Welcome to **the Omnic Lab**. We're a podcast that focuses on the strategies inside of the game of Overwatch. We learn through trial and error in the lab, even if things get a bit crazy and blow up sometimes! We'll brew up team composition strategies, stir in some tips to play better, and hopefully equip listeners with the instruments they need to gain a strategic edge!

In the Lab **today** we want to dive into making self-improvements in your gameplay! We talk some of the new stuff we're practicing, good things to improve for practice, warm-ups, and strategizing!

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What We're Testing:

*Rob:

- Testing:
 - Played a TON of Hanzo
 - Tested Eichenwalde, a bit of Ana & Zen

*Andres:

- Testing:
 - o Eichenwalde, Hanzo, New Comp Season, Mei

News:

- *Sombra projections
- *No new patch this week for Live servers: NOT ready yet
- *DDOS this week on Overwatch AND Legion launch for WoW.

PTR Patch Notes:

*Adjustments to the formulas that are used to calculate Skill Rating, ensure fair matches, and accurately place players in the appropriate tier

Special Thanks: Scientist Level Patrons!

*Eric S & Brian K. thanks again for your generous pledges for the Scientist Level of support, when your payment clears we'll get started on your perks!

*Also thanks to our brand new Patrons this week: Matt M. & Boombat!!

Improving your Hit-Scan aim:

Create a Custom Game:

- Set to Skirmish
- Select the map of your choosing
- Add 6 Ana bots (difficulty doesn't matter)
- Set to head-shots only
- Alternatively, set damage multiplier to 150%

15-30 minutes of practice to build up muscle memory! For:Hanzo, McCree, Widow, Soldier, Tracer, Also for: Mei (alternate fire), Zenyatta, Genji

Recording and watching your games:

Use tools like OBS or shadowplay (if Nvidia graphics card), even the new blizzard streaming can work.

Record one of your sessions

Review yourself - Watch out for: over-committing, tunnel vision, missed **audio queues**, ignoring teammates, out of sync ultimates and so on.

Submit for review! Competitive Overwatch and Overwatch University reddits.

Watch some tournaments!

Overwatch Open, ESL Atlantic Showdown, Alienware Monthly Melee

Emails/Twitter Questions:

Jonas Sundberg

Hi, Thanks for a great podcast, it really got me started thinking more about the strategy in the game. A question that I was hoping that you might have some input on:

The group I usually play with mainly tries to go with a rounded composition, usually picking two each of DPS, tanks and healers (usually some combination of Soldier/Hanzo, Tracer/McCree, Reinhardt/Winston, D.Va/Zarya, Lúcio/Mercy and Zenyatta).

This tends to work relatively well for us, but several times recently we've had a lot of trouble with teams that run three or even four DPS heroes. As long as they focus their fire, they often seem to gain the upper hand in engagements and using their strength in numbers after a few early kills to win.

Do you have any recommendations on what we could do to improve our odds in these situations?

Shelby Langehennig

Hey guys!

First off, I really enjoy listening to you every Monday when I get to work. It's a wonderful way to start my week. I had just a couple of questions for you guys, one Overwatch related and one that isn't really.

First: How do you guys feel about all this Sombra hubbub? Do you think it's too over the top? Completely awesome and fun? What do you think she's going to be like and when do you think she'll be finally available?

Second: This is more for Rob. I was wondering if you would be willing to tell me about your experience with the teaching program in Japan. It's something that I have been considering doing so I had a few questions about what it's like and how it all works.

iTunes Reviews:

- * TheRealBoombat (AUS)
- >Great easy listening for all skill levels: If you want a great easy to listening overwatch podcast then Omnic Lab is for you. This is not just a 2 guys talking podcast you can tell that they have put effort in crafting each episode to ensure that their audience is kept informed, entertained and interested. I feel like omnic lab is part of my overwatch experience and is a must listen to any overwatch fan.

*Travis Houston Texas (USA)

>Good Stuff: I go through many podcasts throughout the work week. It takes a good podcast to keep my attention. With that said, I look forward to listening to this podcast every week! The intellectual content of this podcast is just what overwatch fans need! Cheers love.

*Joey Camaro (USA)

>Great Podcast: This podcast is perfect for passing the time while I'm at work wishing I was playing overwatch. I love there positive understanding attitude no matter what the situation may be. They also seem to explain things in different perspectives that has helped me be a better player. Thanks for all the hard work you guys put into the podcast it is much appreciated. -Joey GT: LethalxBacon

*Also thanks to our other iTunes reviews from:TheRealBoombat (AUS), Travis Houston Texas, & Joey Camaro!

Helpful Links of the Week:

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Content Creators' Shoutouts:

*Overwatch Central: Eichenwald Map Hidden Spots: https://www.voutube.com/watch?v=YJPdZiSaCmQ

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"Don't be a lab rat, be a scientist...see ya next week, Omnics!"