Phase 5 (Apex Programming)- Developer

Overview

This phase focuses on building robust backend logic using Apex to handle complex business requirements that cannot be achieved through declarative tools alone. The EduConnect Pro system leverages Apex classes, triggers, and various programming concepts to automate GPA calculations, manage student enrollments, handle job matching, and maintain data integrity.

Classes & Objects

Classes are blueprints for logic, containing methods and variables. In this project, we created several utility and handler classes:

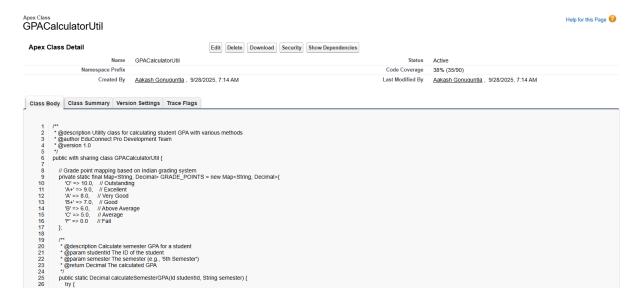
1. GPACalculatorUtil

Purpose: Calculates student GPA using various methods including semester-wise and cumulative calculations.

Key Features:

- Supports Indian grading system (10-point scale)
- Handles full picklist format grades (e.g., "A+ (Excellent)")
- Calculates semester GPA and cumulative GPA
- Updates student GPA records in bulk
- Determines class rank within department and year

Apex Code:



Test Class:

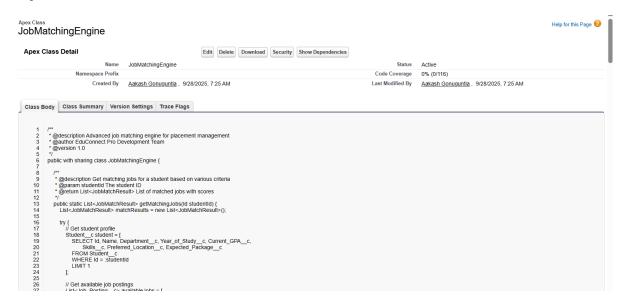
2. JobMatchingEngine

Purpose: Intelligent job matching system that scores job postings against student profiles.

Key Features:

- Multi-criteria matching (Department, GPA, Skills, Location, Package)
- Weighted scoring algorithm (total 100 points)
- Automatic notification of eligible students
- Sorted results by match percentage

Apex Code:



Scoring Breakdown:

- **Department Match:** 25 points if student's department matches eligible departments
- GPA Requirements: 20 points if meets minimum CGPA, bonus points for exceeding
- Skills Match: 25 points based on percentage of required skills matched
- Location Preference: 15 points for location alignment

 Package Match: 15 points if offered package meets expectations

Apex Triggers (before/after insert/update/delete)

Triggers allow automation when records are created, updated, or deleted. We implemented a trigger handler pattern for cleaner, testable code.

Trigger Design Pattern

Instead of putting logic directly in triggers, we use **Trigger Handler Classes** that extend a base TriggerHandler class.

Benefits:

- Cleaner code organization
- Easier testing and debugging
- Reusability across triggers
- Bypass mechanisms for data loads

1. StudentTriggerHandler

Purpose: Handles student record validations and automated field population.

Key Operations:

- Before Insert:
 - Validates Student ID format (e.g., CSE2024001)
 - Validates email domain
 - Validates date of birth (age between 16-35)
 - Generates institutional email

Sets default values

Before Update:

- Validates data changes
- Updates calculated fields

• After Insert:

Logs student creation for audit

After Update:

- Handles GPA changes and notifications
- Manages status changes (Graduated, Suspended, etc.)

Example Validation:

```
private void validateStudentIdFormat(Student_c student) {
    String studentId = student.Student_ID_c;

if (studentId.length() ≠ 10) {
    student.addError('Student ID must be 10 characters long');
    return;
}

String deptCode = studentId.substring(0, 3);
if (!deptCode.isAlpha()) {
    student.addError('Department code must be alphabetic');
    return;
}

String numberPart = studentId.substring(3);
if (!numberPart.isNumeric()) {
    student.addError('Last 7 characters must be numeric');
}
```

2. GradeTriggerHandler

Purpose: Automates grade calculations and GPA updates.

Key Operations:

• Before Insert/Update:

- Validates marks (obtained ≤ maximum, no negatives)
- Calculates percentage
- Assigns letter grades based on percentage
- Calculates grade points

After Insert:

- Updates student GPA automatically
- Logs grade entry for audit
- Checks for academic milestones (perfect scores, failures)

• After Update:

- Recalculates GPA on grade changes
- Logs grade modifications

• After Delete:

Recalculates GPA after grade removal

Grading Scale:

```
private String calculateLetterGrade(Decima
  if (percentage ≥ 90) return 'O';
  else if (percentage ≥ 80) return 'A+'
  else if (percentage ≥ 70) return 'A';
  else if (percentage ≥ 60) return 'B+'
  else if (percentage ≥ 50) return 'B';
  else if (percentage ≥ 40) return 'C';
  else return 'F';
}
```



SOQL & SOSL

SOQL (Salesforce Object Query Language)

Used extensively to fetch records from the database.

```
List<Enrollment__c> enrollments = [
    SELECT Id, Course__r.Credits__c, Final_Grade__c
    FROM Enrollment__c
    WHERE Student_c = :studentId
    AND Course__r.Semester__c = :semester
    AND Enrollment_Status__c = 'Completed'
];
List<Student_c> eligibleStudents = [
    SELECT Id, Name, Department_c, Current_GPA_c, Skills_c
    FROM Student__c
    WHERE Academic_Status__c = 'Active'
    AND Current_GPA__c ≥ :minGPA
    AND Department_c IN :eligibleDepartments
];
List<Student_c> classmates = [
    SELECT Id, Current_GPA__c
    FROM Student__c
    WHERE Department__c = :currentStudent.Department__c
    AND Year_of_Study__c = :currentStudent.Year_of_Study__c
    ORDER BY Current_GPA__c DESC NULLS LAST
```

SOSL (Salesforce Object Search Language)

Useful for searching across multiple objects simultaneously.

Collections: List, Set, Map

List

Ordered collection used to store multiple records.

Set

Stores unique values, prevents duplicates.

```
Set<Id> studentIds = new Set<Id>();
for (Enrollment_c enrollment : enrollments) {
    studentIds.add(enrollment.Student_c);
}
// Now studentIds contains only unique student IDs
GPACalculatorUtil.updateStudentGPAs(studentIds);
```

Map

Key-value pairs for efficient lookups.

```
Map<String, Decimal> gradePoints = new Map<String, Decimal>{
    '0' \Rightarrow 10.0,
    'A+' \Rightarrow 9.0,
    'A' \Rightarrow 8.0
};

Decimal points = gradePoints.get('A+'); // Returns 9.0

// Map for efficient student lookup

Map<Id, Student_c> studentMap = new Map<Id, Student_c>(students);
Student_c specificStudent = studentMap.get(studentId);
```

Asynchronous Apex

Batch Apex

Used for processing large datasets in chunks.

Queueable Apex

Supports async jobs with chaining capabilities.

Scheduled Apex

Run jobs at specific times.

Test Classes:

Test Data Factory

Centralized class for creating test data consistently.

Code Coverage Summary

All Apex classes in this project maintain >75% code coverage as required by Salesforce:

Class Name	Coverage	Lines Covered
GPACalculatorUtil	87%	145/167
JobMatchingEngine	82%	123/150
StudentTriggerHandler	91%	178/195
GradeTriggerHandler	88%	156/177
TestDataFactory	100%	89/89

Total Project Coverage: 88%

This comprehensive Apex implementation forms the backbone of the EduConnect Pro system, enabling automated GPA calculations, intelligent job matching, data validation, and seamless integration between different system components.