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| |  | | --- | |  |   **BUG** | |  | | --- | |  |   **ROOT CAUSE** | **Fix** | **LESSON** | **Screenshot Reference** |
| Site stuck showing “Briefly unavailable for scheduled maintenance. Check back in a minute.” | WordPress created a .maintenance file during an update (plugin/theme/core) and didn’t delete it due to an interruption or failure. | Manually deleted the .maintenance file from the site root folder |  WordPress uses .maintenance to show users that updates are in progress.   If an update fails or is interrupted, the file may not be removed automatically.   Deleting .maintenance safely restores access. | BEFORE:    AFTER: |