THE GUIDE

How to use YC Live Studio

From a new laptop to your first live stream, step by step. Simple enough for a volunteer on their first Sunday.

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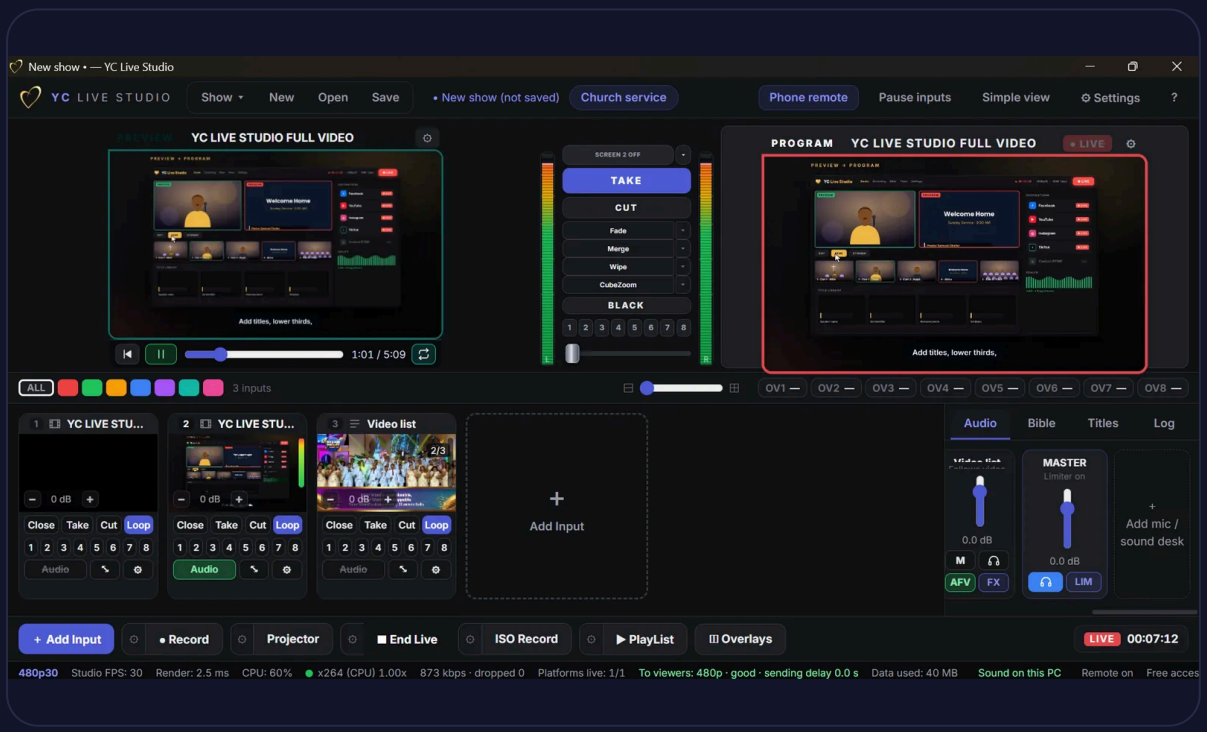


Chapter 1

Get started

YC Live Studio runs on Windows 10 and 11 (64-bit). Any laptop from the last five years with 8 GB of memory handles a normal 720p show.

1. Go to **yclivestudio.com** and click **Download for Windows**.
2. Open the file you downloaded and follow the steps to install. If Windows shows a blue box, click **More info**, then **Run anyway**.
3. Open YC Live Studio. Sign in with **Continue with Google**, or create an account with your email. We send a 6-digit code to confirm your email.
4. The studio opens. You are ready.

Good to know: one account works on one laptop at a time. If you sign in on another laptop, the first one signs out, but never in the middle of a live stream.

Chapter 2

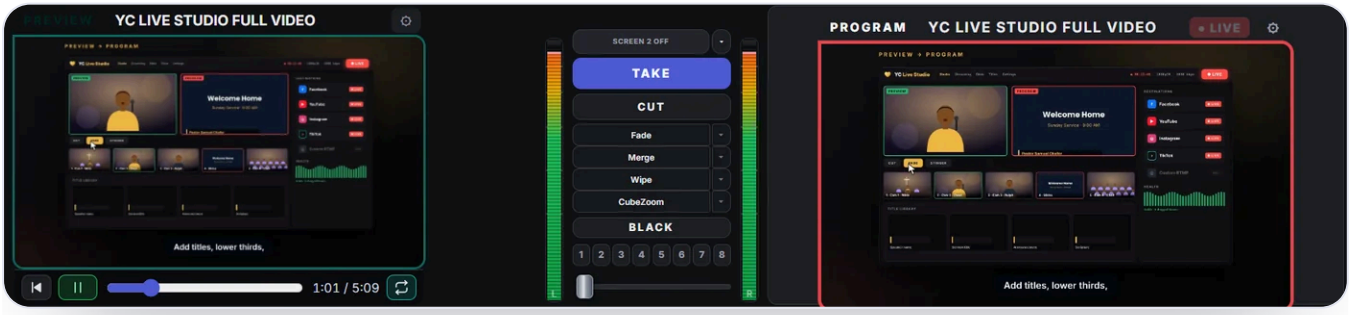
Find your way around

Everything sits on one screen. The two big pictures are the heart of the studio.

Preview (left)
What you are getting ready. Your viewers do not see it.

Program (right)
What is live: what your viewers see and what is recorded.

TAKE
Sends Preview to Program with a smooth transition.



Preview on the left, Program on the right, and the buttons between them.

Around the screen

- **Top bar:** **Show**, **New**, **Open**, **Save**, **Phone remote**, **Pause inputs**, **Simple view**, **⚙ Settings** and **?** for help.
- **Between the pictures:** **TAKE**, **CUT**, the transitions, **BLACK**, the T-bar and **SCREEN 2**.
- **The row of boxes:** each camera, video, picture or title you add gets its own numbered box.
- **Right side:** **Audio**, your setup's own panel (**Bible**, **Products**, **Gaming**, **Guests**, **Setlist**, **Lesson** or **Score**), **Titles** and **Log**.
- **Bottom bar:** **＋ Add Input**, **● Record**, **Projector**, **⦿ Go Live**, **ISO Record**, **▶ PlayList** and **◫ Overlays**. The small ⚙ beside a button opens its settings.

Chapter 3

Add cameras, videos and more

Anything you want to show is an **input**. Each input lives in a box.

1. Click **＋ Add Input**.
2. Choose what to add: **Camera**, **Video**, **Image**, **Photos**, **PowerPoint / PDF**, **Web browser** (a website or YouTube link), **Desktop capture** (your screen), **Audio input** (a microphone or sound desk), **Computer sound**, **Title**, and more.
3. Pick the device or file, then click add. The new box appears in the row.

Quicker: drag videos, pictures or PDFs from a folder and drop them anywhere on the studio. Several files make several boxes.

The buttons on each box

- **Take** and **Cut** send that box live. **Loop** repeats a video.
- The numbers **1** to **8** put the box on top of the live picture as an overlay (see Chapter 5).
- **Audio** turns the box's sound on or off. **−** and **+** change its volume.
- **⚙** opens the box's settings: colour, green screen, crop, zoom, layers and sound.
- **Close** removes the box. The boxes after it move along so there is no gap.

Chapter 4

Switch between shots

1. **Click** a box: it goes to Preview.
2. Click **TAKE** (or press `Enter`): Preview goes live with a smooth transition.
3. Need it instant? Click **CUT** (or press `C`).

Double-click a box to send it straight to Program. Choose the transition under the TAKE button: Fade, Merge, Wipe, CubeZoom and more. Drag the **T-bar** to move between shots by hand.

Keys to remember

- `1` to `9`: put that box in Preview
- `Enter`: TAKE · `C`: CUT · `B`: fade to BLACK
- `F1` to `F8`: overlays on and off · `←` `→`: next verse, slide or line
- `Ctrl` + `S`: save your show

Chapter 5

Titles, logos and overlays

Overlays sit on top of the live picture: names, scripture, your logo, a ticker. There are eight overlay channels, **OV1** to **OV8**.

1. Open the **Titles** panel on the right, or click **+ Add Input** → **Title**.
2. Pick a design (lower thirds, scripture, welcome, countdown and more), then type your text.
3. On the title's box, click an overlay number, for example `1`. It appears on top of the live picture. Click it again to take it off.

Several texts in one title: add all the names or lines you need to one title, then click each one to switch while live. You can add your logo to a title too.

To keep your logo on screen all the time, add it as an **Image** and put it on an overlay channel. Drag any title on Preview to move it; use the Size slider to make it bigger or

smaller.

Chapter 6

Scripture on screen

1. Open the **Bible** panel on the right.
2. Press **Enter**, or click the verse. It appears on screen on Overlay 2. You can also type words from a verse, like **love one another**.
3. Press → for the next verse and ← to go back. For a long reading, set **From** and **To** verses and it shows them page by page.

The scripture listener (coming soon)

We are finishing a listener that hears the preacher and brings up the verse as soon as it is called ("turn with me to Romans 8:28"). The **Listen** button shows **soon** until it is ready. It will listen to **Audio input** boxes, like the pulpit microphone or the sound desk.

Your own scripture design

Want your church's own look? In the Bible panel, open the style list and choose **⬆ Use my own design...**. Import a PNG with see-through parts, a YC Live title or a vMix title. Then choose which line gets the **verse** and which gets the **reference**. Long verses wrap onto more lines by themselves.

Bible versions

KJV, WEB, BSB, Yoruba, Igbo, Hausa and other versions come built in. For more, press **+ Versions** in the Bible panel and open **Download free**: over 1,000 free Bibles in hundreds of languages. Search by name or language, press **Download** once with the internet, and that version works offline from then on.

NIV, NKJV, ESV, NLT, AMP and similar are copyrighted, so they are not in the free list. If your church has a file it may use, press **⬆ Import** to bring it in.

Chapter 7

Sound

- Open the **Audio** panel to see every sound with its level meter.
- Use **−** and **+** on any box to make it quieter or louder (it can boost up to +20 dB, protected from distortion). Double-click to reset.
- For the best sound, take a cable from the sound desk into the laptop and add it as an **Audio input**.
- Click the headphone button to hear the live sound on this laptop. Turn it off if a microphone starts to howl.

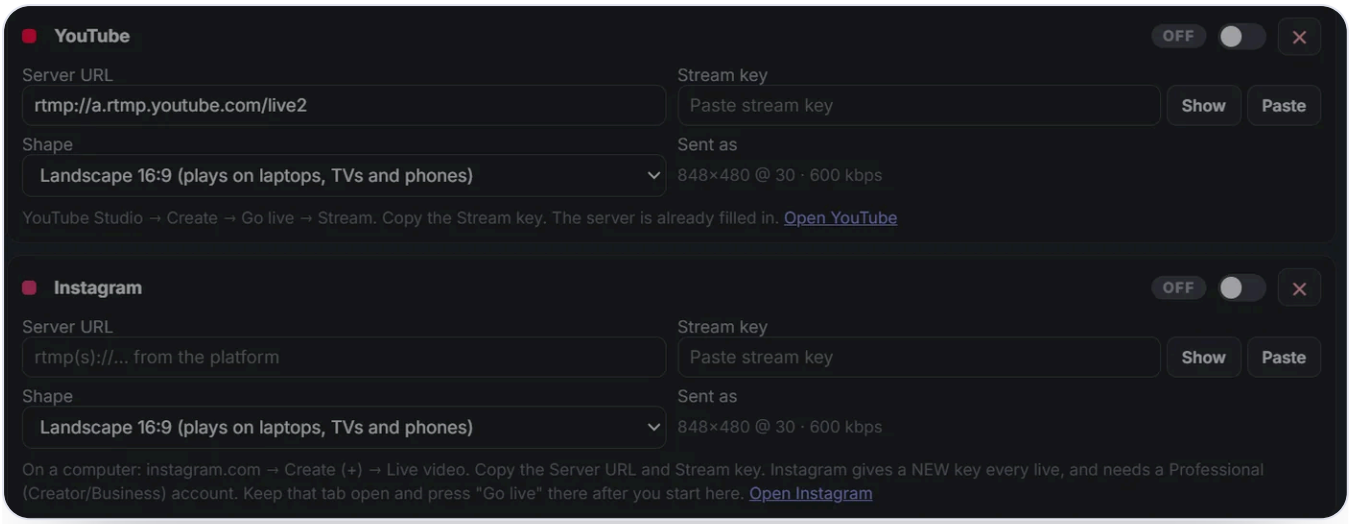
Check before you go live: watch the meters while someone speaks. Green is good; if it hits red all the time, turn it down a little.

Chapter 8

Go live everywhere

Stream to YouTube, Facebook, TikTok, Instagram, X and any platform that gives you a stream key, all at once.

1. Click the ⚙ beside **⦿ Go Live**. The "Stream — where to go live" window opens.
2. Click **+ Add destination**, choose the platform, and paste the **stream key** from that platform's live page (YouTube Studio, Facebook Live Producer, and so on).
3. Choose **Landscape** for YouTube and Facebook, or **Portrait** for TikTok and Instagram. A portrait version is made for you, with titles moved to fit phones.
4. Click **⦿ Go Live**. YC Live Studio checks everything, then all your platforms go live together.



Each platform you add gets its own row: its server, its stream key, and Landscape or Portrait.

Internet: the app tests your connection and tells you what your settings need. A steady upload of 2 to 3 Mbps is enough for most shows. If the internet slows down, the picture quality steps down by itself and comes back when it is steady.

To end, click **⦿ Go Live** again and confirm. Stream keys are saved with each show, locked on this laptop.

Chapter 9

Record

- Click **● Record** to record exactly what is live. The ⚙ beside it chooses the folder.
- **ISO Record** records each camera in its own file, for editing later.
- Recordings are safe even if the power goes off: everything up to that moment is kept.

Chapter 10

Projector and second screen

1. Connect the projector or TV to the laptop (HDMI).
2. Click **SCREEN 2**. The live picture fills the second screen. The button turns green once the picture is showing there.
3. Use the small ▾ to pick the screen, or show it in a window instead.

Chapter 11

Phone remote

Control the studio from a phone, and give camera operators a red and green tally light.

1. Click **Phone remote** in the top bar.
2. Scan the QR code with the phone's camera. The phone must be on the same Wi-Fi as the laptop.
3. The remote opens with live Preview and Program pictures. Tap a box to preview it, then TAKE.

Chapter 12

Save your show

A **show** keeps everything: your boxes, titles, overlays, settings and stream keys. Make one for each kind of programme.

- **Save** (Ctrl + S) keeps your changes. **Open** brings back a saved show.
- **New** starts from a ready-made starter, like **Church service**, or a blank show.
- If the laptop switches off, YC Live Studio carries on where you were when you open it again.

Chapter 13

Make it yours

- **⚙ Settings** : themes and colours, picture quality, sound, and what happens when you close a box.
- **Bigger or smaller:** Ctrl + + and Ctrl + − change the size of everything; Ctrl + 0 resets it.
- **Simple view** : fewer buttons, for volunteers.
- **Pause inputs** : stops the small boxes from updating, to give a slow laptop more room.

Chapter 14

Help and contact

- Click `?` in the top bar for the quick guide, to **send feedback**, or to open your account.
- Updates download by themselves and install when you choose, never during a live stream.

Talk to a person

Stuck, or getting ready for your first live? Message us. We are happy to help.

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