



## Technology

Apple's iCloud services suffer afternoon outage

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Several users are reporting that they cannot access Apple's iCloud (or MobileMe) services on Friday afternoon. Users who signed into their accounts were greeted with an error message reading "iCloud encountered an error while trying to connect to the server" or similar messages via their mobile devices.

Apple did not immediately respond to a comment on any issues it may be having.

The iCloud service, which was launched in October, offers users the opportunity to sync pictures, e-mail and documents across all their Apple devices. The service, which is free for up to 5GB of storage, also includes a program that allows users to locate their iPhones and iPod Touch music players remotely.

Apple users had reported disruptions with the service at launch, when the company did have some problems with overwhelmed servers when it launched iOS 5 and iCloud on the same day.

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