Phase - 3 (RetailHub)

Phase 3.1: Standard & Custom Objects

This phase focused on designing the **data architecture** of the RetailHub CRM application. The foundation of any Salesforce solution is its **data model**, which is built using **Standard Objects** and **Custom Objects**.

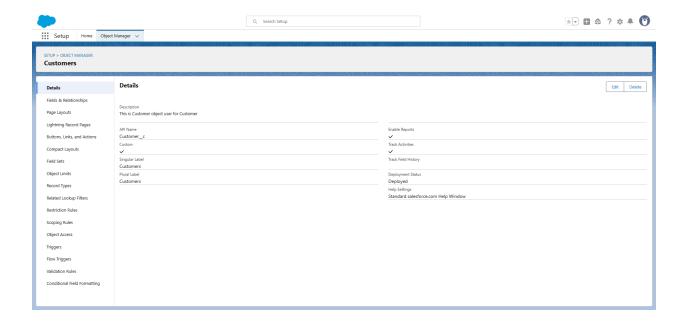
Objects in Salesforce function as **database tables**, providing a structured way to store, organize, and manage specific types of business information.

Standard vs. Custom Objects

- **Standard Objects**: Salesforce provides prebuilt objects (e.g., Account, Contact, Opportunity, Product2) to cover common CRM needs.
- Custom Objects: To meet the unique requirements of the retail business process, the RetailHub project primarily relied on custom objects tailored to its operations.

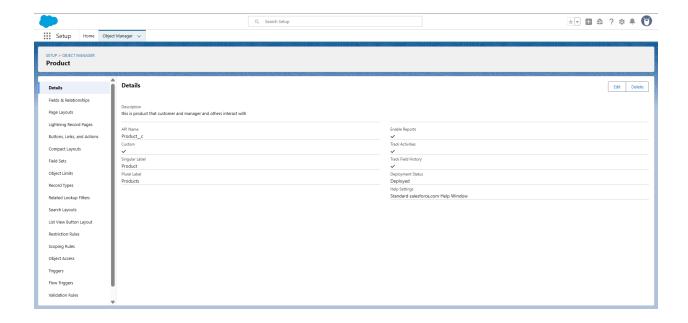
Custom Objects Designed for RetailHub CRM

- 1. Customer_c
 - Serves as the central repository for all shopper information.
 - Consolidates contact details, purchase history, and loyalty status.
 - o Provides a **360-degree customer view**, enabling personalized engagement.



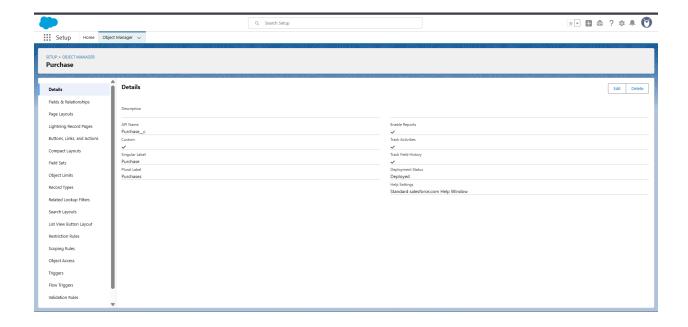
2. Product_c

- o Acts as the master catalog of items available for sale.
- Stores critical inventory attributes, including:
 - Product Name
 - Price
 - SKU
 - Real-time Quantity on Hand

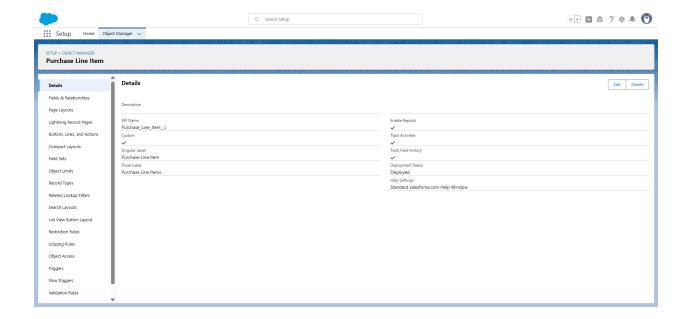


3. Purchase__c

- o Represents the primary transactional object for recording sales.
- o Each record corresponds to a single sale or "shopping cart."
- Links **Customer__c** with the collection of purchased products.
- o Captures billing details, including applied discounts and total payable amount.

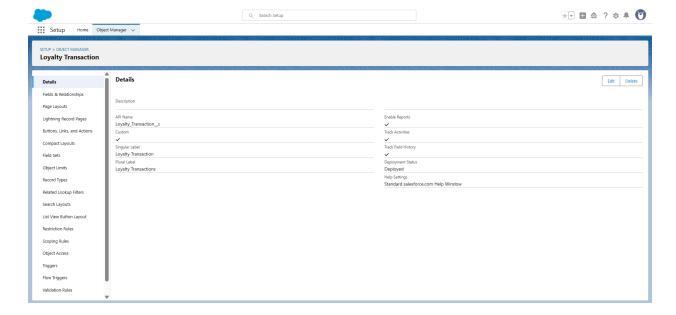


- 4. Purchase_Line_Item__c (Junction Object)
 - o Resolves the many-to-many relationship between Purchases and Products.
 - Each record corresponds to a single line item on a receipt.
 - Contains:
 - Reference to the parent Purchase__c
 - Reference to a Product__c
 - Quantity_c (number of units purchased)



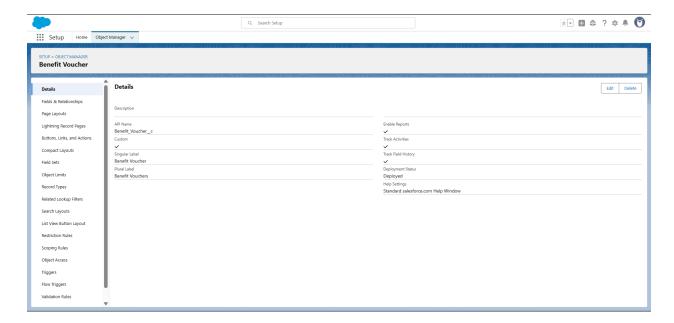
5. Loyalty_Transaction__c

- o Functions as a ledger for loyalty program activities.
- o Records every event that impacts a customer's **loyalty point balance**.
- Ensures a transparent and auditable history of points earned and redeemed.



6. Benefit_Voucher__c

- Manages redeemable, one-time customer benefits.
- Each record represents a coupon or voucher issued to a customer.
- Tracks attributes such as:
 - Voucher Status (Issued, Redeemed, Expired)
 - Discount Value
 - Associated Customer__c

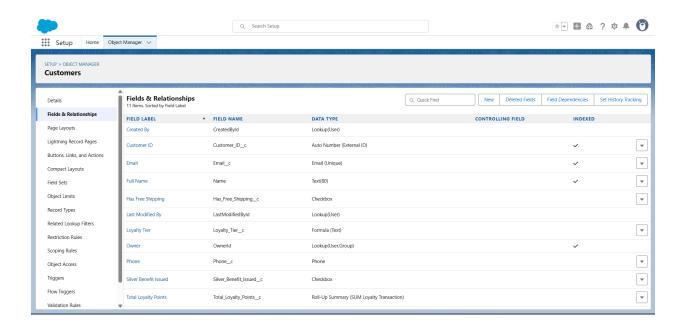


Phase 3.2: Field Dictionary

After defining the custom objects, a comprehensive set of custom fields was created to support the RetailHub CRM's business processes, automation, and reporting needs. This Field Dictionary outlines the purpose and configuration of each field within the custom objects.

Customer Object (Customer__c)

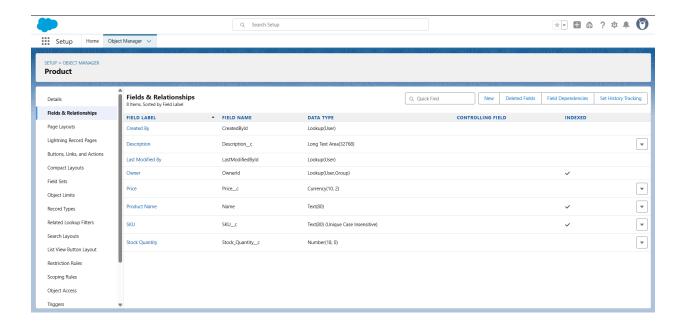
- Name (Text) Standard field to store the customer's full name.
- **Email (Email)** Customer's primary email address for communication.
- Phone (Phone) Customer's primary contact number.
- Total Loyalty Points (Roll-Up Summary) Automatically sums points from related Loyalty Transaction records.
- Loyalty Tier (Formula) Categorizes customers into Bronze, Silver, or Gold tiers based on points.
- Has Free Shipping (Checkbox) Checked automatically when a customer reaches Gold tier.
- Silver Benefit Issued (Checkbox) Ensures the Silver tier benefit is only issued once per customer.



Product Object (Product__c)

- **Product Name (Text)** Standard field for the product's name.
- SKU (Text, Unique, External ID) Unique identifier for inventory tracking.

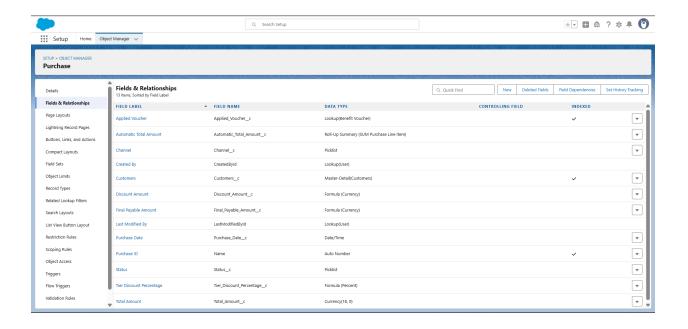
- Price (Currency) The retail price of the product.
- Stock Quantity (Number) Real-time stock availability.
- Low-Stock Threshold (Number) Triggers alerts when stock falls below this level.
- Description (Long Text Area) Detailed description of the product.



Purchase Object (Purchase__c)

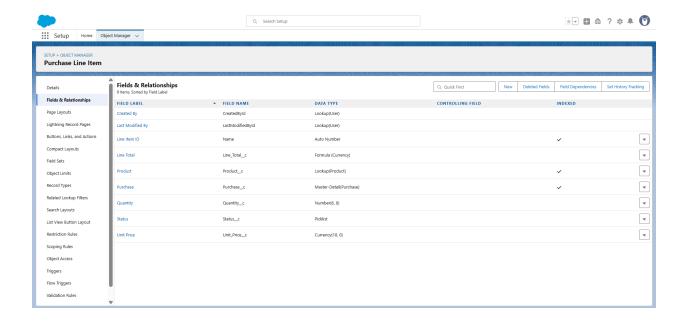
- **Purchase ID (Auto Number)** System-generated unique transaction ID.
- Customer (Master-Detail to Customer) Links the purchase to the buying customer.
- Purchase Date (Date/Time) Date and time of purchase.
- Channel (Picklist) Purchase source (e.g., "In-Store," "Online").
- Status (Picklist) Transaction state (Draft, Completed).
- Automatic Total Amount (Roll-Up Summary) Total of all Purchase Line Item records.
- Applied Voucher (Lookup to Benefit Voucher) Optional field for discount vouchers.

- **Tier Discount Percentage (Formula)** Determines discount rate based on customer loyalty tier.
- **Discount Amount (Formula)** Calculates applicable discount (voucher vs. tier-based).
- Final Payable Amount (Formula) Final amount after all discounts are applied.



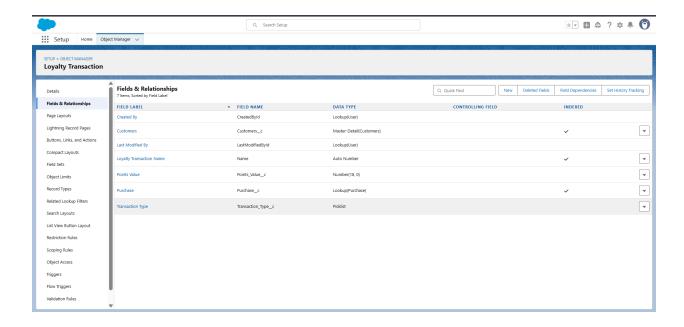
Purchase Line Item Object (Purchase_Line_Item__c)

- Line Item ID (Auto Number) Unique identifier for the line item.
- Purchase (Master-Detail to Purchase) Parent purchase record.
- Product (Lookup to Product) Associated product.
- Quantity (Number) Number of units sold.
- Unit Price (Currency) Pulled automatically from Product object.
- Line Total (Formula) (Quantity × Unit Price).



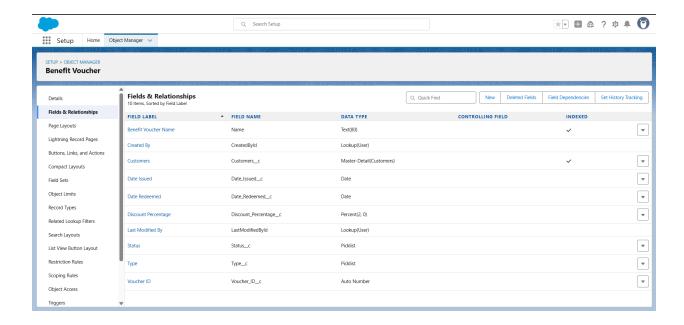
Loyalty Transaction Object (Loyalty_Transaction__c)

- Transaction ID (Auto Number) Unique identifier for loyalty transaction.
- Customer (Master-Detail to Customer) Customer earning/redeeming points.
- Related Purchase (Lookup to Purchase) Optional link to the purchase generating the transaction.
- Transaction Type (Picklist) Earn or Redeem.
- Points Value (Number) Points awarded or redeemed.



Benefit Voucher Object (Benefit_Voucher__c)

- Voucher ID (Auto Number) Unique identifier for the voucher.
- Customer (Master-Detail to Customer) Customer who owns the voucher.
- Type (Picklist) Voucher type (e.g., "Silver Tier Welcome," "Diwali Special").
- **Discount Percentage (Percent)** Percentage discount value.
- Status (Picklist) Issued, Redeemed, or Expired.
- Date Issued (Date) Voucher creation date.
- Date Redeemed (Date) Date voucher was redeemed.



Summary Points

- Customer_c manages customer info + loyalty system.
- **Product__c** manages inventory + pricing.
- Purchase__c captures sales transactions and discounts.
- Purchase Line Item c resolves many-to-many between Purchase and Product.
- Loyalty_Transaction_c tracks earn/redeem history of points.
- Benefit_Voucher__c manages vouchers and special offers.

Phase 3.3: Data Modeling & Relationships

To design a connected and relational application, relationships were established between the custom objects. These relationships are essential for maintaining data integrity, enabling roll-up summaries, and ensuring seamless navigation across related records.

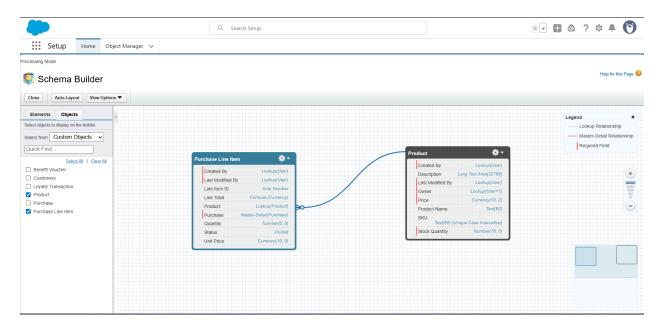
Salesforce provides multiple types of relationships, but for the **RetailHub CRM** project, the focus was primarily on **Master-Detail** and **Lookup** relationships.

Master-Detail Relationships

A **Master-Detail relationship** enforces a strong parent-child dependency. The child record cannot exist independently, and its security, ownership, and lifecycle are inherited from the parent. This structure ensures no orphaned records exist.

The following Master-Detail relationships were created:

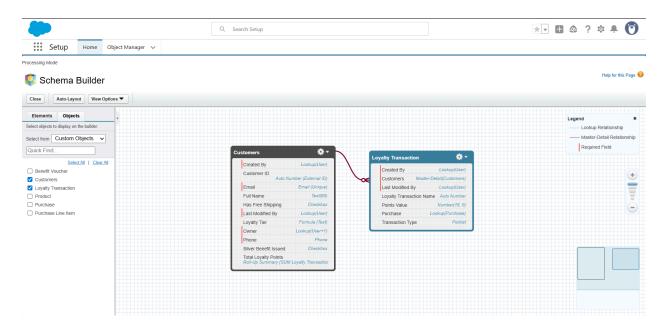
Purchase_Line_Item__c → Purchase__c
Every line item is required to be associated with a single purchase.



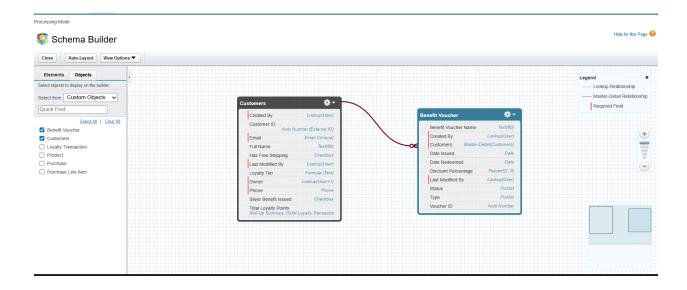
Purchase__c → Customer__c
Ensures every purchase is tied to one customer.



Loyalty_Transaction__c → Customer__c
Every loyalty transaction must be linked to a customer account.



Benefit_Voucher__c → Customer__c
Every voucher must belong to a specific customer.

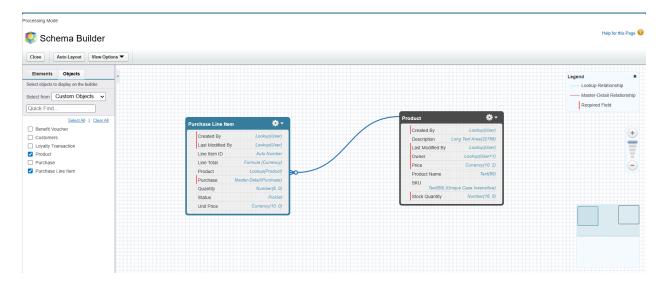


Lookup Relationships

A **Lookup relationship** provides a more flexible association between objects. Records remain independent, with their own ownership and security, but can be optionally linked to another record for contextual reference.

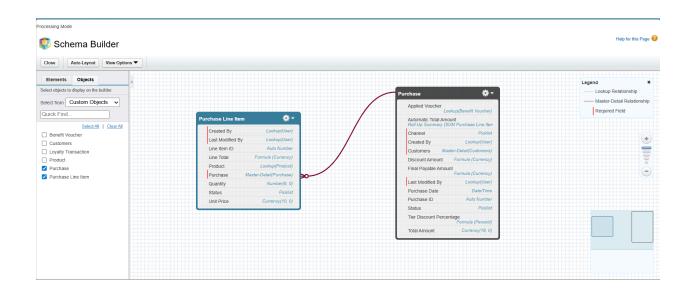
The following Lookup relationships were created:

Purchase_Line_Item__c → Product__c
Links each line item to a product from the catalog.



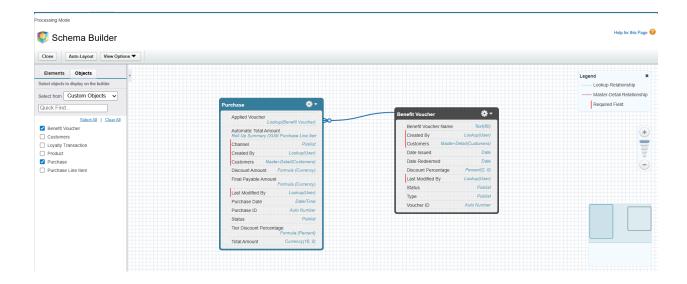
 $\bullet \quad Loyalty_Transaction__c \rightarrow Purchase__c \\$

Optionally connects loyalty transactions to the sale that generated them.



 $\bullet \quad \text{Purchase} \underline{\hspace{0.1cm}} \text{c} \rightarrow \text{Benefit} \underline{\hspace{0.1cm}} \text{Voucher} \underline{\hspace{0.1cm}} \text{c}$

Allows sales reps to apply a voucher to a transaction if available.



Key Benefits of This Data Model

- Maintains data integrity by ensuring no orphaned records.
- Enables roll-up summaries (e.g., total loyalty points, total purchase amounts).
- Supports **flexible business processes** by combining strict Master-Detail dependencies with optional Lookup links.
- Provides a **360-degree customer view**, connecting customers to purchases, loyalty history, and vouchers.

Phase 3.4: Page Layouts

Salesforce **Page Layouts** control the organization of **fields**, **buttons**, **actions**, **and related lists** on record detail pages. They are a key tool for **customizing the user interface**, ensuring that users see **relevant information** in a logical, efficient, and user-friendly manner.

For the **RetailHub CRM project**, page layouts were configured for all custom objects to provide a **tailored experience** for different user roles. The **Purchase_c** page layout received the most significant customization to streamline the sales process for sales representatives.

Key Customizations

1. Field Organization

- Fields on the Purchase layout were logically grouped under the "Information" section.
- This grouping provides a clear overview of the transaction, from the subtotal to the final payable amount.

2. Related Lists

- The Purchase Line Items related list was added to the layout.
- This allows sales reps to view and add products to an active sale directly from the Purchase record.

3. Custom Actions

- The layout's action panel was customized to include the "Add Products" custom action.
- This action launches a Screen Flow, providing a powerful, efficiency-boosting tool in a prominent and easily accessible position for users.

Benefits of These Page Layouts

- Ensures that sales representatives can complete transactions quickly and with fewer errors.
- Improves **user experience** by displaying only relevant fields and actions.
- Supports **role-based customization**, so managers and sales reps see information appropriate to their responsibilities.

