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O.P. I personally won't be bothering watching the Direct live. I'll watch it Thursday morning. ShortyM writes...We have a dedicated Nintendo Direct announced for 11pm AEST 18/06 about 15 minutes long.Only 15 mins long Ill just catch it in the morning.Plus, I feel I have seen everything I need to see for this game before playing. Cant wait for this, feel my switch 2 will get a bit more use then currently I preordered it already, will watch the direct but don't care about seeing it live. Not that excited, its just the next thing after Mario Kart. fireb0lt writes...I preordered it already, will watch the direct but don't care about seeing it live. Not that excited, its just the next thing after Mario Kart.I think it looks a bit rough visually, and performance seems rougher than I expected, but looks like a lot of fun, so I'm getting it. I likely won't touch it until I go overseas on the 1st of August though. Very mixed on this. It looks a bit all over the place But its by the Mario odyssey team and Nintendo do Nintendo. Mooringcow writes... But its by the Mario odyssey teamHas this been confirmed? I know a few journalists who don't think it is but that the Mario Odyssey EPD team may just be overseeing this while working on the next 3D Mario. I'm curious to know if there are mini games throughout the world, how big it is (how do you bounce between different worlds/areas), how linear is the 'story' and are there short cuts, is there any form of 2 player or coop mode and how long is it (remembering that it's priced lower than Mario Kart World). I'm not Sure we will get all the answers in this direct, but I have already pre-ordered the game (used my \$78 Harvey Norman credit) so don't mind too much what the overall experience is like. Watching the direct and the game looks a bit like Mario Odyssey but DK style. Lots of abilities but also transformations. Plus side scrolling challenges as well.I'm sold on the game as if i wasn't already! Looks great, look forward to release although I am sure my 6yo will end up hogging it :D It looks interesting but I really hate Pauline. Why not Diddy Kong? It is just kinda strange to me. This is really not what I was expecting, still going buy though Tenoch writes...Looks great, look forward to releaseTo me it looks like it should have been released with the switch 2, but if this game is as good as it looks it will drive Switch 2 sale as if they needed driving. Also cool it has game share with a switch 1, so if you want to play with your 6yo and you still have a switch you can -:)I guess the flow of the game and how difficult the puzzle side of iot will determine how good it is, but this direct confirmed to me its a good game with heaps of content in it, some of which i don't care for like the sculpting thing. That was impressive! Can't wait to play it. Looks to have a lot more variety in the gameplay then I originally thought. Already had it preordered but yeah, looks great. Cant wait!They didnt mention which dev team worked on it, but after watching the Direct it 100% has to be EPD Tokyo as everyone assumed. The great imposter writes...I really hate Pauline. Why not Diddy Kong?Not sure why you hate Pauline (what did she do to you?) but Pauline's first appearance in a Nintendo game was in Donkey Kong: 1981 video game)Her being in Donkey Kong Bananza is a throwback to that game, putting the two characters together but instead of being kidnapped by Donkey Kong and waiting for a plumber to rescue her, it's now Donkey Kong helping her and both of them working synergistically, so a role reversal.Why not Diddy Kong as your companion, you ask? This game is mainly a single player game like Super Mario 3D games. 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If you want the sort of game with equal Donkey Kong-Diddy Kong dynamics, remember you can pick up Donkey Kong Country Returns and Donkey Kong Country: Tropical Freeze.Donkey Kong games in modern times have also this slight emphasis in having a stronger musical element to the game and we know Pauline as a singer from Super Mario Odyssey so this works together and also provides a bit of an origins story to Pauline in the modern Nintendo universe. I liked more of what I saw in that direct than wed seen so far. Im still not 100% sold on it but Ill likely be getting it given the lack of launch titles. Hopefully it turns out to be good though. Yeah not sold on it, will get it one day but doubt on release.. Odyssey was my favourite Switch game and this looks like a great follow-up. Game looked pretty good. A lot better than the previous showing. Not enough for me to purchase a Switch 2 still, but still look pretty good O.P. Link to the AU stream for those watching catch up. That looks incredible. I just adore the addition of Pauline. I am pleased she's getting a fair bit of prominence now. I hope we get some musical numbers. I can't help but notice that they had added some lyrics to a classic DK theme, with some appearances by some other classic DK music.The platforming looks great, but that's not a surprise is it considering who is making it and their pedigree. Cranky and Rambi appearances too. Which does lead to my one nitpick. I would prefer that Pauline's song summon your classic animal buddies instead of transforming DK. We haven't seen Expresso for a while so that would have been a perfect opportunity to bring him back into the gameplay. (I assume that was him we saw as an NPC?). The co-op aspect seems a bit tacked on, but it's a single player game so not a big deal. My wife is starting to play the Switch 2 (she won a Mario Party game last night) so hopefully she might be up for playing this one too.But needless to say I am sold as hell.Also was it just me or was the background footage far too loud and drowning out the commentary? ShortyM writes...Link to the AU stream for those watching catch up.Looks pretty bloody amazing. I saw the Ice cube with eyes and all i can think about was Banjo Toxie lol.All I could see was Canadians from South Park. Looks much more promising than what we saw initially at the Switch 2 reveal. Looks quite good, I'll pick it up.Love how it has music from the history of the DK games. From the original game, the SNES DKC games, the N64 etc. Music alone sounds great. I find it hard to believe this is from the Odyssey team. Something about the look of the game and the wreck it ralph mechanics thats not grabbing me. Although who knows it could be surprisingly fun to play. If it scores 90+ metacritic and put in the same league as Odyssey Ill check it out otherwise I think Ill pass. O.P. FloydH writes...Love how it has music from the history of the DK games. From the original game, the SNES DKC games, the N64 etc. Music alone sounds great! am almost certainly going to be getting the OST.Well, knowing Nintendo I'll have to wait until it ends up in the Nintendo Music app. But when it does I will be there. Will probably have to make do with YouTube rips first. FloydH writes...Looks much more promising than what we saw initially at the Switch 2 reveal. Looks quite good, I'll pick it up.agreed there appears to be a lot to this game, much more than just bashing the environent, with the skill tree, transformations etc. Plus the stuff like the music which i love, and the sculpting which is a bit meh. ... I'm sure some people will like it and it doesn't look integral to the game.Plus all the enviroments and the side scrolling challenges as well! They pick a flightless bird to fly.Yeah I don't get it. Should have been:Rhino super fast terrain destructionOstrich super fast running & running on waterParrot/Toucan ability to flySwordfish ability to swim underwaterAlso with water you'd think there is an aquatic transformation they haven't shown us yet....I hope so, that'd be awesome. Needs to be the swordfish too.And I hope one of the cosmetic things you can change is change DK's face model to the Rare Donkey Kong design, the best DK design. The game in its initial showing wasn't for me, but the latest Direct presentation has me intrigued. If the game manages to bring all the elements shown off together into a cohesive whole, I'll likely pick it up. I didn't think much of the game originally, but this looks really good. The dramatic change in sentiment towards this game across the entire internet is wild. Almost universally it was a bit of a meh to the initial reveal. To now Id say Im seeing most people with positive to very positive thoughts on it. This second showing was just so much better. The first looked a bit rough and boring. The first reveal looked like there was not a great deal to the game. It now looks like another great Nintendo release is on the way. Their first party stuff is usually exceptional. davidhes writes...This second showing was just so much better. The first looked a bit rough and boring.Agreed. it looked like a fun game where you just destroy everything, worth a few hours here and there, to quite a big game with lots of depth to it, including a skilltree, abilities and even a (limited) 2 player mode, which will be good for parents and kids i think. Django Fett writes...It now looks like another great Nintendo release is on the way. Their first party stuff is usually exceptional.Yeah it usually is, which is why I was surprised on first showing of Bananza, I thought it looked pretty meh. Looks like the Mario Odyssey team made it, so thought for sure they could have done something substantially better.Now with this direct, the game looks way, way better. Looks like a tonne of fun with plenty to do. Page 2 this post was edited The great imposter writes...I really hate Pauline. Why not Diddy Kong?Not sure why you hate Pauline (what did she do to you?) but Pauline's first appearance in a Nintendo game was in Donkey Kong: 1981 video game)Her being in Donkey Kong Bananza is a throwback to that game, putting the two characters together but instead of being kidnapped by Donkey Kong and waiting for a plumber to rescue her, it's now Donkey Kong helping her and both of them working synergistically, so a role reversal.Why not Diddy Kong as your companion, you ask? This game is mainly a single player game like Super Mario 3D games. You can have someone help you (who may not be good at video games) but it's not meant to be 2 players roaming split screen on the map. 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If you specifically target BESS (Battery Energy Storage Systems) then you have companies like Tesla and Alpha ESS that are focused on BESS rather than traditional inverters or a mix. Huawei and Sungrow being the biggest in inverters are also very strong in BESS with Huawei having installed the largest Solar/Battery combined plant in the world and Sungrow have become 'installer favorites' with a strong portfolio of products.Budget vs premium is a complicated subject. A premium product costs time and money to develop however with a clever design and mass production you can recoup those costs and offer a reasonable price. Other manufacturers may choose a complicated design that is hard to manufacture and then outsource their manufacturing which again may lead to higher per unit costs. If there are cheaper options on the market then the premium product may sell in low numbers and thus the unit price needs to be higher to recoup the R&D costs. This is why you can have some products that are mid-range in price that appear to be really high quality and actually are.Battery Comparison: Sungrow SBR HV: Modular, reliable, but somewhat costly with some reports of inverter issues (eg whistle). ESY Sunhome: Affordable, but unproven although they do have a showroom and office in Sydney. SAJ B2: Budget-friendly, less proven, local support. Alpha ESS SMILE: Large capacity, reliable, but warranty issues in the past. Weiheng Agave-TH: Affordable, innovative, but unproven. Bytewatt: Neovolt: Cost-effective, high efficiency, limited presence. Growatt ARK HV: Good efficiency, reliable, but costly compared to other budget brands. GoodWe Lynx F G2: Great value, highly scalable, inverter-limited but physically bulky with poor IP rating. iStore Smart Battery: Affordable, Huawei-backed, slim, very high safety and reliability but also higher cost. Sigenergy SigenStor: Premium, scalable, AI-driven, higher cost. 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