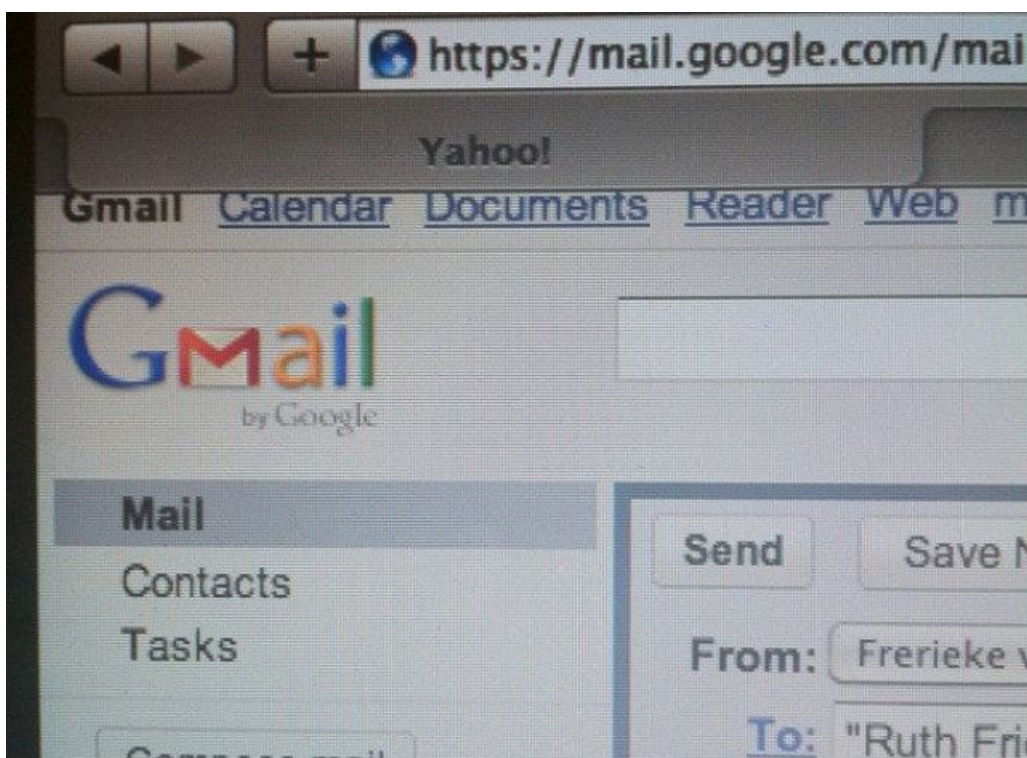


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Gmail Down: Google Email Suffers Service Disruption (UPDATE)



By Craig Kanalley



A number of Gmail users are finding error messages this afternoon, as the popular email service is suffering some rare downtime.

UPDATE: [Google](#) [says](#) the issue has been resolved:

"The problem with Google Mail should be resolved. 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."

EARLIER:

Google acknowledges the problem and says it is "working on it." It also released a [statement](#) that the outage is affecting less than 2 percent of its users worldwide:

Thanks everyone for the reports of 500 errors, we're working on it:

<http://t.co/VNCNNdIN>

— Gmail (@gmail) [April 17, 2012](#)

The [Google's App Status Dashboard](#) shows a half-circle for "Google Mail," signifying a partial service disruption. Hundreds of tweets are [also saying](#) that Gmail is down. **(Scroll down for Twitter reactions.)**

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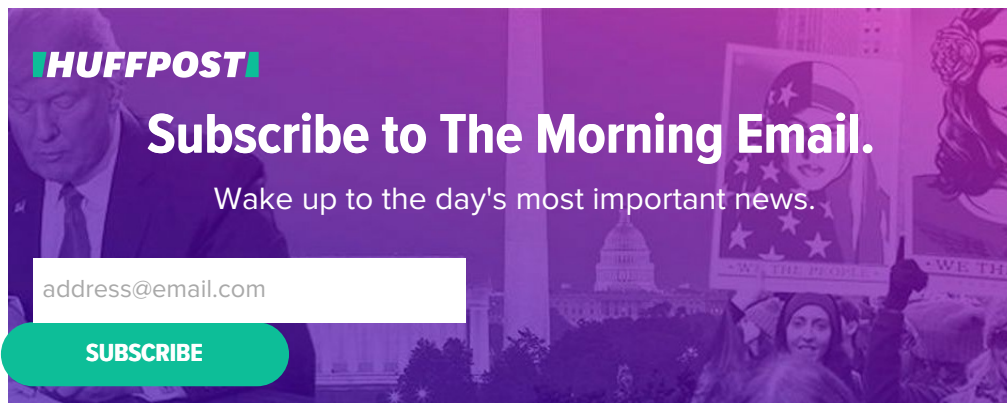
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The outage began around 12:30 p.m. ET, BNO News [reports](#), when users began seeing the message: "We're sorry, but your Gmail account is temporarily unavailable."

Mashable [asked Google+ users](#) if they were experiencing problems, and the response was mixed. [According to Mashable reporter Alex Fitzpatrick](#), "about 50% of respondents" say Gmail is down.

Google experienced a few email outages this past fall - in [November](#) and [September](#).



Are you having problems accessing Gmail? Let us know in the comments or tweet us at [@HuffPostTech](#).



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