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If you're still stuck in the age of dinosaurs with Apple TV 3, you may be curious about upgrading to the latest and greatest—Apple TV 4 or 4K. But depending on how you use the console, this may not be necessary. Apple TV received an overhaul at the end of 2015 with the release of Apple TV 4, which included the App Store, the all-new Siri with the remote control, and the ability to play all sorts of games. This doesn't sound like a headache for those over the hardware, but it may not be the case for some users. RELATED: 14 Apple TV Remote Tips and Tricks You Should Know Everything I Do Is Stream, Stream, No Matter That Streaming Is Pretty Popular These Days, and many users don't do anything more than just watch things on Netflix, Hulu, or Amazon Prime Video. If that's all you really use Apple TV for, then there really isn't a need for an update. Apple TV 3, although outdated at the moment, still has a ton of channels (yes, they are called channels on Apple TV 3, not apps). In addition to the usual contenders, you have access to streaming apps such as HBO Go, YouTube and several sports streaming services. Of course, if you want to do anything more than streaming basics, then Apple TV 3 can't cut it for you anymore. At this point, it may be worth looking at the upgrade. Don't rely on it for games One of the great new features that Apple touted since the introduction of the Apple TV 4 was a game, but this part of the telecast kind of fell flat on his face and has not yet recovered. So if you're thinking about upgrading to a new Apple TV because of its gaming capabilities, don't worry. There are definitely some fun games that you can play on Apple TV like Asphalt 8, War Geometry 3, and Chrono Trigger, and you can even use dedicated gamepads with the device, but you won't find the big AAA titles on Apple TV. Of course, if you're a casual gamer, then Apple TV 4 can easily fulfill your gaming needs, but don't rely on it as your only gaming device if you're even a remotely serious gamer. related Apple TV is basically seen as a garnish to its streaming video-entre- it's implemented in this way which almost makes it look like an afterthought rather than the main part of the system, which is completely fine, but that's no good reason to upgrade from Apple TV 3. If you're an all-video enthusiast, it's probably worth upgrading apple TV 3 great for casual streaming shows and movies on Netflix and such, but if you want anything more than that, then Apple TV 4 or 4K is worth buying. With the addition of the App Store, there are many really great apps that you can download on Apple TV. Plex and Infuse are one of my favorites, that they both let you watch videos that you have stored locally on your network and they will play play a lot of any format (although Plex requires Plex Media Server). On Apple TV 3, you can only play a very small number of video formats, and even then the possibilities were pretty limited. RELATED: How to install Plex on your Apple TV also, Apple TV 4 and 4K have way more video streaming apps are available for download than the Apple TV 3 (again, thanks to the App Store). While the Apple TV 3 has its fair share, you can get all kinds of streaming apps from lesser known broadcasters and networks on Apple TV 4. 4K is the future, but it could be a few years, so you decide to switch to the new Apple TV, but are not sure whether to grab the Apple TV 4 or Apple TV 4K. Which one should you get? RELATED: Is it worth upgrading to Apple TV 4K? The biggest feature of the Apple TV 4K is ... Ok... Features 4K. It also comes with a slightly faster processor that not only handles 4K video better than previous models, but it also makes navigating through the menu a little faster. The fact is, while 4K video content exists, it's not quite in the mainstream just yet. While many movies start to be released in 4K, most TV shows and shows are still at 1080p or 720p. There's still a way more regular HD content than there's 4K content right now. While you could pay more and get an Apple TV 4K now (so there is a future setup), you can also wait a couple of years until 4K content becomes more common. By then, used Apple TV 4K devices are likely to be more affordable. The newly discovered CPU capabilities that are used in the iPhone 6 and iPhone 6 Plus could point to future updates to the company's TV-top digital media player. Researchers from Softorino, the developer of the WALTR media file conversion app, found that the A8 chip found in Apple's latest iPhone models is capable of playing 4K video, REPORTS TUAW. As can be seen from the demo video, Provided by Softorino above, the researchers were able to play 3840-by-2160 resolution videos at 50 Mbps and 100 Mbps. While the A8 chip is capable of playing 4K video, this technical capability has little practical use for iPhone 6 and iPhone 6 Plus owners, since the displays for each device have only 1334-by-750 pixel resolution and 1920-by-1080 pixels, respectively. As TUAW notes, 4K video files are also quite large, which means that the amount of 4K video that can be stored on Apple mobile devices will be quite limited. According to VideoMaker, every minute of 4K video content requires about 2GB of storage space. The largest capacity for Apple's iPhone model is 128GB, enough space to hold just over one hour of 4K video content. Generation iPhone models, it can find its way into the future iteration of the Apple TV. The latest Apple TV model uses the A5 chip, which is the same chip used in the iPhone 4S. As Apple notes, the A5 chip allows the Apple TV to play 1080p or 720p of video content. Several rumors about the overhaul of Apple's device in the media have spread over the past year. In March 2014, the Wall Street Journal reported that Apple was in talks with Comcast about the possibility of allowing Apple TV to travel on a separate, less congested part of the network. Another report from The Information in July suggested that Apple plans to create a single, internet TV that will offer both live and on-demand programming. While none of these reports mention 4K video, it would make sense for Apple to boost the next generation of Apple TV's video playback capabilities to the latest standard, especially given the increased availability of 4K content. Netflix began providing some 4K content earlier this year, although it now costs a little more than low-resolution video formats, reports Variety. Meanwhile, Apple has already demonstrated its interest in creating higher-resolution products when it unveiled a new 27-inch iMac with a Retina 5K (5120 by 2,880 pixels) display at its media event in October. There are even some industry observers who believe that Apple plans to introduce a 4K TV, including activist investor Carl Icahn. In an open letter published on its website earlier this year, Icahn predicted that Apple would debut UltraHD TV in fiscal 2016. It should be noted that rumors about Apple TV have been going on since former CEO Steve Jobs discussed with his biographer the idea of an integrated TV, the Washington Post reported. However, the hidden capabilities of the A8 chip suggest that the 4K video is likely to be part of these plans. Follow Nathanael on Twitter @ArnoldEtan_WSCS more from Tech Cheat Sheet: When you're shopping for TV, there are many important factors to consider (and countless ways to go wrong). It's easy to become overwhelmed by all the decisions you need to make. You have to choose the right screen size, determine whether you need a smart TV (and if so, what interface and apps you want), make sure the viewing angle will work in your space, and determine what resolution you need. And this last point is a particularly sticky question. If you go with one of the 4K TVs, that TV producers grow more aggressive about marketing? Or is a regular high-definition TV good enough? Of all the best big-screen TVs tested by Consumer Reports reviews, only one is a 4K model. is not a necessary expense. In a nutshell, it's because Of 4K television is not obvious if you buy a big TV, there is not a huge amount of 4K content available yet, streaming content 4K is a complex proposition, and a budget 4K TV is often not a good purchase. Want more details? Read on for six reasons you shouldn't be buying a 4K TV right now. 1. If you don't need a big TV, you probably don't need a 4K TV 4K TV just worth considering if you have room for a big TV screen Source: iStock To refresh your memory, HD TV has a 1920x1080 screen resolution. The 4K TV has a resolution of 3840x2160, which results in four times as many individual pixels you get with a standard HD TV. It sounds like it will look pretty impressive in any size, whether you want a giant TV for your living room or a moderate sized set for the bedroom or a small family room. But the reality is that the benefits of 4K TV are more evident on big screen sizes - think 65 inches and higher - than at smaller sizes. A 4K TV can work well if you need to sit closer to your TV than will work with a standard HD set, like in a small living room rented apartment. But do you really need a 4K TV in a room where only a small TV will match? Probably not. Some 4K fans claim that you can see the main visual differences even when the screen sizes are small, while some detractors claim that even minor differences are not obvious when the screen sizes are small. For the average viewer, reality is likely somewhere in the middle: You'll see some advantages with smaller screen sizes, but they won't be nearly as dramatic as if you chose for larger television. The result is that if you don't need a big screen TV, you don't have to pay a premium for 4K television. 2. Budget friendly 4K TVs probably don't cost a lot of cheap 4K TVs not worth the purchase price Source: iStock TV is an expensive purchase. This is especially true if you're shopping for a 4K TV. While you can choose from a growing range of 4K TVs priced at less than \$1,000, buying a model at the lower end of the price range will exclude the best TVs - ones you can usually discern because they get the highest ratings from groups like Consumer Reports. The TVs that receive the highest scores offer the best contrast, brightness, detail, viewing angles, and sound quality, while those that don't earn high marks tend to compromise in at least a few places. When you shop for a sophisticated, expensive device like a TV, reviews from groups like Consumer Reports about the nearest you can get to the final guide, what TVs are worth buying and which ones you should On. So if you opt for a TV that gets lower ratings and cooler reviews - instead of one that earns high ratings and rave reviews - for the sake of getting a 4K resolution on a budget, then you're not likely to get the same experience you'll get with a standard HD TV for the same price. That's why, for the most part, the parts You stick to the budget, 4K TV is probably not the best choice. Resolution is not the only factor that matters when you shop for TV. In fact, mid-range HD TV can offer a better image and user experience than a 4K TV for the same price. 3. Resolution is not the only factor if you want to update the image quality, resolution is not the only thing you should consider Source: iStock need when we talk about 4K TVs, we are talking about a solution. But resolution isn't the only factor that determines whether the image on the 4K TV will look noticeably better than the image on the current HD TV. Jeffrey Morrison of CNET reports that increasing resolution in itself is the least important improvement in image quality, since high speed updates and local blackouts are features that allow the TV to offer a better experience when it comes to contrast ratio and motion resolution. (Both the high dynamic range and the wide color scheme are by far the most interesting and potentially surprising promotion of image quality since the highest-definition TV.) In fact, the New York Times' Brian X. Chen explained the major differences in image quality between a 4K TV and a three-year-old HD TV to the addition of a new color technology called high dynamic range, or HDR. It reported that 4K content with a high dynamic range is noticeably superior to 1080p content, while 4K content without a high dynamic range had little difference in image quality compared to 1080p. The problem is that only a small portion of 4K TVs maintains a high dynamic range, and only a very small amount of 4K content is still encoded with a richer color profile. Both Netflix and Amazon have started offering titles that support this feature. Chen writes that 4K and the high dynamic range combined are likely to be game changes for television. But it still goes later, not before. HDR is less standardized than 4K, and the life of the current HDR-compatible TV is a little unsure. HDR isn't technically a big part of the 4K experience, but if you want a really stunning upgrade to image quality, you'll probably be happier waiting for HDR to become more common and more standardized than you would be if you chose one of the budget 4K TVs currently on the market. 4. Your choice of 4K content is limited (albeit improving) There is not much 4K content currently available Source: iStock One of the most frequently cited reasons to delay buying a 4K TV is the relative lack of 4K content. While it is true that the range of options you have today will pale in comparison to the wide range of 4K content that Be available for several years, more and more 4K content becomes available every day. Ryan Waniata reports for Digital Trends that the bad news about some of the 4K content that is available now is that it is exclusively for specific TV brands or streaming devices. But in the it is estimated that most sources have opened up significantly since launch, making it easier to consider buying a 4K TV in the near future. 4K Blu-rays (and a small assortment of compatible players) are available for purchase, or if you have a fast internet network, you can stream a number of TV shows and several movies in 4K from Netflix. Several titles are available for streaming or purchases from Amazon Instant Video, YouTube offers a wide range of clips and other videos, as well as services such as Playstation Video, Sony Ultra streaming service, M-GO, DirecTV, and Comcast Xfinity offer rental and purchase options if you have the right TV. Other investigative apps include UltraFlix and Vudu. However, if you want a TV with a resolution that you don't have to track down movies and TV shows to take full advantage of, you're probably better at holding back that 4K TV and sticking to a standard HD TV at the moment. 5. Streaming 4K content often compromises on the quality of 4K streaming content comes with its own set of headaches Source: iStock If you're used to sitting in front of the TV and choosing something to stream on Netflix, you may be disappointed with the quality you actually get when you're trying streaming 4K content. Streaming 4K video is extremely intense for data transmission. And not only do you need to consider that you are uploading a huge video file, but you also have to take into account the fact that the speed at which you can stream that video will play a big role as what you actually see when you're streaming a 4K movie or an episode of a TV show. Different video providers recommend different broadband speeds if you want to stream 4K content in their directories, so checking with your service of choice can give you an idea of whether you'll probably get high quality streaming. Streaming 4K content usually requires internet speeds downstream of 15 to 25 Mbps or faster than most people. And delivering 4K content even on a moderately fast internet connection requires compressing the original video, meaning that there is room for image quality to be degraded. 6. 4K TVs can make non-4K content look worse than 4K TV's upscaling system can make non-4K content look worse Source: iStock As if it's not annoying enough that searching for 4K content requires some searching, watching non-4K content on 4K TV can actually make this content look worse. (This may be an important factor to consider, since you will probably end up watching a significant amount of HD or standard definition content on a new 4K TV.) 4K TVs upconvert or high-end low-resolution video to match the higher resolution of the display. In cases, upconversion looks good. But especially on cheap 4K TVs, algorithm and upconversion systems don't work as well as they could, and can actually make high definition and standard-definition videos look worse than they would on HD TV. Even if On TV you are considering looks good, it's worth noting that the content won't look as good as the native 4K video. And there is no way for you to get more information that was not present at the lower resolution. But if upconversion performs well, then at least your HD content will look sharper on your 4K TV. (Note: Some extreme 4K budget TVs may not even support native 4K input, meaning they will always be upscaling the input they get to fill the 4K screen - this type is definitely not a decent purchase.) purchase.) apple tv 4k netflix atmos. apple tv 4k netflix not working. apple tv 4k netflix dolby atmos. apple tv 4k netflix stutter. apple tv 4k netflix subtitles. apple tv 4k netflix hdr. apple tv 4k netflix no sound. apple tv 4k netflix flickering

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