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WHY ARE GRAPHICS CARDS SO EXPENSIVE RIGHT NOW?

We are currently amid a global chip shortage that could continue indefinitely. We use semi-conductor chips in everything from computers to airplanes and manufacturers from all around the world have had to scale back or limit their production due to the shortage.

Due to COVID-19, an increased number of people are working remotely or staying home as much as possible. This has resulted in an increased demand for personal electronics. GPU prices are high right now because the market is hungrier for them than ever.

Many towns and cities globally have implemented lockdown restrictions, which may limit the amount of imports and exports that pass through the area. Graphics cards are likely to be considered luxury goods compared to other, more essential goods like food or water.

During Trump's tenure as US President, new tariffs were being imposed on imports from overseas weekly, including a tariff that added a 25 percent tax on top

of the asking price for graphics cards imported from China. This extra cost is passed along to US consumers through higher prices.

The Biden Administration has not announced any plans to dial Trump's tariffs on China back. The team intends to reevaluate their current trade agreements before moving forward with any new strategies.

Crypto miners need good graphics card. These people have entered the high-end graphics card market and show no intention of leaving anytime soon. They're often knowledgeable, well-connected and adequately funded enough to buy the best of the best before anybody else.

Scalpers resell goods for a quick (and usually large) profit. Graphics cards are currently a hot commodity, perfect for reselling at high prices to desperate consumers.

Next-gen cards use advanced materials and top-of-the-line designs. In general, they're of higher-quality and more difficult to manufacture than the ones from the previous generation. Next-gen cards from NVIDIA and AMD are pushing the boundaries of computer graphics significantly. These cards are making a huge leap in GPU history because they're designed for high-quality graphics at historically large resolutions like 4K. Manufacturers can only produce what they can afford, so when faced with rising production costs, manufacturers need to get creative on how to maximize their output without compromising the quality or the quantity of their product.