

# Metroid Prime 4

***Metroid Prime 4*** is an upcoming action-adventure game by Retro Studios, to be published by Nintendo for the Nintendo Switch. As part of the *Metroid* series, it is the sequel to *Metroid Prime 3: Corruption* (2007). It was announced at E3 2017 and was initially developed by Bandai Namco Studios. However, development restarted under Retro in January 2019, with producer Kensuke Tanabe.

## Development


Nintendo announced *Metroid Prime 4* in June 2017 during their E3 online showcase, showing only the logo. Shortly after the announcement, Bill Trinen, Director of Product Marketing at Nintendo of America, confirmed that *Prime 4* would not be developed by Retro Studios, the studio that developed the previous *Metroid Prime* games, but would be produced by Kensuke Tanabe, the producer of the previous games.<sup>[1][2]</sup> In 2018, *Eurogamer* confirmed that Bandai Namco Studios in Singapore was developing *Prime 4*.<sup>[3]</sup>

On several occasions during 2018, Nintendo of America president Reggie Fils-Aimé stated that *Metroid Prime 4* was "well into development" and "proceeding well".<sup>[4][5]</sup> However, Nintendo did not show it at E3 2018, and would only share more information once they believed they "had something that would wow people".<sup>[6]</sup> Fils-Aimé said while Nintendo prefers to reveal information about games six to nine months before release, they had revealed *Prime 4* early to assure fans that a game was in development for Switch, similar to their announcement of *The Legend of Zelda: Breath of the Wild*.<sup>[7][8][4]</sup>

In a video released in January 2019, Nintendo EPD general manager Shinya Takahashi announced that *Metroid Prime 4* would be delayed, and that its development had been restarted with Retro Studios. Takahashi said that development under Bandai had not met Nintendo's standards.<sup>[9]</sup> Nintendo's shares fell by 2.8 percent in the week following the announcement.<sup>[10]</sup>

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Producer(s)	Kensuke Tanabe
Series	<i>Metroid</i>
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