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THE NEXT GENERATION CONSOLES

The next generation of video game consoles is now here. Sony and Microsoft released the PlayStation 5 and Xbox Series X and Series S both in November 2020 during Covid-19 lockdown. Despite this strange and scary pandemic crisis, the audience of console gamers is gaining momentum because people have more free time working at home.

Since the start of the 21st century, the battle between Microsoft and Sony has been a hotly contested one. Now we can see a new chapter in an ongoing face-off between them. PlayStation 5 and Xbox Series X and Series S are considered to be their highly anticipated next-generation systems. In reality, they continue the trend from the eighth generation with overall general improved computational performance, graphical output, and strong backward compatibility support to minimize the disruption of upgrading to the new platform.

Here is an overview of the next-gen console features.

The PS 5 is big, fast, and powerful console, with a 4K/HDR-capable GPU and an SSD that loads games at lightning speed. The greatest thing about PlayStation 5 is the revolutionary DualSense controller. The gamepad's top holds two sets of bumpers and triggers. This is where one of the DualSense's big upgrades is found: adaptive triggers. The L2 and R2 triggers do not just have a vibration response, but also variable resistance that alters the pull's length and feel. This new feature and vibration contribute to the controller precise, accurate haptic feedback. The

controller produces vibrations of varying strengths across the gamepad's surface, creating specific sensations for different situations.

The Xbox Series X stands at the top of the ladder in terms of power and features, with 4K, HDR graphics, impressive performance, and incredibly fast load times thanks to its Zen 2 CPU, RDNA 2 GPU, and SSD storage. Unlike PS5, the new Xbox Wireless Controller included with the Xbox Series X isn't much different from the one you get with the Xbox One systems. Microsoft sells more affordable Xbox Series S for \$299.99. It lacks an optical drive, but on top of that its SSD is half as large at 512GB, and its GPU has a quarter of the power at 4 TFLOPs.

Comparing these two next-generation consoles, it is really hard to choose. They have the same price, really similar power characteristics and both have backward compatibility. Earlier, choosing between a console meant weighing specs. This time, picking between the Xbox Series X or PlayStation 5 will be less about hardware and more about Microsoft's and Sony's philosophies about this generation of consoles.