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Data Protection Challenges

Trident Energy has multiple IT protection needs for their global infrastructures and critical industry applications including:

- Backup capacity for multiple VMs and Microsoft 365 components,
- Ongoing protection for legacy applications based on older Windows Servers and SQL Servers,
- IT infrastructure management in the UK but also on oil rigs and installations in Brazil and Africa with a high level of support and flexibility,

And all this at a reasonable cost.

Trident deployed Atempo Tina to protect their critical Microsoft 365 applications and VM’s. Tina also clearly stood out from the competition when it came to protecting specific critical applications running on the oil rigs deployed and running on older Windows OS or SQL Servers.
Because of Trident’s specific environment, the installation turned out to be complex and required a genuine collaboration between Atempo and Trident technical teams to understand and implement every aspect of the solution. This meant talking with Atempo Professional Service and R&D teams to ensure all components were working optimally.

In Kevin’s words: “Tina ticks many boxes thanks to its versatility. It can protect so many different workflows. Microsoft 365 which is essential of course but also our VMs, our legacy systems and applications. When you factor in the quality of services from Atempo, the return on our investment is really first rate.”

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Trident also recently acquired a new Qumulo file server cluster. Kevin saw the importance of finding a solution in the market that can natively plug in to Qumulo and back up Trident’s seismic data safely and securely. And because Atempo provides data management solutions recognized by Qumulo, it did not take long to position Atempo Miria for Trident’s storage protection needs. Miria has the capacity to handle backup requirements often in excess of 300TB per day.

**In Conclusion**

Atempo Tina and Miria have proven their versatility and utility in answering Trident’s data management needs.

Kevin believes the relationship between Trident and Atempo teams has validated the choice of solution vendor. He believes that if Trident had stayed with their previous provider, any issue arising would have been rejected with the explanation that: “because it works on other customer sites, it should work with you.” Atempo teams clearly have a different approach which is entirely solution-driven: “If we have, say, a hardware issue, the response from Atempo is: 'let’s see how else we can fine-tune and get things working.' It was extremely refreshing to work with a vendor who is always so focused on getting the job done for the customer.”

Kevin’s conclusion shines a positive light on Atempo’s solutions and level of service: “What still amazes me is the dedication and efforts that Christophe and his team made to ensure this project was a success for a company of our size. I am so glad we found you guys. It was like we were a single team working to succeed together with a happy ending!”