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# Microsoft Azure Hit With Hour Long Global Outage

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Microsoft's cloud service Azure was hit by an our long outage affecting the services globally. Services affected include OneDrive, Microsoft Blogs, Microsoft Band, XBOX, VM, MSN and other sites like the DVLUP Windows Phone Developer Website.

Azure status page indicates that most of everything is back to perfect working order except storage which shows warning almost across the board. Cloud services, vurtual machines and SQL Databases among others like Websites are fully back up as Microsoft has since issued a status update.

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• 9 mins ago: A fix has been applied across the affected environment. Customers should start seeing availability improvement across all regions. Some affected customers may still see intermittent impact. Starting at 19 Nov 2014 00:52 UTC we are experiencing a connectivity issue across multiple Azure Services, including Storage, Virtual Machines, SQL Geo-Restore, SQL Import/export, Websites,

Azure Search, Azure Cache, Management Portal, Service Bus, Event Hubs, Visual Studio, Machine Learning, HDInsight, Automation, Virtual Network, Stream Analytics, Azure Data Factory, Active Directory.

Microsoft has not been hit with an outage of similar magnitude since last year August and this is quite unusual. Amazon and Google have had their moments with Amazon being more frequent. The outage as Microsoft claims, is a connectivity related issue so this could probably be a bandwidth issue. Reminder, Microsoft recently made Onedrive cloud storage which is one of the services within Azure unlimited for Office 365 users as from late last month and announced a huge growth in Microsoft Cloud services.

As of writing this, saving to Onedrive wasn't exactly fluid as is usually the case. We will keep you updated should there be any changes.

**[UPDATE]** Everything's back to perfect working order, the status page at Azure confirms.









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