

# UD employees' information compromised in cyber attack

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A recent cyber attack on the University of Delaware website compromised confidential information for more than 72,000 current and former employees.

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The stolen information includes names, addresses and social security numbers, according to the university. The breach affected current and former employees, including student workers. The school is notifying the university community today.

The university is working to notify everyone who had their information compromised, and UD will pay for credit-monitoring services. More information on how to obtain free services is available on UD's website at [www.udel.edu/it/response](http://www.udel.edu/it/response).

The issue was the reason students and employees were unable to access some portions of the UD website for several days. The university took down those services as soon as it suspected that it might have been hacked, said Carl Jacobson, UD's vice president of information technology. The university notified the FBI, he said.

## WHAT TO DO

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An IT worker doing routine checks discovered the possibility of a problem July 22, he said. The university was not sure if there was a problem – or exactly what happened -- until experts conducted a forensic analysis, he said. This is why UD waited until today to announce it, he said.

The analysis is not yet complete, Jacobson said. It is possible other information has been compromised, but it's not yet known. The university decided to announce the first confirmed problem – the 72,000 employees – now rather than wait until the entire analysis is complete, Jacobson said.

The problem was with a web application, Struts2, that was used by the university on a server that hosted business functions. Among the systems that were on the server is the portion of the website that allows students to pay bills. UD has not announced that student information was stolen. However, students who also worked for the university were part of the 72,000 affected.

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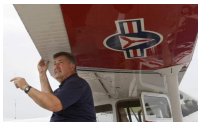
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