

American Airlines Grounded. Accident or Potential Cyberattack?

As American Airlines struggles to regain control of its compute systems, almost 2,000 of the company's daily flights have already been cancelled or delayed due to an unspecified computer system outage. According to AA staff, the company has not yet provided any details as to the duration of the outage, or its cause. That said a company spokesperson said that initial indications were that it was not related to yesterday's tragic event in Boston.

Trying to put the best foot forward, American stated by 4:00 PM Tuesday that it was resuming operations and that it had experienced some "intermittent" disruptions. That may be a huge understatement as the number of cancelled and delayed flights has continued unabated today

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