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Sorry, there's a problem with Hotmail right now...

Hotmail seems to be having an outage. Anyone else see this?

Sorry, there's a problem with Hotmail right now

Hotmail wasn't able to complete this request. Microsoft may contact you about any issues you report.

Try to return to Hotmail

They said they have added new features, so please refresh the browser...

2/14/12 @ 10:30pm Pacific

[update: this seems to be a big massive global one.]

[update: While I have no way of knowing the cause of this, I suspect that we can help the Microsoft data center Geeks by giving them time between login attempts.]

Fixed here

[Update @ 11:56pm Pacific refreshing the page (press the F5 key) restored my Inbox (also someone in Rumania reported success).]

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1. Yeah, is happening to me to. I'm in California.



Comment by Anonymous | February 14, 2012 | Reply

Sir or Ms,
 Me too.



Comment by **techpaul** | February 14, 2012 | Reply

2. me too. i m in dubai



Comment by Mehdi | February 14, 2012 | Reply

 when the problem will be solve dear brother ..i need it on urgent bases!



About Tech Paul

I am a Retired computer & network technician. I used to think the machines were pretty cool. Now I don't. They're anything but.



I regularly posted how-to's and tricks & tips and general computing advice here starting in 2007. (Use the Search tool to find answers. But be aware, many are rather dated.) Sometimes I answered (your) specific questions in an article if I believed the answer was generally helpful to "everyone". All the writing you see was my own, typos and all. There always is/was an implied "IMHO" in what you see here.

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18. Same here. Belgium.

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19. This is also happening to me on 3 different accounts. I can sign in to Messenger but cannot read my email. I'm in Mexico City by the way.

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Comment by Rod | February 14, 2012 | Reply

20. the same, Riyadh

★ Like

Comment by TooFy | February 14, 2012 | Reply

21. It's happening to me too. I'm in my mothers womb with a blackberry.

★ Like

Comment by Anonymous | February 14, 2012 | Reply

very good humor!

★ Like

Comment by Anonymous | February 14, 2012 | Reply

22. me too - australia, queensland

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Comment by Anonymous | February 14, 2012 | Reply

23. This is happening to me too.

"Sorry, there's a problem with Hotmail right now Hotmail wasn't able to complete this request. Microsoft may contact you about any issues you report."

I'm in Northern California. What is going on?

★ Like

🖍 Comment by raquii | February 14, 2012 | Reply

raquii,

Any "guess" on my part is utter speculation, but I suspect there has been a type of cascading failure (the more people try to get on, the worse the trouble gets) and it will be some time before access is restored.

I further suspect that we can help by giving them some time between login attempts.

But I really have no idea... and I doubt they'll tell us.

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Comment by techpaul | February 14, 2012 | Reply

24. Yes Guatemala too!

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Comment by Anonymous | February 14, 2012 | Reply

25. the same ...in Switzerland

🖈 Like

Comment by me | February 14, 2012 | Reply

26. Same here in Canada. What a load of shit!

🖈 Like

Comment by Anonymous | February 14, 2012 | Reply

27. same same Vietnam

★ Like

Comment by Anonymous | February 14, 2012 | Reply

28. Same here!!! I am from Singapore (Asia is not spared too).

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Comment by liuyx | February 14, 2012 | Reply

29. me to, Florida

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BELIEVE while

others are doubting.
PLAN while others are playing.
STUDY while others are sleeping.
DECIDE while others are delaying.
PREPARE while others are daydreaming.
BEGIN while others

are
procrastinating.
WORK while others
are wishing.
SAVE while others
are wasting.
LISTEN while
others are talking.

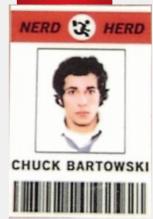
LACK OF PLANNING ILE while others on YOUR PART COMMEND while others are CONSTITUTE AN EMERGENCY



ON MINE!

~ William Arthur Ward

others are quitting.



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	Comment by Anonymous February 14, 2012 Reply
30.	Same in Sweden
	★ Like
	Comment by Anonymous February 14, 2012 Reply
31.	Wow (again). This really is big
	★ Like
	Comment by techpaul February 14, 2012 Reply
32.	Moscow, Russia. Same.
	★ Like
	Comment by Anonymous February 14, 2012 Reply
33.	same here. I am in Utah. Does anyone know what is going on?
	★ Like
	Comment by Anonymous February 14, 2012 Reply
34.	Same here in TEXAS
	★ Like
	Comment by Anonymous February 14, 2012 Reply
35.	Same herefrom Mauritius:S
	★ Like
	Comment by Anonymous February 14, 2012 Reply
36.	It's the end of the world as we know itand I feel fine :)
	★ Like
	Comment by Anonymous February 14, 2012 Reply
	Great song.
	★ Like
	Comment by techpaul February 14, 2012 Reply
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	Comment by jawad February 14, 2012 Reply
45.	same here in vancouver canada
	★ Like
	Comment by Anonymous February 14, 2012 Reply
46.	Happining in Ohio, too
	★ Like
	Comment by Anonymous February 14, 2012 Reply
47.	same in Kuwait !!
	★ Like
	Comment by Anonymous February 14, 2012 Reply
48.	Same here in India
	★ Like
	Comment by Anonymous February 14, 2012 Reply
49.	same here in Japan (Tokyo)
	★ Like
	Comment by rei February 14, 2012 Reply
50.	same here in ontario canada
	★ Like
	Comment by Anonymous February 14, 2012 Reply
	 Same, in Vancouver, Canada. how come I can log in with my iphone but not my computer??
	★ Like
	Comment by Anonymous February 14, 2012 Reply
	■ That is a very good question!
	★ Like **Comment by techpaul February 15, 2012 Reply
51.	Same here in UAE
	★ Like
	Comment by PraVeeN February 14, 2012 Reply
52.	It is still down - status here - https://status.live.com/
	★ Like
	Comment by PraVeeN February 14, 2012 Reply
53.	Same here, in Tennessee. 1:17am
	★ Like
	Comment by Anonymous February 14, 2012 Reply
54.	Happening in Athens, Greece too.
	★ Like
	Comment by Maria T. February 14, 2012 Reply
55.	Even in New Mexico! Go figure.
	★ Like
	Comment by Anonymous February 14, 2012 Reply
56.	Same here - New Zealand
	★ Like
	Comment by Anonymous February 14, 2012 Reply
57.	same in South Africa
	★ Like
	Comment by Leroy February 14, 2012 Reply

	★ Like
	Comment by Anonymous February 14, 2012 Reply
59.	same in hong kong
	★ Like
	Comment by Anonymous February 14, 2012 Reply
60.	By looking at the IP's of these comments, I decided this was indeed a 'global' outage at about.11pm (Pacific).
	Central America, Africa, Asia, Pacific Rim, Middle East, Scandinavia, N. America, Down Under haven't heard from S. America and Iceland
	Wow. How's that for an "oopsie"?
	★ Like
	Comment by techpaul February 14, 2012 Reply
61.	Same here !! I'm in Houston TX.
	★ Like
	Comment by Hussain February 14, 2012 Reply
62.	same in london
	★ Like
	Comment by Anonymous February 14, 2012 Reply
63.	same in south korea, way to go microsoft;
	★ Like
	Comment by Anonymous February 14, 2012 Reply
64.	same here in British Columbia, Canadathis seems to be a true world-wide eventhmm
	★ Like
	Comment by Anonymous February 14, 2012 Reply
65.	Same thing in France. Should we start to be worried about it?
	★ Like
	Comment by Giuseppe February 14, 2012 Reply
	 Giuseppe, That would depend entirely on the cause of the failure. (But I don't know how worrying can help a body)
	If it is due to some new code (aka "a new feature"/update) they (Microsoft) introduced, than, no, I shouldn't think so.
	If it is due to some new code some hacker (or hacker group) put in, than yes. I think we could have cause to be concerned. To say the
	least.
	But at this point, we need Microsoft to tell us. I am just a Hotmail user, like you. I have no "insider knowledge" of this um, er, "event".
	★ Like
	At Comment by techpaul February 14, 2012 Reply
66.	same here in Switzerland
	★ Like
	Comment by Anonymous February 14, 2012 Reply
67.	wa state too!
	★ Like
	Comment by Anonymous February 14, 2012 Reply
68.	yes here in Hong Kong too
	★ Like
	Comment by Anonymous February 14, 2012 Reply
69.	Nothing in Nigeria either or in New Zealand.
	★ Like

	Comment by Anonymous February 14, 2012 Reply
70.	Australia also –
	★ Like
	Comment by Anonymous February 14, 2012 Reply
71.	same here in Bosnia
	★ Like
	Comment by Anonymous February 14, 2012 Reply
72.	I can't access hotmail too I'm in Melbourne, Australia
	★ Like
	Comment by Anonymous February 14, 2012 Reply
73.	Same here in the moon.
	★ Like
	Comment by Buzz Aldrin February 14, 2012 Reply
74.	same here in the Netherlands (Holland). [expletive deleted] now I cannot check my email while being at work [expletive deleted]
	★ Like
	Comment by Anonymous February 14, 2012 Reply
75.	Bosnia also
	± Like
	Comment by Anonymus February 14, 2012 Reply
76.	Same in Tacoma, Washington
	± Like
	Comment by Anonymous February 14, 2012 Reply
77.	Yep – same problem – New Zealand
	★ Like
	Comment by Jo February 14, 2012 Reply
78.	Same in Birmingham, UK.
	★ Like
	Comment by Anonymous February 14, 2012 Reply
79.	Yes problem is in Cyprus too!
	★ Like Comment by Anonymous February 14, 2012 Reply
00	
80.	Same in Montenegro
	★ Like Comment by Anonymous February 14, 2012 Reply
81.	Yep, same here, Napa, CA US
01.	★ Like
	Comment by whynot February 14, 2012 Reply
82.	Still happening here in the USA. I'm in WV.
02.	★ Like
	Comment by Anonymous February 14, 2012 Reply
83.	hotmail collapsed???? pff same thing which make me very angry
00.	temporary in moscow
	★ Like
	Comment by Anonymous February 14, 2012 Reply
84.	Southern California, frustrating and very bad timing!!!!
	★ Like
0.5	Comment by Anonymous February 14, 2012 Reply
85.	same here – mauritius

	Comment by Maria February 14, 2012 Reply
86.	Man, this so strange.Its happening also to me and my friends here in Africa.Angola
	★ Like
	Comment by Anonymous February 14, 2012 Reply
87.	Seattle here, and as many professionals (engineers) I know that work for Microsoft, the MASSIVE OVERTIME and projects never-ending may be finally manifestingone big hug "*#!&#&^" !!!!!!! But on Valentine's DayreallIlly?</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>★ Like</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Comment by Anonymous February 14, 2012 Reply</td></tr><tr><td>88.</td><td>same in France</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>★ Like</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Comment by Anonymous February 14, 2012 Reply</td></tr><tr><td>89.</td><td>I m having the same problem</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>★ Like</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Comment by Anonymous February 14, 2012 Reply</td></tr><tr><td>90.</td><td>here in China also!</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>★ Like</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Comment by Mike February 14, 2012 Reply</td></tr><tr><td>91.</td><td>Same in Tacoma, Wa</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>★ Like</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Comment by OT February 14, 2012 Reply</td></tr><tr><td>92.</td><td>Same here im in Lima, Peru</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>★ Like</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Comment by Anonymous February 14, 2012 Reply</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Ah. South America is confirmed thx</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>★ Like</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>At Comment by techpaul February 14, 2012 Reply</td></tr><tr><td>93.</td><td>why hotmail is not working anywhere in iNDA ON 14TH FEBRUARY,2013?</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>WE TRIED TO FIND OUT THE CAUSE BUT GOT NO ANSWER FROM HOTMAIL.</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>± Like</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Comment by atanu banerji February 14, 2012 Reply</td></tr><tr><td>94.</td><td>I started having this problem right after I added the "Windows Ad Blocker" extension in Firefox.</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>± Like</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Comment by Osc February 14, 2012 Reply</td></tr><tr><th></th><th> Osc, That is one FF add-on I was unfamiliar with (but will look at). (I'd be flabbergasted if the two are in any way related. I get the same in FF and IE on different machines.) </th></tr><tr><td></td><td>★ Like</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>At Comment by techpaul February 14, 2012 Reply</td></tr><tr><td>95.</td><td>+1 in Vancouver BC</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>± Like</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Comment by Anonymous February 14, 2012 Reply</td></tr><tr><td>96.</td><td>PS – it's now 15th Feb here (almost midday) in Mauritius :)</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>★ Like</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Comment by Maria February 14, 2012 Reply</td></tr><tr><td>97.</td><td>The same in Catalonia (free from spain)</td></tr></tbody></table>

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	Comment by Català February 14, 2012 Reply
98.	I thought I had a virus or was hijacked. Uninstalling and reinstalling Firefox didn't help. I removed the "Windows Ad Blocker" and that didn't help. My gmail works. I HATE HOTMAIL. Unfortunately a lot of my personal stuff is on it.
	★ Like
	Comment by Osc February 14, 2012 Reply
99.	LOL @ Buzz Aldrin (the moon) :D
	★ Like
	Comment by Anonymous February 14, 2012 Reply
100.	Problems here in Victoria, Canada
	★ Like
	Comment by Anonymous February 14, 2012 Reply
101.	1:40 am Feb 15th in Kenora, Ontario, still not working for me. How about a note on the main page letting us know what's going on, hotmail??
	★ Like
	Comment by Anonymous February 14, 2012 Reply
	 Sir or MS, I assure you that if Microsoft calls, I will pick myself up off the floor, and post what they tell me but I'm not holding my breath.
	★ Like
	Comment by techpaul February 14, 2012 Reply
102.	Same in Ploiesti, Romania
	± Like
	Comment by V February 14, 2012 Reply
103.	Lima, Peru too.
	± Like
	Comment by Anonymous February 14, 2012 Reply
104.	same in japan
	★ Like
	Comment by Holly Swift February 14, 2012 Reply
105.	Soved by browser refresh indeed. Thank you :)
	★ Like
	Comment by V February 14, 2012 Reply
	 V, Mine just came back with a refresh (press the F5 key) as well. (@11:52 Pacific)
	★ Like
	Comment by techpaul February 14, 2012 Reply
106.	Thousands of accounts on web-based e-mail system Hotmail have been compromised in a phishing attack, software giant Microsoft has confirmed.
	BBC News has seen a list of more than 10,000 e-mail accounts, predominantly originating from Europe, and passwords which were posted online.
	Microsoft said it had launched an investigation.
	Phishing involves using take websites to Jure people into revealing details

"We are aware that some Windows Live Hotmail customers' credentials were acquired illegally and exposed on a website," said a Microsoft spokesperson.

such as bank accounts or login names.

"Upon learning of the issue, we immediately requested that the credentials be removed and launched an investigation to determine the impact to

customers."

Quick change

Graham Cluley, consultant at security firm Sophos, told BBC News the published list may just be a subset of a longer list of compromised accounts.

"We still don't know the scale of the problem," he told BBC News.

Technology blog neowin.net was the first to publish details of the attack. It said the accounts were posted on 1 October to pastebin.com, a website commonly used by developers to share code.

Although the details have since been removed, BBC News and Neowin has seen a list of 10,028 names beginning with the letters A and B.

BBC News has confirmed that the accounts are genuine and predominantly originate in Europe.

The list included details of Microsoft's Windows Live Hotmail accounts with email addresses ending hotmail.com, msn.com and live.com.

Mr Cluley advised Hotmail users to change their password as soon as possible.

"I'd also recommend that people change the password on any other site where they use it," he said.

Around 40% of people use the same password for every website they use, he added.

Hotmail is currently the largest web-based e-mail service.

★ Like

Comment by tim | February 14, 2012 | Reply

Tim,Uh.. this is 3 years old... (Oct, 2009)

★ Like

Comment by techpaul | February 15, 2012 | Reply

I DIG YOUR WEBSITE MAN.

+ Libe

Comment by Osc | February 15, 2012 | Reply

Osc.

Thanks. I post daily, and there's over 1,700 articles here.

★ Like

Comment by **techpaul** | February 15, 2012 | Reply

107. Hey guys, my hotmail is up and running again.....first I accessed Send Mail, then Calendar, then Contacts, then Inbox. Then I signed off and signed back in and VOILA! up and running......who would've figured?

★ Like

Comment by Osc | February 14, 2012 | Reply

o Osc,

Not bad downtime, considering the scale...

★ Like

Comment by **techpaul** | February 14, 2012 | Reply

108. Im back up again here in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil...

★ Like

Comment by Anonymous | February 14, 2012 | Reply

109. I had the same problem in Santa Clara, CA since 11 pm PST but i got it back 1 min ago Good luck to you all! I'm totally stop using Hotmail. Switching to Gmail

★ Like

Comment by zd | February 15, 2012 | Reply

Though it has been a while.. Gmail has outages too. All web-based services can/will/do.

(That's just one reason why I am not a fan of "cloud computing"..)

Like

Comment by techpaul | February 15, 2012 | Reply

110. Hit F5 and worked for me:)

★ Like

Comment by Rod | February 15, 2012 | Reply

o :)

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A Comment by techpaul | February 15, 2012 | Reply

111. same her in orlando and i got an essay to do!

★ Like

Comment by eddie rp | February 15, 2012 | Reply

 eddie rp,
 Still down? Try pressing the F5 key. Many areas seem to be back online.. but yours may be taking a bit longer..

★ Like

Comment by techpaul | February 15, 2012 | Reply

112. Started working now.

★ Like

Comment by Anonymous | February 15, 2012 | Reply

113. here in Afghanistan Qala i naw it works

🖈 Like

Comment by jawad | February 15, 2012 | Reply

114. working now...:D

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Comment by bia | February 15, 2012 | Reply

115. Folks,

Here is an Microsoft explanation of (quite) recent events, which may have had something to do with tonight's outage: **What happened in the recent Hotmail outage**

But this article from just a week ago blames (a different outage?) on DNS server propagation..: Hotmail, MSN outage sparks doubts about Microsoft cloud

I'll keep my eye out for more.

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A Comment by techpaul | February 15, 2012 | Reply

116. Apologies

Folks,

Some comments were marked by WordPress' spam filter, and I accidentally clicked "delete all" instead of "approve all".. and I cannot get them back.

My only excuse is it is quite late here and I am groggy-tired.

Sorry about that.

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Comment by techpaul | February 15, 2012 | Reply

117. Hello to everyone who visited here during the outage. This article generated a heck of a lot of comments. I'd like to see all of you around here commenting on TechPauls posts on a daily basis. Some days we get a good conversation going that opens the door to other tech questions and discussions. I know it gives our host a good recharge of his blogger batteries, and we might even learn a thing or two...

My hotmail account was also down but is back up and running again... Midwest USA.

game).
On the brighter side, I did get one compliment; and several signed up for email subscriptions.. probably a half-dozen added *Tech - for Everyone* to their Bookmarks/Favorites (that's a guess). Also, as I was the only one who posted anything about the outage (I still don't

was the only one who posted anything about the outage (I still don't see any headlines) I did, briefly, receive hundreds of "hits" per minute – which the little robotic bean counters at Search Engine Headquarters note, and that helps my "Website Ranking". For what that's worth. (Aka 0.0¢)

Watching the comments come in was a good example of **Web 2.0** in action, and it was kinda cool hearing from folks around the globe.. but it kept me up way past my bedtime. Ha!

I do hope your comment stimulates some thought in people, and I do appreciate your taking the time to post it. Thank you.

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At Comment by techpaul | February 15, 2012 | Reply

118. Aww, man, I missed all the excitement. But then, I haven't had a Hotmail account since MSN bought it eons ago.

Thumbs up @ kstinman.

For the next week and a half I am going to be in and out...Family stuff. I will try to comment when I can.

This is one of the reasons I support Indie developers instead of the mainstream over priced game developers...Martin Kool - Game Developer Gives 7-Year-Old Best Birthday Present Ever

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Comment by delenn13 | February 15, 2012 | Reply

delenn13, Pretty neat!

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