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Gchat Is Down, So You'll Have To Talk To Your Friends In Person (UPDATE: It's Back)

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A man stands by a Google logo before Executive Chairman of Google Eric Schmidt address at the Chinese University in Hong Kong on November 4, 2013. Schmidt shared his insight on entrepreneurship and engaged in a conversation with local students and young entrepreneurs. AFP PHOTO / Philippe Lopez (Photo credit should read PHILIPPE LOPEZ/AFP/Getty Images)

UPDATE:

At 3:30 p.m. ET, [Google said](#) that everything should be up and running again.

“The problem with Google Talk should be resolved,” Google’s app status page reads. “We apologize for the inconvenience and thank you for your patience and continued support. Please rest assured that system reliability is a top priority at Google, and we are making continuous improvements to make our systems better.”

ORIGINAL:

Around noon ET on Monday, Google Hangouts (aka “Gchat”) stopped working for many disgruntled office workers, who did the only thing they know how to do in such a situation: Complain about it on Twitter.

The website [downrightnow](#) indicates that there’s a [“likely service disruption”](#) for Google’s messaging service.

“We’re investigating reports of an issue with Google Talk,” [Google’s app status page says](#). “We will provide more information shortly.”

So of course this happened:

ill just gchat everyone over twitter

— Tony Romm (@TonyRomm) [March 17, 2014](#)

*gchat the people you're gchatting with to let them know gchat is down; become
confused bc you are dumb*

— Caroline Moss (@socarolinesays) [March 17, 2014](#)

TWO AMERICAS: One with gchat, the other without

— Justin Miller (@justinjm1) [March 17, 2014](#)

REPORT: National productivity soars 250% as Google chat goes down forever

— Maxwell Strachan (@maxwellstrachan) [March 17, 2014](#)

Other are reporting Google Docs and other Google services are down as well.

Google Docs appears to be down. I am lost.

— John Jannuzzi (@johnjannuzzi) [March 17, 2014](#)

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