

OBS Share Cheatsheet

Aim High BNI ... Power-Tier Screen-Sharing for Your Presentation

For members who want scene switching, picture-in-picture, or presentation polish that Zoom alone can't deliver. Steeper learning curve... way more control.

WHEN TO PICK OBS OVER ZOOM SHARE

Choose OBS if you want: - **Multiple scenes** you can switch between mid-presentation (intro slide / live demo / closing CTA) - **Picture-in-picture** ... your face on top of your slides, professional newscaster style - **Overlays** ... your logo, contact info, or chapter branding always visible - **Smoother transitions** between content types

Don't pick OBS if you're just showing one website or one slide deck. Zoom share is fine. Don't overbuild.

ONE-TIME SETUP

- Download OBS Studio** ... free, open-source, from obsproject.com
 - Install OBS Virtual Camera** during setup (Windows installer asks; Mac/Linux may need manual enable)
 - Open OBS.** Walk through the Auto-Configuration Wizard ... pick "Optimize for virtual camera" if asked
 - Create your Scene Collection** for Aim High presentations. Name it: "Aim High Presentation"
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BUILD YOUR SCENES (Do This BEFORE the Qualification Session)

Minimum 3 scenes:

Scene 1: "Idle" - Just your webcam, full screen - Use this as your default ... before you go live
- Source: Video Capture Device (your webcam)

Scene 2: "Presentation" - Your slides or browser, full screen - Add your webcam as a small overlay in the bottom-right corner (the picture-in-picture move) - Sources: Window Capture (your slides) + Video Capture Device (webcam, resized small)

Scene 3: "Closing" - Your webcam, full screen, with your contact info as a text overlay - Source: Video Capture Device + Text (GDI+) for your name/email/phone

Pro tip:

- **Use Studio Mode** (button on the right side of OBS). Preview your next scene before switching live. No more "wrong scene" mistakes.
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CONNECT OBS TO ZOOM

- In OBS:** click **Start Virtual Camera** (button on the right side, bottom)
 - In Zoom:** click the ^ arrow next to the video button → **Video Settings** → **Camera** dropdown → select **OBS Virtual Camera**
 - Your Zoom video feed is now your OBS output. Whatever scene is active in OBS is what the chapter sees.
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DURING THE MEETING

Before your turn

- OBS is open. Virtual Camera is running. "Idle" scene is active.
- You appear normal in your Zoom tile ... just your webcam.

When YOUR introduction begins

- DO NOT switch scenes yet.** Wait for your intro to finish.
- Right at the moment you start speaking your opening line... switch to "Presentation" scene.

During your presentation

- Switch scenes as needed (Presentation → Demo → Closing).
- Don't switch too fast ... 2-3 second pause between switches feels professional.
- Keep your face in the picture-in-picture corner so the chapter sees you, not just your slides.

The INSTANT your presentation ends

- Switch back to "Idle" scene.
 - Sit back. Let the next speaker have their intro.
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TOP 5 OBS MISTAKES TO AVOID

1. **Building scenes live during the qualification or presentation.** Pre-build everything. Test it cold.

2. **Forgetting to start Virtual Camera in OBS before joining Zoom.** Zoom won't see OBS Virtual Camera as a device until OBS is broadcasting.
3. **Not testing audio routing.** OBS audio sources and Zoom audio settings can conflict. Test before the meeting.
4. **Running OBS at 60fps on a low-power machine.** Drops your video, crashes your presentation. Drop OBS output to 30fps in Settings → Video.
5. **Picking OBS when you don't actually need it.** It's not impressive if it crashes mid-presentation. Match the tool to the job.

TROUBLESHOOTING

- **Zoom doesn't see OBS Virtual Camera:** Quit Zoom. Make sure Virtual Camera is started in OBS first. Reopen Zoom.
- **Your video is laggy in OBS:** Settings → Video → Output Resolution: drop to 1280x720. Common FPS Values: 30.
- **Audio is echoing:** OBS is capturing your system audio AND Zoom is too. In OBS, mute the desktop audio source unless you specifically need it.
- **Your machine is overheating:** Stop streaming. Close OBS. Switch to Zoom share for the rest of the presentation. Yes, this is fine ... having a fallback is professional.

SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS REALITY CHECK

OBS + Zoom + your slides running simultaneously is a real CPU/GPU load. If you have: - **An older laptop** (5+ years) ... probably stick with Zoom share - **A 4K monitor** ... drop to 1080p before the meeting - **8GB RAM or less** ... close everything except OBS, Zoom, and your slides - **Integrated graphics** ... test, test, test before the qualification session

This is why the qualification session exists. We catch this together. Before the chapter does.

REMEMBER

- **Pre-build your scenes.** Don't build live.
- **Be ready to switch in 15-30 seconds** of "it's your turn."
- **Begin during your intro.** Stop the instant you finish.
- **Have a fallback.** If OBS melts, can you finish the presentation without it?

The chapter is rooting for you. So am I.

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