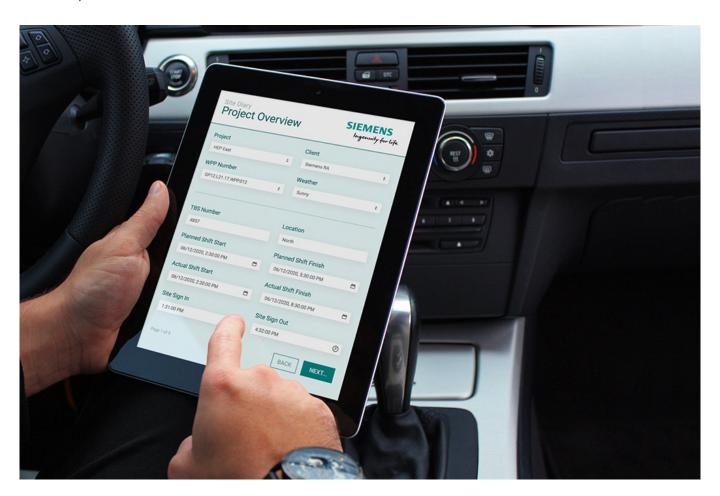# Safety specialist wins technology award for library of rail industry apps

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[Nutshell Apps](#) has been named the most popular software in the no-code development space for its work helping rail supply chain companies digitise their safety, planning, and delivery processes.

Software evaluation site SaaSworthy honoured Nutshell after comparing the world's best no-code development tools, highlighting the Gateshead-based app builder for both its library of rail industry-standard forms and workflows, as well as its flexibility and ease of use.

Last year, Nutshell Apps secured £1.2m of investment to grow its operations after partnering with OnTrac to help build a digital safe work pack, and since then has expanded its library with rail industry-standard forms and templates that can be freely customised before being rolled out to the business.

While there are plenty of tech solutions to steer digital transformation, Nutshell CEO Martyn Cuthbert believes the platform's no-code builder tool makes it a brilliant option for trackside engineers and back-office planners alike.

"I've worked in the rail industry for decades, so I know these processes like the back of my hand," explains

Cuthbert. "And I also know these processes often need tweaking, both from internal business changes and from new standards issued by Network Rail."

"The benefit of our drag-and-drop builder tool is that you don't need to be technical to use it; you can quickly build, amend and publish on the fly. This suits an industry like rail, where plans change in light of daily inspections, and briefings need to be promptly updated as a result."

Nutshell has worked with Siemens Rail to develop a suite of safety-critical reports including Close Call, as well as with Murphy & Sons and BCM Construction to streamline planning and delivery with line block, site diary, and daily briefing apps.

Most recently, Nutshell helped Network Rail Works Delivery quickly roll out a COVID Inspection app to monitor safe working behaviours during the pandemic. The app, as part of Nutshell's lockdown toolkit, is now being used to coordinate a safe return to work.

With Network Rail currently communicating its Planning4Delivery programme across the supply chain, digital transformation remains a hot topic in the rail industry, particularly now COVID has introduced further challenges with manual and paper processes.

Nutshell's recent special report 'Embracing Digital Transformation in Rail' explores how supply chain companies can take small steps towards digitisation in light of Network Rail's safety vision, and is free to download from their website.

Click here for more details.