DIGITALISATION DOESN’T HAVE TO COST THE EARTH!!!!
Applying or installing new technologies or systems, such as digitalisation, can be a daunting thought. Many companies believe that it will cost a significant amount, take years to install and the same amount of time to get beneficial data and is only for larger companies! Some points can be true, but it doesn’t have to be. Data is all around us, but not all data is beneficial to every business. Main questions to ask: -

1) What are the reasons for digitalising systems? (Sustainability, paperwork reduction, energy savings, efficiency improvements etc.)
2) Review the data that makes a difference to you (This could be just packs per minute, energy)
3) Where will the best data come from?
4) Does the system need to be fixed or portable?
5) Do you need the data permanently or would renting systems be more beneficial to get the required data to make a change?
6) Do you have in-house expertise or do you need help?
Let's look at each question in more detail......
WHAT ARE THE REASONS FOR DIGITALISING SYSTEMS?
(SUSTAINABILITY, PAPERWORK REDUCTION, ENERGY SAVINGS, EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENTS ETC.)

1) Ease of Use
2) Sustainability – Reducing materials usage / waste / Paper
3) Paperwork Reduction / Removal – What paperwork do you want to remove and how much is there. Are there key areas which will make more of an impact initially? (Production/Audits/Despatch).
4) Do you need one new system or can you link your current systems together into one reporting system?
5) Energy Savings – Do you currently know where and when your energy usage is coming from?
6) Are you monitoring your current equipment? Often the biggest savings are not the most obvious.
7) Efficiency improvements - Increasing line speeds is not always the best way of improving efficiency. This can cause increased bottle necks, resulting in adverse effects. Do you know your short stoppages as this can be a “death by a thousand cuts”!!! Do you still use a sheet of paper and a pen and “stand & watch” line analysis. How accurate is your data?
Quality check paperwork is one of the main areas of paper use (Line checks / Goods In/Despatch Checks / Audits etc.) Removal of this will have a significant impact on your paper usage, improved sustainability and speed up your data retrieval when needed. There are a number of systems available, but you need to make sure they fit with your needs. Don’t pay for things that you will never use or are too big for your current set-up. If you only have 3 operators and a few checks, why pay for a system that could cover a 10 line factory!!! Choose a system that can grow with you.
If the reason for moving to digitalisation within the business is sustainability / traceability, then “paperless” systems to capture checks / data, help to remove a large amount of paper from a factory.

Most factories use on average 15 – 20 sheets of paper per line per day just to capture the quality and production checks. Over a year, on average, that is around 6,500 sheets of paper. Did you know it takes 10 litres of water to make 1 sheet of paper. That’s around 65,000 litres!!!

Removing paper from the shop floor, not only reduces the costs for the paper, archiving etc. but also reduces the resources required to produce the paper.
• Paperless Check Systems

A mobile paperless check system is often device agnostic and designed with expansion in mind. Not limited to just checks, it can grow with the business and link into other systems, adding additional functionality. The system can often cover everything from line quality checks, H&S Checks, Equipment Checks or site audits.
CENTRAL CLIENT SERVER

Admin PC (Webserver Connection)

LINE 1

LINE 2

LINE 3

GOODS In
EASE OF USE

Start small. Move from a basic, time-consuming operation to a more visible operation where others can participate.
Using the wrong packaging or applying the wrong date codes to packs can have a significant cost implication on any business (large or small). Disposal of stock, product withdrawals, re-run of orders etc. This can equate to tens of thousands of pounds and packaging and materials wastage which end up in landfill.

This can be prevented in any size of business and doesn’t have to cost large amounts to implement. Scale the solution to your needs.

Make sure it’s Right First Time.
3 tiers of label verification & date control solutions are available.

Tier 1 – Fully mobile system for independent checks

Tier 2 – Scanning - In-line scanning only (Stand alone)

Tier 3 – Autocoding - Fully integrated Autocoding system
Check Sure® - Perception (Mobile OCR & Barcode Validation)

Ensure you are using the correct labels for your products. Tier 1

• Mobile
• Easy as 1,2,3....(Enhance current paperwork)
• Entry level “Autocoding”
• Product Database Validation
• Use anywhere
Areas of use: -
• Barcode validation
• Date code validation
• Allergen checks on ingredient lists

And many more...........
Check Sure® - Perception (Mobile OCR & Barcode Validation)

Areas of use:
- Allergen Checks
- Packaging Text Checks
TIER 2 – SCANNING ONLY

In-line scanning solution

Production lines
CORRECT PACKAGING

• Scanning Only

If you have printer control in place to ensure the correct date codes & print. Adding scanning only to the line ensures the correct packaging / label is being used.
TIER 3 – FULL AUTOCODING
• Autocoding

A fully integrated Autocoding system connects to scanners for reading of 1D / 2D barcodes and/or vision systems to read date codes. Able to communicate with coders to make sure the right date code is printed. Centrally controlled, the operator selects a job from a list and the scanners and printers are setup as per the job specifications. Industry standard protocols means that if a wrong barcode is detected, an alarm (including a line stop) is activated thus preventing wrong packs leaving your facility.
LINE START CHECKLISTS

Configure line start checks as required for each production line

Flexible task creation process
User actions and data stored in database.
Easy access for historical reporting

Tasks responses can be checked against order fields
Approval process to allow line to start if tasks are failed and/or skipped

Production line 1
PRODUCT CHECKLISTS

Configure checks as required for each product

Define product check for each product / group of products

Add photo to task to help the user during the activity

Flexible task creation process. Require data entry to be checked against order field

User actions and data stored in database. Easy access for historical reporting

Notify users when line check is overdue

Real-time visibility of line status & user actions
Automated systems can be expanded to include:
1) ERP connectivity
2) Quality Checks
3) OEE
4) Ability to add additional connectivity for other devices, such as checkweighers
1) Do you know where you are using your energy?
2) Do you have systems in place to monitor usage? Can your energy be reduced?
3) Is there a specific piece of equipment that uses more? Purchasing new energy efficient equipment may save thousands.
4) Do you have a team or someone who can focus on it? If not, consultants may be a cost effective solution.
1) Packs per minute produced – improve throughput / efficiency
2) Number of labels used – reduce consumables / stock levels / reduce waste
3) Number of cases produced – accurate order achievement / stock levels
4) How to change over quickly – training – increases operator retention / reduce downtime
5) How many hours of use for machine – OEE / equipment optimisation
6) Mean time to failure. If PPM planned in and completed before the equipment fails = less unplanned downtime

Gathering pack or efficiency data could come directly from the machine by either built in systems or retro fitted.
RENT OR PURCHASE?

To rent or purchase a system can depend on a number of factors:

1) Current cash-flow / CAPEX Freeze
2) Is the system required for constant monitoring or a particular task
3) Used by site Continuous Improvement teams to monitor specific parts of the site e.g. CIP systems to optimise current chemical / water usage, process timings) (Move/ Monitor / Move again)
4) Used as justification for a larger system instead of a Time & Motion study
5) No in-house resources to complete so outsourced
You may not need to replace existing software systems with a new system just to get centrally managed reports.

A lot of systems use a central database which suppliers will usually allow access to. Using a report system, such as Power BI or others, will allow data to be taken from a number of databases then combined into one central report. Eliminating the need for accessing multiple software reports while still keeping existing systems.
Options

- Paperless Checks
- Finance
- Line Data
- HR
- Audits

Reports Config
  e.g. Power BI / Bespoke reporting

Entry Forms
Knife Logs
Plaster logs etc.
AREAS TO REMEMBER

With increased digitalisation and networking of equipment and the requirement to view data remotely, Cyber Security is a crucial part of any system. Ensuring that you have robust protection in place is a must to keep the site protected.
SOME OF OUR CUSTOMERS

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Systems Review

Consultancy

Paperless / Support / Autocoding

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