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YouTube Back After Outage

Internet video hub YouTube was unreachable for several hours this morning. Google has not yet issued an incident report or explanation.

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It's been a rough couple of days for uptime at the world's most popular sites. This morning **YouTube** was down for several hours, and Google has yet to issue an incident report. The downtime for the web's leading video hub follows an [outage yesterday for Wikipedia](#).

Many users visiting YouTube were greeted with an "Http/1.1 Service Unavailable" error message or a 500 Internal Server Error. Videos embedded in third-party sites apparently continued to work just fine. "YouTube experienced a technical issue this morning," YouTube reported, using its [Twitter feed](#) to state the obvious. "Our engineers worked to fix it and the site is back to normal."

Last fall YouTube announced that it is serving more than [1 billion page views](#) a day. That works out to 11,574 page views per second, and means that YouTube serves up a million page views about every 90 seconds. So a two-hour outage might equate to 83 million page views - real traffic to most folks, but a busy morning at Google.

Last February 2008 YouTube was [knocked offline](#) for two hours when Pakistan Telecom inadvertently claimed its IP addresses.

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