PetroGabon is a major petroleum and liquid gas supplier based in Gabon. Founded in 2001, the company rapidly became the N°1 distributor of Butane Gas in the country. PetroGabon is at the cutting edge of IT resources and industry applications. All company servers are virtualized, and many applications are cloud-based. For Patrick Sarambé, company CTO, the choice of Atempo to protect critical systems, applications and data was the right one.

Customer Testimonial: PetroGabon protects Microsoft 365 with Tina

CUSTOMER: PETROGABON
SECTOR: ENERGY

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Chosen Solution: Atempo Tina
After a meeting with Atempo teams at the SIT Africa Forum in 2020, PetroGabon took the decision to protect systems, applications, and data with Atempo’s Tina (Time Navigator) backup solution. A choice justified on three fronts:

• The flexibility of a versatile and powerful solution. Tina protects all types of data and can run on a multitude of platforms, including Linux servers which serves also to heighten cybersecurity credentials.

• A wide choice of backup externalization targets. For PetroGabon, backups are stored offline on LTO tapes: another unassailable protection against cyberattacks.
The proximity of Atempo technical and commercial teams. Their reaction times and undeniable skill sets served to optimize the installation and initial production periods for this data protection solution.

The initial Tina installation was performed on a virtual server with remote help from professional services teams based in France. During this installation, PetroGabon teams tested several restorations. And when the physical server for Tina and the tape library arrived on site, Patrick’s teams were able to rapidly reinstall all Tina components – with little outside help.

**AUBE Licenses Facilitate Deployment**

PetroGabon use Atempo AUBE licenses to simplify and provide flexibility when additional server capacity is required. These licenses are perfect for managing IT budgets. Tina is fully integrated into Microsoft 365. For PetroGabon, this includes OneDrive and Microsoft mailboxes. SharePoint is currently also under consideration. And this is a major advantage because all Microsoft 365 protections are fully included in AUBE licenses!

AUBE provides unlimited access to other Atempo solutions including Lina with a pack of 10 agents already included to protect workstations and laptops. Lina offers perfect additional protection against ransomware data attacks plus the physical loss or theft of a laptop for example.

Patrick Sarambé emphasizes the importance of human relationships at the heart of this project. “The choice of solution provider was underpinned by the quality of Atempo support and the partnership with Galaxy Global Services.” Patrick concludes: “Tina provided a high level of flexibility with the installation of a virtual version before the physical integration with the possibility of testing the restoration capabilities of Tina. Atempo teams were always available and thanks to their help we were able to move forward together.”