

Record-breaking Facebook & Instagram outage sparks Twitter meme frenzy

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Netizens from all parts of the world have taken to Twitter to complain about their inability to log on to Instagram or Facebook, as both social media networks have been down with an unknown technical glitch for more than 10 hours.

In what is believed to be the longest outage ever suffered by Facebook and Instagram, which is also owned by the social media giant, users either have been unable to access the platforms, or use certain essential functions such as leaving comments or uploading photos.

@yomnagamalalden When both Facebook and Instagram are down but Twitter is working. # facebookdown

According to the Down Detector, Facebook has been plagued by unknown problems since 12:01pm Wednesday (ET). While Facebook acknowledged on Twitter that it was aware of the issue and was scrambling to resolve it "*as soon as possible,"* full access to the platform has not been restored even after 10 hours of work.

"I can't comment, even on my own thread, or post. I'm getting no new notifications after 20hrs. In North West Montana," a frustrated user wrote.

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"Is facebook game over? Down for 8 hours already. What is the stock price of facebook today? XD," another quipped.

"I've logged in IG but all my stories and pics are gone :(" a user wrote on the Down Detector.

The outages have impacted different parts of the world, from the US, parts of Latin America, the Philippines to the UK, India, Canada, Turkey, and others.

While the outage has left many unnerved to the point of almost converting to Snapchat, chaos and panic caused by Instagram and Facebook withdrawal saw Twitter, the last social media bastion standing, awash with memes.

@cloutboat MySpace getting ready to relaunch: <u>#instagramdown</u> <u>#FacebookDown</u>

Deprived Instagram and Facebook followers served to bump up Twitter user numbers.

All joking aside, the outage apparently trigged withdrawal symptoms, with social media addicts frantically refreshing their pages.

<u>@ThePerezHilton</u> Correct me if I'm wrong, but I think today has been the longest/worst outage in the history of Facebook/Instagram! It's driving me crazy!!! Really affecting my work!! <u>#FacebookDown</u> <u>#InstagramDown</u> <u>#WhatsAppDown</u>

Some pointed out an ironic coincidence – the woes that befell Facebook and Instagram mark exactly 30 years since the internet was created.

Others used the outage as a case in point against monopolies, of which Facebook is a prime example.

<u>@PrisonPlanet</u> Facebook, Instagram, WhatsApp all down at the same time. Is anyone talking about the weakness of monopolies? How on earth are all these things on the same backbone?