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# Your first show with VOCA.

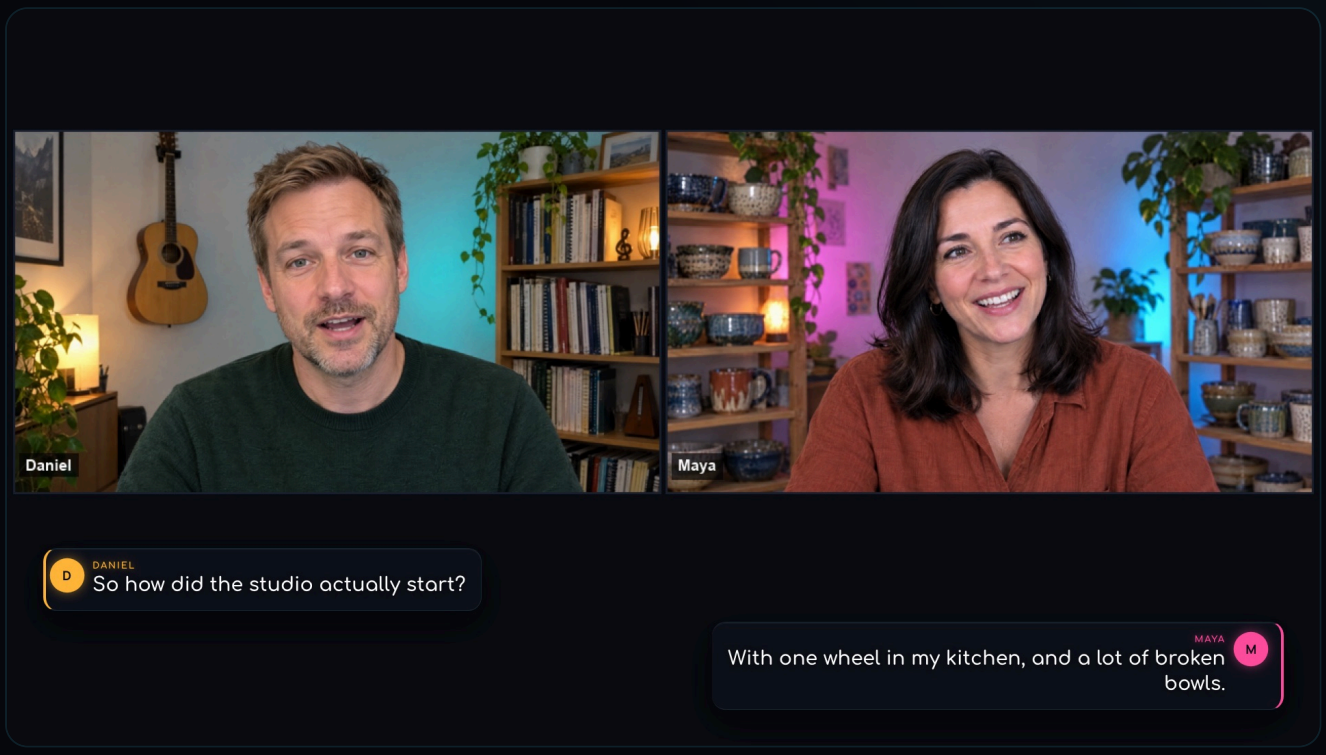
## Speak. Switch. Stream.

Six short steps from opening the app to captions, a trigger word and a name on screen. About fifteen minutes, and you only do it once.

BEFORE YOU START

# What VOCA does for your show.

VOCA listens to your show and runs the parts you would otherwise click by hand. Everything it puts on screen comes through one transparent overlay that sits over your camera.




### Speak

Say a phrase and VOCA fires what you tied to it: a graphic, a name plate, a scene, a QR code.

### Switch

The scene follows whoever is talking, in Ecamm, OBS or Camo Studio.

### Stream

Live captions named and coloured by speaker, with filler words taken out.

## What you need

- **A Mac with Apple silicon** running macOS 13 Ventura or later.
- **A streaming app with a browser source:** Ecamm, OBS, Camo Studio, Restream Studio or similar.
- **Using Ecamm?** Scene switching and everything that talks to Ecamm needs **Ecamm 4.6 or later**. Captions and graphics work in any version.

> **PRIVATE BY DESIGN**
> Your audio, captions and voice prints are processed on your Mac and never leave it. No account, no cloud.

STEP 1 OF 6

# Open VOCA and say yes to macOS.

VOCA lives in your menu bar. Click its icon, then **Open control panel**. The first time, macOS asks a few questions. Each one is there for a reason.

| MACOS ASKS FOR | WHY VOCA NEEDS IT |
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| **Microphone** | To hear you, and anyone in the room with you. |
| **Screen Recording** | To hear your guests' call app (Zoom, Chrome and so on). VOCA only takes the sound, never the picture. Say yes, then quit and reopen VOCA once. |
| **Automation for Ecamm** | To switch Ecamm scenes and run Ecamm actions. macOS asks twice. |
| **Accessibility** | Only if you later let VOCA press Stream Deck keys that type text or use shortcuts. VOCA explains first. |

## Simple or Advanced

VOCA opens in **Simple**: one screen with everything a first show needs. **Advanced**, top right, opens every page: scene switching, lower thirds, the agenda, QR codes and more. You can flip between them any time; nothing is lost.

> **THE CONTROL PANEL IS NOT THE OVERLAY**
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> The panel is where you set things up. Your audience never sees it. They only see the overlay, which you add to your streaming app in step 3.

## VOCA's three states

The ring around VOCA's portrait, top left, shows what it is doing.



**Listening**

Captions are running and VOCA is waiting for a cue.



**Armed**

It heard the start of a trigger phrase. Finish it and it fires.



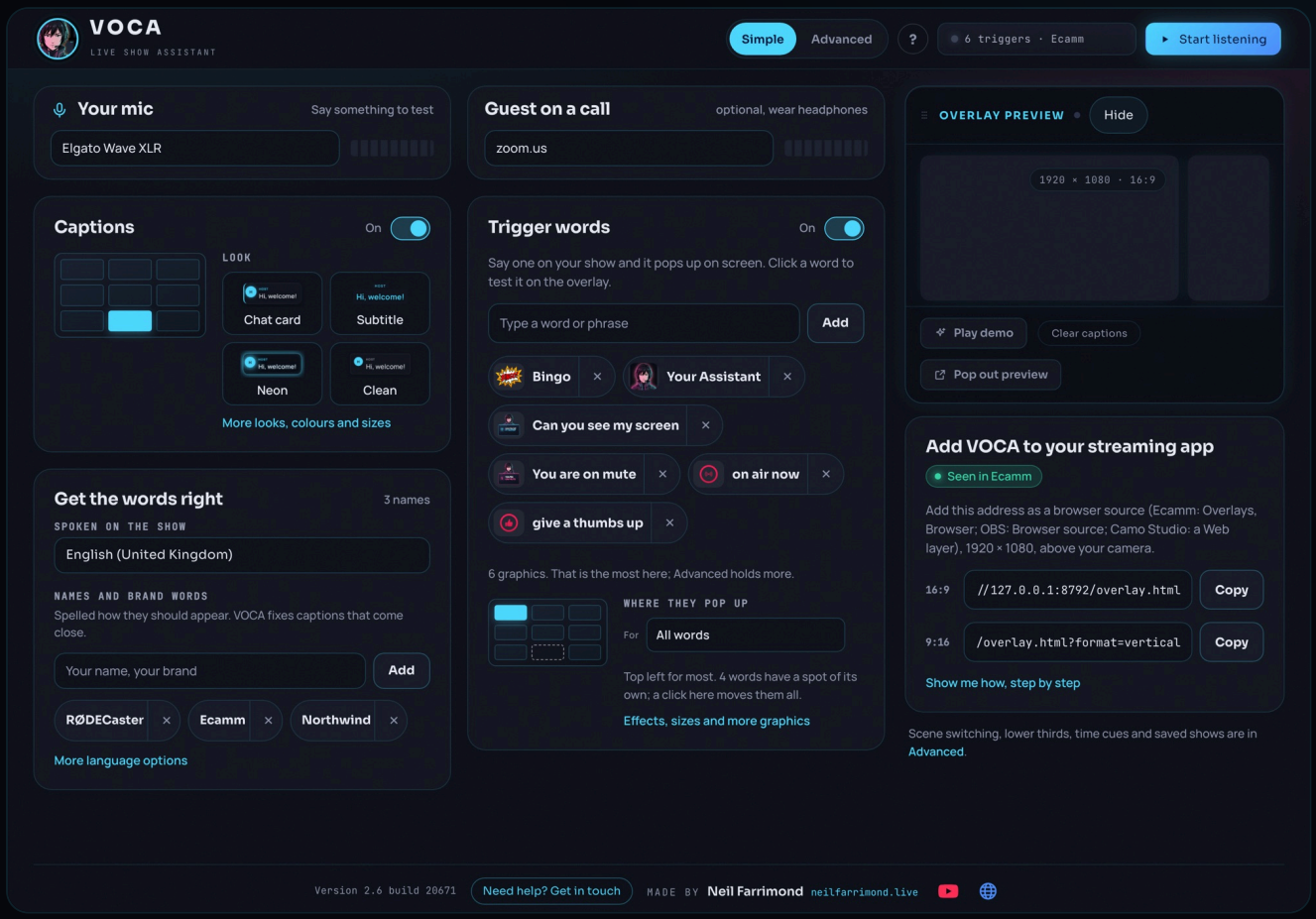
**Fired**

A cue just went off. Then VOCA listens again.

STEP 2 OF 6

# Pick your mic, and your guests' app.

Everything starts with VOCA hearing the right people. This is the Simple screen.




## Your mic

Choose the microphone you speak into, then talk. The meter beside it moves when VOCA can hear you.

## Guest on a call

Optional. Choose the app your guest talks through, such as Zoom or Chrome. Wear headphones, so the guest is not heard twice through your mic. Bringing guests in through Ecamm's Zoom call? Choose **Zoom guests via Ecamm**: they are named straight from the call.

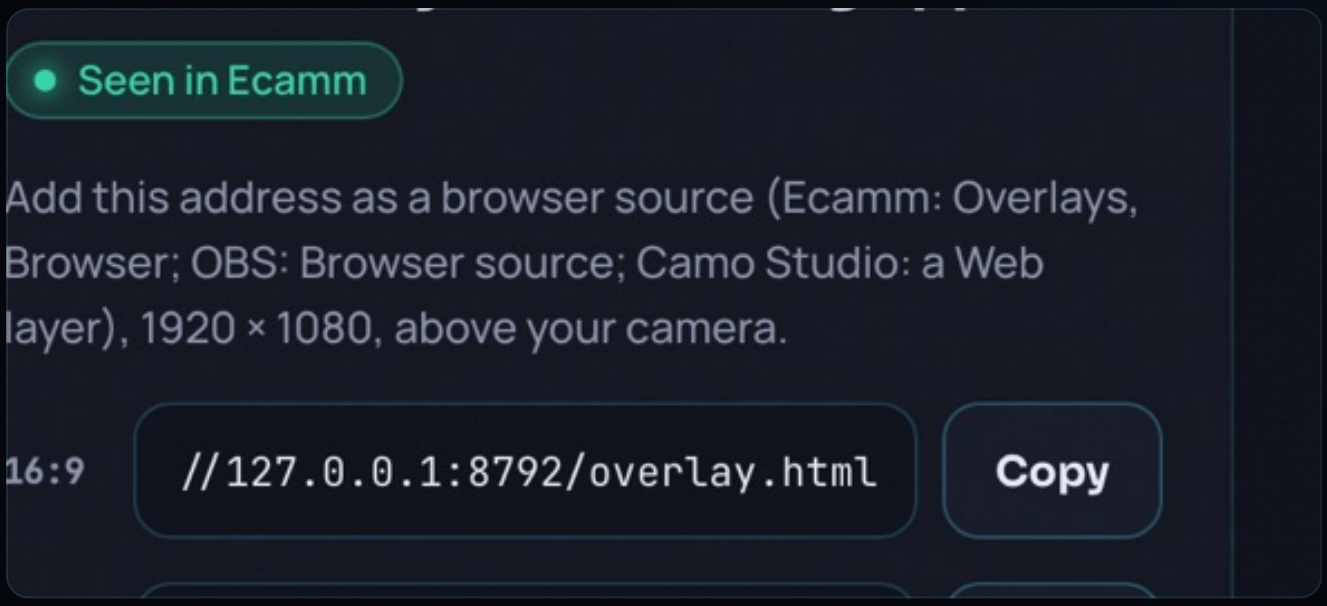
## Get the words right

Type your name, your brand and any word the captions should always spell your way, such as RØDECaster.

STEP 3 OF 6

# Add VOCA to your streaming app.

One address carries captions, graphics, name plates, the agenda and QR codes. You add it once.




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### Copy the address

On the Simple screen, press **Copy** beside `16:9`. Use `9:16` for a vertical stream or Shorts. It looks like `http://127.0.0.1:8777/overlay.html`: copy yours from the app.

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### Paste it into your app

**Ecamm:** Overlays, add a Browser overlay. **OBS:** add a Browser source. **Camo Studio:** add a Web layer. Set it to `1920 × 1080` (or `1080 × 1920` for 9:16) and keep it above your camera.

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### Check it

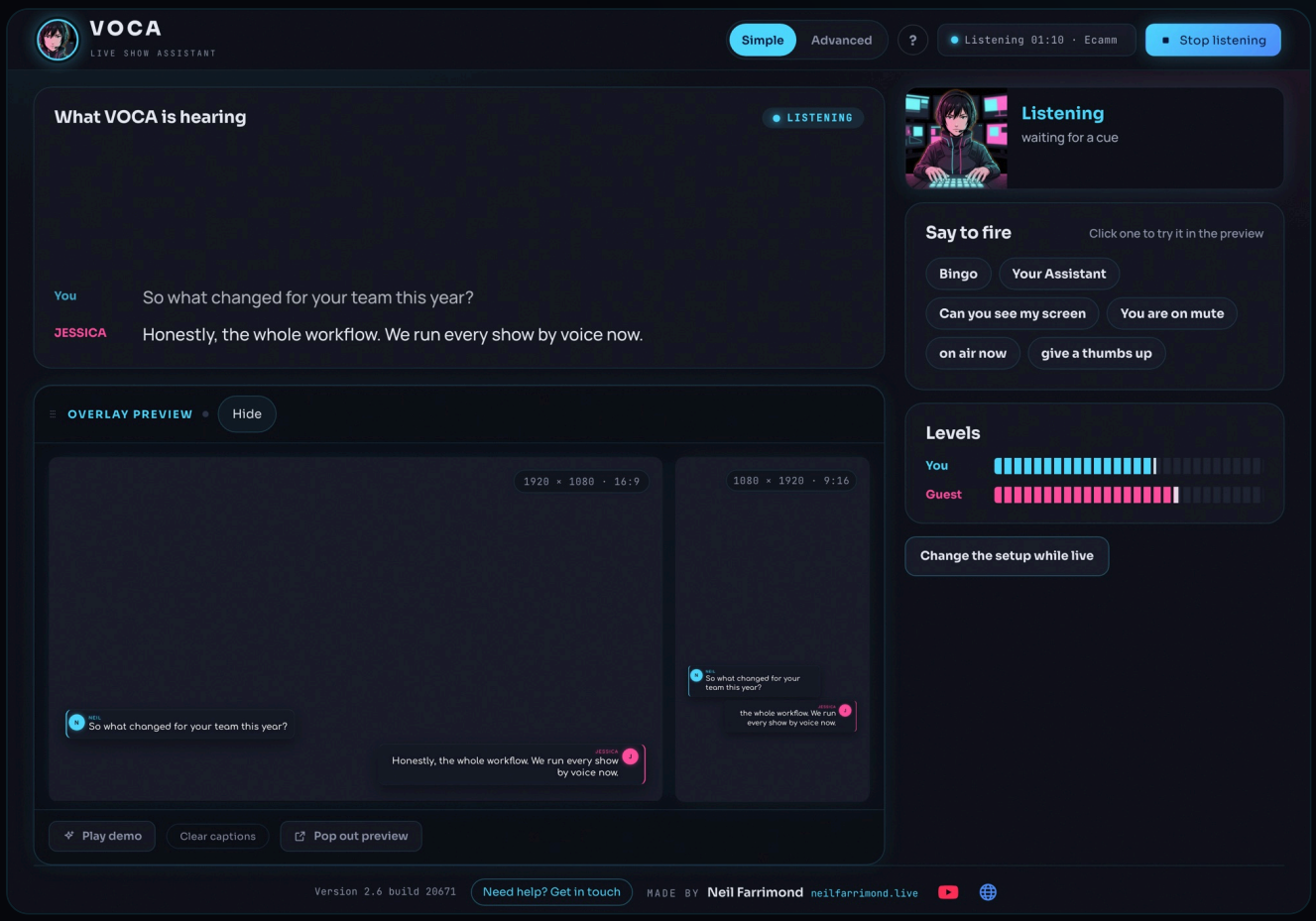
Press **Play demo** in VOCA. Demo captions should appear over your camera in your streaming app. When the app has loaded the overlay, VOCA shows **Seen in Ecamm** (or OBS). Press Play demo again to stop it.

> **STUCK?**
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> **Show me how, step by step**, under the addresses, walks you through it, app by app.

STEP 4 OF 6

# Press Start listening.

The blue button, top right. Captions, trigger words and scene switching all start together, and the Simple screen turns into a calm live view.




### What VOCA is hearing

Each line as it is spoken, with who said it. If this moves, your captions are going out.

### Say to fire

Your trigger words, as a reminder. Click one to try it in the preview only.

### Levels

A meter for you and one for your guests. Quiet captions? Look here first.

### Stop listening

Ends captions, triggers and switching. Nothing listens until you press Start.

STEP 5 OF 6

# Say a trigger word.

VOCA comes with six trigger words, each with its own graphic. While you are listening, say one into your mic and its graphic pops up on your show.




`Bingo` `Your Assistant` `Can you see my screen` `You are on mute` `on air now` `give a thumbs up`

### Add your own

Type a word or phrase under Trigger words and press **Add**. Short and distinctive works best: a phrase you would not say by accident.

### Only your voice fires them

Your guests can say the same words without setting anything off.

STEP 6 OF 6

# Put a name on screen.

Lower thirds are the name and title plates for you and your guests. Press **Advanced**, then **Lower thirds**.




### Type a name and a title

Press **Add a lower third**, type the name and the title, and add a photo if you like. VOCA starts you off with an example you can type over.

### Show it

Press **Show** and it slides onto your show; **Hide** takes it down. Or tie it to a trigger phrase so saying "meet Maya" brings it up.

YOU ARE READY

# Before you go live.

- ✓ **The overlay is in your streaming app**
  Play demo shows captions over your camera there, not just in VOCA.
- ✓ **Both meters move**
  Yours when you talk, your guest's when they do.
- ✓ **Demo is off**
  Play demo reaches every overlay, so stop it before the show.
- ✓ **Press Start listening**
  Then run the show from the live view.

## Where to go next

The **VOCA User Manual** covers every page in Advanced. The ones most people try next:

**Speaker scenes**
The scene follows whoever is talking, in Ecamm, OBS or Camo Studio.

**Agenda**
Say part of your heading and it comes up, then each point as you say it.

**Shows**
Save the whole setup and load it again with one click.

**Stream Deck**
A free plugin with 27 actions, installed from the VOCA menu.

> NEED A HAND?
> Press the **?** at the top of VOCA to send me a message. It goes straight to me, and I reply by email. Neil