

Phase 4 Report: Process Automation (Admin)

Project: Hyper-Local 'Barter & Skill-Share' Network Management

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1. Introduction

This phase focuses on implementing business process automation using Salesforce's declarative tools. Automation is crucial for improving efficiency, reducing manual data entry, and ensuring data consistency. For this project, we utilized Salesforce Flow to automate a key process within the NeighborNet application, enhancing the user experience for the system administrators.

2. Objectives

- To identify a key business process suitable for automation.
- To design and build a Record-Triggered Flow to automate the process.
- To ensure the automation runs only when specific criteria are met.
- To test the automation thoroughly to verify its functionality and impact on related records.

3. Automation Scenario: Update Offer Status on Exchange Completion

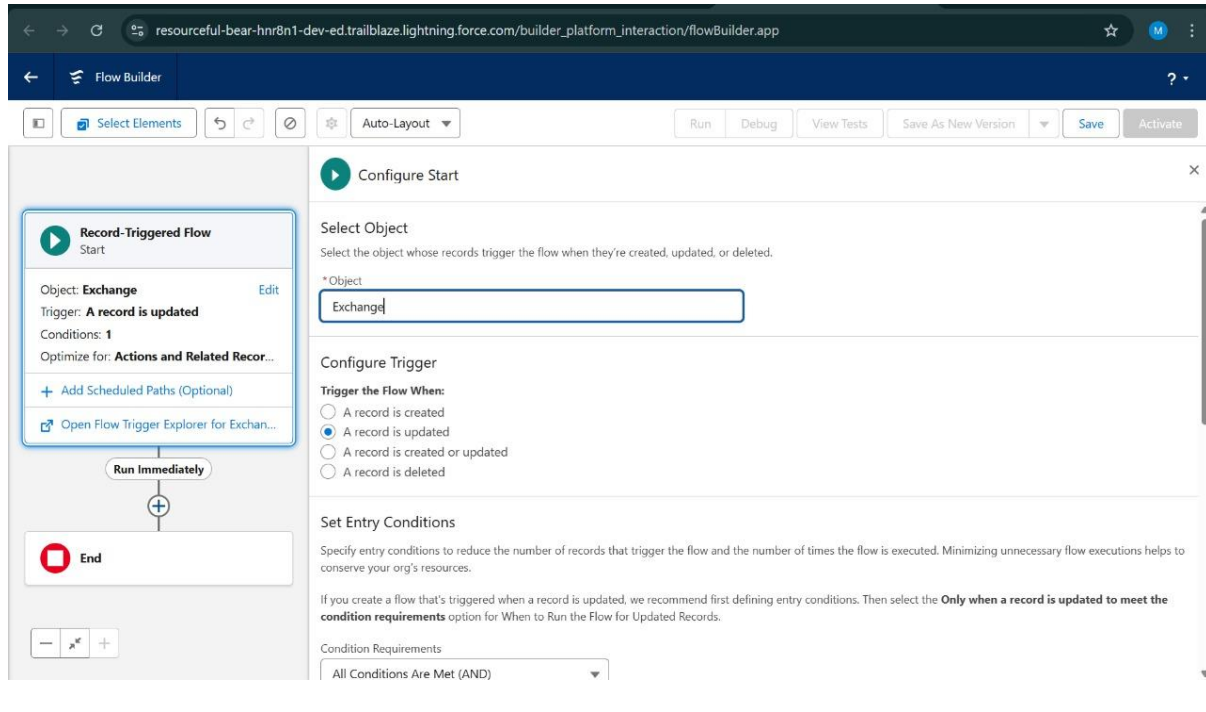
Description: In our application, when an Exchange between two members is successfully completed, the parent Offer should reflect this change. Manually updating the Offer status to "Fulfilled" is an extra step for the admin that can be forgotten, leading to data inconsistency.

Solution: We created a Record-Triggered Flow that automatically listens for an Exchange record's Status field to be updated to "Completed". When this happens, the Flow finds the related parent Offer record and updates its Status field to "Fulfilled".

4. Steps Performed

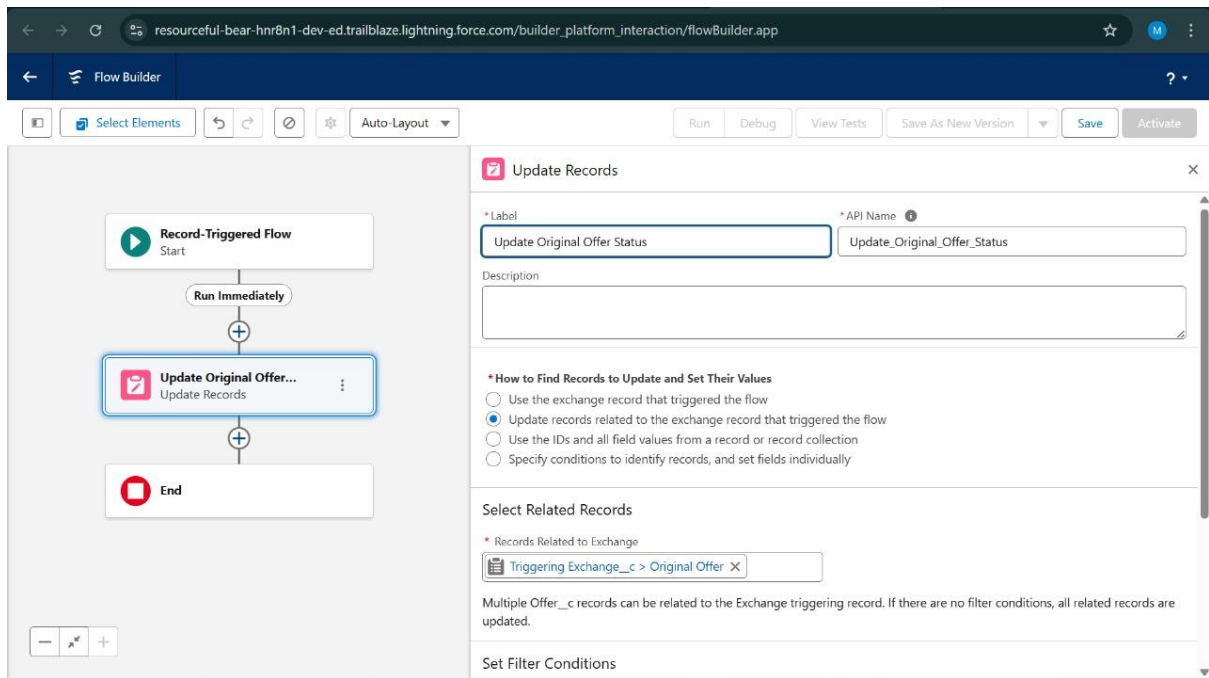
4.1 Flow Trigger Configuration

A Record-Triggered Flow was configured to run when an Exchange__c record is updated. Entry criteria were set to ensure the Flow only triggers when the Status__c field is updated to "Completed," optimizing performance and ensuring the automation runs only when intended.



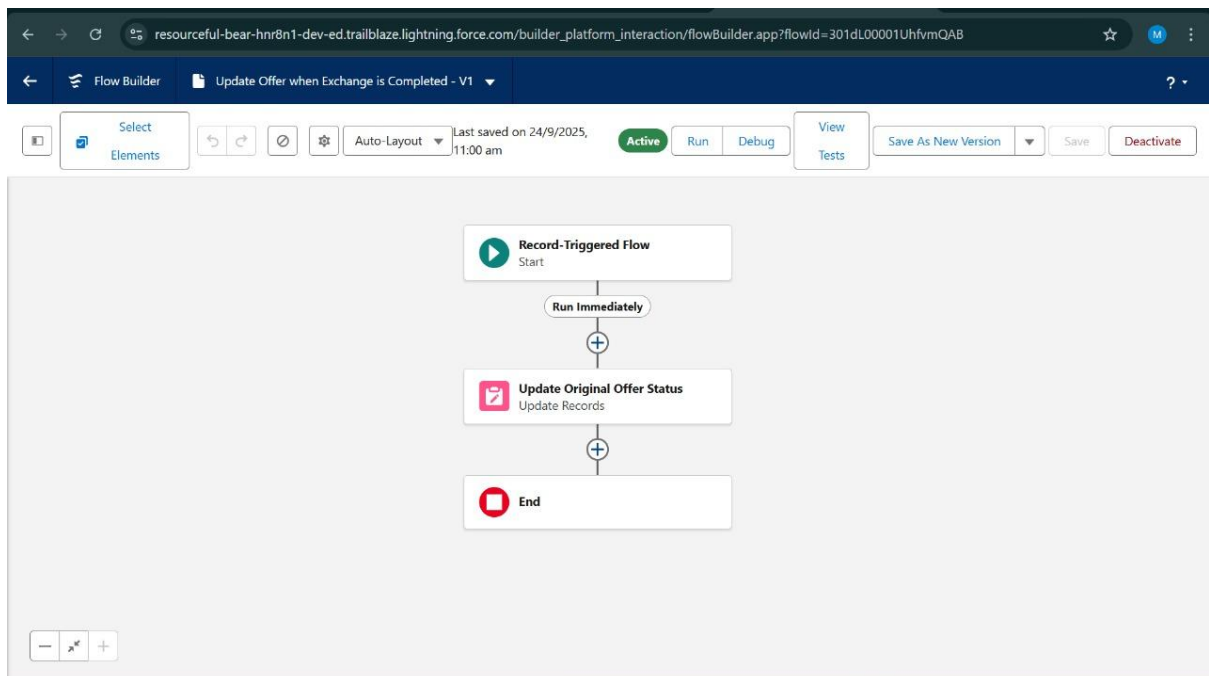
4.2 Update Related Record Element

An "Update Related Records" element was added to the Flow. This element was configured to find the parent Offer__c record via the Original_Offer__r relationship and set its Status__c field to the value "Fulfilled". This declarative step efficiently handles the cross-object update without any code.



4.3 Final Flow and Activation

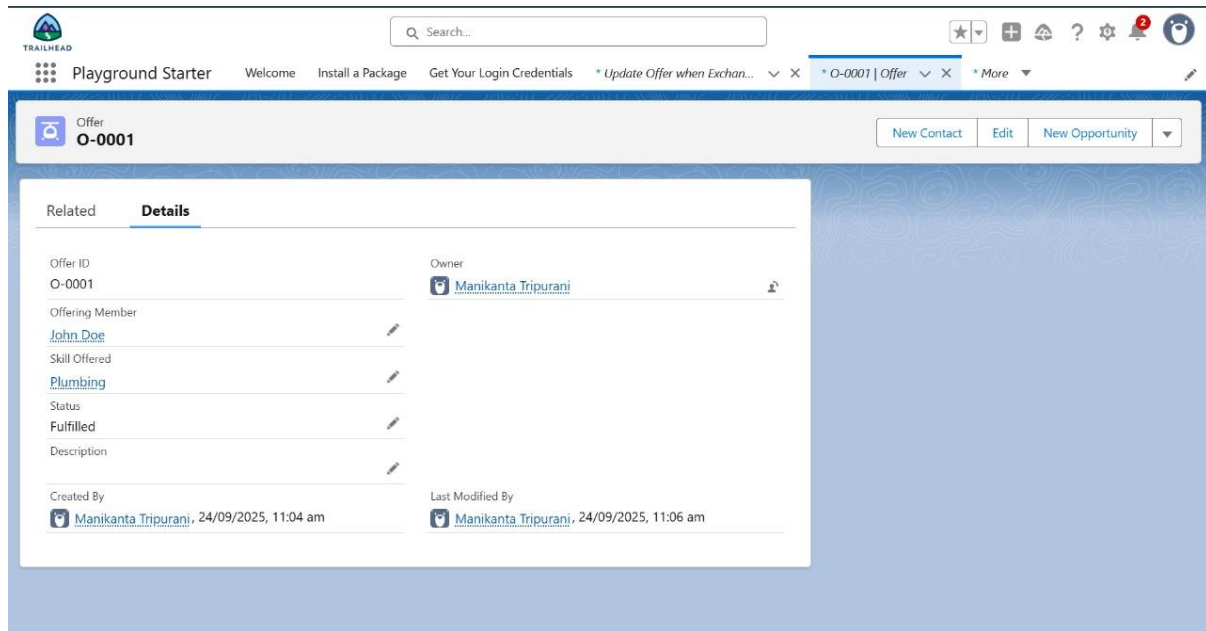
The complete Flow was saved with a descriptive label and activated, making it live in the organization. The final canvas shows the simple, efficient logic path from the trigger event to the final action, providing a clear visual representation of the automation.



5. Testing and Verification

The automation was tested by creating sample Offer and Exchange records.

The Exchange status was manually updated to "Completed," and we then verified that the Flow triggered correctly and updated the parent Offer record's status to "Fulfilled" as expected. The test was successful, confirming the automation works as designed.



6. Expected Outcomes

- **Reduced Manual Effort:** Eliminates the need for NeighborNet administrators to manually update offer statuses.
- **Improved Data Accuracy:** Ensures data consistency between Exchange and Offer records automatically.
- **Streamlined Process:** Creates a more efficient and reliable process for managing the lifecycle of an offer.

7. Conclusion

Phase 4 successfully demonstrated the power of Salesforce Flow to automate critical business processes. By building and activating this Flow, we have made the NeighborNet application more intelligent and efficient. This foundational automation sets the stage for more complex logic that will be addressed with Apex programming in the next phase. The project is now ready to proceed to **Phase 5: Apex Programming**.