

Gmail Down

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My Gmail account has been down for over two days. When I try to log in, it says it's down for maintenance and they don't know how long it will take. When I try to get my mail through POP, it simply doesn't work. And when I contact the Gmail people, all I get back is form responses. I've used Gmail as my mail client for the past couple years, so if you've sent me mail and I haven't responded — that's why.

The thing that really puzzles me is *why*. I can understand occasional outtages, but I can't understand what could cause my account to go down for days, unless they lost my data and are too embarassed to actually tell me. The only thing I can think of is that something went wrong and there's just no one around to fix it. Which, considering Gmail's popularity, would be kinda sad.

Sorry to bug you with my personal problems, but obviously it's time for me to switch away from Gmail. I've been careful to always keep my email going to my main server, so I haven't lost too much data, but figuring out a way to read my mail again is rather difficult.

I get absurd quantities of spam (40,000 spam messages a month) so my mailboxes are just full of junk. And it's not clear to me how to clear it out. A bayesian filter like bogofilter requires non-spam messages to train on — and if I had my non-spam messages, I wouldn't need a spam filter. Spamassassin seems to work better, but it's incredibly slow and inaccurate, taking a couple seconds per email (at this rate it will take days to see my mail again).

If you have any suggestions (or you're a person at Google who can turn my account on again) feel free to help. If you want to email me, I'm checking "feeds@reddit.com".