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GoDaddy Outage Takes Down Millions Of Sites, Anonymous Member Claims Responsibility

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According to many customers, sites hosted by major web host and domain registrar [GoDaddy \(http://godaddy.com\)](http://godaddy.com) are down. According to the official GoDaddy Twitter account the company is aware of the issue and is working to resolve it. **Update:** customers are complaining that GoDaddy hosted e-mail accounts are down as well, along with GoDaddy phone service and all sites using GoDaddy's DNS service.

Update 2: Anonymous is claiming responsibility. A member of [Anonymous \(http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anonymous_\(group\)\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anonymous_(group)) known as [AnonymousOwn3r \(https://twitter.com/AnonymousOwn3r\)](https://twitter.com/AnonymousOwn3r) is claiming responsibility, and makes it clear this is not an Anonymous collective action.

I've been adding more information below as details emerge.

A tipster tells us that the technical reason for the failure is being caused by the inaccessibility of GoDaddy's DNS servers — specifically CNS1.SECURESERVER.NET, CNS2.SECURESERVER.NET, and CNS3.SECURESERVER.NET are failing to resolve.

AnonymousOwn3r's bio reads "Security leader of #Anonymous (~Official member~)." The individual claims to [be from Brazil \(https://twitter.com/AnonymousOwn3r/status/245231432023302144\)](https://twitter.com/AnonymousOwn3r/status/245231432023302144), and hasn't issued a statement as to why GoDaddy was targeted.

Last year [GoDaddy was pressured into opposing SOPA \(http://techcrunch.com/2011/12/29/burned-by-fleeing-customers-godaddy-no-longer-just-doesnt-support-but-actually-opposes-sopa/\)](http://techcrunch.com/2011/12/29/burned-by-fleeing-customers-godaddy-no-longer-just-doesnt-support-but-actually-opposes-sopa/) as customers transferred domains off the service, and the company has been [the center of a few other controversies \(http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/GoDaddy#Controversies\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/GoDaddy#Controversies). However, AnonymousOwn3r [has tweeted \(https://twitter.com/AnonymousOwn3r/status/245242606165041152\)](https://twitter.com/AnonymousOwn3r/status/245242606165041152) "I'm not anti go daddy, you guys will understand because i did this attack."

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<https://twitter.com/AnonymousOwn3r/status/245227793334546432>

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@AnonymousOwn3r Good job brother, glad to see you back!

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@film_girl I'm taking godaddy down because well i'd like to test how the cyber security is safe and for more reasons that i can not talk now

<https://twitter.com/AnonymousOwn3r/status/245234582205652992>

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Status Alert: Hey, all. We're aware of the trouble people are having with our site. We're working on it.

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<https://twitter.com/GoDaddy/status/245213898683318272>

The service [Down For Everyone Or Just Me](http://www.downforeveryoneorjustme.com/) (<http://www.downforeveryoneorjustme.com/>) says the GoDaddy company website is down as well, but I've been able to access it just fine. However, it does indeed appear that sites hosted by GoDaddy are down — including those who only have their domains registered through GoDaddy but use other hosts.

For example, I'm seeing a database error on couponpuppet.com (<http://couponpuppet.com/>), one of the customers complaining about the outage on Twitter.

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