



PlayStation 5 Update Introduces New Dashboard, Fans React

Description

A new update for the PlayStation 5 (PS5) is testing a new dashboard design. Many PS5 owners are seeing this updated look after joining the PlayStation 5 beta program.

The new dashboard groups system icons in a cleaner way, making it look less busy. A user on Reddit first mentioned seeing the new design, and many others confirmed it on social media. This change seems to excite fans because it might lead to the return of themes, which were popular on the PS4.

Some users expressed their hopes for themes. One wrote, "I see standardized icons all in a row," while another asked if this meant themes would come back. Fans feel that offering themes would improve the gaming experience.

Last month, Sony raised the PS5 price for the second time in a year due to economic pressures. This price increase started on April 2, 2026, affecting the PS5, PS5 Pro, and PlayStation Portal. Sony said that the rise was necessary to continue providing high-quality gaming. Fans wonder if this money will go towards the return of themes.

Sony usually tests updates with a small group of users before a wider release. The company has not commented on this recent update, but more information may come soon.

Vocabulary List:

1. **dashboard** //ˈdæʃbɔːrd// (noun): screen showing important information and controls
2. **beta** //ˈbeɪtə// (noun): early test version of a product
3. **standardized** //ˈstændəraɪzd// (adjective): made the same for many people or uses
4. **themes** //θiːmz// (noun): background designs or styles for a system
5. **economic** //ˌekəˈnɒmɪk// (adjective): related to money, business, and jobs
6. **affecting** //əˈfektɪŋ// (verb): changing or having an effect on something

Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice



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1. What is being tested in the new update for the PlayStation 5?
 - Option: New game titles
 - Option: New dashboard design
 - Option: New hardware
 - Option: New online features
 2. What was a common hope among PS5 users regarding the new dashboard design?
 - Option: Improved graphics
 - Option: Return of themes
 - Option: More storage options
 - Option: Lower prices
 3. When did the price increase for the PS5 take effect?
 - Option: January 1, 2025
 - Option: April 2, 2026
 - Option: October 1, 2026
 - Option: July 15, 2025
 4. What impact did the PS5 price increase have?
 - Option: It reduced sales
 - Option: It increased game availability
 - Option: It affected PS5 models
 - Option: It improved user satisfaction
 5. How did users confirm the new dashboard design?
 - Option: Through emails
 - Option: On social media
 - Option: In gaming forums
 - Option: By official announcements
 6. What is the purpose of Sony testing updates with a small group of users?
 - Option: To gather financial data
 - Option: To ensure game quality
 - Option: To prepare for wider release
 - Option: To create hype

True-False



7. The new dashboard design for PS5 is making it look busier.
8. Many PS5 owners joined the beta program to see the new dashboard.
9. Sony has officially commented on the recent dashboard update.
10. The new dashboard design might lead to the return of themes like on the PS4.
11. The PS5 price has been increased three times in the past year.
12. Sony believes the price increase is necessary for high-quality gaming.

Gap-Fill

13. The new dashboard groups system icons in a cleaner way, making it look less _____.
14. Many users hope for the return of _____ with the new dashboard.
15. Sony raised the PS5 price for the second time in a year due to _____ pressures.
16. The price increase started on April 2, _____.
17. The new dashboard design was first mentioned by a user on _____.
18. Sony tests updates with a small group of users before a _____ release.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. New dashboard design 2. Return of themes 3. April 2, 2026 4. It affected PS5 models 5. On social media 6. To prepare for wider release

True-False: 7. False 8. True 9. False 10. True 11. False 12. True

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