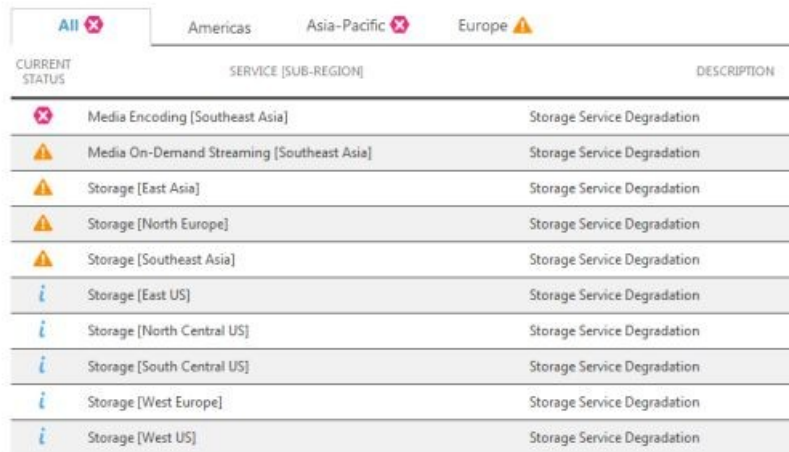


Windows Azure suffers yet another extended outage [Update: Back online]

By John Callaham [@JohnCallaham](#) Feb 22, 2013 06:02 EST · **HOT!**



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|----------------|--|-----------------------------|
| ✖ | Media Encoding [Southeast Asia] | Storage Service Degradation |
| ⚠ | Media On-Demand Streaming [Southeast Asia] | Storage Service Degradation |
| ⚠ | Storage [East Asia] | Storage Service Degradation |
| ⚠ | Storage [North Europe] | Storage Service Degradation |
| ⚠ | Storage [Southeast Asia] | Storage Service Degradation |
| ℹ | Storage [East US] | Storage Service Degradation |
| ℹ | Storage [North Central US] | Storage Service Degradation |
| ℹ | Storage [South Central US] | Storage Service Degradation |
| ℹ | Storage [West Europe] | Storage Service Degradation |
| ℹ | Storage [West US] | Storage Service Degradation |

In late December, Microsoft's Windows Azure cloud service [suffered a partial outage](#) in the south central portion of the US for a few days. On Friday, the service got hit with another outage, and it is still being dealt with by Microsoft.

The [Windows Azure status page](#) reveals that the problems began around 3:44 pm Eastern Standard Time on Friday, February 22, 2013, due to an expired HTTPS certificate. Unlike the outage in late December, this issue hit all of the Azure regions worldwide. It has affected other Microsoft services as well, including Office 365 and Xbox Live.

Microsoft's status page said that HTTP traffic to the servers was not affected by the issue.

We executed repair steps to update the SSL certificate and expect HTTPS traffic to be restored in many sub-regions. Further updates will be published to keep you apprised of the status of the service. For any inconvenience this causes our customers,

This new outage comes, ironically, a few days after the independent research Nasuni Research declared Windows Azure the [best cloud service currently available in 2013](#), over rivals such as Amazon Web Services and Google Cloud Platform.

UPDATE: The certificate has been renewed, and service has been restored. Here's the current status of the Azure page:

On Friday, February 22 at 12:44 PM PST, Storage experienced a worldwide outage due to an expired SSL certificate. This did not impact HTTP traffic. We have executed repair steps to update the SSL certificate on the impacted clusters and have recovered to over 99% availability. We will continue monitoring the health of the Storage service and SSL traffic for the next few hours. You may experience intermittent failures during this period. We apologize for any inconvenience this causes our customers.

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