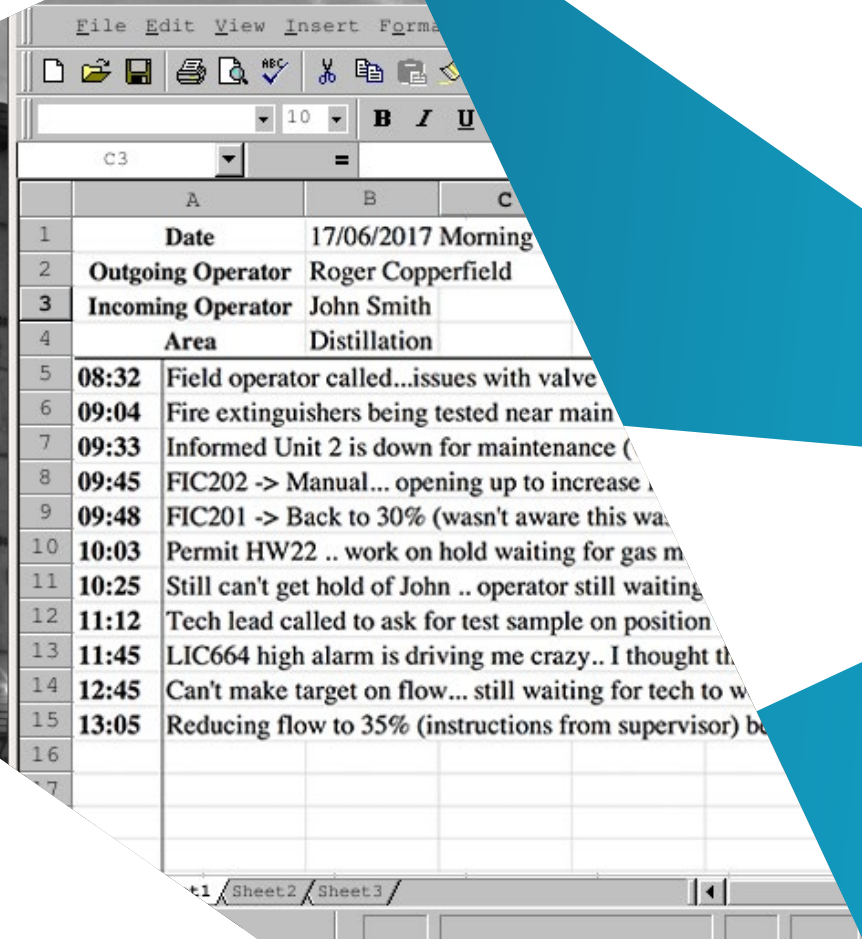
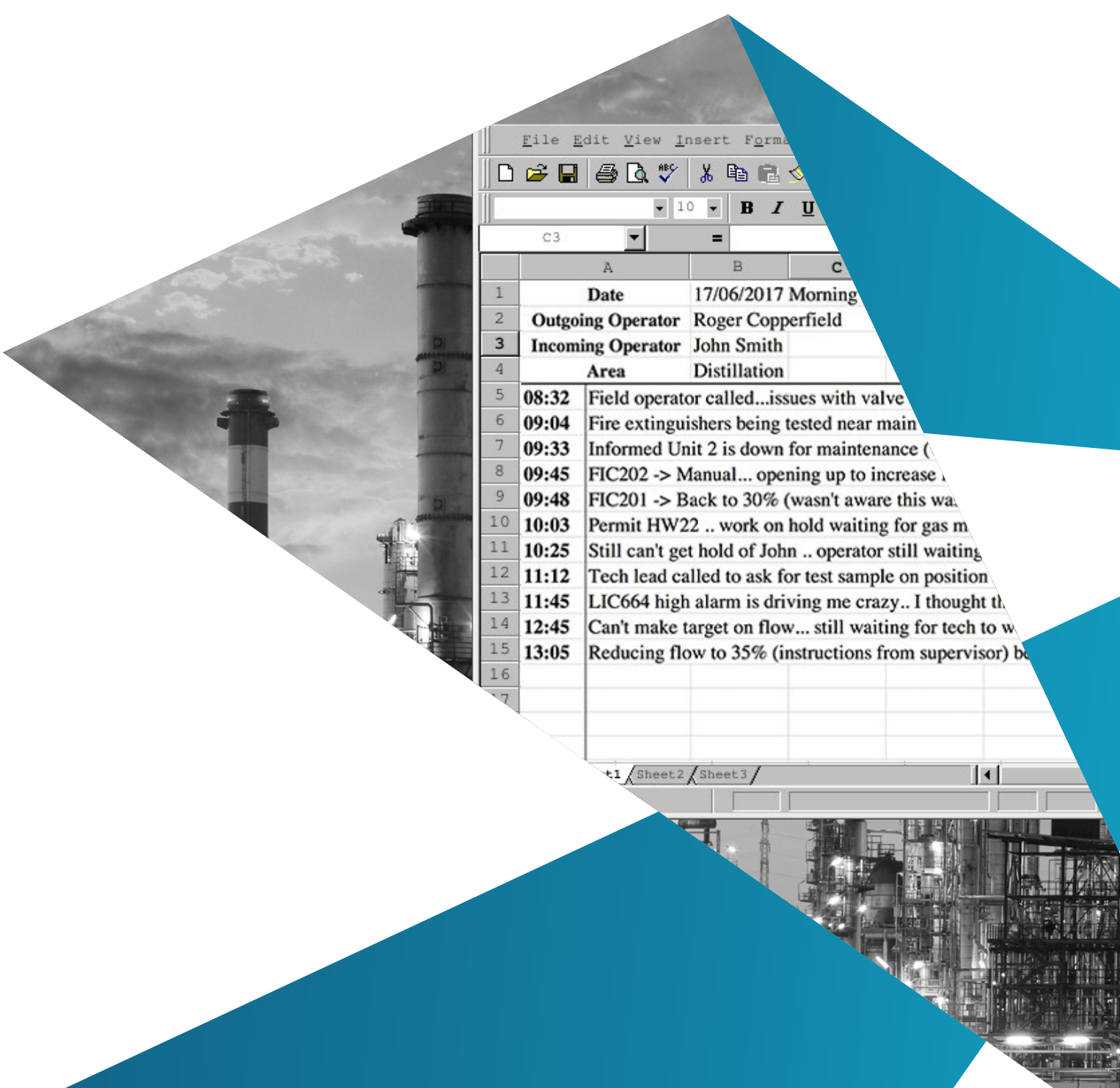


# The Problem with Spreadsheet Logbooks

Is your shift handover formula corrupted?



	A	B	C
1	Date	17/06/2017 Morning	
2	Outgoing Operator	Roger Copperfield	
3	Incoming Operator	John Smith	
4	Area	Distillation	
5	08:32	Field operator called...issues with valve	
6	09:04	Fire extinguishers being tested near main	
7	09:33	Informed Unit 2 is down for maintenance (	
8	09:45	FIC202 -> Manual... opening up to increase	
9	09:48	FIC201 -> Back to 30% (wasn't aware this wa	
10	10:03	Permit HW22 .. work on hold waiting for gas m	
11	10:25	Still can't get hold of John .. operator still waiting	
12	11:12	Tech lead called to ask for test sample on position	
13	11:45	LIC664 high alarm is driving me crazy.. I thought th	
14	12:45	Can't make target on flow... still waiting for tech to w	
15	13:05	Reducing flow to 35% (instructions from supervisor) be	
16			
17			

# Fact:

Spreadsheet logbooks are not collaborative, controlled, audited or mobile!

On every industrial site, there is a stream of operations, maintenance and safety events occurring at all levels and areas within the process. Unfortunately, there are still tedious and time-consuming methods, such as spreadsheets, being used to log these events. This increases organisational risk and inefficiencies.

**52% of spreadsheet logbook users admit they have no method of tracking operations procedures.**

**“Operations Processes at Your Plant” Survey**

October 2019

With the constant advancement of IT technology over the decades, spreadsheet logbooks have become obsolete. Additionally, the use of inadequate data collection methods, such as spreadsheet logbooks, has contributed to cause catastrophic industrial accidents.

There is a host of compelling reasons to reconsider the use of spreadsheet logbooks in an industrial site, as outlined below.

## **Lack of visibility**

With spreadsheet logbooks, information is isolated, and it is impossible to know what is happening across the plant. When a safety-critical event happens, crucial data is not available unless the logger verbally speaks to their colleagues or shows them the actual record they typed in. This may lead to missing vital follow-up actions and to potential hazards.

## **Tedious data search**

Spreadsheet logbooks are usually stored across many digital folders as hundreds of different files, making the process of finding specific information a laborious task. Daily spreadsheet logbooks mount up quickly over the months and years — especially because they must be kept for compliance purposes.

## Zero interfacing

Due to their digitally disconnected nature, spreadsheet logbooks have no interfaces with other plant IT systems, such as Data Historians, the CMMS and many more. This means that personnel must manually record data from other IT systems. Not having seamless access to this information can have a serious impact on efficiency, production and safety.

## No audit trail

Spreadsheet logbooks lack crucial audit trails, which means that there is no formalized control over who is making edits. There is no immediate way to keep track of who is creating or overriding entries, making it difficult to trace issues back. This lack of clear accountability could potentially lead to risky litigation.

## Inconsistent event logging

With spreadsheet logbooks, there is no pre-defined entry structure, which can cause confusion. Inconsistent data entries become the norm, leading to inefficient reporting. Spreadsheet cells make it tedious to enforce layout, categorization and hierarchy rules.

## Limited attachment capabilities

Using spreadsheet logbooks means that logging additional information becomes a chore. Photographs, reports and other data can't be attached readily to spreadsheet logbooks, meaning that these have to be stored separately. Attachments being lost due to accidental file erasing or having saved them in the wrong folder becomes a painful reality.



**48% of spreadsheet logbook users rely on personnel to find key shift information.**

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Considering all the problems arising from the use of spreadsheet logbooks, it is a key requirement of every industrial site to digitally transform this crucial aspect of day-to-day operations.





# j5 Operations Logbook

j5 Operations Management Software is one evolving framework of operations management and process safety applications connecting people and processes.

The j5 Operations Logbook application is used by many large multinational organizations to record, manage and view any event in a consistent and efficient way with a web browser and mobile devices.

The j5 Operations Logbook provides immediate benefits to operations personnel and other departments, such as maintenance and safety. A digital logbook can, in fact, grow into a powerful communications tool across multiple disciplines and sites.

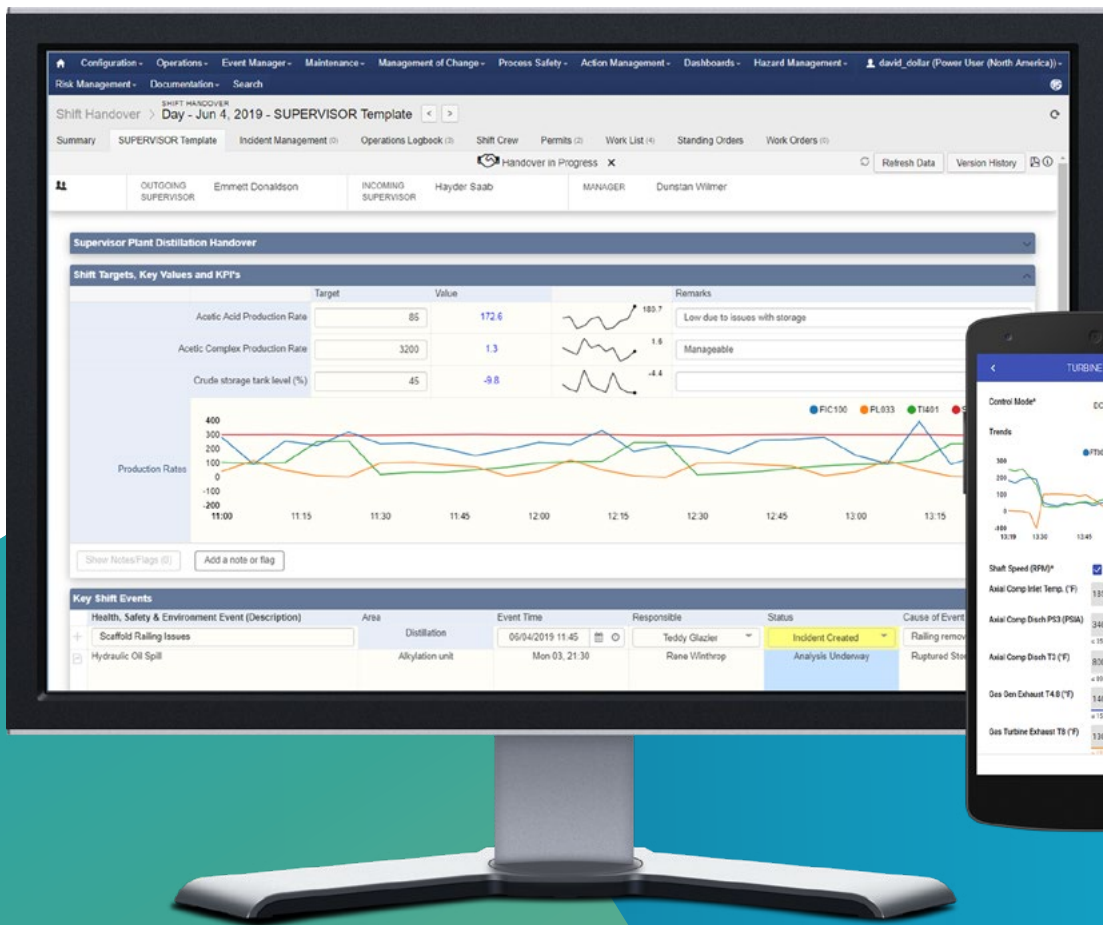


**With j5 Operations Management Software, I've finally found the solution I needed to take my business to the next level. Our goal is to implement as much of our daily activities as we can into this system. From our inspection records to manufacture alerts and bulletins, we see j5 Operations Management Software as the ultimate solution for tracking our day to day activities."**

**Michael Fry**

President and CEO, Deepwater Subsea LLC





The following are just a handful of the key benefits reported by users of the j5 Operations Logbook



### **Full visibility**

With the j5 Operations Logbook, information is no longer confined to the control room. It is, in fact, made available directly to everyone in the plant, including to authorized personnel other than the operations department.

Multi-user entry and access allow more people to contribute to the information-recording process — especially with mobile devices, providing an immediate boost in plant personnel coordination.



### **Immediate finding of data**

Functionalities like single-click filters, Boolean buttons and search engines allow users of the j5 Operations Logbook to find information quickly. This saves an enormous amount of time compared to older data recording methods, such as using spreadsheets.

Crucially, operators don't have to navigate through filing cabinets and complex folder systems to find the information they need.





## Interfacing to other plant systems

The j5 Operations Logbook can read and write data automatically from other systems such as the DCS, SCADA, the CMMS, Data Historians and LIMS. This provides operators with a single user interface for maintenance information, real-time data and many other useful information sources. The j5 Operations Logbook also interfaces with the OSIsoft® PI System®, Wonderware by AVEVA, Aspen InfoPlus.21® (IP.21), SAP PM, SAP HR and IBM Maximo.

## Formalized and auditable procedures

The j5 Operations Logbook provides efficient, repeatable, auditable recording for multiple areas and sites. The underlying logic ensures that users follow defined procedures. The j5 Operations Logbook automatically collects the bulk of the information for the shift handover, and reports may be emailed to an unlimited number of interested recipients. Data is always online and can be queried at any stage.



**j5 Shift Operations Management has given greater visibility of ongoing issues and given us a consistent and accountable handover tool.”**

**Ant Tyler**

Systems Operations Compliance Manager, Thames Water



Section 1 Permit Instructions and Base Information

Submitted

Aug 8, 2017 3:23 PM Admin User

Permit Title	Weld Header section where leak detected
Permit No	HP114
Preparer	Admin User
Recipient	Admin User
Type	Hot Work
Status	Open
Priority	Medium
Create Time	Tue 8, 3:22 PM
Equipment	12-TK-101
Isolation Plan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Diving Plan	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Confined Space Entry	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
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### Excellent flexibility

The j5 Operations Logbook allows users to attach items with a couple of clicks or directly from a camera, increasing productivity and saving sore fingers. Users can also attach photographs, videos and notes to entries on a mobile device with j5 Mobility. Furthermore, the j5 IndustraForm Templates capability to transform troublesome spreadsheets into enterprise-level applications brings the flexibility of the system to another level.

### Event logging compliance

Information within the j5 Operations Logbook is easy to read, highlights “out of specification” entries and is color-coded and formatted. Additionally, the j5 Operations Logbook guarantees that critical fields are completed, checks spelling and eliminates double data-entry. This means that users can quickly locate information of interest and understand it without having to decipher inconsistent scrawls.



**The introduction of j5 Operations Management Software at INPEX helped improve and enhance operation management efficiency. The platform has contributed to the efficient and stable operation of INPEX assets. Information is standardized, accurate and easier to retrieve.”**

**Jinsei Li**

General Manager, Information Management & Technology Unit, INPEX



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