SETUP GUIDE · V2.0

Clip Watcher v2

Live & past streams → captioned reels

Paste a live or past YouTube / Twitch link. Clip Watcher catches the moments chat goes crazy, finds the most re-watched parts of past streams, or cuts the exact timestamps you give it, then saves ready-to-post 9:16 clips with English captions, right on your computer.

YouTube & Twitch | Live + past streams | Exact timestamps | Streamer-on-top layout | English captions | Runs on your PC

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01 What Clip Watcher does

You give it a live stream or a past one. It gives you short, captioned clips of the best moments. **Live mode** is shown below; **past streams** are in section 05.

STEP 1
Records
Saves the live stream to your computer while it's happening.

STEP 2
Watches chat
Counts chat messages every 10 seconds and learns the normal pace.

STEP 3
Catches spikes
When chat suddenly explodes ("NO WAY", "CLIP IT"), it marks that moment.

STEP 4
Makes the clip
Cuts ~37 s around it, frames it 9:16, adds English captions and saves it.

Works with

- ✓ YouTube streams that are **live right now**, with live chat on
- ✓ Twitch channels that are live right now
- ✓ **New in v2:** finished YouTube streams and videos, and Twitch VODs (section 05)
- ✓ Streams in Hindi, English and most other languages (captions in English)

Does not work with

- ✗ Kick, Instagram Live, Facebook Live
- ✗ Members-only, private or age-restricted streams and videos
- ✗ Live mode: streams with chat turned off (use past-stream mode with exact timestamps instead)

Only clip what you're allowed to clip. Use Clip Watcher for streamers who allow clipping, or for official clipping / rewards campaigns. You're responsible for following the rules of each streamer and platform.

02 What you need

ITEM	REQUIREMENT
Computer	Windows 10 or 11 laptop or desktop. Any modern CPU works, **no graphics card needed**.
Free disk space	About **4 GB** for the install, plus **1–3 GB per hour** of stream you record.
Internet	Stable enough to watch the stream in HD. The first install downloads about 1.5 GB.
Python	Version 3.10 or newer. If you don't have it, the installer gets it for you.
Time	15 minutes for the one-time install. After that, starting takes seconds.

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03 Install (one time)

You only do this once. Follow the steps in order.

1. **Extract the ZIP**
   Right-click the downloaded `clip-watcher-v2.zip` → **Extract All...** → choose a simple folder such as `C:\ClipWatcher` or `D:\ClipWatcher`. Don't run anything from inside the ZIP.
   Upgrading from v1? Extract v2 to a new folder.

2. **Double-click `install.bat`**
   A black window opens and shows 4 steps. If Windows shows **"Windows protected your PC"**, click **More info** → **Run anyway**. This appears because the file was downloaded from the internet.

3. **If it says "Python is installed. CLOSE this window..."**
   Close the window and double-click `install.bat` again. This only happens on PCs that didn't have Python.

4. **Wait for the packages and the caption model**
   Installing packages takes 5–10 minutes. It also installs **Deno**, which past-stream mode needs to read YouTube, then downloads the caption model (about 460 MB). Lots of text scrolling past is normal.

5. **See "Install finished!"**
   If it says *ffmpeg was just installed*, **restart your PC once**. Then you're ready.

Installer stuck at "winget"? Some older Windows 10 PCs don't have winget. Install **App Installer** from the Microsoft Store, or install Python yourself from `python.org`, ticking **"Add python.exe to PATH"** on the first screen. Then run `install.bat` again.

04 Make your first clips

1. **Double-click `start.bat`**
   Your browser opens `http://localhost:8501` with the Clip Watcher page. **Keep the black window open** while you use it. It runs the app.

2. **Choose settings in the left sidebar**
   For a first test the defaults are fine. If the streamer speaks Hindi, set **Streamer speaks** → **Hindi**.

3. **Paste a live link and press ▶ Start**
   YouTube: `youtube.com/live/…`, `youtube.com/watch?v=…` or `youtu.be/…`
   Twitch: `twitch.tv/channelname`, or just `channelname`

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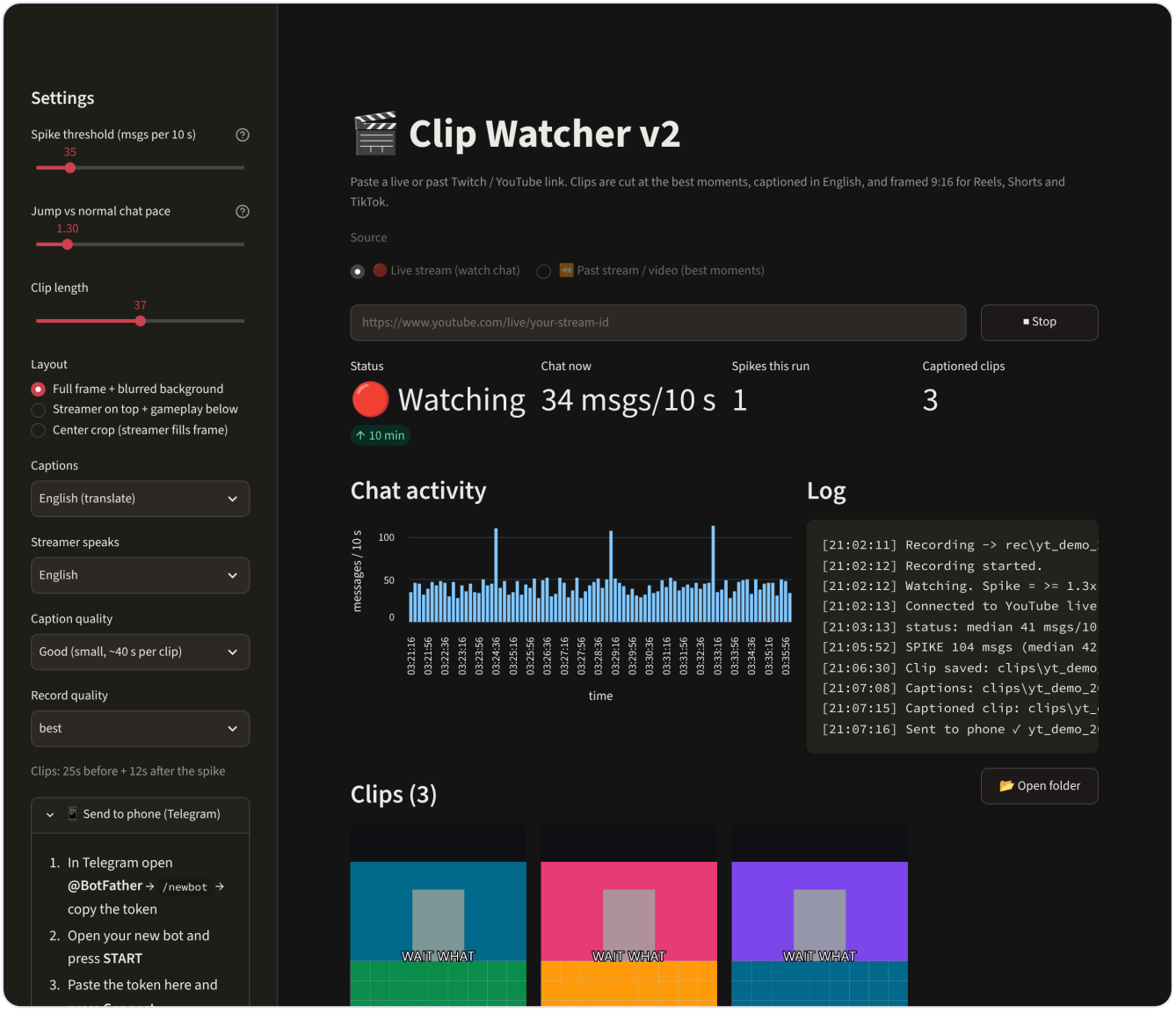
4 **Wait for the first spike**

Status turns to 🔴 **Watching** and the chat chart starts filling within about 10 seconds. It learns the chat pace for 1 minute first. Each clip shows up 1–2 minutes after its spike.

5 **Press ■ Stop when you're done**

Always press Stop **before** closing the black window, so the recording stops too.



The Clip Watcher page while it's watching a stream: settings on the left, live chat activity and the log in the middle, finished clips at the bottom.

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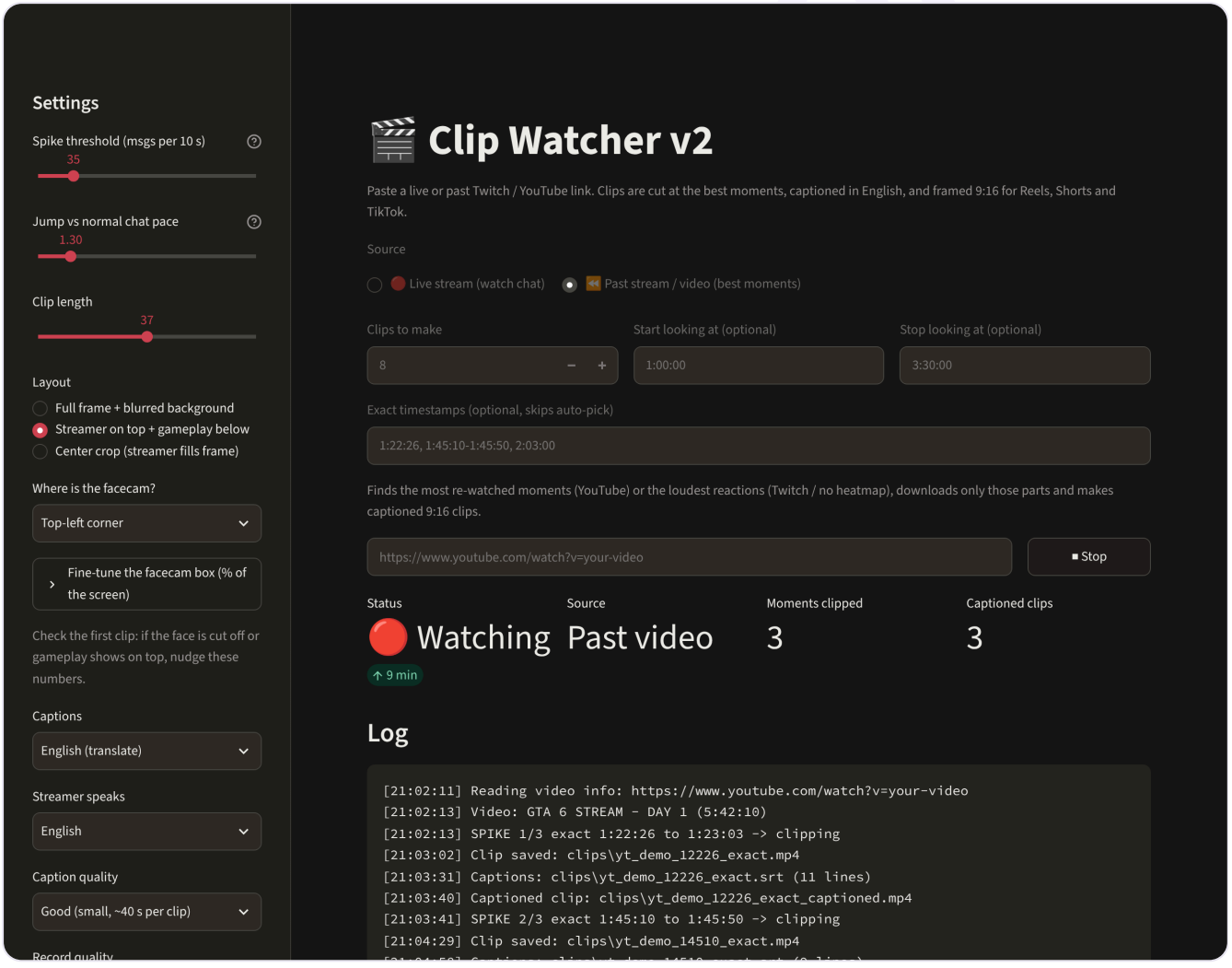
PART OF THE PAGE	WHAT IT TELLS YOU
Status	🔴 Watching and for how long, or Stopped.
Chat now	Messages in the last 10 seconds. Use this to choose your spike threshold (see section 08).
Chat activity	Bar chart of the last 15 minutes. Tall bars are the spikes that become clips.
Log	What it's doing right now: recording, spikes, clips saved, and any errors.
Clips	The newest 8 captioned clips. Play them here, or press 📂 **Open folder**.

05 Past streams & exact timestamps NEW IN V2

Missed the live stream? Paste the finished stream or video. Clip Watcher finds the best moments itself, or cuts exactly the times you give it, and downloads **only those parts**, not the whole multi-hour video.



Past-stream mode with three exact timestamps and the streamer-on-top layout.

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1. **Choose ⏪ Past stream / video**
   It's the **Source** switch above the link box.

2. **Paste the video link**
   YouTube: `youtube.com/watch?v=…` or a finished `youtube.com/live/…` link. Twitch: `twitch.tv/videos/…`. Remove any `&t=…` from the end.

3. **Either let it pick, or give exact times**
   Leave **Exact timestamps** empty and set **Clips to make** (e.g. 8), or type your own times (below).

4. **Press ▶ Start**
   Each clip shows up 1–2 minutes later in the clips folder, captioned and 9:16, and on your phone if Telegram is set up.

How it picks moments

- ✓ **YouTube:** uses the video's "Most replayed" data, the parts viewers re-watched most.
- ✓ **Twitch VODs** (or videos without that data): finds the loudest reactions (screams, laughs, hype) compared with the minutes around them.
- ✓ Optional **Start looking at / Stop looking at** limits the search, e.g. `1:00:00` to `3:30:00`.

Exact timestamps

YOU TYPE	YOU GET
`1:22:26`	Starts at 1:22:26, lasts your Clip length
`1:45:10-1:45:50`	Exactly 1:45:10 to 1:45:50
`1:22:26, 2:03:00`	One clip for each, separated by commas

Tip: timestamps from viewers or chat usually mark the peak of the reaction. Start about 15 seconds earlier (e.g. `1:34:32-1:35:12` for a moment at 1:34:47) so the clip includes the setup.

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05b Two ways to clip a past stream

A. Fully automatic (no timestamps)

Yes, it finds the best moments by itself. Leave **Exact timestamps** empty, set **Clips to make**, press ▶ **Start**.

- **YouTube**: picks the peaks of the **Most replayed** graph, only the ones clearly above the rest of the video.
- **Twitch / no graph**: picks the loudest reactions compared with the minutes around them.
- Fresh streams may have no Most replayed graph for the first day; it then uses loudness instead.

B. You choose the moments (best quality)

Get exact times from Gemini (or chat, or the comments), paste them, press Start. Clip Watcher cuts exactly those.

- Best when you know the stream, or the campaign wants specific moments.
- Fastest: it downloads only those few seconds.

Getting exact timestamps from Gemini

1. **Find the stream on YouTube**
   Open the finished stream and copy its link (Share → Copy). Remove any `&t=…` at the end.

2. **Open Gemini**
   `gemini.google.com` or the Gemini app. Paste the link with this prompt:

   > **Prompt:** Watch this stream: [link]. List the 8 wildest moments (big reactions, screaming, funny fails, clutch plays, rage). For each give the exact start and end time as `H:MM:SS-H:MM:SS` (30–45 seconds, starting about 10 seconds before the moment), and one line on what happens. Then give all the ranges in one line separated by commas.

3. **Long stream? Ask in parts**
   Gemini handles about 1–2 hours of video per request. For a 4-hour stream ask for *"only between 0:00:00 and 2:00:00"*, then *"between 2:00:00 and 4:00:00"*.

4. **Check 2–3 of them**
   Open the YouTube link at a few of the times. AI timestamps can be off by several seconds, or wrong. Fix any that miss.

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5 **Paste into Clip Watcher**

Source ⏪ **Past stream** → paste the link → paste the comma-separated line into **Exact timestamps** → ▶ **Start**.

Example line: `0:14:05-0:14:45, 0:52:30-0:53:10, 1:22:16-1:22:56`

06 Settings explained

Set these **before** you press Start. To change them during a stream, press Stop, change them, then press Start again.

SETTING	DEFAULT	WHAT IT DOES
Spike threshold	35	Live mode. The minimum number of messages in 10 seconds that counts as a spike. Lower it for small chats, raise it for big ones.
Jump vs normal chat pace	1.2×	Live mode. How much faster than its normal pace chat must get. 1.3–1.5 for busy streams, 2+ for quiet ones. 1.0 clips almost everything.
Clip length	37 s	30–45 seconds. Most of it is **before** the spike, because chat reacts a few seconds after the moment happens.
Layout	Full frame	**Full frame + blurred background** keeps the whole stream. **Streamer on top + gameplay below** (new) puts the facecam big on top and the full gameplay under it. **Center crop** only suits streams where the streamer fills the frame.
Where is the facecam?	Top-left	Only for the streamer-on-top layout. Pick the position (corners, middle-left, middle-right), or choose **Custom** and fine-tune Left / Top / Width / Height in % of the screen (presets and how to measure are below).
Captions	English	**English** translates any language into English captions. **Same language** writes what's spoken in its own script. **None** skips captions.

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Streamer speaks	Auto-detect	Choosing the real language (for example Hindi) gives noticeably better captions than auto-detect.
Caption quality	Good	**Good** takes about 40 s per clip. **Best** is more accurate but takes about 2 min per clip. **Fast** is quick but weak for Hindi.
📱 **Upload new clips to Telegram**	On (once connected)	The switch above the link box. On: every finished clip is sent to your phone in the background. Off: clips stay only on your PC. You can flip it any time, even while it's running. Connect your bot first in the sidebar under 📱 **Send to phone (Telegram)**: @BotFather → `/newbot` → copy the token → press START in your bot → paste the token → Connect.
Record quality	best	Use 720p if your internet is slow or your disk is small.

The layout your clips get



- **Blurred background**: a soft, zoomed copy of the stream fills the 9:16 screen, so there are no black bars.
- **Full stream frame**: nothing is cropped away. Gameplay, the streamer's facecam and on-screen chat all stay visible.
- **Captions**: bold white, 3–4 words at a time, placed under the video where Instagram's buttons won't cover them.

Size: 1080 × 1920, 30 fps, MP4. Ready for Instagram Reels, YouTube Shorts and TikTok.

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Facecam position presets

Pick the one that matches where the streamer's camera sits. Numbers are **Left, Top, Width, Height** in % of the stream screen.



Top-left
`0, 0, 25, 25`



Top-right
`75, 0, 25, 25`



Middle-left
`0, 37.5, 25, 25`



Middle-right
`75, 37.5, 25, 25`



Bottom-left
`0, 75, 25, 25`



Bottom-right
`75, 75, 25, 25`

Measuring your own facecam (Custom)

Streamers use different sizes, so the presets are a starting point. To get exact numbers:

1. **Take a screenshot of the stream**
   Full screen, no browser edges (press `F` on YouTube / Twitch for full screen, then `Win + Shift + S`).

2. **Open it in Paint**
   The bottom bar shows the image size (e.g. `1920 × 1080`) and the pixel under your mouse.

3. **Hover the facecam's top-left corner, then its bottom-right corner**
   Write down both positions, e.g. `0, 432` and `392, 646`.

4. **Turn pixels into %**
   Left = left x ÷ width × 100 · **Top** = top y ÷ height × 100
   Width = (right x − left x) ÷ width × 100 · **Height** = (bottom y − top y) ÷ height × 100

EXAMPLE (1920 × 1080 SCREENSHOT)	CALCULATION	ENTER
Left edge x = 0	0 ÷ 1920 × 100	**Left 0**
Top edge y = 432	432 ÷ 1080 × 100	**Top 40**
Right edge x = 392	392 ÷ 1920 × 100	**Width 20.4**

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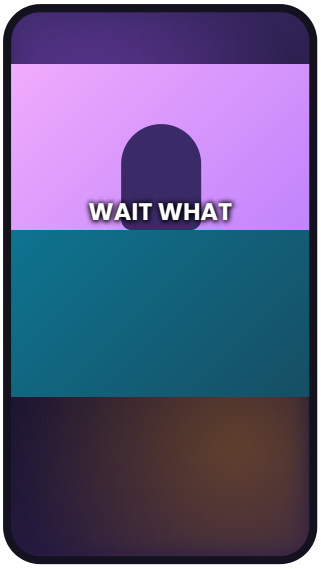
Bottom edge y = 646	(646 − 432) ÷ 1080 × 100	**Height 19.8**

Tip: keep the box tight on the camera. If gameplay shows in the top panel, make Width/Height smaller; if the face is cut, make them bigger by 1–2.

New: streamer on top + gameplay below



- **Facecam on top**: the streamer's camera box, enlarged to full width. The edges are trimmed slightly so it's never stretched.
- **Full gameplay below**: the whole 16:9 stream, scaled down evenly. Nothing cut, nothing stretched.
- **Captions on the seam** between the two, where viewers look.

Set **Where is the facecam?** to the right corner. If the face is cut off or gameplay shows in the top panel, choose **Custom** and nudge Left / Top / Width / Height, e.g. a cam in the middle-left of the screen might be Left 0, Top 40, Width 20, Height 20.

07 Where your clips are saved

Everything is saved straight to your computer, inside the folder where you extracted Clip Watcher. Nothing to download.

FILE	WHAT IT IS
`clips\…_captioned.mp4`	**The finished clip. Post this one.**
`clips\….mp4`	The same clip without captions, if you want to add your own in CapCut etc.
`clips\….srt`	The caption text with timings. Open it in Notepad to fix a word, or import it into an editor.
`rec\….ts`	The full stream recording. **Delete these after each session**, because they're 1–3 GB per hour.

File names include the date, time and how many messages the spike had. For example, `yt_abc123_20261118_210552_x24_captioned.mp4` means 24 messages in 10 seconds at 21:05:52.

Past-stream clips are named by the video's timestamp: `yt_abc123_12226_exact_captioned.mp4` starts at 1:22:26 (*exact* = your timestamp, *most* = most replayed, *loudest* = loudest reaction). The short downloaded parts are kept in `rec\vod`; delete them when you're done.

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08 Tips for better clips

Pick the right spike threshold

Watch **Chat now** for a minute. Set the threshold to about **twice the normal number**.

STREAM SIZE	NORMAL "CHAT NOW"	THRESHOLD
Small	1–4 msgs / 10 s	3–5
Medium	5–15 msgs / 10 s	8–15
Big	20+ msgs / 10 s	20–40

- **Too many boring clips?** Raise the threshold.
- **No clips after 15–20 minutes?** Lower it, and check that the chat chart is moving at all.
- **Set the language.** "Streamer speaks: Hindi" gives much better English captions than auto-detect.
- **Review before posting.** Captions are translated by AI. Read them once and fix a word in CapCut if needed.
- **Pick your best.** Chat spikes find the reactions, and you choose which ones are worth posting.
- **Keep your PC awake.** Plug in your laptop and turn off sleep while it's watching a long stream.
- **Clean up.** Delete old files in the `rec` folder after each session.

09 Troubleshooting

PROBLEM	FIX
"Windows protected your PC"	Click **More info** → **Run anyway**.
Red bar: "Missing: ffmpeg" or "streamlink"	Run `install.bat` again, restart your PC, then open `start.bat`.
Log says "No playable streams found"	The channel isn't live right now, or the link is wrong. Open the link in your browser to check.
Chat chart stays at 0	The stream has chat turned off, or chat is members-only. Pick another stream.
Watching, but no clips	Lower the spike threshold or the "Jump" setting (section 08). Remember the 1-minute warm-up.
Captions are empty or strange	Set **Streamer speaks** to the real language. Use **Best** caption quality for hard audio. Music-only moments get no captions.

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Browser didn't open	Open `http://localhost:8501` yourself while the black window is open.
"Port 8501 is in use"	Clip Watcher is already running in another window. Close the extra one.
Closed the window without pressing Stop	Open `start.bat` again. The page will still show Watching. Press **Stop**.
Past stream: "YouTube needs a JavaScript runtime"	Run `install.bat` again (it installs Deno), restart your PC, then try again.
Past stream: "This stream is LIVE right now"	Switch Source to 🔴 **Live stream**, or wait until the stream has ended.
Past stream: "Couldn't find any moments"	Give exact timestamps instead, or widen Start / Stop looking at.
Streamer-on-top: face cut off or gameplay on top	Choose the right corner under **Where is the facecam?**, or Custom and adjust the four numbers.
"Send to phone failed: Can't reach Telegram"	Your internet dropped for a moment. The clip is still saved; press 📱 **Send to phone** on it.
YouTube chat errors after it worked before	YouTube sometimes changes its website. Email us for the updated version.

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Email **insideshopin@gmail.com** with:

- ✓ Your order email
- ✓ A screenshot of the page and the black window
- ✓ The stream link you used

Streaming sites change their websites from time to time. When that breaks something, we'll send buyers an updated version.

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