November 11-14, 2024

Root Cause Analysis & Mitigation Plan

piano.io

Incident summary

Incident impact

Root cause analysis

Incident timeline

Piano solutions

Agenda

Summary

Incident date

November 11-14, 2024

Affected software modules

Content, CCE, Search

Affected environment or location

US / EU / AP / AU

Incident scope partial outage

Incident duration

4500 minutes

Impact

Incident severity Major

Impact description

Newly published articles of some clients were not included in the search index, and, as a result, did not appear in recommendations and search results.

Root cause

On November 11, 2024 Piano deployed changes to fix a bug related to the removal of profiles for sites with "forever" retention periods from the search index.

As a result, newly published articles for those sites were not included in the search index.

To fix the issue, Piano rolled back the update that caused the incident (November 13, 2024) and re-crawled and published the missing profiles in the search index (November 14, 2024).

To prevent this from happening in the future, Piano will isolate content processing and content profile storage. Work on this topic was already underway before the incident.

Incident timeline

Hrs/days	Date / Time (UTC)	Description
-	2024-11-11 13:00:00	Deployment of changes to search index population.
3 days	2024-11-13 19:00:00	Found a bug preventing publishing new documents if 'search retention' = forever. Rollback to previous version.
4 days	2024-11-14 16:00:00	Articles re-crawled and missing profiles published to search index.

Piano solutions and corrective measures

Fixing a bug with missing profiles in the search index

Status Done

Estimated delivery date November 13, 2024

Restoring missing profiles

Status Done

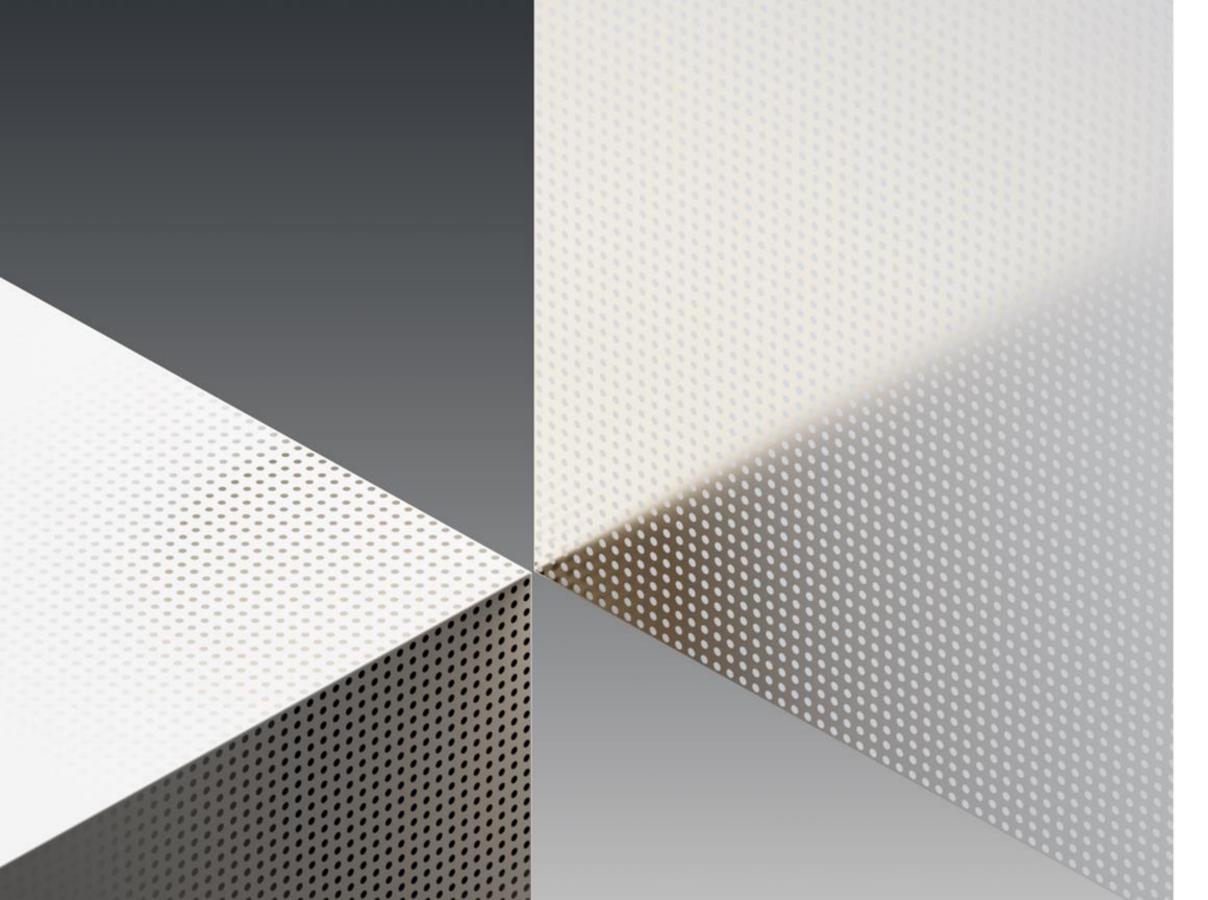
Estimated delivery date November 14, 2024

Isolation of content processing and content profile

Status

In Progress

Estimated delivery date 2025 Q1 (aligned with CX platform Epic)



piano

ANALYTICS + ACTIVATION

We help businesses drive revenue by accelerating their ability to understand and influence customer behavior.

Learn more by reaching out to hello@piano.io