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# Next Apple TV 4K May Have The Big Change You're Waiting For

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Apple TV and remote control. APPLE

Apple's tiny streaming box, Apple TV, has been updated over the years, but it's been a while since the last major overhaul. A new report re-iterates that we could be seeing a new version in 2021. And it could have the big change that a lot of Apple TV users have been hanging out for.

The confirmation comes from Bloomberg's Mark Gurman who – and this is something that rarely happens – took over the Bloomberg Technology daily “Fully Charged” email newsletter yesterday. If you don't get this newsletter, you can read it [here](#).

In it, Gurman asserts that “For next year, Apple is planning an upgraded box with a stronger gaming focus, an updated remote and a new processor.” These are all interesting things.

The stronger gaming focus and new processor go together. Back in May 2020, Jon Prosser, the highly reliable tipster, said that a new Apple TV was ready to ship. Well, that didn't happen then, but it may be that some of the other details Prosser had in his mind were accurate.

## **Design**

Prosser believed the design will be unchanged – when Gurman says upgraded it doesn't necessarily indicate that's an external change. Prosser previously said that the next box, and I quote, “Looks like an Apple TV”. And in answer to a question specifically asking if the design is the same, he replied, “Yep”.

So, the big changes will be inside, it seems.

## **Processor**

Gurman and Prosser are in agreement that a new processor will be key. The current Apple TV 4K box is powered by A10X Fusion processor, that's the one first seen in the 10.5in iPad Pro which launched in 2017. Prosser, back in May, thought that the new processor would be the A12X Bionic which graced the iPad Pro until its update this year. Newer rumors now suggest that it could in fact be the very latest and most powerful processor from Apple, that is the A14 Bionic found in the iPhone 12 series and iPad Air.

Surely, that's massive overkill for a TV streaming box?

## **Gaming**

Yes, it's gaming which drives key to the need for a powerful processor. Each time a new iPhone is launched, Apple always talks about the gaming capabilities and shows off graphically enhanced games in action. Many of these are now to be found in Apple Arcade, the company's subscription gaming service, which is available on iPhone, iPad and, that's right, Apple TV. Suddenly it makes sense, now there are games which are playable on both iOS and tvOS: it would be great if they looked as good and played as fast on the big screen as the small.



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## **The big change**

The other phrase in Gurman’s sentence is, for me, the most exciting: “an updated remote”. The current remote arrived five years ago and offered a new and fluid way to control your TV. It introduced a microphone button and, unlike most other streaming box remotes, was able to control your TV volume, too.

Best of all, it had Siri, that is, the software behind the microphone which meant that by pressing the mic button and saying, “What did he say?” the Apple TV would rewind 15 seconds, and play the video again, this time with subtitles. The subtitles switch off again after that 15-second burst.

But, for all its innovations, it isn’t always the easiest to use, with the touch-panel sometimes too sensitive or the button configuration not quite simple enough.

So, the promise of a new remote is very exciting. Apple’s remotes have been consistently simple and attractive, but it feels like the right time for an upgrade. And, who knows, maybe it’ll be good for gaming, too.

## **When?**

There’s no exact date for when to expect this – Gurman just says next year – though other rumors have hinted that it will be the first half of the year.

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