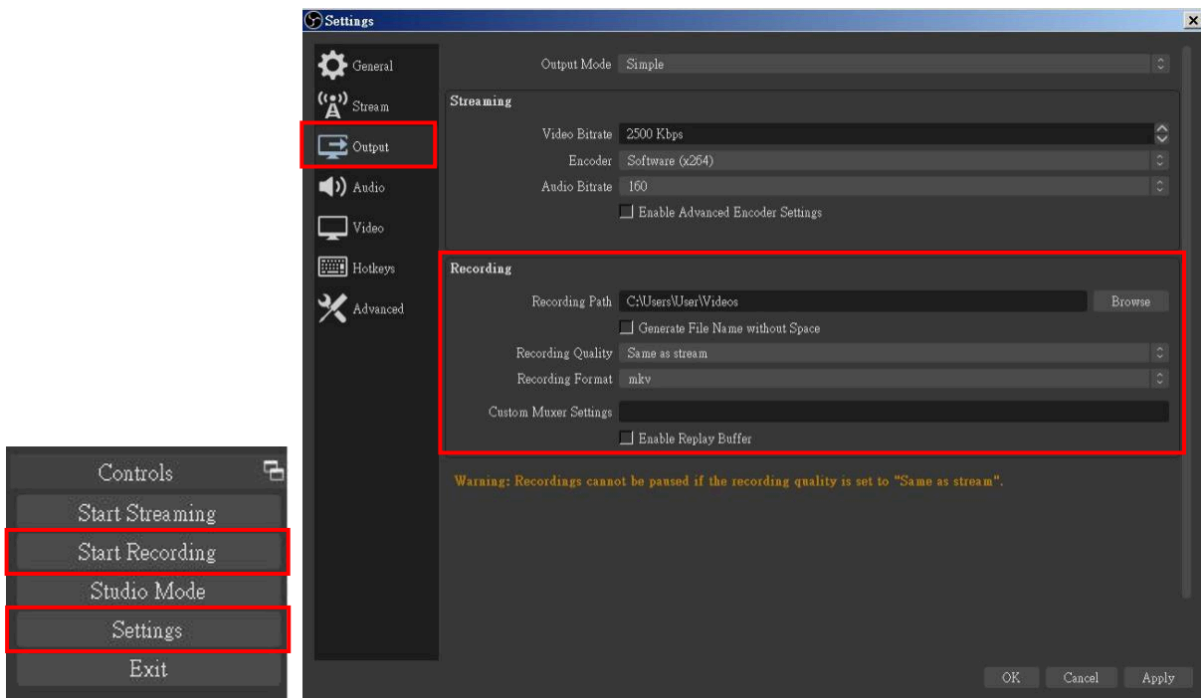
- Paste the stream key provided by the service provider into the "**Stream Key**" field, then click "**Apply**" and "**OK**" after setting. In addition, users can click "**Get Stream Key**" at this step to open the service provider website.



- Please click "**Start Streaming**". At this time, the screen after clicking "**Start Streaming**" will be displayed in the live video.



- On the other hand, users can also click "**Start Recording**" to record videos with OBS. Besides, you can click "**Settings**" and then select "**Output**" to set "**Recording Path**" and "**Recording Format**".



Note: The procedures the manual demonstrates are based on the interface that each website provides at the time when the manual is written. The most current method of live streaming should be similar to the above procedures but is subject to change by the website interface update by the social media platform.

Troubleshooting

1. The BG-4KCH supports HDCP to protect legal content from copyright infringement. If an HDMI input is equipped with HDCP protection, the status LED will turn red to indicate the presence of HDCP. No capture will be legally allowed if HDCP is detected. Please use non-HDCP protected HDMI sources or disable HDCP in order to enable content capture. Check connected device for an option to disable HDCP.
2. Due to the complexities of OS and computer hardware, different USB ports on your PC or laptop may have different performance or limitations. If the device does not work on one USB connection it still may work on another.
3. If video quality is low or the video connection is intermittent, try another HDMI cable.



Usb Pin Definition



	P1		P2
VBUS	1	↔	1
D-	2	↔	2
D+	3	↔	3
GND	4	↔	4
SSRX-	5	↔	5
SSRX+	6	↔	6
GND	7	↔	7
SSTX-	8	↔	8
SSRX+	9	↔	9
Shield	SHELL	↔	SHELL



Tech Support

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Limited Product Warranty Terms

Pro Line: 5-year warranty from the date of purchase for AV/Broadcasting products bought on or after August 1, 2024.

Essential Line: 3-year warranty from the date of purchase for AV/Broadcasting products bought on or after August 1, 2024.

Cables: Lifetime Limited Product Warranty.

For complete warranty information, please visit bzbgear.com/warranty.

For questions, please call 1.888.499.9906 or email support@bzbgear.com.

Mission Statement

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