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Xoserve Incident Summary: November 2019

1st December 2019

What is this presentation covering?

- This presentation provides an overview of P1/2 incidents experienced in the previous calendar month
- It will describe high level impacts and causes, and the resolution Xoserve undertook (or is undertaking) to resolve
- This information is provided to **enable customers to have a greater insight** of the activities within Xoserve's platforms that support your critical business process
- It is also shared with the intention to provide customers with an understanding of what Xoserve are doing to maintain and improve service, and;
- It is provided to enable customers to provide feedback if they believe improvements can be made

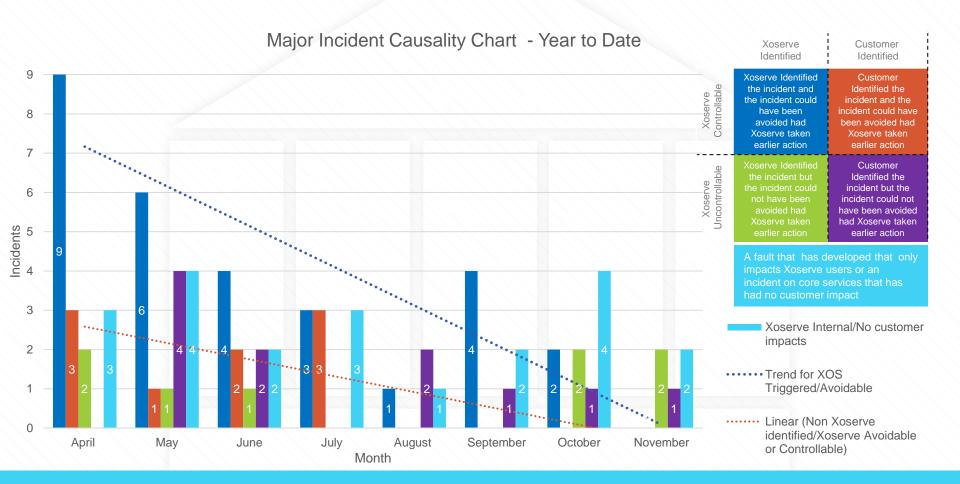
High-level summary of P1/2 incidents: November 2019

Ref.	What happened?	Why did it happen?	What do Xoserve understand our customers experienced?	What did your Xoserve team do to resolve?	Incident Date	Resolved Date
1059126	Demand Attribution and UIG data for 12 th November could not be published.	Xoserve received duplicate files from the Attribution Data Suppliers	Gemini users would not have seen the correct demand figures until 22:40.	Xoserve teams worked with the Suppliers Control Centre team to receive and process the correct file.	12/11/19 21:22	12/11/19 22:49
1059153	Demand Attribution and UIG data for 13 th November could not be published.	Xoserve received duplicate files from the Attribution Data Suppliers	Gemini users would not have seen the correct demand figures until 03:13.	Xoserve teams worked with the Suppliers Control Centre team to receive and process the correct file.	13/11/19 00:15	13/11/19 03:50
1059647	Xoserve users were unable to connect to UK Link, CMS and SD Plus applications.	Our suppliers communications subcontractor had wide spread internal issues due to a failed change. This also inadvertently also impacted Lansdowne Gate connectivity.	No customer impact.	Xoserve ensured our supplier teams worked with their subcontractors to restore service.	14/11/19 11:51	14/11/19 14:04
1061625	Demand Attribution and UIG data for 21st November could not be published.	Xoserve received duplicate files from the Attribution Data Suppliers	Gemini users would not have seen the correct demand figures until 22:32.	Xoserve teams worked with the Suppliers Control Centre team to publish demand via the contingency process.	21/11/19 09:29	22/11/19 00:23
1062920	Xoserve Support team unable to remotely connect to SAP (UK Link).	System synchronisation issue within Xoserve desktop supplier's network.	No customer impact.	Xoserve teams worked with suppliers to help restore service.	25/11/19 10:39	26/11/19 08:23

What is happening Overall?

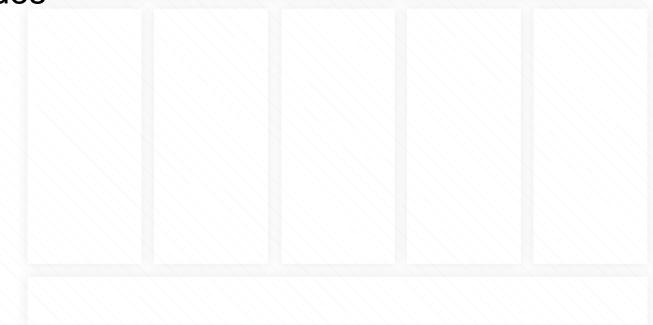


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Appendix

Previous two month view – October and September Slides



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Ref.	What happened?	Why did it happen?	What do Xoserve understand our customers experienced?	What did your Xoserve team do to resolve?	Incident Date	Resolved Date
1046652	The midnight Demand Attribution and UIG data for 5 th October could not be published	Xoserve did not receive the demand attribution file from the Attribution Data Suppliers	Gemini users would not have seen the midnight demand figures until 02:17	Xoserve teams worked with the Suppliers Control Centre team to publish demand via the contingency process	5/10/19 00:32	5/10/19 01:45
1047404	Xoserve users were unable to access their shared file area	A server misconfiguration as part of Xoserve's recent desktop change programme resulted in a server outage	No customer impact	Our service providers restarted the server to restore service.	7/10/19 10:28	7/10/19 11:26
1048003	Xoserve Services Portal was unavailable	A hardware failure in a portal server caused an outage.	DES would have been unavailable to users on the 9/10/19 between 04:49 and 06:45	Our support teams moved the applications services to an alternative server and restarted the services. Vendor recommendation applied to mitigate further outages	9/10/19 04:49	9/10/19 06:56
1048763	EU nomination files not transferred between Gemini and the TSOs (Transmission System Operators)	Expired security certificates on Gemini B2B servers stopped data transmissions for EU nominations.	Unable to confirm nominations between 07:04 and 12:04 on 11/10/19 leading to potential unused gas charges for two customers	Xoserve teams generated and uploaded new certificates to the servers. New alerts being put in place to prevent reoccurrence	11/10/19 07:09	11/10/19 12:19
1049953	Xoserve users were unable to access UK Link applications from their desktop	As part of a change programme moving data centre services, a network device was misconfigured.	No customer impact	Xoserve worked with our suppliers to determine the cause of the fault. The router connection was disabled and correct config applied	14/10/19 09:02	14/10/19 10:20
1050940	Weather and invoice revenue data files were delivered late from our weather data supplier	A SAP Application server became unresponsive due to memory issues during a VM server failover to an alternative server	No customer impact	Support teams restarted the server and monitored file delivery. All files delivered by 03:37.Ticket logged with vendor for further investigation	17/10/19 01:47	17/10/19 03:43
1052771	SAP ISU Application & Portal was inaccessible	A standard change to Increase file system space caused one of the application servers to become unresponsive	DES inaccessible between 07:00 and 08:27 on 23/10/19. Degradation to CMS processes until resolution.	Support teams isolated the server and restarted the services. Ticket logged with vendor for further investigation	23/10/19 07:00	23/10/19 11:26
1052859	Xoserve's service desk tool became severely degraded with intermittent access	Antivirus scans running on the server whilst reports being generated caused the server to become unresponsive	Logging tickets using the Xoserve.com website forms was unavailable but no reports of any	Service Desk tool services restarted. Report jobs rescheduled post AV scanning completion. Report production schedules on the server in review and RCA	23/10/19 09:32	23/10/19 10:48

tickets at the service desk

bar for the 27th October.

Customers had to use the final

demand values from the 21st hour

Demand attribution and UIG

data was not published for

midnight 28th October.

Xoserve did not receive the demand

attribution file from National Grid.

in progress

Xoserve worked with the suppliers Control Centre

was unable to invoke standard contingency due to

Gemini being in its maintenance window

team to agree and provide a resolution. The supplier

28/10/19

00:45

28/10/19

03:45

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Xoserve Incident Summary: September 2019

High-level summary of P1/2 incidents: September 2019 What do Xoserve understand our customers experienced? What did your Xoserve team do to resolve? Incident Date

Resolved

Date

02/09/2019 13:26

04/09/2019

09:28

11/09/2019

23:45

18/09/2019

12:22

22/09/2019

02:48

25/09/2019

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issue. Our suppliers restarted the equipment

The Support Team terminated the job that was

Jobs and file flows were fully monitored and

completion and any validation and corrections

Xoserve's teams identified a defect in the GB

Charging project's code release. This caused a

large data growth. An urgent defect fix was then

Support Team reset the configuration as per

vendor guidance & rebooted the SAP Data

Warehouse server. This resolved the issue

triggered immediately as required. Winter

causing the server to be unresponsive

Consumption job was monitored until

were applied as necessary

implemented

and rerestarted service

			our customers experienceu:		Date
32365	Xoserve users were unable to not log into or use Office365	Xoserve recently refreshed their desktop and network for its users. A change as part of this programme resulted in firewall misconfiguration	No Customer Impact	Xoserve worked with the suppliers to ensure the firewall was correctly configured and services restored to Xoserve users	02/09/2019 12:26
33034	Xoserve users were unable to access emails via	Xoserve recently refreshed their desktop and network for its users. A	No Customer Impact	Xoserve worked with the suppliers to ensure the firewall was correctly configured and	04/09/2019

Ref.

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1042583

1043796

issue with a customer site

Customers were unable to

There was a risk that AQ

(winter consumption) jobs

would not be completed in

time to allow delivery of AQ

There was a risk that the

Gemini commodity invoice

would not complete in time

to deliver to customers to

DES performance was

slower than normal

caused file transmission

failures

Access DES

files within SLA

the required time

large number of files to other

by Xoserve's Problem Team

long to complete

performance issue

optimal level

DES supporting servers became

unresponsive due to high server load;

the root cause is being investigated

During routine monitoring Xoserve

teams identified a job was taking too

The commodity invoicing process was

identified as overrunning due to a DB

capacity and improve performance, a

Following a change to enhance

configuration was not set to its

customers

Xoserve users were unable to access emails via outlook and webmail

Intermittent IX connectivity

Xoserve recently refreshed their desktop and network for its users. A change as part of this programme resulted in firewall misconfiguration

No Customer Impact

Xoserve worked with the suppliers to ensure the firewall was correctly configured and services restored to Xoserve users

04/09/20
08:44

The customer was unable to

Xoserve worked with the suppliers to ensure the firewall was correctly configured and services restored to Xoserve users

04/09/20
08:44

deliver files to other customers

for approximately 6 hours

There was a degradation in service (slowness of response)

for 1hr 30min period (9-10:30

A 'precautionary incident', was

raised to ensure service was

maintained and there was no

This was a 'precautionary

incident', raised to create

appropriate response and

ensure service was maintained:

Experience of slow performance

there was no customer Impact

and a 6 minute outage. This

was overnight so impact was

customer Impact

am)

limited

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