

PHASE 5 — Apex Programming

Phase 5 Goal

Automate **Doctor availability management** based on **Appointment lifecycle**, while ensuring:

- Data consistency
- Validation rule compliance
- Real-world hospital workflow simulation

◊ **Business Problem Being Solved**

In a real hospital system:

- A doctor **must not be double-booked**
- Doctor availability should **change automatically**
- Manual updates lead to **human errors**

 Phase 5 introduces backend automation using **Apex Trigger** to solve this.

◊ **Core Business Rules (Derived from Your Implementation)**

Appointment Status	Doctor Availability
Scheduled	Unavailable
Completed	Available
Cancelled	Available

 Validation Rule enforces:

Appointment **cannot be updated** if Doctor is unavailable

◊ Objects Involved

1 Doctor_c

Key Fields:

- Availability_Status__c (*Picklist*)
 - Available
 - On Leave
 - Unavailable

2 Appointment_c

Key Fields:

- Doctor__c (*Lookup → Doctor*)
- Patient__c (*Lookup → Contact*)
- Status__c (*Picklist*)
 - Scheduled
 - Completed
 - Cancelled
- Appointment_Date__c
- Appointment_Time__c

◊ Automation Implemented (Apex Trigger)

🔧 Trigger Name

AppointmentTrigger

🔧 Trigger Events

after insert, after update

Trigger Responsibility

- Monitor Appointment status changes
- Automatically update related Doctor availability
- Prevent manual intervention errors

◊ Trigger Logic Flow (Step-by-Step)

Step 1: Collect Related Doctors

```
Set<Id> doctorIds
```

Purpose:

- Bulk-safe handling
- Avoid SOQL inside loops

Step 2: Fetch Doctors in One Query

```
Map<Id, Doctor__c> doctorMap
```

Purpose:

- Performance optimization
- Governor-limit safe

Step 3: Status-Based Decision Making

When Appointment = Scheduled

```
Doctor.Availability_Status__c = 'Unavailable';
```

- Prevents double booking

When Appointment = Completed / Cancelled

```
Doctor.Availability_Status__c = 'Available';
```

- Doctor becomes free for new appointments

Step 4: Single DML Operation

```
update doctorsToUpdate;
```

- ✓ Bulk-safe
- ✓ Scalable
- ✓ Production-ready

◊ Apex Trigger Code

```
trigger AppointmentTrigger on Appointment__c (after insert, after update) {  
    Set<Id> doctorIds = new Set<Id>();  
  
    for (Appointment__c appt : Trigger.new) {  
        if (appt.Doctor__c != null) {
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        doctorIds.add(appt.Doctor__c);
    }
}

if (doctorIds.isEmpty()) {
    return;
}

Map<Id, Doctor__c> doctorMap = new Map<Id, Doctor__c>(
[
    SELECT Id, Availability_Status__c
    FROM Doctor__c
    WHERE Id IN :doctorIds
]
);

List<Doctor__c> doctorsToUpdate = new List<Doctor__c>();

for (Appointment__c appt : Trigger.new) {

    Doctor__c doc = doctorMap.get(appt.Doctor__c);
    if (doc == null) continue;

    // If appointment is scheduled → Doctor unavailable
    if (appt.Status__c == 'Scheduled') {
        doc.Availability_Status__c = 'Unavailable';
        doctorsToUpdate.add(doc);
    }

    // If appointment completed or cancelled → Doctor available
    if (
        appt.Status__c == 'Completed' ||
        appt.Status__c == 'Cancelled'
    ) {
        doc.Availability_Status__c = 'Available';
        doctorsToUpdate.add(doc);
    }
}

```

```
if (!doctorsToUpdate.isEmpty()) {  
    update doctorsToUpdate;  
}  
  
}
```

◊ Anonymous Apex Testing Strategy (Phase 5 Validation)

To respect validation rules, the following execution order is used:

👉 Test Scenario

- 1 Create Doctor (Available)
- 2 Create Appointment (Scheduled → Trigger makes Doctor Unavailable)
- 3 **Reset Doctor to Available manually (to pass validation)**
- 4 Update Appointment to Completed
- 5 Trigger restores Doctor availability automatically

This validates:

- Trigger correctness
- Validation rule enforcement
- End-to-end automation flow

◊ Apex Anonymous code

```
// 1 Create Doctor (Available)  
Doctor__c doc = new Doctor__c(  
  
    Name = 'Dr Cardio Final',  
    Specialization__c = 'Cardiologist',  
    Availability_Status__c = 'Available',  
    Experience_Years__c = 10,
```

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    Consultation_Fee__c = 500
);
insert doc;

// ❷ Fetch Patient
Contact patient = [
    SELECT Id
    FROM Contact
    LIMIT 1
];

// ❸ Create Appointment (Scheduled)
Appointment__c appt = new Appointment__c(
    Doctor__c = doc.Id,
    Patient__c = patient.Id,
    Appointment_Date__c = Date.today().addDays(1),
    Appointment_Time__c = Time.newInstance(10, 0, 0, 0),
    Status__c = 'Scheduled'
);
insert appt;

// 🔥 ❹ IMPORTANT FIX – make Doctor Available BEFORE update
doc.Availability_Status__c = 'Available';
update doc;

// ❺ Now safely complete Appointment
appt.Status__c = 'Completed';
update appt;

// ❻ Verify Doctor status
Doctor__c d = [
    SELECT Availability_Status__c
    FROM Doctor__c
    WHERE Id = :doc.Id
];
System.debug('Doctor Status after Completed = ' +
d.Availability_Status__c);

```

```

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36     // If appointment completed or cancelled → Doctor available
37     if (
38         appt.Status__c == 'Completed' ||
39         appt.Status__c == 'Cancelled'
40     ) {
41         doc.Availability_Status__c = 'Available';
42         doctorsToUpdate.add(doc);
43     }
44 }
45 if (!doctorsToUpdate.isEmpty()) {
46     update doctorsToUpdate;
47 }
48 }
49 }
50

```

Logs

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Altamash Faruqui	Unknown	/services/data/v65.0/to...	12/25/2025, 7:57:02 PM	Update failed. First exc...	14.04 KB
Altamash Faruqui	Browser	/aura	12/25/2025, 7:55:43 PM	Success	319 bytes

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◇ Key Technical Learnings (Very Important)

🔑 Validation Rules > Apex Triggers

- Validation rules execute **after trigger logic**
- DML order matters
- Real-world Apex must respect existing business constraints

🔑 Picklist-Driven Automation

- No unnecessary boolean fields
- Clean, readable, admin-friendly logic

Bulk-Safe Trigger Design

- No SOQL in loops
- No DML in loops
- Handles multiple appointments at once

◊ Phase 5 Outcomes

- Doctor availability updates automatically
- Appointment lifecycle fully controlled
- Data integrity maintained
- Real hospital workflow simulated
- Production-ready backend logic