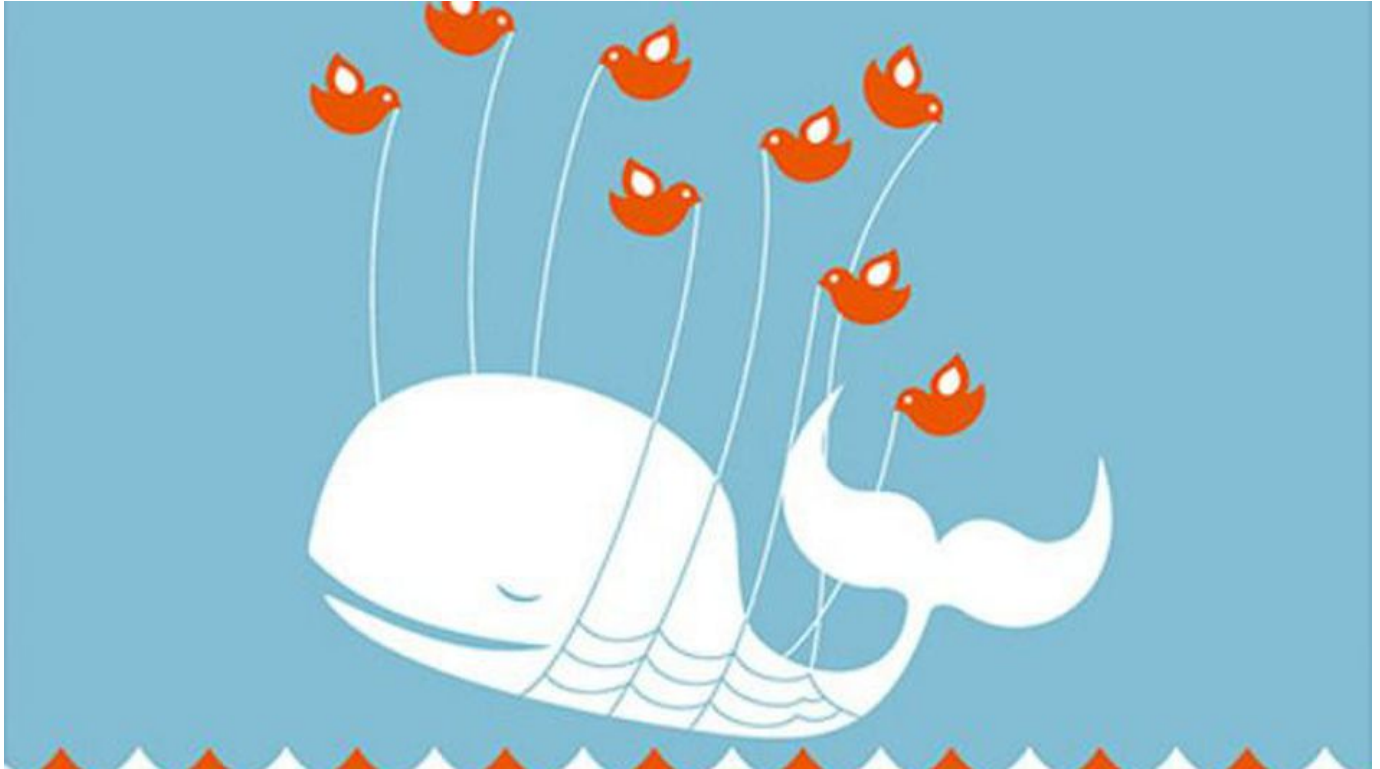


Twitter's Outage Is Its Biggest in 8 Months

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[Twitter](#) suffered its most prolonged outage in eight months on Thursday as the site was down for more than an hour for the first time since October 2011.

However, the previous outage took place in a relatively quiet time of day for the service — midnight to 1 a.m. EST on Oct. 7, according to tracking site [Pingdom](#). Twitter was mostly down for another one-hour period on Nov. 29 from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. EST, according to Pingdom, and suffered on-off periods for about an hour on Dec. 14, 2011, and Dec. 31 during peak times as well.

Still, according to Pingdom's figures, Twitter has enjoyed 99%-plus uptime for every month this year and hit 100% in April. That's a far cry from 2007 and 2008, when "Twitter Is Down" was a static headline on *Mashable* and the "fail whale" (curiously missing on Thursday) was a common sight.

Twitter tweeted that the outage was caused by a "cascaded bug in one of our infrastructure components." A Twitter rep provided further clarification: "A cascaded bug is a bug that's not confined to a particular software element, but one that 'cascades' into other parts of the system."

Meanwhile, users were at a loss with what to do with themselves

during the interruption. "I didn't have any idea how much I use Twitter until it went down," commented one user, [Ronen Mendezitsky](#). "Not surviving. I work with Twitter," wrote another user, [Stephanie Canarte](#). "It's like I don't know what's going on in the world without it!" she added.

Mashable editor-in-chief Lance Ulanoff also asked followers on Twitter how they got on during the outage and got the following replies:



What's your take? Were you lost without Twitter? Did you even notice it was down? Let us know in the comments.

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Uber is reportedly buying food delivery company Postmates for \$2.65 billion

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Uber is reportedly acquiring food delivery startup Postmates for \$2.65 billion, with official confirmation of the all-stock buyout expected as soon as Monday. The news was reported Sunday by Bloomberg and The New York Times, both of which cited anonymous sources with knowledge of the deal.

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Ennio Morricone, legendary film composer for 'The Good, the Bad and the Ugly', dies at 91

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Ennio Morricone, the Italian composer best known for scoring the likes of Sergio Leone's *The Good, the Bad and the Ugly* and John Carpenter's *The Thing*, has died at the age of 91. Morricone passed away in a clinic in Rome several days after breaking his femur, according to the Guardian, who confirmed the death via his lawyer.

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Created by Festo, the BionicSwift is a flying robot that can autonomously move in coordinated groups of five. The robot weighs only 42 grams and can fly uninterrupted for up to seven minutes using incredibly intricate artificial feathers and mimicking the motion of real birds.

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