

Phase 8: Data Management & Deployment – Pet Care CRM

PetCare CRM

A Salesforce-Based Pet Shop Management System for Customer Engagement and Service Automation

Goal: Efficiently manage data within Salesforce and deploy changes from one environment to another while ensuring data integrity and security.

1. Data Import Wizard – Import Demo Pet Records

Purpose: Quickly add a small number of records to Salesforce for testing or demo purposes.

Steps:

1. Go to **Setup → Data → Data Import Wizard**.
2. Click **Launch Wizard**.
3. Select the object to import, e.g., Pet__c.
4. Choose **Add New Records**.
5. Upload a **CSV file** containing the data. Example fields:
 - Name (Pet Name)
 - Breed__c (Pet Breed)
 - DOB__c (Date of Birth)
 - Last_Vaccination_Date__c (Last Vaccination Date)
 - OwnerId (Owner lookup, optional for demo)
6. Map the CSV columns to the Salesforce fields.
7. Click **Start Import**.
8. Review the import results to ensure all records were created successfully.

This method is suitable for importing around 50 demo pets for testing purposes.

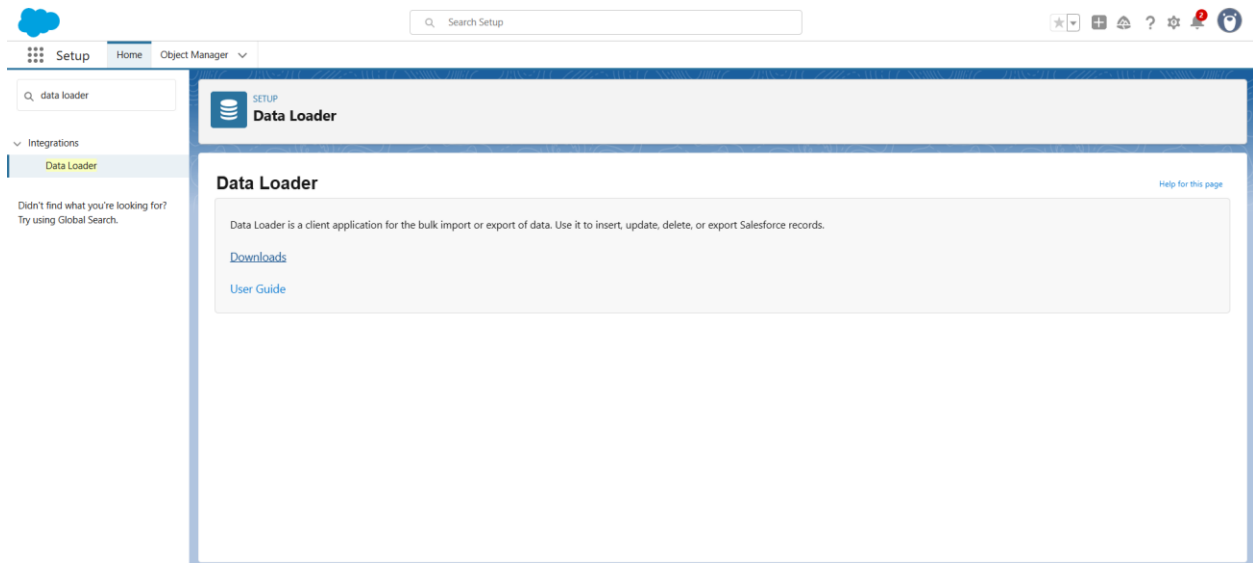
2. Data Loader – Import Bulk Bookings

Purpose: Efficiently import a large number of records or update existing records.

Steps:

1. Download and install **Salesforce Data Loader**.
2. Open Data Loader and log in with your Salesforce credentials.
3. Click **Insert** and select the object, e.g., Service_Booking__c.
4. Upload a CSV file containing booking data. Example fields:
 - Pet__c (lookup to pet record)
 - Service_Type__c
 - Booking_Date__c
 - Status__c
5. Map CSV columns to Salesforce fields.
6. Click **Next → Finish** to import records.
7. Review success and error files to confirm all records were imported correctly.

Data Loader can also export, update, or delete records in bulk.



3. Duplicate Rules – Prevent Duplicate Records

Purpose: Maintain clean and accurate data by preventing duplicates in critical objects such as Pet__c.

Steps:

1. Go to **Setup** → **Duplicate Rules** → **New Rule**.
2. Select **Object:** Pet__c.
3. Enter rule details:
 - Label: Prevent Duplicate Pets
 - Matching criteria: Name and Owner must be unique
4. Create or select a **Matching Rule** if required.
5. Set **Action:** Block duplicate entries or alert the user.
6. Save and activate the rule.

This ensures that two pets with the same name and owner cannot be added.

The screenshot shows the Salesforce 'Duplicate Rules' configuration interface. The left sidebar contains navigation links for 'Data', 'Duplicate Management', 'Duplicate Error Logs', 'Duplicate Rules', and 'Matching Rules'. The main content area is titled 'Duplicate Rules' and shows a 'New Duplicate Rule' for the 'Pet' object. The 'Rule Details' section includes fields for 'Rule Name' (Prevent Duplicate Pets), 'Description', 'Object' (Pet), and 'Record-Level Security' (Enforce sharing rules). The 'Actions' section specifies actions on create and edit, including 'Allow', 'Alert', and 'Report'. The 'Matching Rules' section defines how duplicate records are identified, with options for 'Compare Pets With', 'Matching Rule', and 'Matching Criteria'.

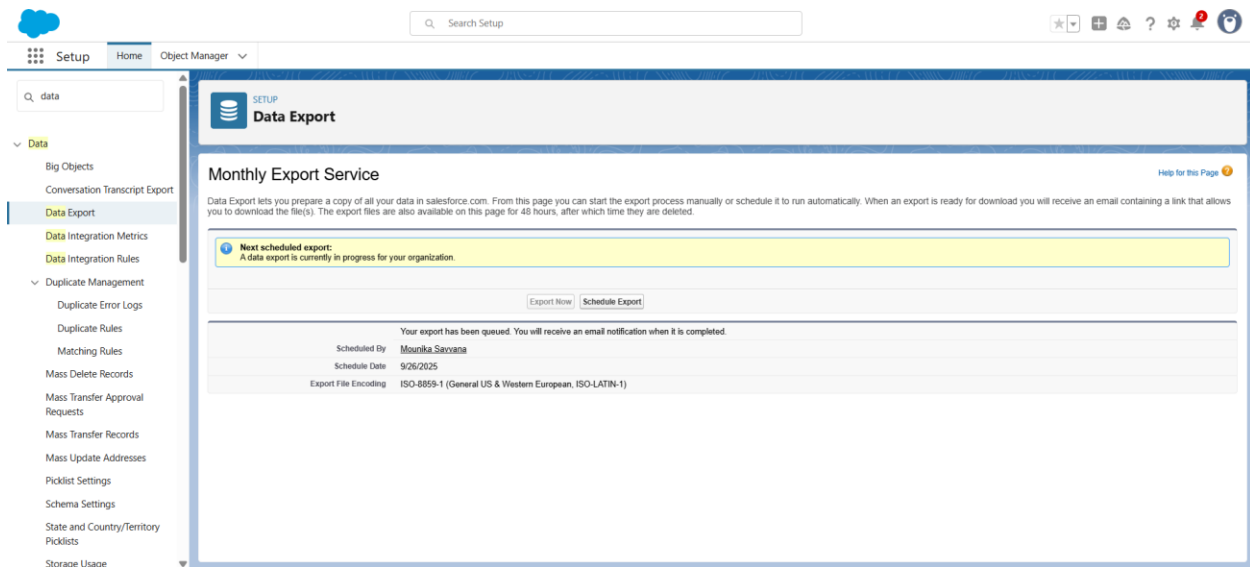
4. Data Export & Backup

Purpose: Regularly backup Salesforce data to prevent data loss.

Steps:

1. Go to **Setup → Data → Data Export**.
2. Choose **Export Now** or schedule weekly exports.
3. Select objects to export: Pet__c, Service_Booking__c, User, etc.
4. Salesforce generates a ZIP file containing CSV files for each object.
5. Download and securely store the backups.

Weekly backups protect against accidental deletion or data corruption.



5. Change Sets – Move Configurations Between Orgs

Purpose: Deploy configurations (objects, fields, flows) from Sandbox to Production.

Steps:

1. In **Sandbox** → **Setup** → **Outbound Change Sets** → **New**.
2. Add components: objects, fields, flows, external services, etc.
3. Upload the Change Set to Production.
4. In **Production** → **Setup** → **Inbound Change Sets**, validate and deploy.

Change Sets are ideal for non-developer-friendly deployments.

6. Unmanaged vs Managed Packages

Purpose: Decide how your app is distributed.

- **Unmanaged Package:** For internal use; editable after installation.
- **Managed Package:** For publishing on AppExchange; versioned and protected.

For your Pet Care CRM in a Developer Org, an **Unmanaged Package** is sufficient for testing or internal deployment.

7. ANT Migration Tool – Command-Line Deployment

Purpose: Deploy metadata between orgs using a command-line interface.

Steps:

1. Download and configure **Salesforce ANT Migration Tool**.
2. Edit build.xml and build.properties with org credentials.
3. Use commands:
 - ant retrieve → Retrieve metadata from source org.
 - ant deploy → Deploy metadata to target org.
4. Review logs for deployment success or errors.

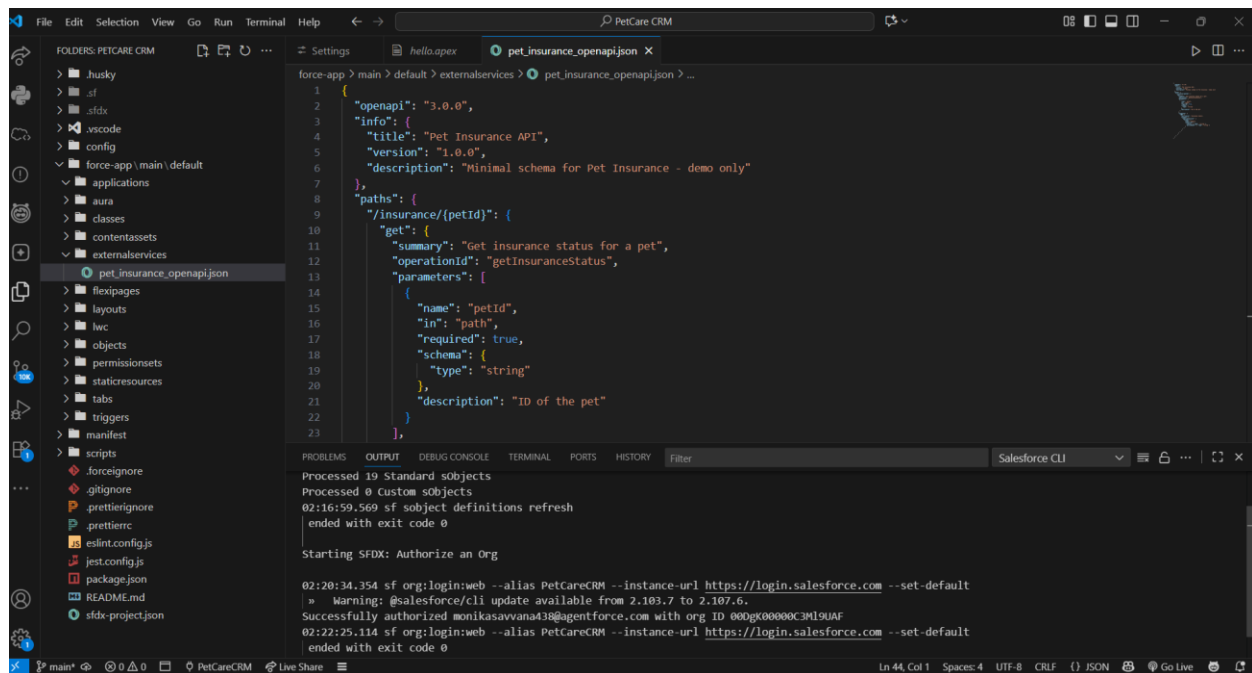
Useful for automated or advanced deployments, especially for developers.

8. VS Code & SFDX – Dev-Friendly Deployments

Purpose: Use Salesforce DX to manage source code and metadata in a modern development workflow.

Steps:

1. Open your **SFDX project** in VS Code.
2. Authenticate with your org:
3. `sfdx force:auth:web:login -d -a DevOrg`
4. Retrieve metadata from org:
5. `sfdx force:source:retrieve -m CustomObject,Flow`
6. Make local changes to objects, Apex, LWC, or flows.



7. Deploy changes to org:
8. `sfdx force:source:deploy -p force-app/main/default`
9. Track changes using **Git** for version control and collaboration.

SFDX + VS Code provides a professional, developer-friendly way to manage and deploy Salesforce metadata.