Phase 8: Data Management & Deployment

Project:Visitor CheckIn System for Offices

1. Data Import Wizard

Use Case:

The Data Import Wizard is used for simple imports (up to 50,000 records) such as Contacts, Leads, Accounts, or custom objects. In our Visitor Management project, we can use the wizard to import bulk **Visitor_c** records from a CSV file instead of manually creating each one.

Steps Done:

- Opened Setup → Quick Find → **Data Import Wizard**.
- Selected **Custom Object: Visitor__c**.
- Uploaded a CSV file containing visitor names, emails, and purposes.
- Mapped fields (CSV column → Salesforce field).
- Imported successfully.

Data Import Wizard



Recent Import Jobs

Status	Object	Records Created	Records Updated	Records Failed	Start Date	Processing Time (ms)
Closed	Visitor	0	0	10	09-25-2025 06:31	74
Closed	Visitor	10	0	0	09-25-2025 06:20	226

Completed last 7 days										
Job ID	Submitted By	Start Time	End Time +	Status	Job Type	Operation	Object	Records Processed	Records Failed	Time to Complete ([hh:]mm:ss
750gK00000DI1M9	ASWARTHAGARI, HARATHI	9/24/2025, 11:20 PM	9/24/2025, 11:20 PM	Closed	Bulk V1	Insert	Visitor	10	0	00:01

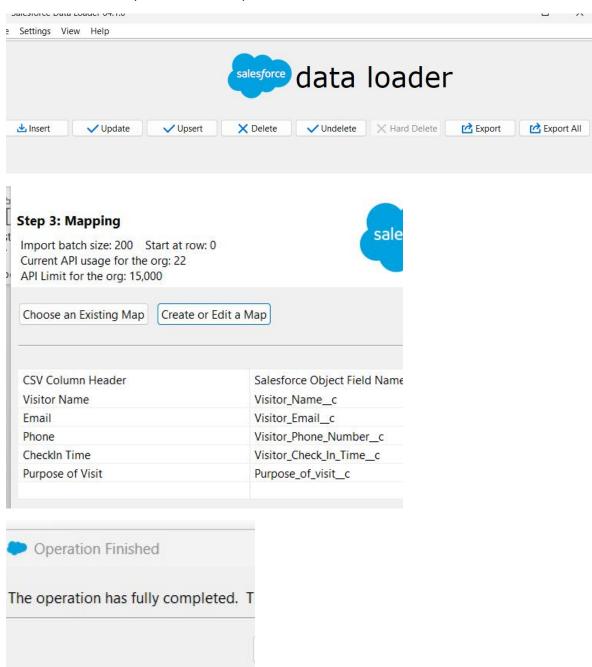
2. Data Loader

Use Case:

Data Loader is used for large-scale imports/exports (up to 5 million records). It supports insert, update, upsert, delete, and export operations. For this project, we used it to bulk export all **Visitor_c** records for reporting and re-import updated records if needed.

- Installed Data Loader.
- Logged in with Salesforce credentials.
- Selected Export operation → chose Visitor_c object.
- Saved CSV file locally.

• Used **Insert** operation later to upload new test visitor records.



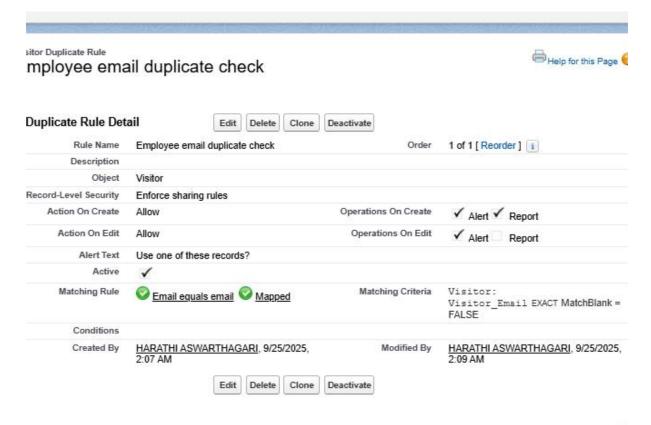
3. Duplicate Rules

Use Case:

Duplicate Rules prevent users from creating records that already exist in Salesforce (based on matching fields). For visitors, we want to stop duplicates based on **Visitor Email**.

- Setup → Duplicate Rules → New Rule.
- Object: Visitor__c.
- Matching Rule: Visitor_Email__c.

• Action: Allow, but show warning when a duplicate email is found.



4. Data Export & Backup

Use Case:

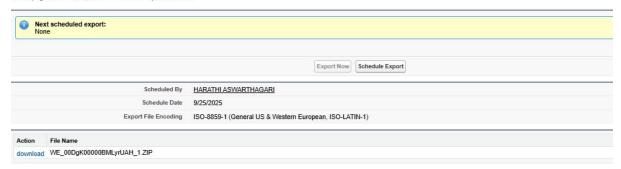
Regular backups are necessary for data recovery and compliance. Salesforce provides **Data Export** to download all records as CSV/ZIP files.

- Setup → Data Export.
- Selected Visitor__c and related objects.
- Scheduled weekly export to maintain a backup.



Monthly Export Service

Data Export lets you prepare a copy of all your data in salesforce.com. From this page you can start the export process manually or schedule it to run automatically. When an export is ready for do in this page for 48 hours, after which time they are deleted.



5. Change Sets

Use Case:

Change Sets are used to deploy metadata (custom objects, fields, flows, apex classes, etc.) from one Salesforce org (sandbox) to another (production).

Steps Done:

- Created an Outbound Change Set in Sandbox.
- Added Visitor_c object, Apex class (VisitorController), Aura component.
- Uploaded Change Set to Production.
- In Production, deployed the Change Set.

6. Unmanaged vs Managed Packages

Use Case:

Packages bundle Salesforce metadata for sharing or deployment.

- **Unmanaged:** Editable after installation, best for internal use or sample apps.
- Managed: Locked and versioned, used for commercial distribution on AppExchange.

Steps Done:

- Created an **Unmanaged Package** containing Visitor Management components.
- Tested installation in another dev org.

7. ANT Migration Tool

Use Case:

ANT Migration Tool is a command-line tool for retrieving/deploying metadata between orgs using XML. Useful for version control integration.

Steps Done:

- Installed Apache ANT.
- Configured **build.properties** with Salesforce credentials.
- Created **package.xml** to retrieve Visitor__c, Apex classes, and Aura component.
- Deployed to target org using ant deploy.

8. VS Code & SFDX

Use Case:

Salesforce DX (SFDX) with VS Code is the modern way to develop and deploy Salesforce applications. It integrates with Git for version control.

- Installed Salesforce Extensions for VS Code.
- Authorized Dev Hub org (sfdx auth:web:login).
- Pulled Visitor Management metadata (sfdx force:source:pull).
- Made edits locally and deployed using (sfdx force:source:push).