

# Why Iron Man Is the Best Avenger

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When posed with the question of who the "best" member of the Avengers, the conversation has to start and end with [Iron Man](#). Tony Stark was the first Avenger fans were introduced to, he's been front-and-center of every team-up film, his conflict with Thanos has been one of the series' longest-running ideas, and whatever winds up happening in *Avengers: Endgame*, he's almost certain to be at the forefront of restoring balance. But it's not because he's the best fighter, has the best quips, the coolest costume design, or because [Robert Downey Jr.'s](#) casting is one of the best in the history of the subgenre. What makes Iron Man the best Avenger is that of all the heroes in the MCU, his character is the one viewers are naturally inclined to latch onto. Because even with his status as a genius, billionaire, playboy/philanthropist, his character remains the most flawed and the most human.