Incident Report

DATACENTER CONNECTIVITY LOSS

Customer – External





Datacenter connectivity loss		
Applicable customers	All customers in datacenter AZ1, AZ2, AZ3, ODN (AZ = Availability Zone)	
Start date and time of incident	01.11.2021 16:50:09	
End date and time of incident	02.11.2021 05:02:11	
Related incident or problem nr.	Multiple Incident numbers.	
Disruption description/impact	Customers and datacenter AZ2 and ODN had loss of connectivity.	
	Customers in AZ3 had for the most customers full connectivity.	
	Customers that use DNS located at ODN DC had problems with resolving names.	
Root Cause	Major fibre cut (line of sight) at Sentia's supplier Global Connect between Kolding and Odense.	
	Sentia has from Kolding datacenter (AZ3) towards Ballerup datacenter (AZ2) and Taastrup datacenter (AZ1) redundant connectivity, which means AZ3 is connected with 2 x 100G towards AZ2 and 2 x 100G towards AZ1. Each direction (AZ3 to AZ2 and AZ3 to AZ1) is independent of each other and full operational service can be performed if just 1 out of 4 links is operational. AZ 1 + AZ2 + AZ3 forms a redundant network ring structure.	
	Sentia's supplier should have delivered all 4 paths with full diversity as ordered from Sentia. This incident proves that is not the case. Sentia will investigate this.	
	See in addition the section "Preventive measures" below.	
Total accumulated production downtime	Full down time: 9,55 hours	
	For most customers the actual down time was: 2,25 hours	
Actions to fix	Global connect repaired fibre cut.	
	Sentia established Workarounds where possible	



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Preventive measures	 Sentia will, in dialogue the supplier, ensure that full diversity in fibre paths, as Sentia has bought, will be implemented and more redundancy where it is feasible will be added. Including the secondary lines must have at alternate paths. Review inter-AZ connectivity and ensure physical redundant paths. Improve the internal redundancy with extra DNSs servers in each AZ and analyse other ways of improving redundancy when losing data connections. There are further follow-up meetings with the supplier this week and a full report describing the preventive measures will be made available to customers.	
Affected CI's	dkaz1-cp001-bdr-01, dkaz2-cp001-bdr-01, dkaz3-cp001-bdr-01	
Communication	During the Incident at least each hour status was communicated to customers at https://sentia.com/dk/driftsstatus/	



Timeline of events

Time	Description
2021-11-01 16:50 CET	All four links from AZ3 to AZ2 and AZ1 go down. Two links between AZ3 and ODN go down.
2021-11-01 16:52 CET	On call duty starts investigating problem.
2021-11-01 16:54 CET	Colleagues are brought in for troubleshooting.
2021-11-01 16:56 CET	Call to ISP Global Connect to report the problem. Mail to GC NOC, case id CS0610083
2021-11-01 17:05 CET	Troubleshoot and investigating several scenarios to bring connectivity back.
2021-11-01 17:42 CET	Decision made to isolate AZ3 datacenter to reduce impact for customers.
2021-11-01 19:15 CET	This workaround fully implemented.
2021-11-01 23:54 CET	Decision to move virtual DNS from Odense to Kolding initiated and action taken.
2021-11-02 02:29 CET	One link to ODN comes up and one crosslinks from AZ3 to AZ1 and AZ2 comes back up
2021-11-02 04:12 CET	Redundant link to ODN comes up as well as the two last redundancy links from AZ3 to AZ1 and AZ2
2021-11-02 05:02 CET	Rollback of workaround implementation done and verified
2021-11-02 05:15 CET	https://sentia.com/dk/driftsstatus/ is updated with the information that all services are back to normal.