

## Re: secure-tunnel.com status?

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notrom@nym.cryptofortress.com wrote in  
news:1098796735\_11390@216.128.74.13:

> *I spoke with one of their support guys on Monday. His statement to me*  
> *was that their firewall had crashed. He sounded pretty frazzled at the*  
> *time. It looks like they are completely cut off from the 'net. I did*  
> *not ask him if this was an attack or simple hardware failure.*  
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Tuesday afternoon by about 2PM EDT, the SSH service was back up, as was their web front page, but the members area accessed via HTTPS was still down and that's where they usually post 'We're moving this server, so expect a new key' type messages or 'Server such and such is down due to a powerfailure'.

I'd expect this kind of issue to get at least a mention, since the company makes its money on providing a secure service. I know that I'd like to know:

1. Was the company attacked by a 3rd party or was a hardware failure responsible for the outage?
2. If the company was attacked, what kind of attack was it? Was it a DDOS or did someone root the SSH server? If so, was any confidential data stolen? Logs, subscriber records, etc?
3. What's the status on the member's HTTP info page?

I feel bad for the guys, but they've got a responsibility to be forthcoming about everything that went on.