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Video Game Live Streaming Basics

Live Streaming refers to the activity of people broadcasting themselves playing video games online. There are a number of free websites where users can do this. One of the most popular streaming sites is Twich.tv. Twitch is a live streaming service that includes channels that stream video games, entertainment, sports, music and more. Twitch can be used on your desktop computer. There is also a mobile app available.

How to live stream:

Twitch

 Mobile App: Apple (iOS 14.2+) [Apple App Store] and Android 5.0+ Devices [Google Play Store]

Create an account:

- 1. Sign up on Desktop (<u>Twitch.tv</u>) or with the Mobile App
- 2. Read the Community Guidelines
- 3. Enable Two-Factor Authentication

Mobile Streaming Instructions:

- 1. Download the Twitch app to your mobile device
- 2. Login with your username and password
- 3. Make sure you are in **Create** mode, and not in **Watch** mode. This can be changed in the top right corner.
- 4. Select **Go Live** at the bottom left
- 5. Choose your type of streaming (Stream Games or Stream IRL)
- 6. Allow access to your microphone and camera
- 7. Give your broadcast a name and begin live streaming



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Desktop Streaming Instructions:

In order to stream on a desktop computer, you will need to install streaming software. Numerous streaming software have a cost attached. However, Open Broadcaster Software (OBS Studio) is a free live streaming software that can be downloaded to both Windows and macOS computers.



Things you will need:

- Microphone
- Webcam
- Headphones
- 1. Install OBS Studio (and create an account)
- 2. OBS Studio will ask to connect to your Twitch account
- 3. Enter Twitch login credentials
- 4. Name your broadcast and hit Done
- 5. Add your microphone by clicking on the + button in the Sources box
 - a. Click Audio Input Capture
 - b. Click Add New
 - c. Select your Microphone
- 6. Add a video source by clicking on the + button in the Sources box
 - a. Click Display Capture
 - b. Click Add New
 - c. Select your Capture Method
- 7. When you are ready, click **Start Streaming** in the Controls box
- 8. You are now streaming live through your Twitch account