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Earth's Mightiest Heroes will come together for a massive new game in May 2020. Here's everything we know so far



Although their cinematic future remains unclear after the game-changing events of *Avengers: Endgame*, Marvel's supergroup will soon come together for a brand new video game. This exciting title will have a single-player story and optional multiplayer link-ups, and it comes from the publishers at Square Enix (custodians of the Final Fantasy franchise) and developers from Crystal Dynamics and Eidos-Montréal (developers of the Tomb Raider reboot trilogy). These three companies are assembling Earth's mightiest heroes in a brand new continuity for players to experience on PS4, Xbox One, Windows PC and Google Stadia. Here's everything you need to know...

IT STARTS WITH A BANG

The game starts in San Francisco, with the Avengers showing off a brand new Helicarrier (powered by an experimental energy source) to a big crowd of fans. Things don't stay hunky-dory for long, with the villainous Taskmaster showing up to set off a massive explosion. Loads of people are hit by the blast, and Captain America seems to get killed, so the remaining Avengers retreat into a lengthy hiatus. Iron Man, Hulk, Thor and Black Widow go their separate ways.

MEET MS MARVEL

A young Avengers fan named Kamala Khan is hit by the explosion of strange energy, and gains super-stretchy abilities

as a result. Years after the events of "A-Day" in San Francisco, she attempts to reunite the Avengers and unravel a conspiracy involving a tech company that has grown to prominence in the heroes' absence. To fans of the comics, Kamala Khan is better known by her superhero name: Ms Marvel, a moniker that was previously held by Carol Danvers (aka Captain Marvel).

TAKE ON AIM

You might remember Advanced Idea Mechanics as the shady group of scientists from *Iron Man 3*, where Guy Pearce played their leader. In this game's

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new continuity, AIM has achieved global success by presenting itself as a safer option than the Avengers when it comes to global security. You'll find yourself investigating various AIM bases and taking on countless yellow robots, as Kamala and her allies attempt to uncover the ugly underbelly of the omnipresent organisation.

CUSTOMISE YOUR HEROES

The game will offer a mix of level types, including single-player missions that focus on individual heroes and online multiplayer events. Whichever way you play, you'll be able to level up your heroes to suit your needs and deck them out in custom outfits. If you want Hulk to wear a pin-stripe suit, you can totally do that. And if you want to make Thor a floating fighter that rarely touches the ground, that is possible too.

WAIT FOR SURPRISES

Nobody has confirmed whether this game is set in the same continuity as Insomniac's *Spider-Man* PS4 game, but Square Enix has promised that more heroes and story events will be added to their game over a period of multiple years. It has also been teased that Square Enix is working with their "friends from Sony" on some future surprises for players – that's exciting news, considering that Sony recently acquired the Spidey developers from Insomniac. **DENofGEEK!**

Marvel's Avengers launches on 15 May 2020.



HEROES ON THE HORIZON

Marvel's Avengers isn't the only superhero experience coming your way. Here are some more to look forward to



Iron Man VR

PLATFORM: PlayStation VR

RELEASE DATE: 28 February 2020

Camouflaj and Sony Interactive Entertainment present a wish-fulfilling VR game that plunks you inside Iron Man's iconic red-and-gold armour and lets you fire powerful repulsor blasts. Haunted by a ghost from his past and some of his own missiles, Tony Stark seems to be up against it in this one.



Untitled Batman game

PLATFORM: TBC

RELEASE DATE: TBC

Warner Bros Montreal, the studio behind *Arkham Origins*, teased a new Dark Knight game by sharing a video on Batman day: it showed a Bat-symbol projected on a building, with strange symbols superimposed on top. The rumour mill suggests that you could be swooping back into Gotham to take on the villainous Court Of Owls.



Avengers: Damage Control

PLATFORM: Walk-in VR experience

RELEASE DATE: UK launch TBC, open now in US and Canada

Letitia Wright's Shuri pops up in this high-end VR experience, which encourages punters to suit up in the virtual realm to assist the Avengers. It's made by ILMxLAB, the company that brought us *Star Wars: Secrets Of The Empire* – an experience that visited London's Westfield shopping centre.



Rocksteady's next project

PLATFORM: TBC

RELEASE DATE: TBC

We know that Rocksteady – maker of *Arkham Asylum*, *Arkham City* and *Arkham Knight* – is gearing up to release "an exciting AAA game," but only because it's been hiring marketing people to promote it. Cards are being kept close to chests for now, though, so we can't be 100 per cent sure it's another DC-inspired title.



Untitled Marvel game

PLATFORM: Mobile

RELEASE DATE: TBC

A new studio called Second Dinner, founded by developers that previously worked on *Hearthstone*, is working on a mobile game for Marvel. A tongue-in-cheek post on the studio website mentions Hellcow, Throg, Spider-Man, the Avengers and the X-Men as well as promising "the most fun thing ever in the history of fun".