StreamGearLab

Alerts & Overlay Setup Checklist

StreamElements or Streamlabs into OBS Studio in about 15 minutes.

1. Viewer follows or subs → **2. Platform** Twitch / YouTube / Kick event → **3. Alert service** StreamElements or Streamlabs → **4. OBS** Browser Source with widget URL → **5. Stream** viewers see it

Setup

- [ ] Build the alert: SE → My Overlays → AlertBox. SL → Alert Box.
- [ ] Pick events (follow, sub, cheer, raid). One sound, short animation.
- [ ] Copy the URL. SE: ⋯ menu → Copy URL. SL: Widget URL.
- [ ] OBS: select Main scene → + → Browser → name it “Alerts”.
- [ ] Paste URL. Width/Height = canvas (e.g. 1920×1080).
- [ ] Leave the default Custom CSS (transparent background).
- [ ] Drag “Alerts” to the **top** of Sources.
- [ ] Other scenes: Copy → **Paste (Reference)**.
- [ ] Send a test alert from the dashboard. Watch and listen in OBS.

Layer order (top = drawn on top)

#	Source
1	**Alert box (Browser Source)**
2	Chat / labels overlay
3	Webcam (Video Capture Device)
4	Game or Display Capture
5	Background / frame image

Widget URLs are like passwords. Never show the properties window on stream.

Alert not showing?

Symptom	Fix
Nothing appears	Copy the URL again. Move the source to the top
Cut off or tiny	Match width/height to the overlay size
In preview, not on stream	Add it to the live scene (Paste Reference)
No sound	Unmute it in the Audio Mixer. Optional: “Control audio via OBS”
Laggy or stutters	Right-click → Refresh, or toggle Browser Source Hardware Acceleration (Settings → Advanced)
Black or white box	Restore the default Custom CSS