

TipsAlert Quick Start Guide

UPI Tip Alerts for Indian Streamers

Welcome to TipsAlert! This guide will help you set up your real-time UPI tip alerts for your stream in just a few minutes.

1. Desktop Setup (The Backend)

The Desktop application acts as the "brain" of TipsAlert. It receives data from your phone and serves the overlay to OBS.

- 1. Locate the Files:** In your distribution folder, you should see:
 - `TipsAlert.exe`
 - `node_sqlite3.node` (**IMPORTANT:** This file must stay in the same folder as the `.exe`)
 - 2. Updating to a New Version:** When downloading an updated release, simply copy the new `TipsAlert.exe` into your existing folder (the one containing `config`, `data`, and `logs` folders). This ensures all your pairing data and tip history are preserved.
 - 3. Run the App:** Double-click `TipsAlert.exe`.
 - *Note: On first run, Windows might show a security warning. Click "More Info" and "Run Anyway".*
 - 4. Open the Dashboard:** Once started, open your web browser and go to:
`http://localhost:5000`
 - 5. Verify:** You should see the TipsAlert "Local Streamer Control Room" dashboard with your logo and a pairing QR code.
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2. Android App Setup

The Android app listens for incoming UPI payment notifications and sends the tip info to your PC.

- 1. Disable Play Protect:** To install the APK, you must temporarily disable "Scan apps with Play Protect" in the Google Play Store settings. You can re-enable it after installation.
 - 2. Install the APK:** Transfer `TipsAlert.apk` to your phone and install it.
 - *You may need to enable "Install from Unknown Sources" in your phone settings.*
 - 3. Enable App Notifications (CRITICAL):**
 - Ensure that notifications are **enabled** for your UPI apps (PhonePe, Google Pay, Paytm).
 - In your phone's notification settings for these apps, ensure **"Allow Notifications"** and **"Show on Lock Screen"** are turned ON. TipsAlert reads these notifications to capture donor names and amounts.
 - 4. Permissions:** Open the TipsAlert app and grant **Notification Access**. This is required to detect your payments.
 - 5. Privacy Note:** TipsAlert processes notification data **locally on your device**. Only the amount and donor name are sent to your PC.
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3. Pairing Phone & PC

1. On your **Phone**, click "Get Started" and navigate to the **Pairing Screen**.
 2. On your **PC Dashboard**, ensure the QR code is visible.
 3. **Scan**: Use the phone app to scan the QR code on your PC monitor.
 4. **Success**: Your phone will show "Connected" and your PC Dashboard will show "Android App: Active".
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4. Setting up OBS Overlay

1. **Copy Overlay URL**: On the **PC Dashboard**, look for the **Overlay** section and click the copy button.
 2. **Open OBS**:
 - Add a new source: **Browser**.
 - Name it "TipsAlert".
 - **URL**: Paste the link you copied.
 - **Width**: 1920 | **Height**: 1080 (or your canvas size).
 - **Custom CSS**: Clear this field or set to `body { background-color: rgba(0,0,0,0); }`.
 3. **Refresh Cache**: In OBS, double-click your "TipsAlert" Browser Source to open its **Properties**, and click the **"Refresh cache of current page"** button at the bottom. **Do this every time before starting your stream** to ensure the latest connection is established.
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5. Testing the Alert

1. Go to your **Phone Dashboard** and ensure the status is **"Connected"**.
 2. Click the **"Send Test Tip"** button on the phone app.
 3. The tip animation and sound should instantly appear in your OBS preview!
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6. Pre-Stream Checklist

To ensure your alerts work perfectly every time:

1. **Check Connection**: Open the TipsAlert app on your phone and verify it shows as "Active" on your PC Dashboard.
 2. **Refresh OBS Cache**: Always refresh the browser source cache in OBS properties before going live.
 3. **Test Alert**: Click the **"Send Test Tip"** button on your phone once to confirm everything is working.
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7. Advanced Features

Private / Anonymous Tips

Want to send a tip without showing your name?

- Any tip amount ending in **.67** (e.g., ₹10.67, ₹100.67) will automatically be marked as **Anonymous** on the stream.
 - The alert will display as "Someone sent you anonymous tip".
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8. Managing the App

- **Settings:** Tap the **Gear Icon** on the phone dashboard to "Manage Connection".
 - **Quit:** Inside the "Manage Connection" screen, click "**Quit App**" to close the application completely.
 - **Community:** Join our Discord (<https://discord.gg/6Z3a42R4TG>) for support and updates.
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