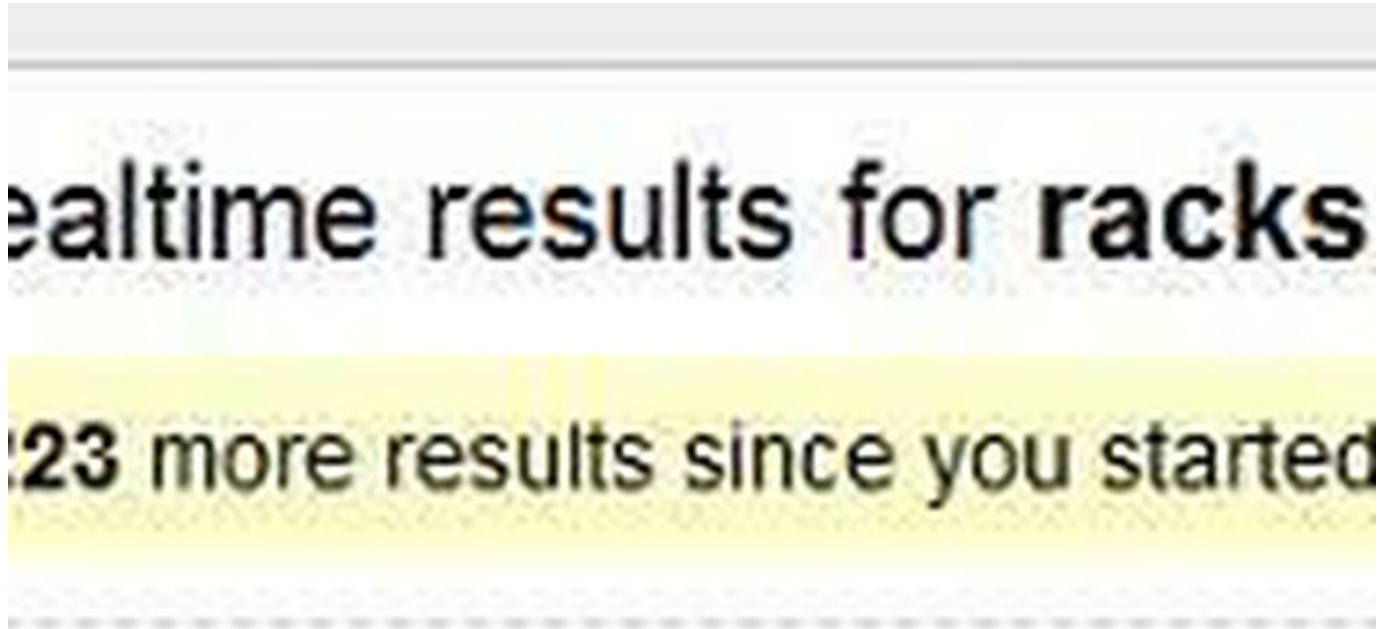


Rackspace Outage Takes Down Big Portions of the Web

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It appears that a networking issue at RackSpace took many websites offline this afternoon (including Mashable for a period of time), starting at around 4:30 p.m. EST (with [confirmation](#) from Rackspace about 15 minutes later).

37Signals (and its suite of apps), Threadless and the recently launched Vevo were among the major websites knocked offline, although [Twitter](#) search indicates that potentially thousands that host on either Rackspace's cloud or dedicated servers were impacted. While a slow Friday afternoon before the holidays for those of us in the media business might not be a huge deal, an outage during the busiest online shopping time of the year is a big blow to ecommerce companies that host with Rackspace. We'll wait and see what type of resolution — if any — the company offers to its customers.

Notice any other big websites down this afternoon, or experience problems of your own? Let us know in the comments.

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The Schuyler Sisters break down the ongoing relevance of 'Hamilton'

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Hamilton landed on Disney+ on July 3 during what could be described as a boiling-point for America. But the Broadway musical's beloved songs have proven their staying power, many years later.

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We need our friends more than ever right now. I have spent the past 100 days of lockdown in the sleepy Warwickshire village where I grew up. Coming back to the place I once called home, I've become aware that a friendship of mine that once burned bright is now slowly extinguishing itself. Like striking a match on a windy day, all attempts to rekindle it have been snuffed out.

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OkCupid now lets all users share their pronouns, regardless of gender or orientation

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In 2018, OkCupid rolled out a feature for users who identified as any gender other than a man or woman to choose their pronouns. Now, the dating app is opening that feature up to every user regardless of their gender. They're doing this in the hopes that it will normalize listing pronouns in your profile and create a safer environment for OkCupid's trans and nonbinary users.

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This hands-free AI selfie robot is like your own personal videographer

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TL;DR: Turn your phone into a hands-free camera for photos and video with the 360° Rotation Smart AI Object Tracking Gimbal for \$39.99, a 69% savings as of July 6. As you scroll through your Instagram feed, it always seems like somehow everyone has their own personal photographer.

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Apple's iPhone 12 will be late, but not as late as it might've been, report says

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