LEASE MANAGEMENT

1. Project Overview

This project aims to develop a Salesforce-based application designed to manage and streamline the lease management process for real estate properties. The primary goal is to enhance the efficiency of lease tracking, coordinate lease renewals, manage tenant relationships, and generate insightful reports on occupancy, lease expirations, and rental income.

2. Objectives

a) Business Goals:

- **Optimize Lease Tracking**: Ensure all lease agreements, renewals, and expirations are easily accessible and trackable within a single Salesforce-based platform, reducing administrative overhead.

- **Enhance Tenant Relationship Management**: Streamline communication with tenants, automate reminders for lease renewals, and resolve tenant inquiries faster, thereby improving tenant satisfaction.

- **Increase Operational Efficiency**: Automate routine processes such as rent invoicing, lease renewals, and maintenance requests, reducing manual input and minimizing errors.

- **Improve Reporting and Insights**: Provide accurate, real-time reports on occupancy rates, lease expirations, rental income, and other key metrics to support strategic decision-making.

- **Ensure Compliance and Reduce Risk**: Track lease obligations and ensure compliance with regulatory standards, minimizing the risk of missed renewals, late fees, or legal issues.

b) Specific Outcomes:

- **Centralized Lease Management System**: A comprehensive dashboard that consolidates all lease-related information, including lease terms, tenant contact information, renewal dates, and payment schedules.

- **Automated Notifications and Reminders**: Scheduled reminders and alerts for upcoming lease expirations, rent payment due dates, and maintenance requirements, enabling proactive management.

- **Tenant Portal**: A self-service portal where tenants can view lease details, make payments, submit maintenance requests, and access important documents.

- **Reports and Analytics Dashboard**: Customizable reports and analytics on key metrics, such as occupancy rates, tenant turnover, lease renewal rates, and rental income forecasts.

- **Document Management and Compliance Tracking**: A secure repository for all lease documents, contracts, and compliance checklists, with version control and audit trails to ensure all records are up to date.

- **Mobile Accessibility**: A mobile-responsive interface to allow property managers and tenants to access lease information, communicate, and complete tasks from any device.

3. Salesforce Key Features and Concepts Utilized in Lease Management:

i. **Custom Objects:** Structures lease-specific data (e.g., "Leases," "Properties," "Tenants") for organized management.

ii. **Process Builder & Automation:** Automates lease renewals, rent notifications, and maintenance alerts, reducing manual work.

iii. **Email Alerts:** Sends notifications for lease renewals and payment due dates to keep stakeholders informed.

iv. **Reports & Dashboards:** Provides real-time insights into occupancy, income, and tenant trends for better decision-making.

v. **Lightning App Builder:** Customizes user interfaces to display relevant lease and tenant details for easy access.

vi. **Salesforce Mobile App:** Offers access to lease information and tasks on-the-go for property managers and tenants.

vii. **Security & Permissions:** Controls data access through role-based permissions to protect sensitive lease data.

viii. **Document Management**: Stores lease documents securely with version control and easy retrieval.

ix. **Experience Cloud (Tenant Portal):** Provides tenants with a portal to access lease details, payments, and requests.

x. **Einstein Analytics**: Delivers advanced insights on tenant retention, property performance, and lease optimization.

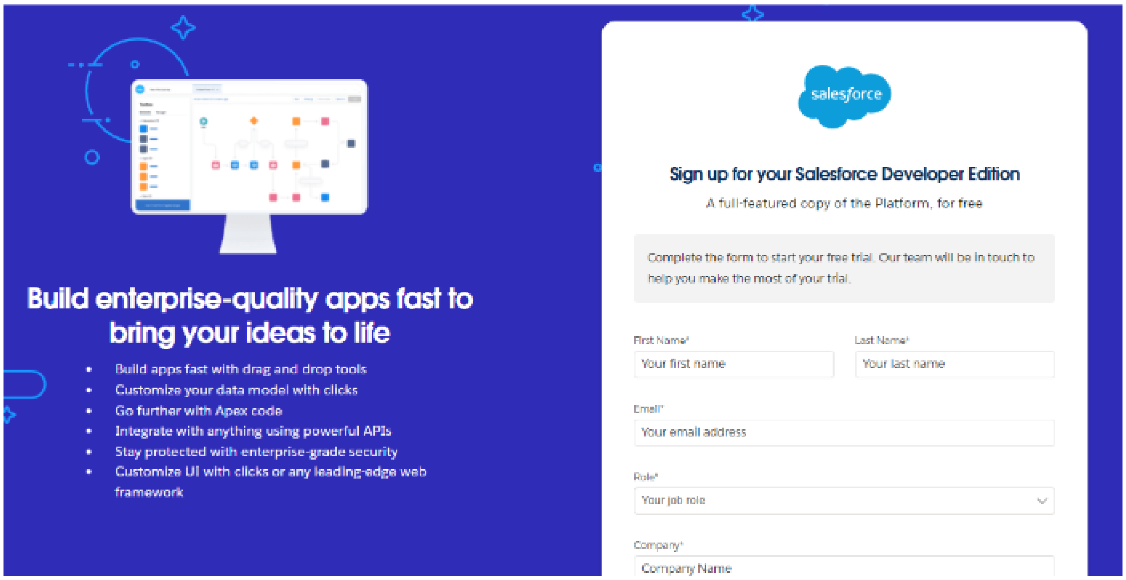
xi. **AppExchange Integrations**: Expands functionality with tools for payments, accounting, and tenant screening.

4. Detailed Steps to Solution Design

a) Creating Developer Account

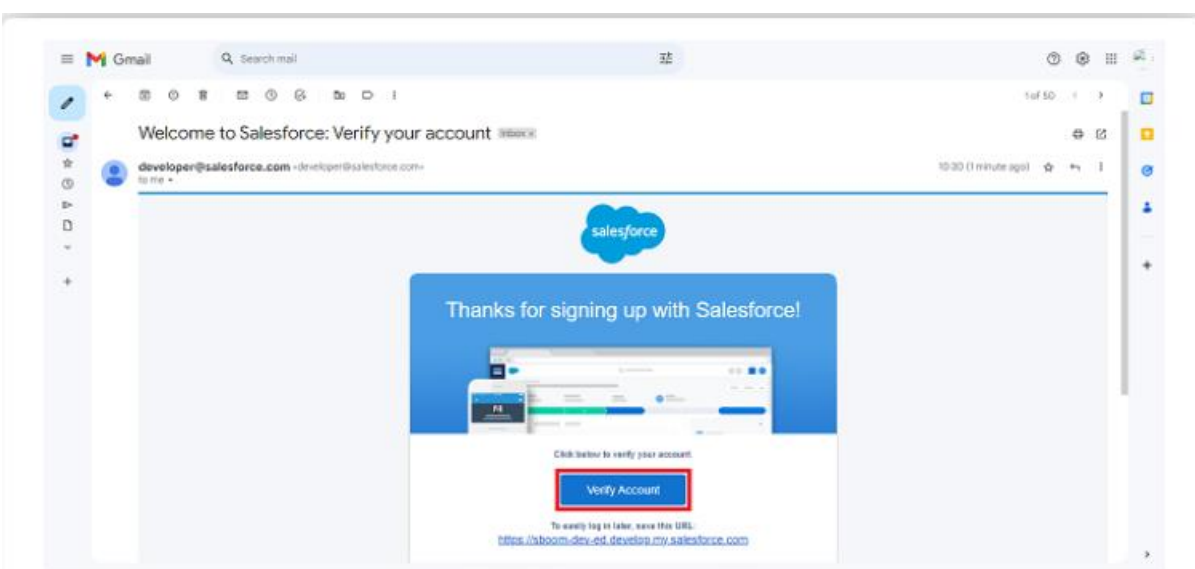
- Creating a developer org in salesforce.

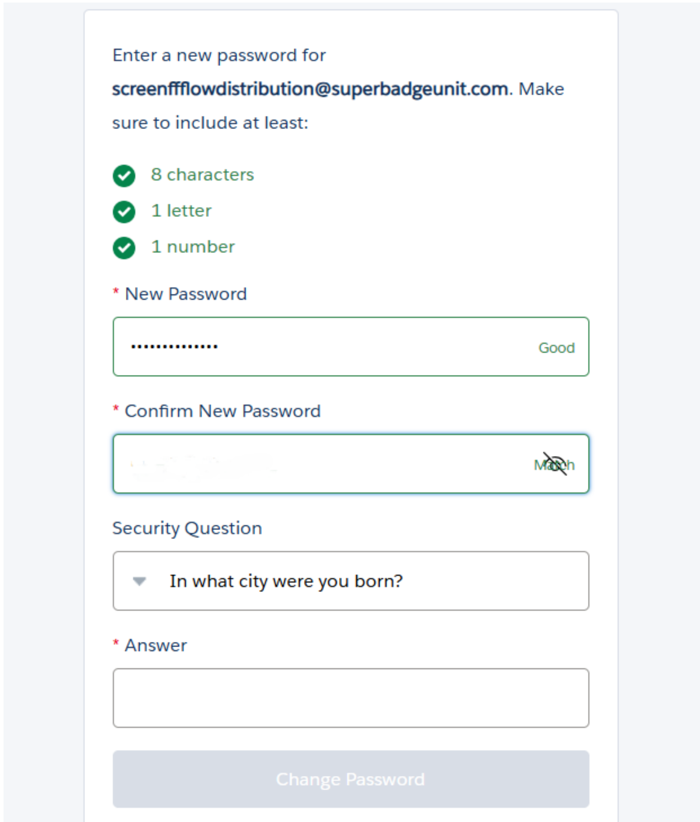
1. Go to https://developer.salesforce.com/signup
2. Click Sign Up, provide your details (name, email, company, username), and register.



Account Activation:

Check your email for the activation link.
Click the link, set up your password and security question, and log in to the Salesforce Developer account.





a) Click on Verify Account
b) Give a password and answer a security question and click on change password.
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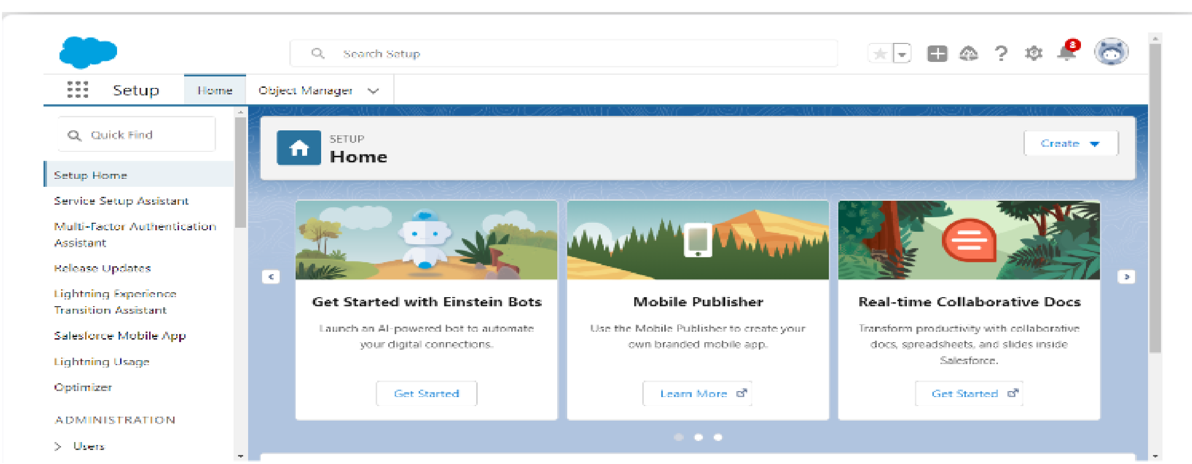
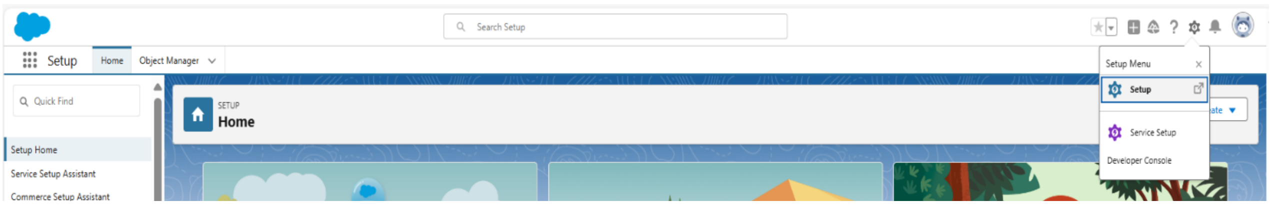
d) Then you will redirect to your salesforce setup page.

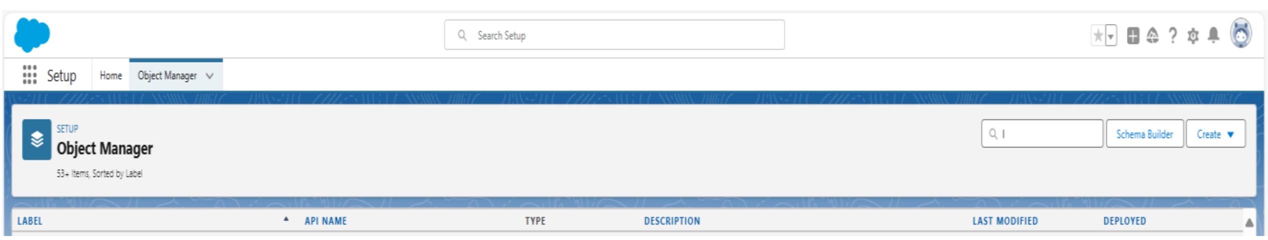


b) Object Creation

Custom objects are used to manage lease-related data.



- **Create Property Object**
  - Navigate to **Setup** → **Object Manager** → **Create Object** → Select **Custom Object**.
  - Name it **Property** to store information about rental properties.
  - Add standard fields like **Property Name**, **Location**, **Type**, and **Rental Cost**.

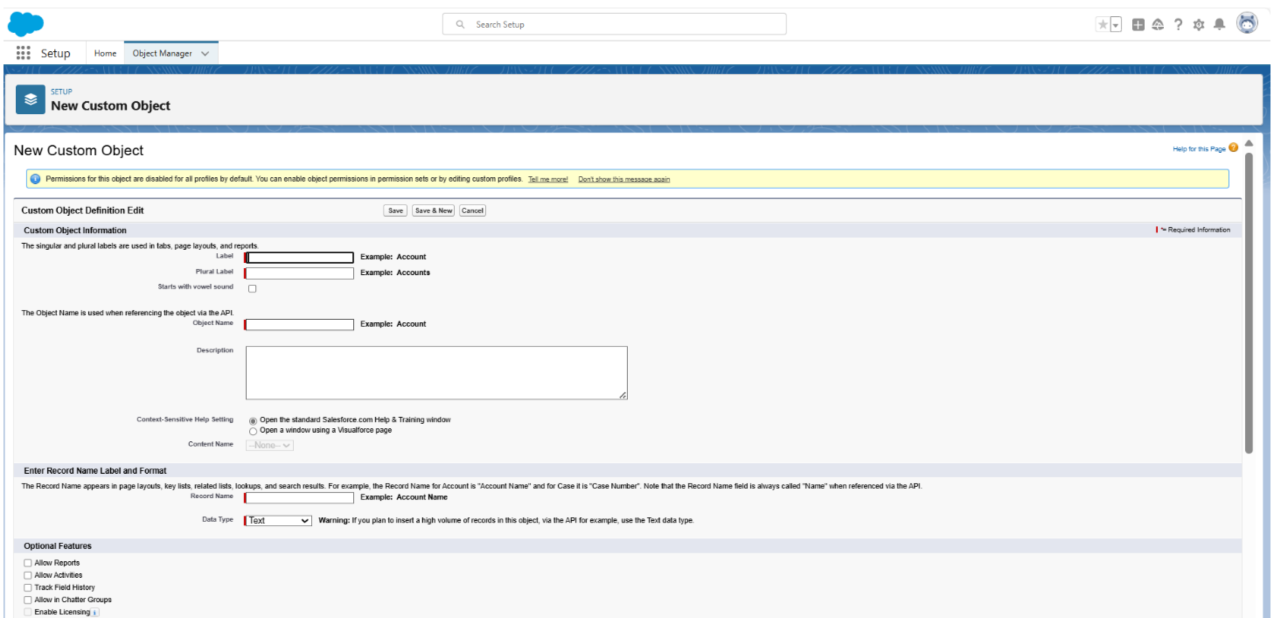


- **Create Tenant Object**
  - Create a **Tenant** object to manage tenant details.
  - Fields include **Tenant Name**, **Email**, **Phone**, and **Current Lease** (lookup to Lease object).

- **Create Payment Object**
  - Create a **Payment** object to track tenant payments.

- Fields include **Payment Date**, **Amount**, **Status**, and **Tenant** (lookup to Tenant object).

- **Create Lease Object**
- Create a **Lease** object to store lease agreement details.
- Fields include **Lease Start Date**, **End Date**, **Property** (lookup to Property object), and **Tenant** (lookup to Tenant object).

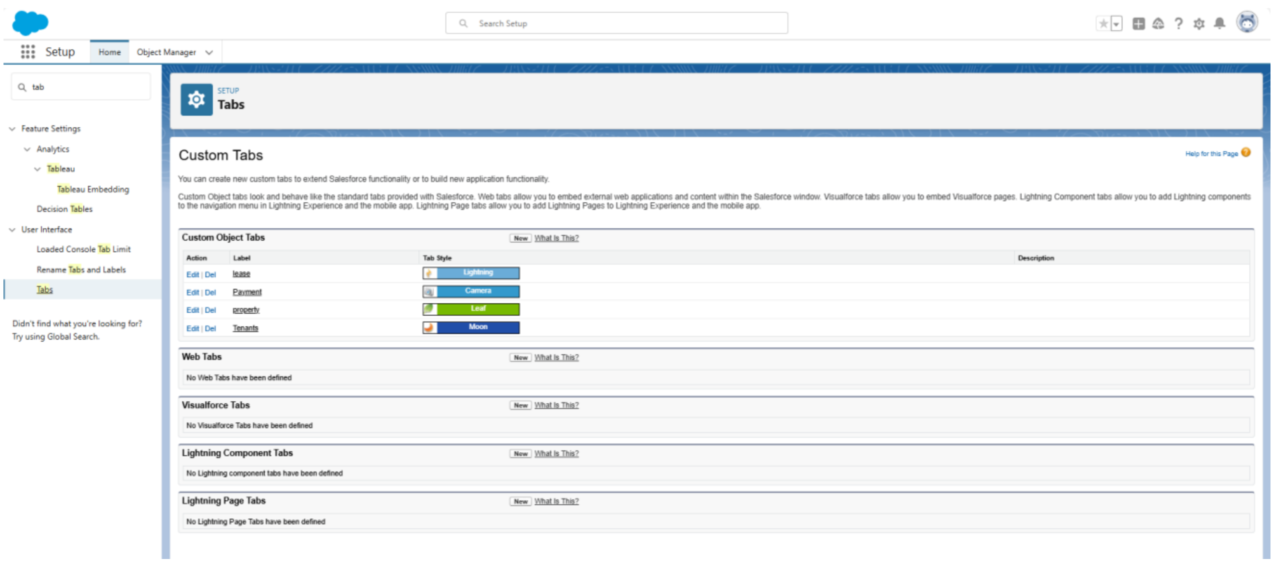


c) Tabs

- **Creating a Custom Tab**
  - Navigate to **Setup** → **Tabs** → **New Custom Tab**.
  - Select the object (e.g., Property) to create a tab for easy access.
  - Add tabs for other objects like Tenant, Payment, and Lease.
- **Creating Remaining Tabs**
  - Repeat the process for remaining custom objects.
  - Customize tab icons and order for better navigation.

- **Create a Lightning App**

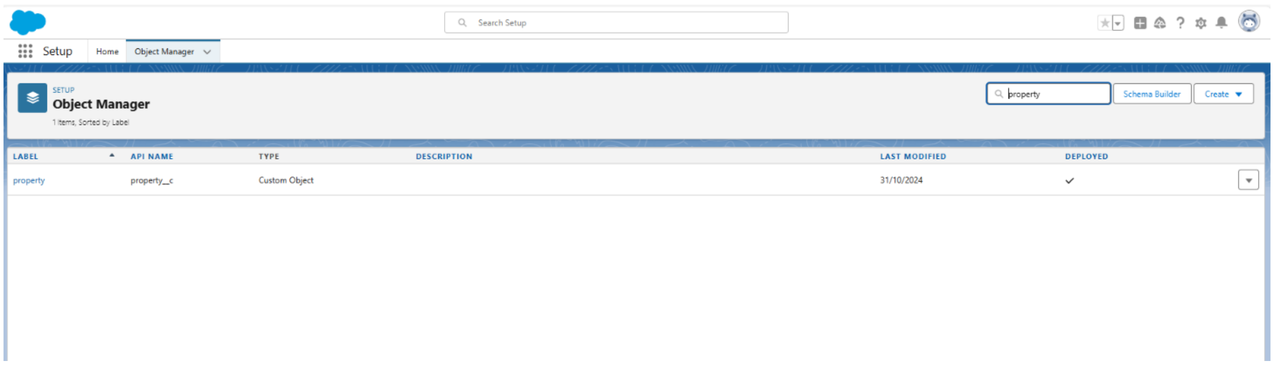
- Go to **Setup** → **App Manager** → **New Lightning App**.
- Name the app **Lease Management**.
- Add created tabs (Property, Tenant, Payment, Lease) and customize navigation for users.



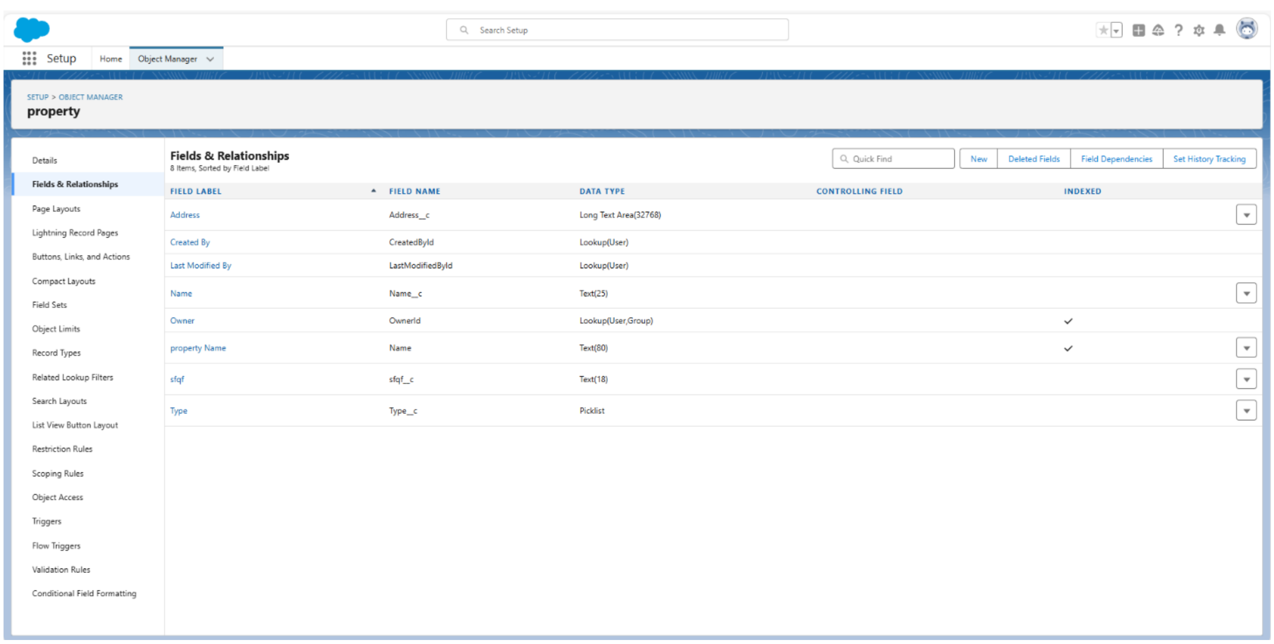
d) Fields

- **Creation of Fields**

- **Property Object**: Add fields for **Property Size**, **Number of Units**, and **Owner Contact**.
- **Tenant Object**: Add fields like **Date of Move-In**, **Preferred Payment Method**, and **Lease Duration**.
- **Lease Object**: Include **Monthly Rent**, **Deposit Amount**, and **Payment Status**.
- **Payment Object**: Add fields such as **Transaction ID** and **Payment Confirmation**



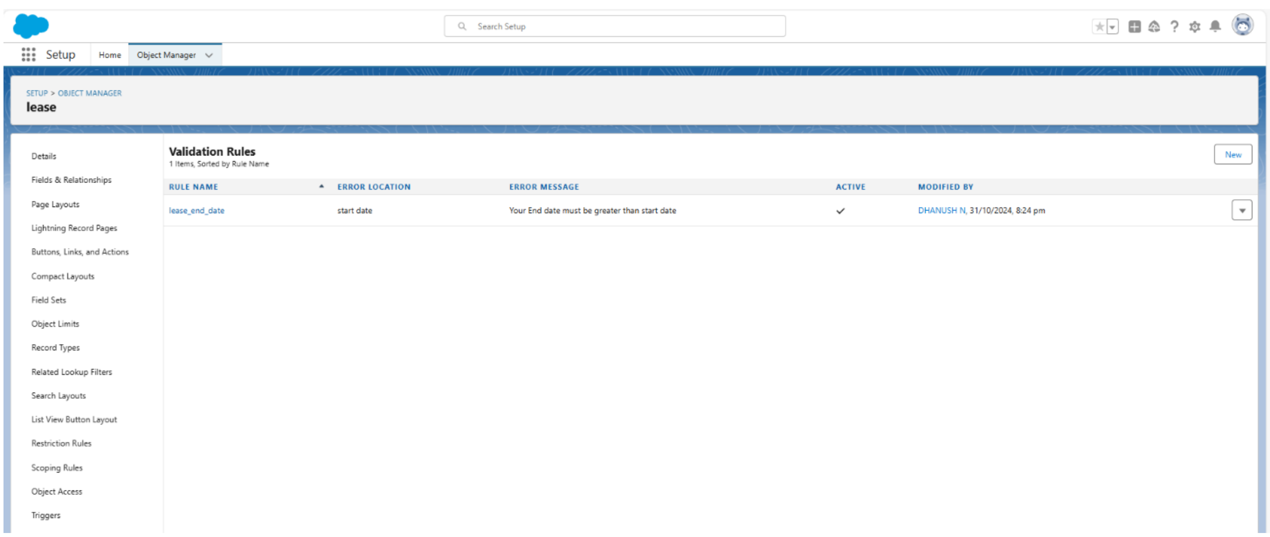
- **Creation of Lookup Fields**
- Create lookup relationships between objects (e.g., Tenant to Lease, Lease to Property, Payment to Tenant).



e) Validation Rules

- **Validation for Lease Object**

- Navigate to **Validation Rules** under the Lease object.
- Example Rule: Ensure lease end date is after the start date.
    - **Condition**: Lease_End_Date__c < Lease_Start_Date__c
    - Add an error message: "End date must be after start date."



f) Email Templates

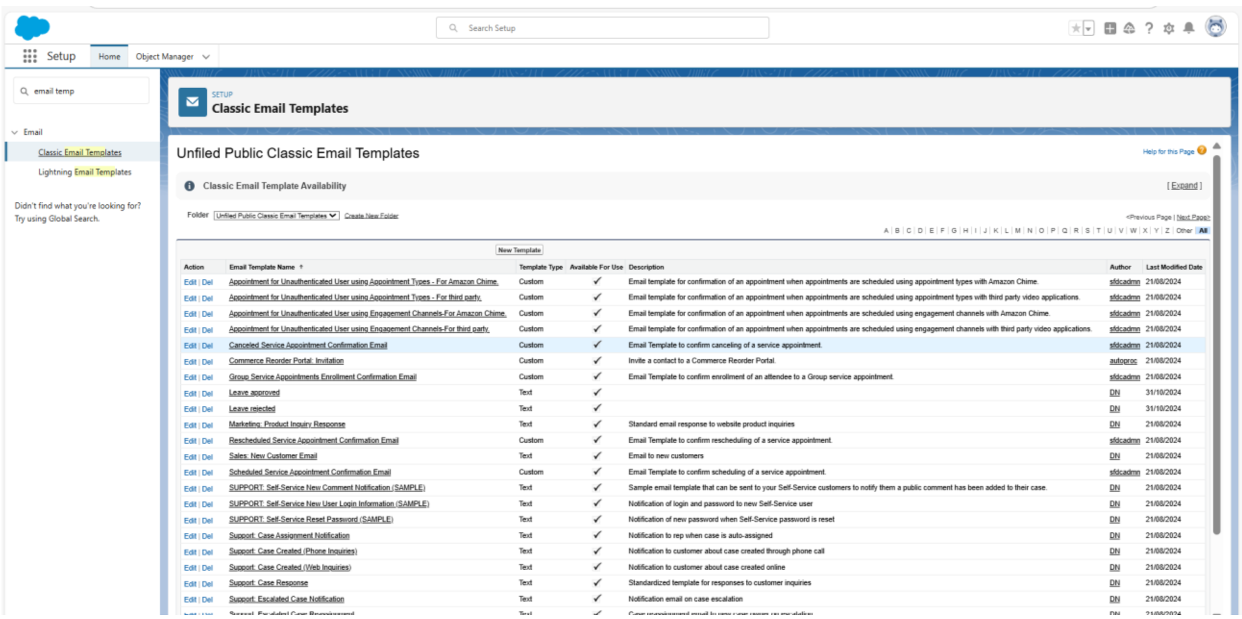
- **Templates for Communication**

I. **Tenant Leaving Notification**

- **Purpose**: To inform the tenant about the end of their lease term and the actions required.
- **Use Case**: When a tenant is preparing to leave or has given notice that they will vacate the property.

II. **Lease Approval Notification**

- **Purpose**: To notify tenants and property managers about the approval of a lease agreement.
- **Use Case**: After a tenant applies for a lease and the application is approved



III. **Lease Rejection Notification**

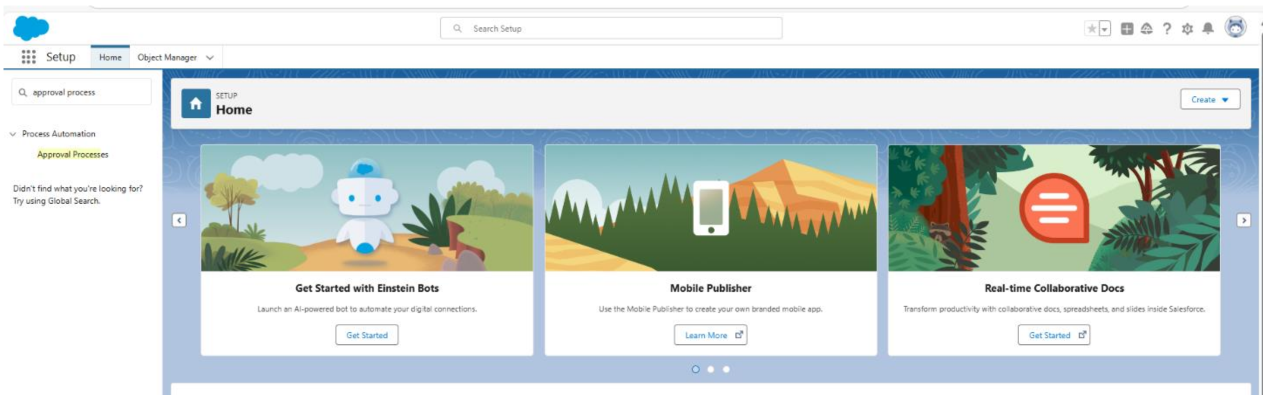
- **Purpose**: To inform a tenant that their lease application has been rejected.
- **Use Case**: When a tenant's lease application does not meet the necessary criteria or is denied for any reason.

IV. **Monthly Payment Reminder**

- **Purpose**: To remind tenants of upcoming rent payments or overdue payments.
- **Use Case**: Sends reminders about rent due dates, outstanding payments, or upcoming payment deadlines.

V. **Successful Payment Confirmation**

- **Purpose**: To confirm the receipt of a tenant's monthly rent payment.
- **Use Case**: Sent after a payment is successfully processed.



g) Approval Process: Lease Vacancy Check

- **Purpose**: The approval process ensures that properties are flagged for vacancy status and appropriately managed within the system.
  - **Initial Submission Action**:
    - When a property is identified as vacant, a property manager submits a request for approval. The request includes property details, reason for vacancy, and suggested next steps.
  - **Final Approval Action**:
    - The designated approver (e.g., senior property manager) reviews the vacancy request and, if valid, approves it. The system updates the vacancy status and triggers further actions like property re-listing or tenant search

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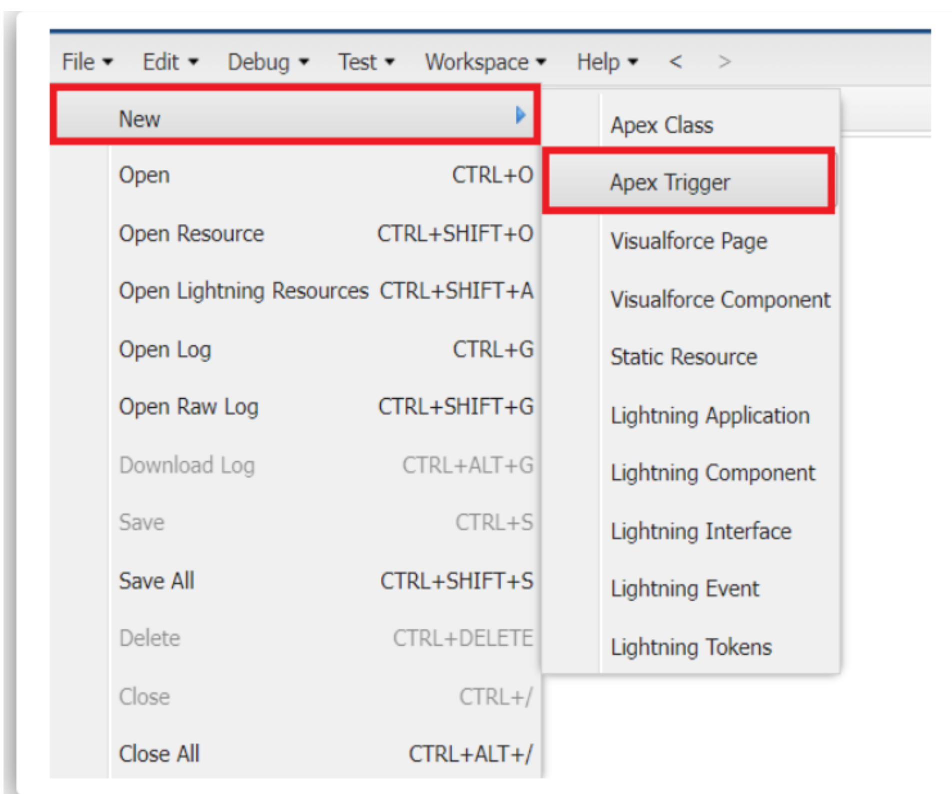
- **Final Rejection Action**:
    - If the request is not approved (e.g., tenant is still in the process of moving out), the status is updated as "Pending" or "Rejected," and the appropriate steps are taken to follow up with the tenant or property manager.

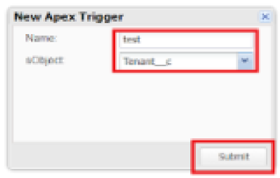
h) Apex Trigger: Lease Expiration Notification

- **Purpose**: To automatically send notifications to tenants and property managers when a lease is nearing expiration or requires renewal.

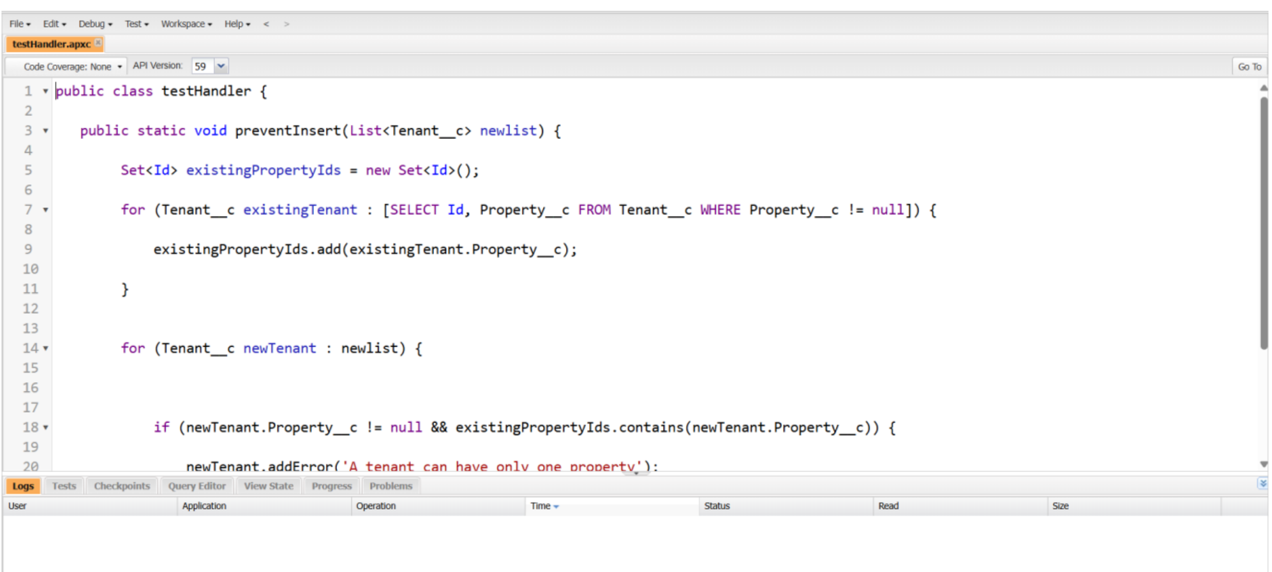
a) **Create an Apex Trigger**:
- The trigger is set to fire when a lease record is created or updated. It checks for lease expiration dates and compares them to the current date. If the expiration is within a predefined threshold (e.g., 30 days), it triggers an action to notify relevant parties.



- Give the Apex Trigger name as “test”, and select “Tenant__c” from the dropdown for sObject.



- Now the code logic can written here

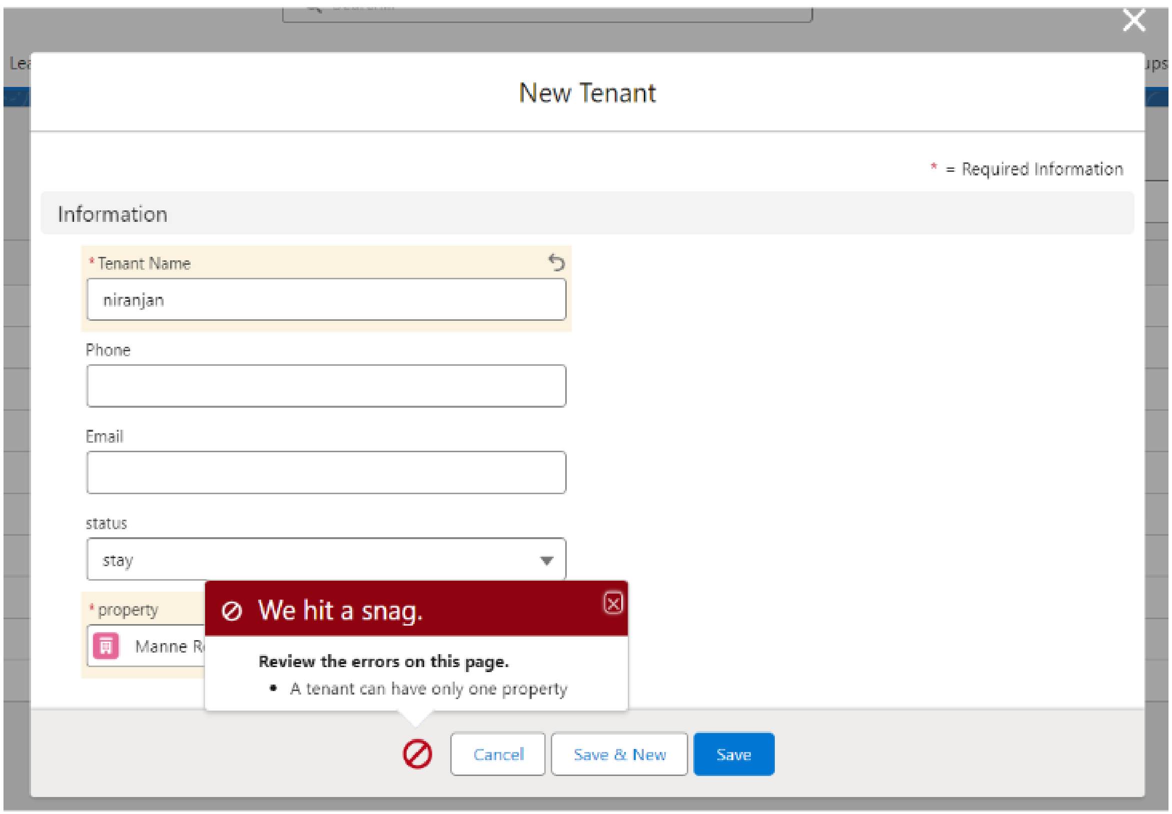


b) **.Create an Apex Handler Class**:

- The handler class encapsulates the logic for sending notifications and tasks based on the data received from the trigger.

c) **Testing the Trigger**:

- To ensure the trigger and handler class work as expected, a test class should be created that simulates the lease expiration scenarios and validates that notifications and tasks are triggered properly.



i) **Flow:**

Purpose:

To automatically send a confirmation email to tenants once their monthly payment has been marked as "paid" in the system. This flow triggers when the **Payment for Tenant** record is updated with the payment status.

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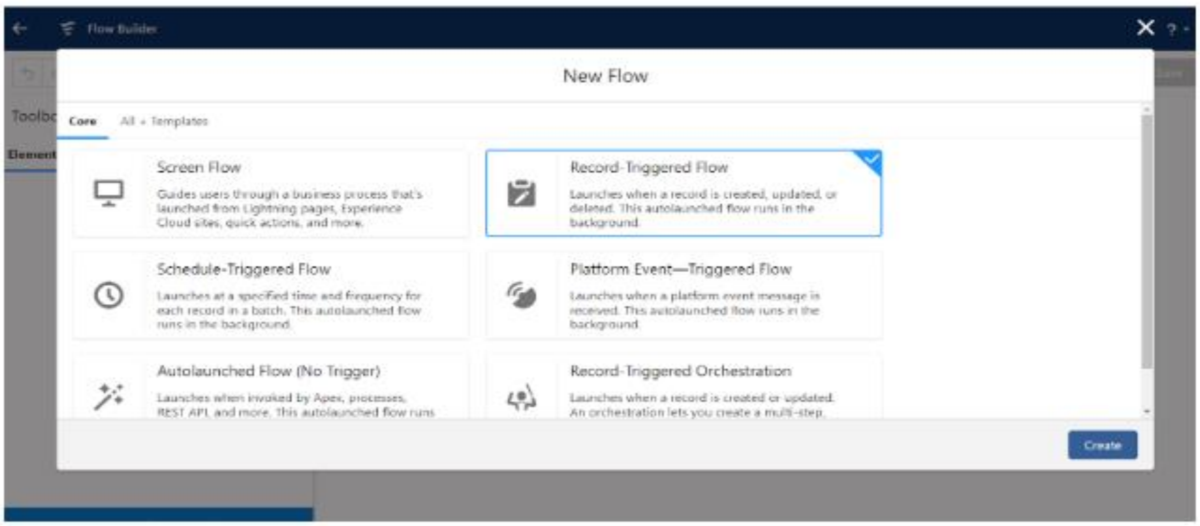
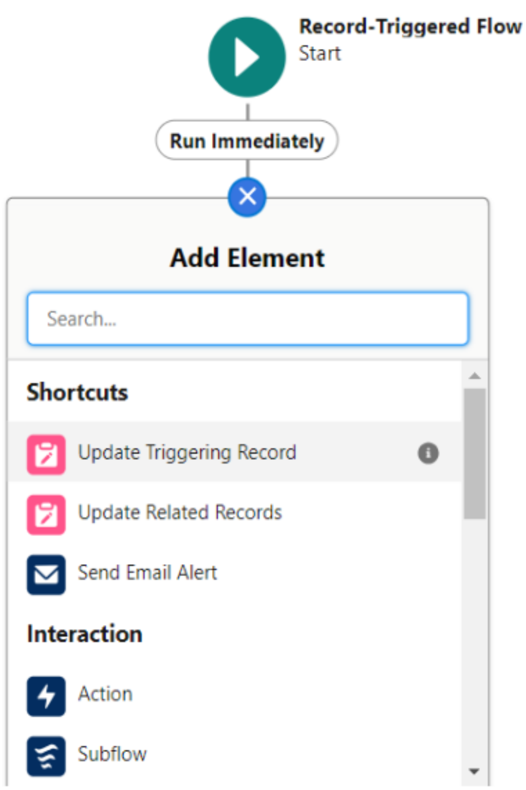
2. Select the record Triggered flow.Click on create.





Components:

1. **Text Component**:
    - **Purpose**: Enter the **Tenant Name** dynamically, which will be used in the email body.
    - **Usage**: {!$ Record. Tenant __ r. Name}

2. **Email Component**:
    - **Purpose**: Set the tenant's email address dynamically so the flow sends the confirmation email to the correct recipient.
    - **Usage**: {!$ Record .Tenant __r. Email __c}

3. **Text Component**:
    - **Purpose**: Enter a predefined subject for the email, which is **Confirmation of Successful Monthly Payment**.
    - **Usage**: "Confirmation of Successful Monthly Payment"

4. **Text Template**:

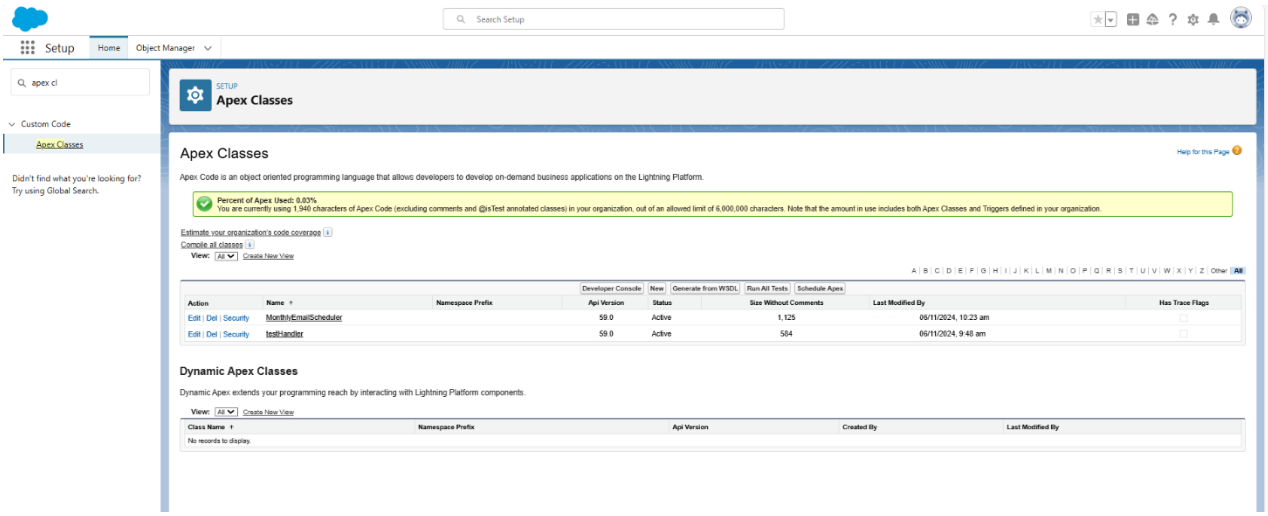
    - **Purpose**: Create the body of the email with a personalized message to inform the tenant that their monthly payment has been successfully processed.

j) Scheduling an Apex Class in Salesforce

- **Steps to Create and Schedule an Apex Class**

- **Create the Apex Class:**The first step is to create an Apex class that contains the logic to be executed. Here's an example class that sends email reminders for unpaid tenant payments

- This class checks for any unpaid tenant payments and sends a reminder email.



- **Create a Schedule Class:**Next, you'll create a **Schedulable** class that will trigger the execution of the above class at scheduled intervals.

6. Key Scenarios Addressed by Salesforce in Lease Management

- **Lease Tracking:** Salesforce centralizes lease details, automating reminders for renewals and expirations to prevent missed deadlines.
- **Tenant Communication**: Automates email notifications and reminders for rent payments, renewals, and maintenance, improving communication and tenant satisfaction.
- **Payment Tracking:** Automates rent invoicing and payment logging, reducing errors and ensuring smooth rent collection.
- **Maintenance Requests:** Enables tenants to submit requests via a portal, allowing property managers to track and resolve issues efficiently.

- **Reporting & Analytics:** Provides real-time insights on key metrics like occupancy, lease expirations, and rental income for better decision-making.

- **Compliance & Documentation**: Stores lease documents securely, ensuring compliance with legal standards and automating workflows to meet lease terms.

- **Workflow Automation:** Automates routine tasks such as payment reminders and lease status updates, reducing manual work and ensuring timely actions

7. Conclusion: Lease Management Project

The Salesforce-based lease management solution has streamlined lease tracking, tenant communication, payment processing, and maintenance management. By automating key processes and centralizing information, the project has reduced administrative work, improved efficiency, and ensured timely actions, such as lease renewals and rent reminders. Real-time reporting and compliance tracking have enhanced decision-making and reduced risks. Overall, this Salesforce solution has optimized property management, boosted tenant satisfaction, and increased operational effect