



Laid-off Oracle Employee Warns of AI Job Threat

Description

By Tuesday morning, a long-time Oracle employee began to worry when he could not access the company's VPN. His concern grew when Slack stopped working, and he checked his email. He found a message informing him, along with many others, that his job was no longer needed.

The employee shared that the message felt dismissive and unprofessional. He wished to remain anonymous as he feared discussing his job loss could impact any benefits he might receive.

Oracle has not confirmed how many employees were laid off. The company refused to provide details on Tuesday and Wednesday. The worker believes artificial intelligence (AI) led to his job loss. He noted that AI could take jobs, but those changes mostly affect large companies that can integrate it into their operations.

In Washington, Oracle cut at least 491 jobs, and in Missouri, 539 workers were let go. These layoffs indicate a restructuring plan aiming to save costs, with budget estimates rising significantly over time.

Notably, some reports suggest that around 10,000 jobs were lost overnight across the company. The long-time Oracle worker expressed disappointment but remained pragmatic about the layoffs, stating he was in the later stages of his career and had fewer responsibilities.

Vocabulary List:

1. **layoffs** //ˈleɪ,ɔfs// (noun): times when workers lose their jobs
2. **restructuring** //,ri:'strʌktʃərɪŋ// (noun): changing how a company is organized
3. **integrate** //ˈɪntə,ɡreɪt// (verb): to combine something into a system
4. **anonymous** //ə'nɒnəməs// (adjective): not showing your name or identity
5. **dismissive** //dɪ'smɪsɪv// (adjective): showing little respect or interest
6. **pragmatic** //præɡ'mætɪk// (adjective): dealing with problems in a realistic way

Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice

1. What issue did the long-time Oracle employee experience first?



- Option: Could not access email
- Option: Could not access VPN
- Option: Slack stopped working
- Option: Job loss notification

2. How many employees did Oracle cut in Washington?

- Option: 491
- Option: 539
- Option: 1000
- Option: 10000

3. What was the employee's concern regarding discussing his job loss?

- Option: Impact on his relationship with Oracle
- Option: Impact on his benefits
- Option: Impact on his job prospects
- Option: None of the above

4. Which technology did the employee believe led to his job loss?

- Option: Blockchain
- Option: Artificial Intelligence
- Option: Virtual Reality
- Option: Cloud Computing

5. What is the rumored total number of jobs lost across Oracle?

- Option: 491
- Option: 1000
- Option: 5000
- Option: 10000

6. What reason was given for the layoffs at Oracle?

- Option: Expansion of services
- Option: Restructuring plan
- Option: New project launch
- Option: Increase in workforce

True-False

7. The employee preferred to disclose his identity while discussing his job loss.



8. Oracle confirmed the exact number of employees laid off.
9. The employee felt the message about his job loss was professional.
10. Around 10,000 jobs were supposedly lost overnight at Oracle.
11. The company Oracle primarily deals with finance.
12. The layoffs were part of a cost-saving strategy.

Gap-Fill

13. By Tuesday morning, the Oracle employee could not access the company's _____ .
14. The layoffs at Oracle affected at least 491 jobs in _____ .
15. The employee noted that _____ could take jobs.
16. Oracle has not confirmed how many employees were _____ .
17. The long-time Oracle worker was in the later stages of his _____ .
18. The layoffs indicate a restructuring plan aiming to save _____ .

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Could not access VPN 2. 491 3. Impact on his benefits 4. Artificial Intelligence 5. 10000
6. Restructuring plan

True-False: 7. False 8. False 9. False 10. True 11. False 12. True

Gap-Fill: 13. VPN 14. Washington 15. AI 16. laid off 17. career 18. costs

Vocabulary quizzes

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

1. What is the term used to describe the general increase in prices and fall in the purchasing value of money?



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- Option: Deflation
Option: Inflation
Option: Recession
Option: Stagflation
2. Who is the person that owns a house?
- Option: Tenants
Option: Homeowner
Option: Realtor
Option: Landlord
3. What do we call a standard or point of reference against which things may be compared?
- Option: Target
Option: Benchmark
Option: Metric
Option: Variable
4. What term describes the profession of managing international relations?
- Option: Military
Option: Diplomatic
Option: Political
Option: Economic
5. Who are the individuals or entities that allocate capital with the expectation of a financial return?
- Option: Borrowers
Option: Savers
Option: Investors
Option: Spenders
6. What is the agreement to stop fighting called?
- Option: Truce
Option: War Treaty
Option: Ceasefire
Option: Surrender
7. What term refers to the net profits of a company?
- Option: Losses
Option: Earnings
Option: Revenues
Option: Expenditures
8. What are taxes imposed on imported goods called?
- Option: Quotas



- Option: Subsidies
- Option: Tariffs
- Option: Duties

9. What is the process of terminating employees called, usually due to financial issues?

- Option: Hiring
- Option: Promotions
- Option: Layoffs
- Option: Transfers

10. What term describes a mixture of two different elements?

- Option: Homogeneous
- Option: Compound
- Option: Hybrid
- Option: Elemental

Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

11. The inflation _____ measures the average change over time in the prices paid by consumers for goods and services.
12. The company has increased its _____ to meet the growing demand.
13. The government decided to _____ the tariffs temporarily to support the economy.
14. This model represents a _____ between a sedan and an SUV.
15. The emergency _____ provides power during outages.
16. The stock has _____ the market this quarter with a 15% increase.
17. The company is undergoing a _____ to enhance efficiency.
18. The goal is to _____ sustainable practices into all levels of the organization.
19. The charity _____ for donations to support relief efforts.
20. Her _____ approach to problem-solving made her an effective leader.



Matching Sentences (Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

21. Crude oil prices have recently jumped due to geopolitical tensions.
22. The peace negotiations have entered a critical phase, hoping to resolve the conflict.
23. The country celebrated its independence with a grand parade.
24. His dismissive attitude towards critics only fueled more interest in the controversy.
25. The new car model is turbocharged, providing exceptional speed and performance.
26. He picked up a gig as a music producer for a local band.
27. The homeowner made significant renovations to raise the property's value.
28. The new software serves as a benchmark for performance comparisons in the industry.
29. After the merger, several employees were laid-off due to redundancy.
30. The donation was made by an anonymous benefactor wishing to remain unknown.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Inflation 2. Homeowner 3. Benchmark 4. Diplomatic 5. Investors 6. Ceasefire 7. Earnings 8. Tariffs 9. Layoffs 10. Hybrid

Gap-Fill: 11. index 12. supplies 13. suspend 14. crossover 15. generator 16. outperformed 17. restructuring 18. integrate 19. appealed 20. pragmatic

Matching sentence: 1. crude 2. negotiations 3. independence 4. dismissive 5. turbocharged 6. gig 7. homeowner 8. benchmark 9. layoffs 10. anonymous

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