

# Amazon's Cloud Crash Disaster Permanently Destroyed Many Customers' Data



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In addition to taking down the sites of dozens of high-profile companies for hours (and, in some cases, days), Amazon's [huge EC2 cloud services crash](#) permanently destroyed some data.

The data loss was apparently small relative to the total data stored, but anyone who runs a web site can immediately understand how terrifying a prospect any data loss is.

(And a small loss on a percentage basis for [Amazon](#), obviously, could be catastrophic for some companies).



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