

Google Broke the Internet in Japan

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Google had a bit of a software glitch last Friday and it screwed up the internet in Japan pretty bad. It's interesting and a bit scary to see how much the world depends on internet. Because of slow speeds as half of the country was down, financial trading was halted and even rail service ground to a stop as people couldn't buy tickets. Google had things fixed within an hour, but the effect was felt for much longer.

The problem occurred around noon on Friday. A mistake on Google's end made it appear as if a large chunk of IP addresses were available for internet traffic to be routed through Google. However, those IP addresses actually belonged to Japanese internet service providers. So a large amount of traffic that was meant for Japan was suddenly sent towards Google by major internet service providers like Verizon.

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