

Microsoft Outage and the Best Workplace Memes

The Funniest “Blue Screen of Death” Workplace Memes on X Platform

X (formerly Twitter) users have shared hilarious memes mocking Microsoft's global outage, which have received millions of likes and shares.

On Friday, Microsoft experienced a technical hiccup that caused a major server outage, locking users out of Microsoft 365 apps and services. The tech giant confirmed the issue on its X platform, saying it was "investigating a problem affecting access to various Microsoft 365 apps and services."

The data commissioned by [Cartridge Save](#), saw a 5000% increase in searches for the meaning of Blue Screen of Death just 24 hours after the announcement on Friday.

Not only were users curious about the issue, but they also tapped into their creativity, turning #microsoftdown into a trending topic. Social media exploded with memes and funny posts, showing how people are finding humor in the situation.

Now that things have returned to normal, here are some of the funniest memes about the “blue screen of death” in the workplace, serving as a reminder of how the internet can transform even the most frustrating situations into moments of collective humor and connection.

Users used an image of someone dressed in a costume that resembles the "Blue Screen of Death" (BSOD) from Windows operating systems. The person is wearing a blue cloth with the BSOD error message printed on it, and they are holding a scythe, resembling the Grim Reaper. The tweet humorously captions the image as "blue screen of death," combining the computer error message with the concept of the Grim Reaper to create a visual pun.

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<blockquote class="twitter-tweet"><p lang="en" dir="ltr">IT departments in every company right now :#Microsoft #Windows #bluescreen pic.twitter.com/L6pbKMkENW</p>— Vishal (@VishalMalvi_) July 19, 2024</blockquote> <script async src="https://platform.twitter.com/widgets.js" charset="utf-8"></script>

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Other people expressed joy at the prospect of not having to work, celebrating the end of the workweek or a break from their tasks, often due to Microsoft's early Friday closure. These posts highlighted a sense of relief and excitement about having an unexpected or early weekend, showcasing a shared sentiment of freedom from work responsibilities.

<blockquote class="twitter-tweet" data-media-max-width="560"><p lang="en" dir="ltr">Working from home and a global IT outage on the hottest day of the year pic.twitter.com/YqholcpC0q</p>— Will (@willrp_) July 19, 2024</blockquote> <script async src="https://platform.twitter.com/widgets.js" charset="utf-8"></script>

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<blockquote class="twitter-tweet"><p lang="en" dir="ltr">Happy Weekend, thank you #Microsoft #Bluescreen pic.twitter.com/eM4acwDWKj</p>— Nuv (@navdweeep) July 19, 2024</blockquote> <script async src="https://platform.twitter.com/widgets.js" charset="utf-8"></script>

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<blockquote class="twitter-tweet" data-media-max-width="560"><p lang="en" dir="ltr">Working on Friday when the 'blue screen of death' hits you.

Did the global #Microsoft issue affect you as well? pic.twitter.com/Kz1t4G0JBz</p>— Sonar | \$PING (@SonarPING_) July 19, 2024</blockquote> <script async src="https://platform.twitter.com/widgets.js" charset="utf-8"></script>

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<blockquote class="twitter-tweet"><p lang="en" dir="ltr">Fun Friday 😊#Microsoft #crowdstrike #bsod pic.twitter.com/6ndiaPfuqG</p>— Mohit Jain (@datawithmohit) July 19, 2024</blockquote> <script async src="https://platform.twitter.com/widgets.js" charset="utf-8"></script>

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<blockquote class="twitter-tweet"><p lang="en" dir="ltr">Corporate employees thanking that one person because of whom Microsoft is down pic.twitter.com/dZm8oWv7SP</p>— Ritik Sahu (@guy_weirdness) July 19, 2024</blockquote> <script async src="https://platform.twitter.com/widgets.js" charset="utf-8"></script>

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That too on a Friday

Corporate employees everywhere :#microsoftdown pic.twitter.com/3dntjDDwyH</p>— don vellathottam (@VellathottamDon) July 19, 2024</blockquote> <script async src="https://platform.twitter.com/widgets.js" charset="utf-8"></script>

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Some of the users even embraced the occasion as "Happy International Bluescreen Day," turning the glitch into an unofficial holiday.

`<blockquote class="twitter-tweet"><p lang="en" dir="ltr">happy international bluescreen day 🤪 pic.twitter.com/caAvytQyS9</p>— sxchopea (@sxchopea) July 19, 2024</blockquote> <script async src="https://platform.twitter.com/widgets.js" charset="utf-8"></script>`

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While some of them were frustrated with the 'Universe' for not breaking their system too

`<blockquote class="twitter-tweet"><p lang="en" dir="ltr">When your work laptop is absolutely fine throughout a global Microsoft outage pic.twitter.com/PsliRF8Yez</p>— Gwdihw 🐼 (@youwouldknow) July 19, 2024</blockquote> <script async src="https://platform.twitter.com/widgets.js" charset="utf-8"></script>`

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`<blockquote class="twitter-tweet" data-media-max-width="560"><p lang="en" dir="ltr">me after logging into work and finding out the global IT outage hasn't effected my company pic.twitter.com/nQ2E1u03hT</p>— Joseph (@j0sephstark) July 19, 2024</blockquote> <script async src="https://platform.twitter.com/widgets.js" charset="utf-8"></script>`

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But others have joked that a simple error might have led to worldwide chaos. One post shows a clip from "Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End" where a man walks calmly as chaos and destruction happen around him. The caption jokes that this is what IT workers look like when they come to work after a big system outage, implying they deal with chaos calmly.

`<blockquote class="twitter-tweet" data-media-max-width="560"><p lang="en" dir="ltr">IT workers reporting to work this morning after the global outage pic.twitter.com/EtfuoM6cL9</p>— Not Jerome Powell (@alifarhat79) July 19, 2024</blockquote> <script async src="https://platform.twitter.com/widgets.js" charset="utf-8"></script>`

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Another post jokes about employees on leave who are upset because they might end up wasting their holidays.

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