Salesforce Project Documentation

TOPIC:

AI-Powered Sales Forecasting

Problem Statement:

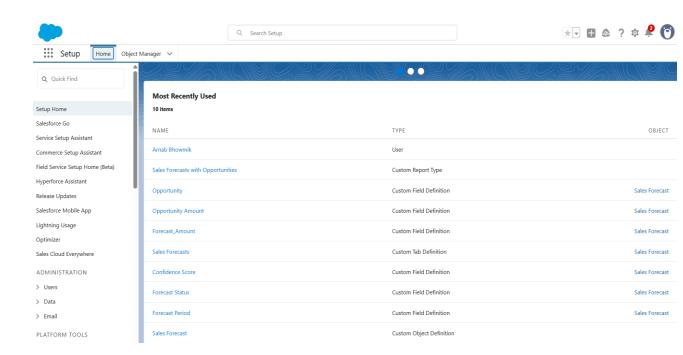
A technology company is struggling with inaccurate sales forecasting due to inconsistent pipeline management, manual processes, and lack of predictive insights. This leads to misallocated resources, missed revenue targets, and a lack of proactive decision-making, resulting in inefficiencies across sales operations. The company needs an Al-driven solution to automate, enhance, and improve the accuracy of its sales forecasts to optimize sales strategies and resorce allocation.

Phase 1: Problem Understanding & Industry Analysis (Requirement Gathering)

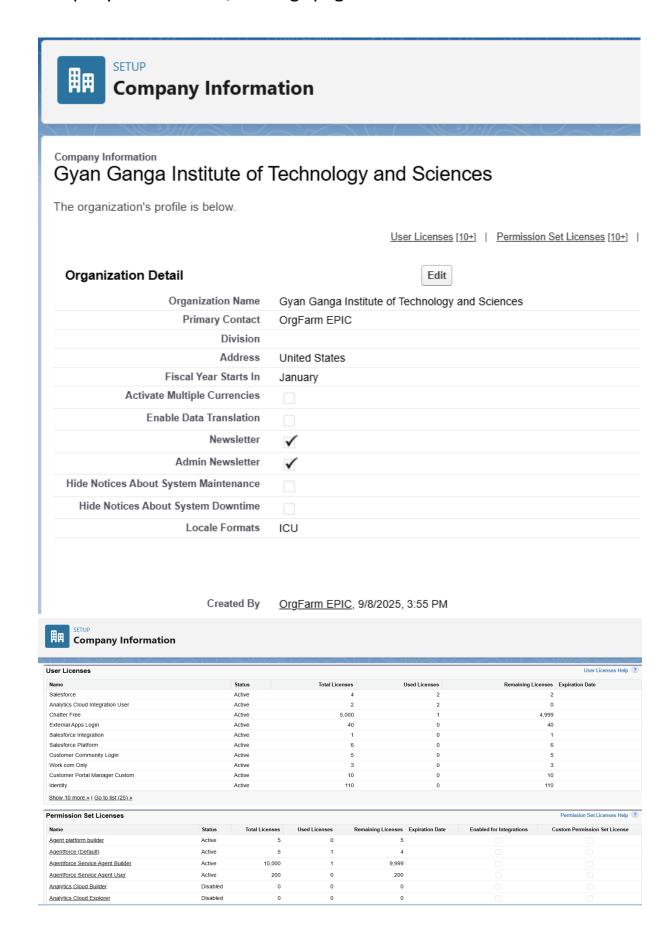
- Identified the core problem: inaccurate sales forecasting caused by manual processes.
- Documented inefficiencies like missed revenue targets and resource misallocation.
- Set project objective: build an automated forecasting solution inside Salesforce.
- Outlined scope: rule-based scoring, flows, reports, and dashboards.
- Chose Salesforce Developer Playground as the environment.
- Planned timeline to build a working project in less than 10 days.
- Defined roles: Admin (configuration) and Developer (customization).
- Prioritized deliverables to keep the build lean and achievable.

Phase 2: Org Setup & Configuration

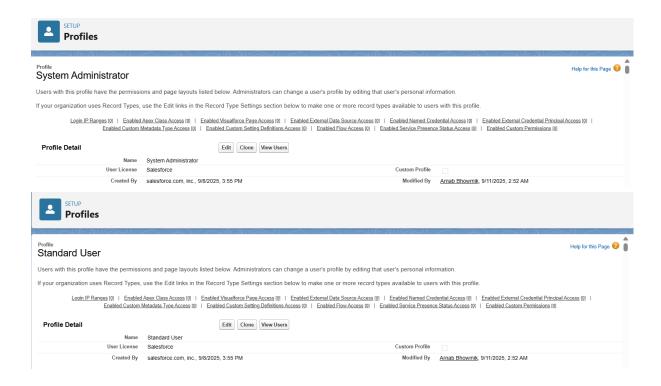
- Created a Salesforce Playground environment.
- Configured basic org settings like currency, fiscal year, and locale.
- Verified user permissions to allow creating objects, fields, flows, and reports.
- Enabled access to App Launcher and navigation tabs for easier testing.
- Added required profiles and ensured visibility of new fields to users.
- Organized workspace by grouping related items under a Sales app.
- Screenshot Placeholders:
- Developer Org Home



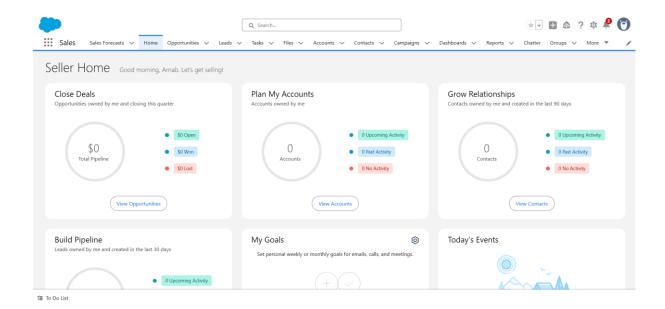
Company Information / Settings page



User Profiles / Permission setup

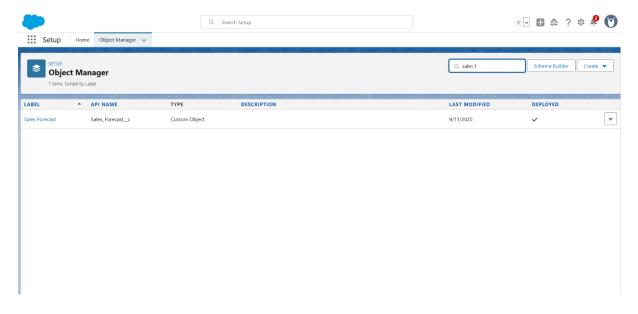


Navigation bar with Sales Forecasts tab added

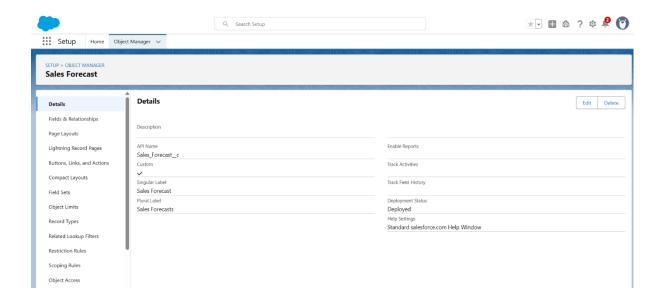


Phase 3: Data Modeling & Relationships

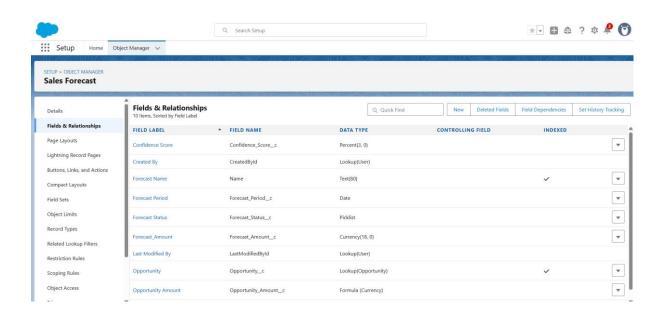
- Created custom object **Sales Forecast c** with fields:
- Forecast Amount (Currency)
- Forecast Period (Date)
- Forecast Status (Picklist: Draft, Approved, Closed)
- Confidence Score (Percent)
- Opportunity (Lookup to Opportunity)
- Added a custom tab for Sales Forecasts to make them accessible.
- Built relationships so Sales Forecasts are directly tied to Opportunities.
- Defined formula fields on Opportunity:
- **Score__c** (rule-based probability by stage)
- Weighted_Amount__c (Amount × Score%)
- Ensured data consistency by making key fields required.
- Sales Forecast Object Manager overview



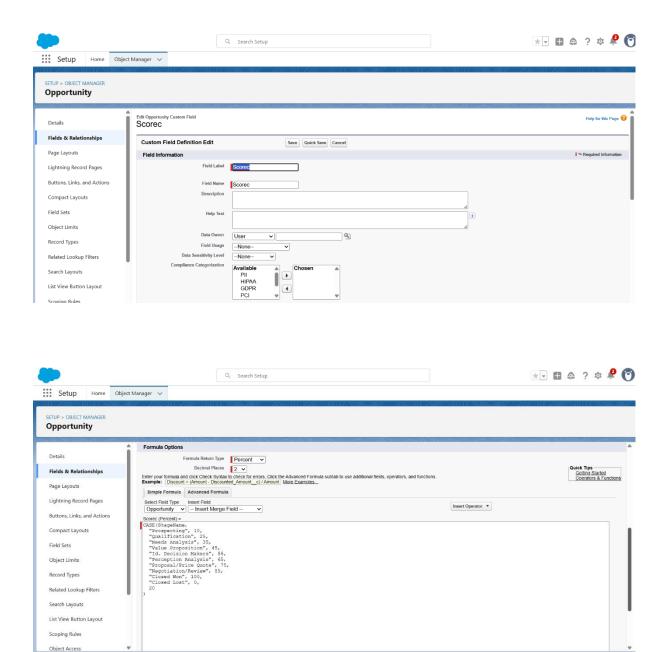
• Details page



• List of custom fields for Sales Forecast



• Formula field setup for Score__c

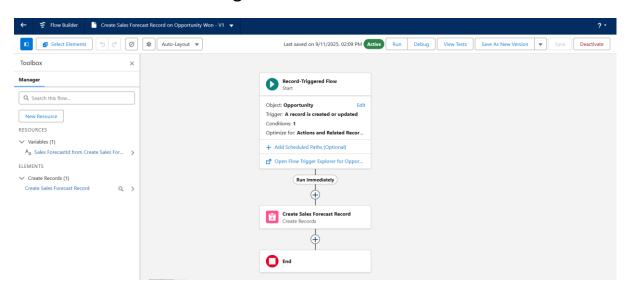


Relationship diagram showing Opportunity ← Sales Forecast

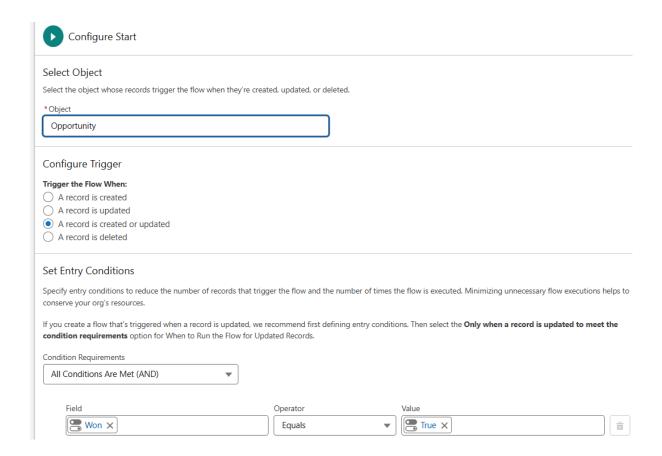


Phase 4: Automation with Flows

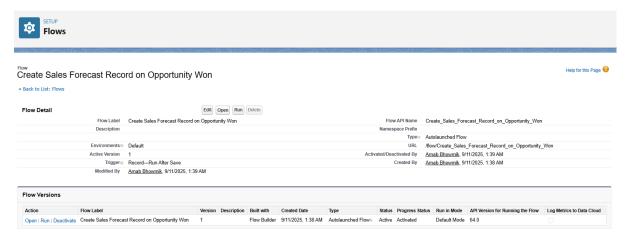
- Designed a Record-Triggered Flow on Opportunity.
- Flow automatically creates a Sales Forecast when Opportunity is marked Closed Won.
- Field mappings ensure Forecast Amount, Period, Status, and Confidence Score are captured.
- Configured Flow condition using IsWon = True to trigger only on successful deals.
- Activated the flow and tested by closing test Opportunities.
- Verified new Sales Forecast records are automatically created.
- Considered extending automation with scheduled flows to refresh Confidence Scores daily.
- Future extension: email alerts when Confidence Score falls below threshold.
- Flow canvas showing Start + Create Records element



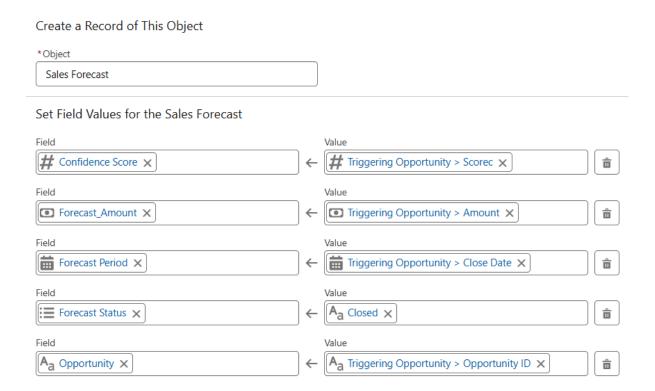
Flow condition setup with IsWon = True]



Activated flow list in Setup

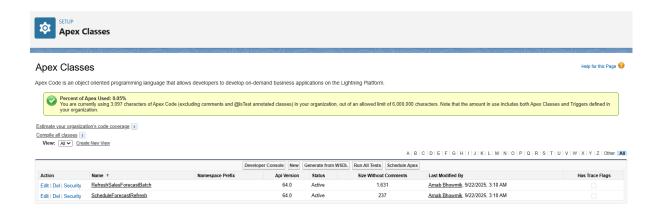


• Create Records element field mapping

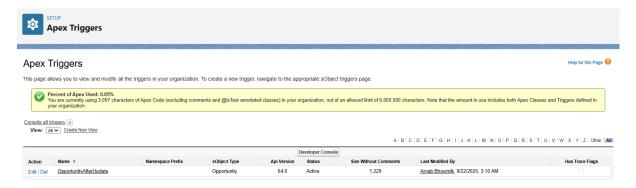


Phase 5: Apex Programming (Developer)

- Declarative automation with Flows is fully functional for forecast creation.
- Apex introduced to extend automation and handle advanced cases.
- Apex classes used to prepare data for external reporting systems.



 Triggers can recalculate Confidence Score automatically on Opportunity updates.

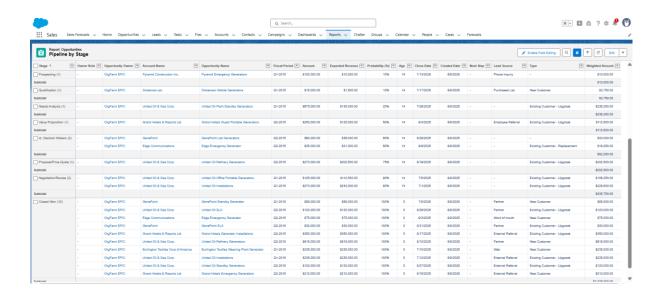


- Batch Apex jobs refreshes forecasts for all Opportunities at quarter-end.
- Apex callouts could connect to external AI/ML APIs for predictive scoring.
- Provides flexibility to implement complex business logic beyond Flow capabilities.
- Ensures system is scalable as transaction volume increases.

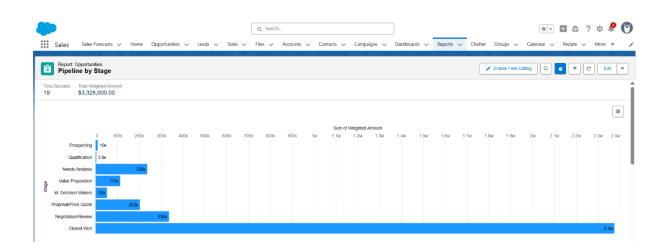
Phase 6: Reporting & Dashboards

- Built Pipeline by Stage report with Weighted Amount field.
 Grouped Opportunities by Stage and visualized pipeline value with bar chart.
- Created Forecast vs Actual report using custom report type (Sales Forecasts with Opportunities).
- Added row-level formula to calculate variance between Forecast and Actual Opportunity Amount.
- Grouped by Forecast Period (Calendar Month) for time-based insights.
- Built Top Opportunities report, limited to 10 rows, sorted by Forecast Amount.
- Combined all three reports into Sales Forecasting Executive Dashboard.
- Dashboard includes:
- Pipeline by Stage chart
- Added dashboard filters (Owner, Stage, Period) for flexible analysis.
- Ensured dashboard is user-friendly for executives and managers.
- Reports and dashboards provide both detailed and high-level visibility.

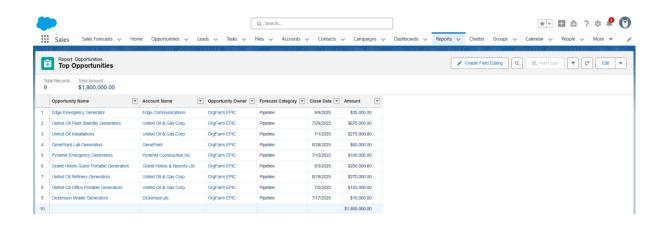
• Pipeline by Stage report table



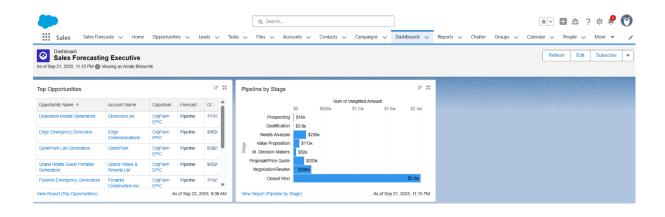
• Pipeline by Stage report chart



• Top Opportunities report table



• Dashboard tab/panel



Phase 7: Integration & External Access

- Salesforce provides multiple options for integration and external access.
- Possible Google Sheets integration for managers who prefer spreadsheets.

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Probability: All	nities	: Current FQ (7/1/2025 to 9/3	0(2025)										
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		OrgFarm EPIC	Edge Communications	Edge Emergency Generator	Q2-2015	\$35,000.00	\$21,000.00	60%	14 9/9/2025	9/8/2025		Existing Customer - Replaceme	r \$19,250.00
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		OrgFarm EPIC	United Oil & Gas Corp.	United Oil Installations	Q1-2015	\$2,70,000.00	\$2,43,000.00	90%	14 7/1/2025	9/8/2025		Existing Customer - Upgrade	\$2,29,500.00
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		OrgFarm EPIC	Grand Hotels & Resorts Ltd	Grand Hotels Generator Installations	Q2-2015	\$3,50,000.00		100%	0 8/17/2025		External Referral	Existing Customer - Upgrade	\$3,50,000.00
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		OrgFarm EPIC	Grand Hotels & Resorts Ltd	Grand Hotels Emergency Generators	Q2-2015	\$2,10,000.00	\$2,10,000.00	100%	0 8/15/2025	9/8/2025	External Referral	New Customer	\$2,10,000.00
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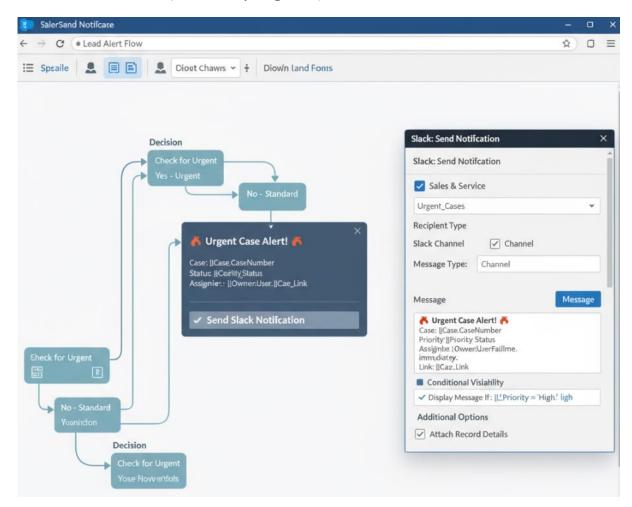
Top Opportunities

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Filtered By
Date Field: Close Date equals Current FQ (7/1/2025 to 9/30/2025)
Show: All opportunities
Opportunity Status: Open
Probability: All

Opportunity Name	Account Name	Opportunity Owner	Forecast Category	Close Date	Amount	
Edge Emergency Generator	Edge Communications	OrgFarm EPIC	Pipeline	9/9/2025	\$35,000.00	
United Oil Plant Standby Generators	United Oil & Gas Corp.	OrgFarm EPIC	Pipeline	7/29/2025	\$6,75,000.00	
United Oil Installations	United Oil & Gas Corp.	OrgFarm EPIC	Pipeline	7/1/2025	\$2,70,000.00	
GenePoint Lab Generators	GenePoint	OrgFarm EPIC	Pipeline	8/28/2025	\$60,000.00	
Pyramid Emergency Generators		Pyramid Construction Inc.	OrgFarm EPIC	Pipeline	7/13/2025	\$1,00,000.00
Grand Hotels Guest Portable Generators		Grand Hotels & Resorts Ltd	OrgFarm EPIC	Pipeline	9/3/2025	\$2,50,000.00
United Oil Refinery Generators		United Oil & Gas Corp.	OrgFarm EPIC	Pipeline	8/19/2025	\$2,70,000.00
United Oil Office Portable Generators	United Oil & Gas Corp.	OrgFarm EPIC	Pipeline	7/5/2025	\$1,25,000.00	
Dickenson Mobile Generators		Dickenson plc	OrgFarm EPIC	Pipeline	7/17/2025	\$15,000.00
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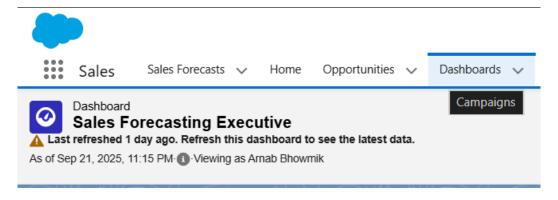
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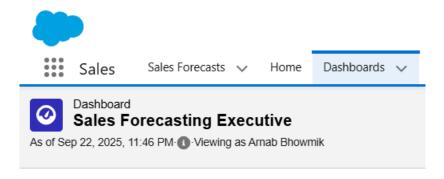
- External portals or Communities can provide executives secure real-time forecast access.
- API-based connections allow syncing with CRM or pipeline management tools.
- Enhancements can include automated push of monthly forecast summaries to leadership.
- REST API could be used to sync forecasts with ERP or Finance systems.
- Data can be exported into analytics platforms like Tableau or Power BI.

Phase 8: Deployment & Maintenance

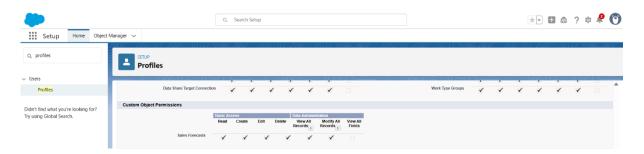
- Verified the entire solution in the Salesforce Developer Playground environment.
- Migrated metadata and configuration changes with Change Sets (if moving to production).
- Ensured visibility of all custom fields and objects for intended users.
- Conducted testing with sample data across multiple scenarios.
- Set up dashboards for continuous monitoring of forecasts.
- Prepared user documentation for sales teams.
- Scheduled periodic reviews for data model, automation, and reports.
- Future improvements: adjust scoring logic as business rules change.
- Maintenance plan includes regular backup and testing after Salesforce releases.
- Dashboard refresh history page



After refresh.



User profile showing Sales Forecast object permissions
 System Administrator (Profile)

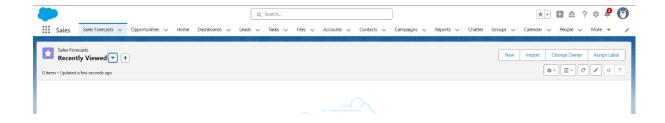


Standard User (Profile)



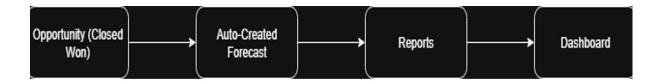
Phase 9: User Training & Adoption

- Conducted walkthrough sessions with sales users on the new forecasting process.
- Demonstrated how Opportunities automatically generate Sales Forecasts.
- Trained users to read and interpret Weighted Amount and Confidence Score.
- Showed navigation to custom reports and dashboards.
- Collected feedback from users about report layouts and chart preferences.
- Created a short reference guide for quick learning.
- Added the Sales Forecasts tab to Sales app navigation for easier access.
- Encouraged adoption by highlighting how automation saves time and improves accuracy.
- Planned ongoing user Q&A sessions during initial rollout.
- Sales app navigation bar with Forecasts tab

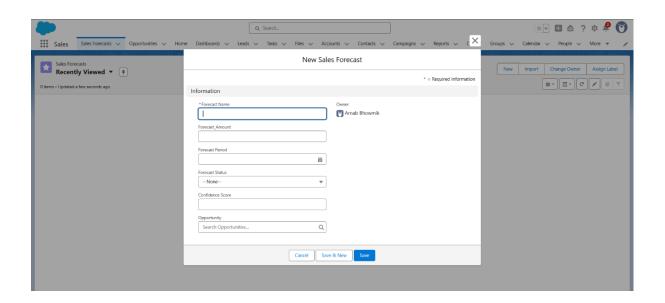


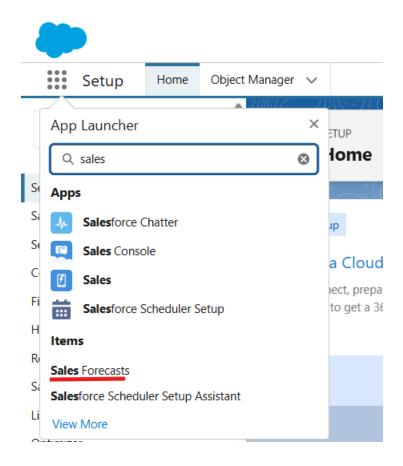
Training slide or Flowchart

Sales Forecast Flowchart



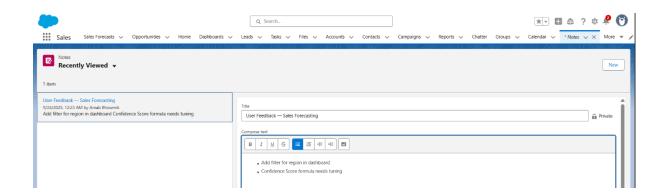
• New Sales Forecast Creation Screen and App Launcher Search



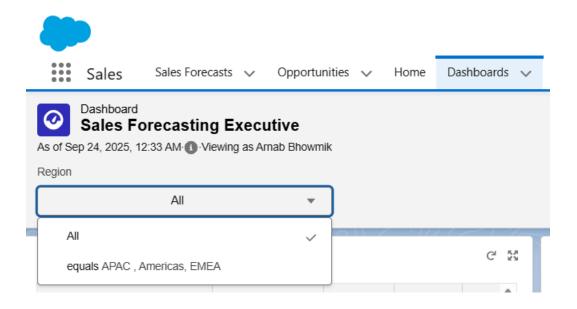


Phase 10 — Maintenance & Continuous Improvement

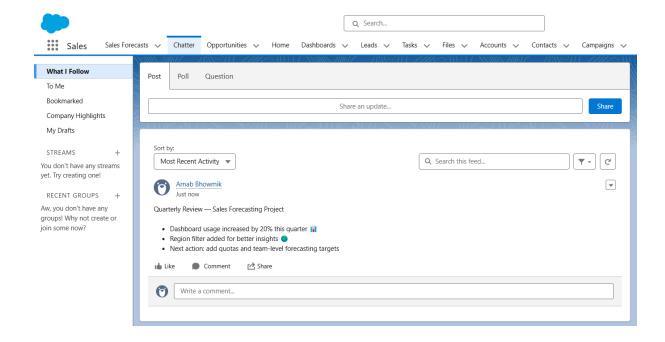
- Identified areas for improvement in report grouping and dashboard visuals.
- Evaluated automation logic to ensure flows trigger correctly.
- Gathered mentor/peer feedback for enhancements.
- Logged potential future features like AI integration and mobile dashboard access.
- Established a review cycle to refine forecasting logic quarterly.
- Planned scaling approach if migrated to production org.
- Continuous improvement process ensures long-term usability and accuracy.
- Documented lessons learned from each project phase.
- Feedback or Improvisation notes.



Dashboard with highlighted improvements



Chatter Post (Quarterly Review / Project Notes).



Conclusion

This project successfully demonstrates the design and implementation of a Sales Forecasting Process in Salesforce, built using standard Salesforce features like Objects, Flows, Reports, and Dashboards. By automating forecast creation and providing analytical reports, the solution improves sales visibility, accuracy, and decision-making.

The project highlights how structured implementation across phases — from setup and automation to reporting, dashboards, and user adoption — can deliver tangible business value in a short time.

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https://github.com/ArB-tech/SalesforceProject.git

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