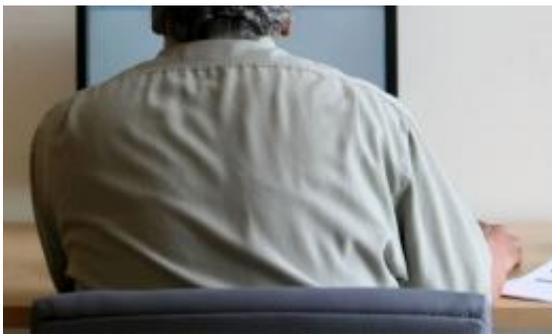


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Credit was claimed on Twitter by AnonymousOwn3r, identified as the "security leader" of the loosely organized hacker group known as Anonymous.

"Hello godaddy.com/ now yes! all servers #tangodown by @AnonymousOwn3r," a tweet said, using the code word for a hack attack.

When some news sites blamed the attack on Anonymous, the same

individual responded on Twitter by saying: "it is not Anonymous collective it's only me don't use Anonymous collective name on it, just my name."

GoDaddy issued its own statement on Twitter: "Status Alert: Hey, all. We're aware of the trouble people are having with our site. We're working on it."

The company added later: "So many messages, can't get to you all... Sorry to hear all your frustration. We're working feverishly to resolve as soon as possible."

The purported hacker, when asked about his motivation, tweeted; "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."

Another message said the attack had no specific time frame: "it can last one hour or one month," the tweet said.

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