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# GLOBAL I.T. MELTDOWN SHOWS PERIL OF GOING CASHLESS

**THE** perils of a cashless society were exposed yesterday as a technology blunder triggered 'the world's biggest IT meltdown'.

In what was dubbed a 'digital pandemic', a glitch in a soft-

By **Sam Greenhill**  
Chief Reporter

ware update sparked global chaos as computers crashed in shops, banks and hospitals.

Train ticket machines seized up, GP surgeries were forced to cancel appointments and planes were grounded in multiple countries.

Waitrose and Morrisons were

among the supermarkets unable to take card payments for a time – meaning customers who no longer carry cash could not buy food.

Critics said the havoc showed the dangers of a cashless world, with almost half of Britons now leaving the house with only their phones as a means of payment.

The aftermath of the disruption,

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