

Microsoft-CrowdStrike Outage Causes Chaos for Flights, Hospitals and Businesses Globally

A faulty cybersecurity update from CrowdStrike wreaked havoc across the medical and travel industries, with flights and medical procedures canceled and delayed.

Hospitals, banks, airports, airlines and broadcasters worldwide were impacted by a massive, ongoing IT outage Friday. Thousands of Windows PCs, which many companies and organizations rely on as part of their critical internet infrastructure, were hit by the CrowdStrike outage. Perhaps most concerning, several US states reported that their emergency 911 call centers were also hit.

The outage was blamed on a faulty update from cybersecurity company CrowdStrike. The company handles the security of many Windows PCs and services around the world. In a statement Friday morning, CrowdStrike said the issue had been “identified, isolated and a fix has been deployed.”

Microsoft Regional Director Troy Hunt called it “the largest IT outage in history” in a post on X.

“Earlier today, a CrowdStrike update was responsible for bringing down a number of IT systems globally. We are actively supporting customers to assist in their recovery,” a Microsoft spokesperson said in an emailed statement.

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