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**Stanley** - October 20, 2025, 1:55 pm

Microsoft Warns of 'Payroll Pirates' Hijacking HR SaaS Accounts to Steal Employee

A threat actor known as Storm-2657 has been observed hijacking employee accounts with the end goal of diverting salary payments to attacker-controlled accounts.

"Storm-2657 is actively targeting a range of U.S.-based organizations, particularly employees in sectors like higher education, to gain access to third-party human resources (HR) software as a service (SaaS) platforms like Workday," the

<https://thehackernews.com/2025/10/microsoft-warns-of-payroll-pirates.html>

**Mix** - October 20, 2025, 6:10 pm

Interesting aproach to such a easy to detect action. I know a friend of mine has workday at there job so will hope the best for them to not be targeted.

**Vectura** - October 20, 2025, 6:12 pm

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**Mix** - October 20, 2025, 6:24 pm

(Oct 20, 2025 06:12 PM)Vectura Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) That's wild but not really shocking. HR platforms are basically treasure chests for attackers, personal data, payroll info, everything in one place. Companies really need to stop treating SaaS security like an afterthought.

I find it funny when companys think they dont need to worry about paying for a secruie HR system.  
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**Oh\_Well** - October 21, 2025, 12:03 am

HRs are most of the times easy targets, those guys have no idea about tech

**Chorozon** - October 21, 2025, 9:35 am

Most of the new SaaS admins are vibe coders so i can see this becoming more of a thing

**Rsynced** - October 22, 2025, 9:29 am

Well this is a new phrase I just learned today "Payroll Pirates"???

**DAL-SHA** - October 22, 2025, 1:31 pm

Wow !! Even HR platforms are now prime targets for smart attackers.

Some one has a history with HR Departments !! ??

**Mix** - October 22, 2025, 8:10 pm

(Oct 22, 2025 01:31 PM)Dalsha Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Wow !! Even HR platforms are now prime targets for smart attackers.

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They have always been a target but now with AI snooping around to find ways around it all it hasnt been easier.

**Eran** - October 23, 2025, 3:45 am

(Oct 22, 2025 01:31 PM)Dalsha Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Wow !! Even HR platforms are now prime targets for smart attackers.

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**DAL-SHA** - October 23, 2025, 11:40 am

(Oct 23, 2025 03:45 AM)TRS Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) HR platforms are one of the easiest to attack imho.

Just because they contain a lot of info about the company workers or private info you think ??? ??

**Hackers** - October 26, 2025, 1:49 pm

This makes sense, manager comps get infected & then used to send payments out for whatever funds that user has access to.

You could also trigger change requests that look innocent enough for another supervisor to approve i guess?

**Ieste** - October 30, 2025, 11:39 am

Interesting that they're targeting employees in the higher education sector.