

Android Cast — alpha release & QA

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Source: ALPHA.md — section links work in PDF viewers that support internal anchors.

Alpha scope (what we ship)

In scope	Out of scope (frozen)
LAN discover → PIN → cast → stop	Internet relay, TLS on stream
UDP or TCP transport (must match on both devices)	QUIC, WebRTC, USB-tether transport in UI
H.264 + AAC (Android 10+ audio)	Passthrough video, Opus/Speex as default
Single receiver per cast session	1:N multi-receiver (disabled in CastConfig)
Stream protection None (default)	FEC/NACK soak required for alpha sign-off
Screen capture (full / user-choice on API 34+)	Secondary-display capture, Miracast in-app
Camera cast (API 29+, best-effort)	Live sender mirror while casting
Receiver playback + notification stop	Play Store / AdMob production
On-demand remote debug (RSSH, hidden) — developer settings + BE	WireGuard-only remote access as alpha deliverable

Code gate: CastConfig.ALPHA_FEATURE_FREEZE = true hides experimental transports and turns off multi-receiver selection.

Recommended defaults (both devices)

Set in **Settings** (or use fresh install defaults):

Setting	Sender	Receiver
Transport	UDP	UDP
Stream protection	None	None
Quality	Medium	Medium
Resolution	Adaptive (or HD 720p if rotation is shaky)	—
Video codec	Auto	Auto
Audio	On (if API 29+)	Play incoming audio: On
Capture mode	Full screen (or User choice on Android 14+)	—
PIN	Same on both (default 1234)	Same

Rotation soak: On Mediatek / Freeme senders (e.g. BL6000), prefer **system rotation lock ON** during first alpha pass; then repeat with lock **OFF** to validate debounced reconfigure.

Feature freeze checklist (engineering)

Item	Status
ALPHA_FEATURE_FREEZE — UDP/TCP only in settings	Done
Multi-receiver disabled for alpha	Done
Stored QUIC/WebRTC transport clamped to UDP on load	Done
Camera strings (permission vs unavailable)	Done
README matches CastConfig / CastSettings defaults	Done
Receiver: keyframe idle grace + debounced sender resize	Done (verify on soak)
Preview paused during cast (single MediaProjection)	Done
Developer-only: FEC, QUIC, USB-tether, immersive presets	Gated (dev settings)

Alpha app sign-off (manual QA)

Run on **two physical devices**, same Wi-Fi subnet. Record build: About / versionName from APK, git commit, date.

A. Smoke (required — all must pass)

#	Step	Pass
A1	Install same debug/release APK on sender + receiver	■
A2	Receiver: Receive → Start listening → notification *Listening* / *Ready*	■
A3	Sender: Send → discover receiver → correct PIN → approve capture	■
A4	Video appears on receiver within 15 s of auth	■

A5	Audio audible (if enabled and API 29+) within 20 s	■
A6	Sender notification shows *Casting* with resolution	■
A7	Stop from sender notification → stream ends, receiver returns to idle	■
A8	Stop from receiver notification → sender stops cleanly	■
A9	Second cast without reinstall (A2→A7 again)	■

B. Resilience (required)

#	Step	Pass
B1	Sender home → cast 5 min, no reboot / ANR	■
B2	Receiver app to background 2 min → return → video recovers or clean idle	■
B3	Receiver rotate once → video continues or recovers within 10 s	■
B4	Sender rotate with rotation lock ON → 5 min stable	■
B5	Sender rotate with lock OFF (optional / device-specific) → no permanent freeze; note if reboot	■

C. Settings matrix (pick one row for official alpha demo)

Profile	Transport	Protection	Use
Alpha default	UDP	None	Primary sign-off
Fallback	TCP	None	If UDP glitches on your AP

#	Step	Pass
C1	UDP + None: 10 min soak	■
C2	(Optional) TCP + None: 10 min soak	■

D. Regression guards (quick)

#	Step	Pass
D1	Wrong PIN → clear error, no crash	■
D2	Mismatched transport (sender TCP / receiver UDP) → fails fast with message	■
D3	Camera mode (if used): permission grant → cast 2 min	■
D4	Calibration test mode → pattern on receiver	■

E. Known limitations (not alpha blockers)

- No TLS; LAN cleartext.
- UDP may drop frames under congestion.
- No live preview on sender while casting.
- Some apps silent under playback capture policy.
- Heavy rotation on some OEMs may still stress system WFD/WM (watchdog) — document device + lock state.

LAN alpha approved when: all **A**, **B1–B4**, and **C1** pass on your reference sender + receiver pair. **Full alpha** additionally requires backend deploy and **F1–F5** (RSSH).

Log capture (when something fails)

From repo root:

```
./scripts/alpha-qa-logcat.sh SENDER_SERIAL RECEIVER_SERIAL
```

Or manually:

```
adb -s SENDER logcat -s ScreenCastService:* ReceiverCastService:* AndroidCast:* SenderScreenPreview:*
adb -s RECEIVER logcat -s ReceiverCastService:* AndroidCast:*
```

Alpha backend (optional for LAN-only alpha)

LAN cast demo does **not** require OTA/crash backend. For **full alpha** (owner agreement) with updates, crash upload, and **production remote debug**:

Item	Notes
Host examples/ota/v0/	See OTA.md

Deploy crash reporter	See CRASH_REPORTER.md
Configure URLs	Developer settings or local.properties
RSSH remote access	Alpha essential: hidden mode (no VPN consent); device polls BE, opens outbound reverse SSH to bastion; operator connects via BE UI whitelist + session. WireGuard v1 is lab-only for alpha sign-off. See REMOTE_ACCESS_IMPL.md
Email + 2FA auth	Alpha essential: info@/admin@ forward to Gmail; user register + email verify + TOTP; see 20260607-2FA-email-mobile-auth-flow.md

F. Remote access — RSSH (required for full alpha sign-off)

#	Step	Pass
F1	Developer settings → RSSH (not WireGuard) → no Android VPN permission dialog	■
F2	Device polls BE (type: ra); operator whitelists device + opens session in dashboard	■
F3	Reverse tunnel active; operator reaches device debug endpoint on bastion (shell or agreed file path)	■
F4	Session expiry / disable tears down tunnel; BE notified	■
F5	No persistent VPN key icon while remote debug is active	■

Full alpha approved when: LAN sign-off (**A**, **B1–B4**, **C1**) and backend items above and **F1–F5** and **G1–G6** pass on reference environment.

G. Email + registration / 2FA (required for full alpha sign-off)

#	Step	Pass
G1	Inbound mail to info@apps.f0xx.org arrives at configured Gmail (forward)	■
G2	BE sends verification email (SMTP); link opens on mobile browser	■
G3	New user registers → verifies email → enrolls TOTP (QR)	■
G4	Login requires password + TOTP; lockout after repeated failures	■
G5	User can set recovery email; admin/root can clear auth lockouts	■
G6	Register/login UI matches crashes console theme (EN/RU, mobile layout)	■

Ending feature freeze

1. Complete sign-off table above; note devices + APK build id in git tag message.
2. Tag release on master per GIT_FLOW.md.
3. To re-enable experiments on a dev branch: set CastConfig.ALPHA_FEATURE_FREEZE = false and restore MULTI_RECEIVER_ENABLED as needed.

Post-alpha priorities: rotation-stable encode path, encoder thumbnail on sender, secondary-display capture (roadmap D).