

Global IT Outage Caused by Slow Recovery Following CrowdStrike Update | Technology News

Description

The CEO of a cybersecurity firm issued a public apology for a massive technology outage that disrupted businesses and services worldwide. The outage was caused by a faulty software update that grounded flights, knocked out financial companies, and disrupted hospitals, supermarkets, and government offices. Although some services have been restored, the CEO cautioned that a full recovery could take weeks. The US President's team is offering assistance to those affected, and experts are calling for a reevaluation of our reliance on a few technology companies for essential services. The incident has highlighted the vulnerability of the global interconnected economy and emphasized the need for more resilient infrastructure. Despite the disruption, officials are ruling out foul play and assuring the public that cybersecurity measures remain intact. The cybersecurity firm's stock fell after the incident, but analysts do not anticipate significant market share loss to competitors. Overall, the event serves as a reminder of the importance of cybersecurity in our increasingly digital world.

Vocabulary List:

- 1. **Apology** /əˈpɑːlədʒi/ (noun): A formal expression of regret or remorse for having wronged someone.
- 2. Disruption /dɪs'rʌp[ən/ (noun): An interruption or disturbance that causes a break in normal functioning.
- 3. Vulnerability /,vʌlnəˈbɪləti/ (noun): The quality of being open to harm damage or attack.

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- 4. **Resilient** /rɪˈzɪljənt/ (adjective): Able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions.
- 5. **Assistance** /əˈsɪstəns/ (noun): The provision of help or support in a task or situation.
- 6. Interconnected /,Intər'kə,nɛktɪd/ (adjective): Mutually joined or related; linked together in some way.

Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice

1. What was the cause of the massive technology outage mentioned in the text?

Option: Faulty software update

Option: Natural disaster Option: Cyberattack



Option: Hardware malfunction

2. Which of the following sectors was NOT significantly affected by the outage?

Option: Financial companies

Option: Supermarkets Option: Technology firms

Option: Hospitals

3. How long did the CEO caution that a full recovery from the outage could take?

Option: Days Option: Months Option: Weeks Option: Years

4. What assistance is being offered by the US President's team to those affected?

Option: Financial aid

Option: Cybersecurity training Option: Technical support

Option: Assistance

IEWS.COM 5. What is the main lesson highlighted by the incident according to the text?

Option: Importance of physical security Option: Need for digital transformation

Option: Vulnerability of the global interconnected economy

Option: Reliability of technology companies

6. What assurance do the officials provide regarding cybersecurity measures after the incident?

Option: Measures are compromised Option: Increased vulnerability Option: Measures are intact Option: Lack of resources

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Faulty software update 2. Technology firms 3. Weeks 4. Assistance 5. Vulnerability of the global interconnected economy 6. Measures are intact

Vocabulary quizzes



Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)

1. What financial term refers to the profits a company makes?

Option: Outage Option: Earnings Option: Rebound Option: Penalized

2. Which term is associated with the cost of borrowing money or the return on investment?

Option: Misinformation

Option: Interest Option: Trends Option: Debunked

3. What term is used to describe the use of goods and services by households?

Option: Framework
Option: Consumption
Option: Reforms
Option: Adjustments

4. Which term refers to changes or amendments made to existing policies or procedures?

Option: Beneficiaries Option: Reforms Option: Policymakers Option: Surpassed

5. What term is used to describe a decrease or reduction in value quantity or quality?

Option: Rallied

Option: Expectations
Option: Decline

Option: Disappointing

6. Which term refers to help or support provided to someone or something?

Option: Revive
Option: Assistance
Option: Vulnerability
Option: Disruption

7. What term is used to describe a period when a service or equipment is unavailable or not functioning?

Option: Stimulate Option: Outage Option: Apology



Option: Adjustments 8. Which term means to exceed or go beyond a certain level or standard? Option: Interest Option: Surpassed Option: Margins Option: Vulnerability 9. What term refers to the difference between the cost price and the selling price of a product? Option: Earnings Option: Misinformation **Option: Margins** Option: Adjustments 10. Which term means to seek information or advice from an expert or professional? Option: Rally Option: Consult Option: Clarified Option: Revive Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.) 11. Companies may need to make ______ to their strategies in response to market changes. 12. The spokesperson ______ the statements made earlier to provide more accurate information. 13. The new marketing campaign aims to _______ interest in the brand among younger audiences. 14. _____ are responsible for creating and implementing laws and regulations. 15. The recent data breach exposed the ______ of the company's cybersecurity

measures.

16. The strike by workers caused a major ______ in the production schedule.



17. Fact-checking websites aim to debunk	circulating on social media.
18. The new scholarship program will benefit many	from underprivileged
backgrounds.	
19. The government has established a	for sustainable development goals.
20. Tax incentives are often used to	economic growth in specific industries.
Matching Sentences (Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list.)	
21. After a period of recession the economy showed signs of recovery and growth.	
22. The myth about the effectiveness of that product was proven false with scientific evidence.	
23. Analysts study market patterns and consumer behavior to identify future movements.	
24. The team came together and performed exceptionally well under pressure.	
25. The company's performance exceeded what investors had anticipated for the quarter.	
26. The CEO issued a formal statement expressing regret for the lapses in customer service.	
27. Despite facing multiple challenges the business showed a strong ability to recover and adapt.	
28. Global markets are highly with developments in one region affecting others.	
29. Investors eagerly awaited the company's financial report to know its profits and losses.	
30. Individuals who violate company policies may face disciplinary actions or fines.	

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Earnings 2. Interest 3. Consumption 4. Reforms 5. Decline 6. Assistance 7. Outage 8. Surpassed 9. Margins 10. Consult

Gap-Fill: 11. Adjustments 12. Clarified 13. Revive 14. Policymakers 15. Vulnerability 16. Disruption 17. Misinformation 18. Beneficiaries 19. Framework 20. Stimulate

Matching sentence: 1. Rebound 2. Debunked 3. Trends 4. Rallied 5. Expectations 6. Apology 7. Resilient 8. Interconnected 9. Earnings 10. Penalized



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