

How Amazon keeps crashing the Internet

Amazon Web Services (AWS), the web-hosting service that powers huge swathes of the Internet, has crashed three times in December, taking down services like *Disney+*, *Netflix*, *Starbucks* and *Zoom* for hours

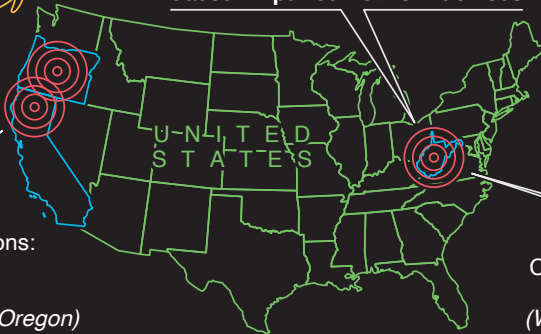
PROBLEMS WITH AMAZON WEB SERVICES



Dec 7, Cloud Region: US-EAST-1 (*West Virginia*)

Downtime: 7 hours

Cause: Impaired network devices



Dec 15

Cloud Regions:

US-West-1

US-West-2

(*California, Oregon*)

Downtime: 2 hours

Cause: Internet connectivity issue

Dec 22

Cloud Region:

US-EAST-1

(*West Virginia*)

Downtime: 2 hours

Cause: Power failure

AFFECTED SERVICES INCLUDE:

Amazon, Apex Legends, Coinbase, Epic Games, Hulu, McDonalds, PlayStation, U.S. Postal Service, Ring, Roku, Slack, Snapchat, Tinder

GLOBAL OUTAGES RESULTING FROM AWS CRASHES



Outages are reminder of what can happen when single company controls so much infrastructure