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Yahoo Mail suffers 'brief' outage

A small fraction of people couldn't use the online e-mail service Thursday, the Internet pioneer says.



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A "small fraction" of Yahoo Mail users couldn't get to their e-mail Thursday, the company said.

The outage affected less than 0.5 percent of users for less than 20 minutes, Yahoo said. "The problem has now been resolved," the company said.

Yahoo Mail has 280 million users worldwide, according to ComScore, so even small outages can affect many people. Yahoo isn't the only company to have recent blemishes on its

record: [Comcast had an e-mail outage](#) on Saturday, and [Google's Gmail went down](#) in February.

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