



Monitor site uptime with mySites.guru

mySites.guru runs its own uptime monitoring engine with per-minute checks and instant downtime alerts at no extra cost.

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We used to provide UptimeRobot Integrated monitors for your sites, but now we are providing UNLIMITED FREE uptime monitors - powered by our own custom-written engine - to all mySites.guru subscribers and connected sites.

How does free uptime monitoring work?

mySites.guru used UptimeRobot for uptime monitoring for nearly a decade. After reliability problems and a 352% price hike, we built our own engine instead. No extra cost to subscribers.


The engine runs as a standalone Node.js service on its own infrastructure, separate from the main mySites.guru servers. It checks your connected sites and alerts you when they go offline (or worse, get hacked) so you can respond quickly. mySites.guru also does SSL checks and much more in our audit tools.

The engine starts with a single HEAD request. If your site responds, great - nothing happens.

If there's no response within 45 seconds, it retries with a GET request and waits another 45 seconds. If that also fails, it makes one final GET request from a different location around the world (from a secret IP - your site shouldn't be blocking IPs, it's a public site). If all three fail, you get an email alert. If you get an alert but your site loads fine for you, there are a few common reasons for that.

Sites on the same server are staggered across different check times so we don't hit your server with a burst of HEAD requests all at once.

We load-tested the platform to 1 million domain checks per second. The whole thing runs on three \$5 servers - a fraction of what UptimeRobot was charging us. We just needed the push to build it ourselves.

 The screenshots below are from an older version of the interface. The dashboard has since been redesigned, but the monitoring works the same way.

Example email alert:

-- Monitor Down

Hi,

This is an automated system message from your mySites.guru account.

Just a note to let you know your site <http://solo.phil-taylor.com/> is currently not responding to our monitoring, and therefore is probably DOWN, and has been since **2021-08-12 09:53:15 UTC**.

The error message was: **Forbidden**

The current status we see is: **403**

If you need help or assistance with this please feel free to email me direct at phil@phil-taylor.com.

Kindest regards,

Phil











You can see an overview of all your monitors in your account:

Uptime Monitoring [Delete all monitors](#)

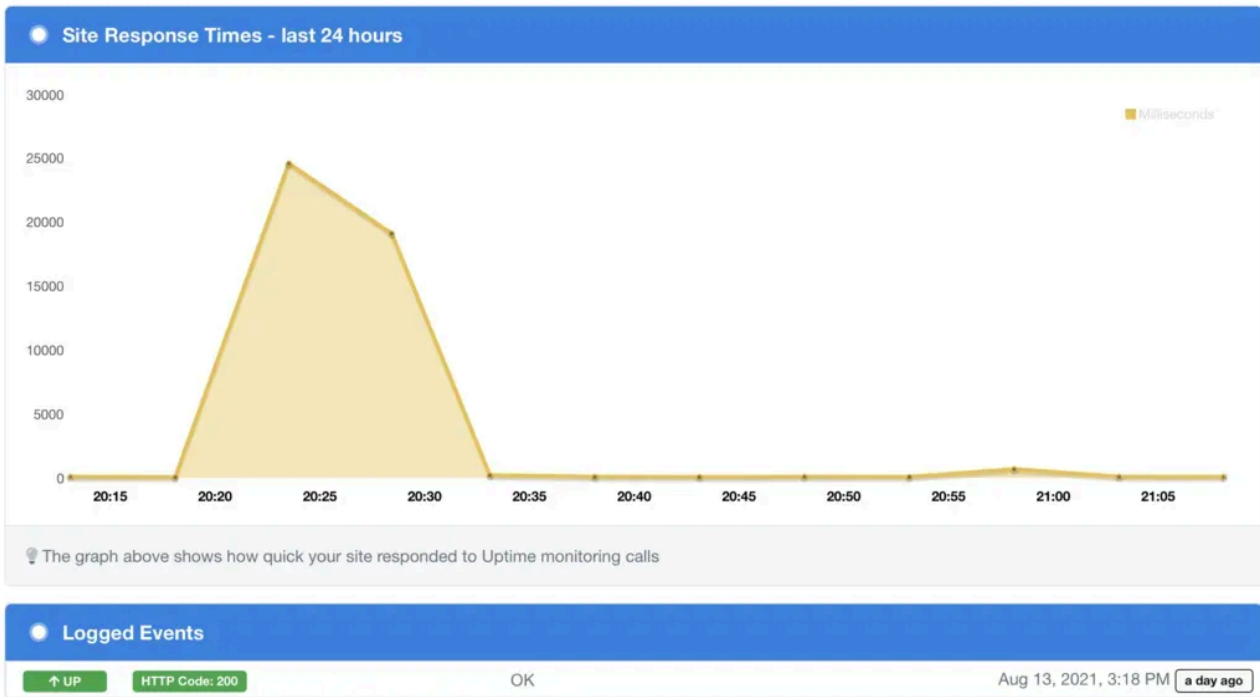
Our platform can alert you when your site is not online and responding, here is a list of your monitors. If you cant see the site you are looking for then check the "[No Uptime Monitor](#)" page, and enable the uptime monitor on the Manage Site -> Uptime Tab for the site.

Please note: We no longer provide UptimeRobot Monitors, but the checks are conducted by **our own monitoring engine**. Please ensure you are not blocking our [IP addresses](#) if you get false down messages.

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  example-smallwolf.com	Last checked: 5 minutes ago	87ms Response Time	200	UP	Manage Site →
  example-yellowbutterfly.com	Last checked: 5 minutes ago	10ms Response Time	200	UP	Manage Site →
  example-whitelion.com	Last checked: 5 minutes ago	855ms Response Time	200	UP	Manage Site →
  example-blacktiger.com	Last checked: 5 minutes ago	63ms Response Time	200	UP	Manage Site →
  example-yellowlion.com	Last checked: 5 minutes ago	0ms Response Time	200	UP	Manage Site →

You can also see the last 24 hours of response times, which makes it easy to spot performance problems:



Why did we stop using UptimeRobot?

mySites.guru used UptimeRobot for uptime monitoring from 2012 until August 2021. After UptimeRobot was acquired by itrinity in 2019, the service suffered repeated outages and our account was terminated without warning on multiple occasions. In July 2021, the new owners tried to raise our annual fee from \$6,792 to \$22,416 (a 352.4% increase) with 66 days' notice. We declined, and on 12th August 2021 we switched to our own custom-built monitoring engine. It handles all our monitoring at a fraction of the cost, with no third-party dependency.

Uptime monitoring is covered in depth in our [site monitoring and alerting guide](#).

Frequently Asked Questions

Does mySites.guru charge extra for uptime monitoring?

No - uptime monitoring is included free for all subscribers with no cap on the number of connected sites.

How does mySites.guru determine that a site is actually down before sending an alert?

It makes up to three requests - first a HEAD request, then a GET request, and finally a GET from a different global location - only alerting you by email if all three fail to get a response within 45 seconds each.

Why did mySites.guru stop using UptimeRobot and build its own monitoring engine?

After UptimeRobot was acquired and repeatedly suffered downtime, the new owners attempted to raise mySites.guru's annual fee by 352.4%, prompting the team to build a custom per-minute monitoring engine at a fraction of the cost.

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