Phase 3 Report: Data Modeling & Relationships

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

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1. Introduction

This phase details the creation of the custom data model for the "NeighborNet" Barter & Skill-Share Management System. The data model serves as the architectural foundation of the application, defining the objects, fields, and relationships necessary to store and manage all community-related data. A well-designed data model is critical for ensuring data integrity, scalability, and the successful implementation of business logic in subsequent phases.

2. Objectives

The primary objectives for this phase were to:

- Design and create the necessary custom objects to represent the core entities of the barter network: Skill, Offer, Request, Exchange, and Member Skill.
- Define the appropriate fields for each object to capture essential information.
- Establish the correct relationships (Lookup and Master-Detail) between objects to link related data and enforce data integrity.
- Create custom tabs for user-facing objects to ensure they are accessible in the user interface.

3. Data Model Schema

The following custom objects and their relationships were created to form the application's data structure:

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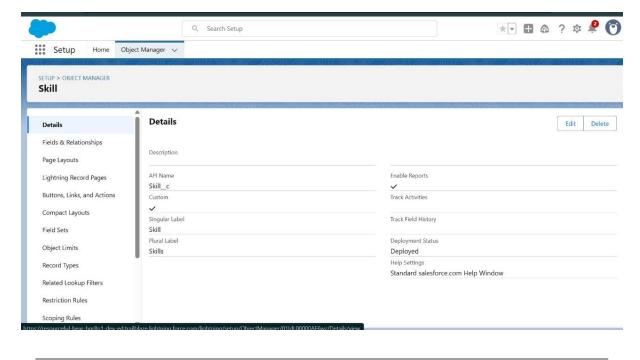
- Skill c (Master list of all skills)
- Contact (Standard object for members)
- Member_Skill__c (Junction object connecting Contact and Skill)

- Offer_c (Records of services offered by members)
- Request__c (Records of services requested by members)
- Exchange__c (Records tracking the barter transaction between members)

4. Steps Performed

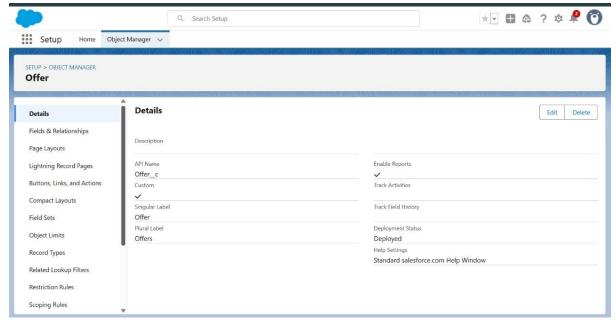
4.1 Skill__c Custom Object

A custom object named Skill__c was created to act as a master repository for all skills available within the community (e.g., Gardening, Web Design). This allows for standardized skill selection and reporting. The record name is "Skill Name" (Text).



4.2 Offer__c Custom Object

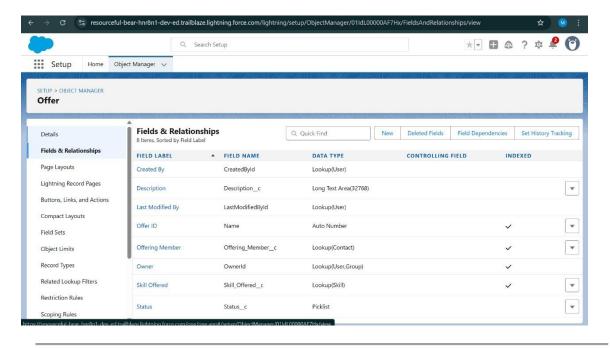
The Offer_c custom object was created to allow members to post services they are willing to provide. It uses an Auto-Number field (O-{0000}) for the record name to ensure a unique ID for each offer.



Fields and Relationships for Offer c:

The following fields were added to capture the necessary details for each offer:

- Offering Member__c: A Lookup relationship to the Contact object to link the offer to the member who created it.
- Skill Offered_c: A Lookup relationship to the Skill_c object to standardize the skill being offered.
- Status_c: A Picklist field with values (Active, Fulfilled, Canceled) to track the offer's lifecycle.
- Description__c: A Long Text Area field for members to provide more details about their offer.

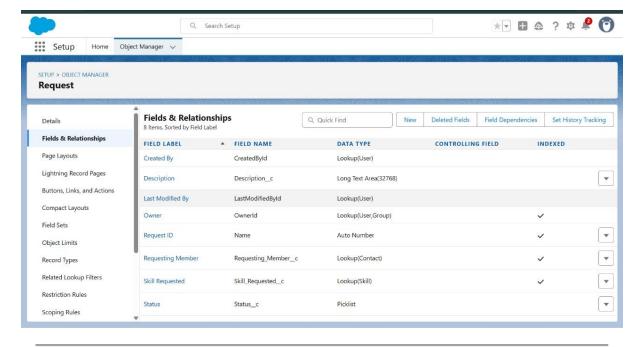


4.3 Request__c Custom Object

Similar to the Offer_c object, the Request_c custom object was created for members to post services they need. It also uses an Auto-Number field (R-{0000}) and contains a parallel set of fields.

Fields and Relationships for Request__c:

- Requesting Member__c (Lookup to Contact)
- Skill Requested__c (Lookup to Skill)
- Status c (Picklist: Active, Fulfilled, Canceled)
- Description__c (Text Area Long)



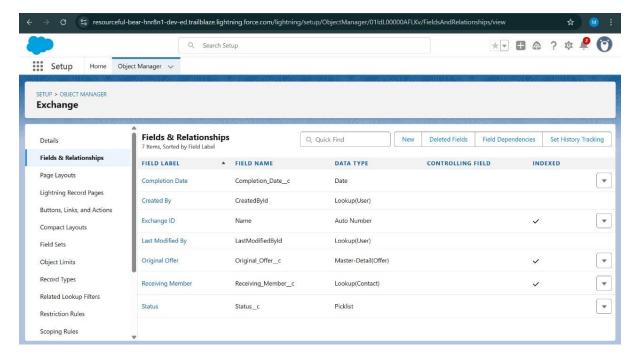
4.4 Exchange__c Custom Object

The Exchange__c object is the transactional object used to track the agreement and completion of a barter between two members. It uses an Auto-Number (E-{0000}) for its record name.

Fields and Relationships for Exchange__c:

- Original Offer_c: A Master-Detail relationship to the Offer_c object. This creates a strong parent-child link, ensuring that an Exchange cannot exist without a parent Offer.
- Receiving Member__c: A Lookup relationship to the Contact object to identify the member receiving the service.

- Status_c: A Picklist field (Proposed, Accepted, Completed, Rejected) to manage the state of the exchange.
- Completion Date__c: A Date field to record when the exchange was completed.



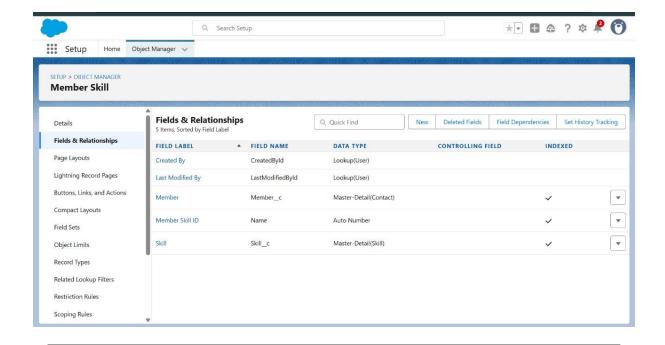
4.5 Member_Skill__c Junction Object

To create a many-to-many relationship between Contacts (Members) and Skills, a junction object named Member_Skill__c was created. This allows a single member to be associated with multiple skills, and a single skill to be associated with multiple members.

Relationships for Member Skill c:

This object's primary purpose is to connect two other objects. It contains two Master-Detail relationship fields:

- Member c: A Master-Detail relationship to the Contact object.
- Skill_c: A Master-Detail relationship to the Skill_c object.



5. Expected Outcomes

- A robust and scalable data model is now in place, ready to store application data.
- The defined relationships ensure data integrity and allow for the creation of related lists on page layouts.
- The application schema is prepared for the next phases of development, including process automation, UI development, and reporting.

6. Conclusion

Phase 3 has successfully established the foundational data architecture for the NeighborNet application. By creating all necessary custom objects, defining their fields, and establishing the correct relationships, we have built a logical and coherent structure. This data model will directly support all future development efforts and ensure the application can function as intended. The project is now ready to proceed to **Phase 4: Process Automation**.