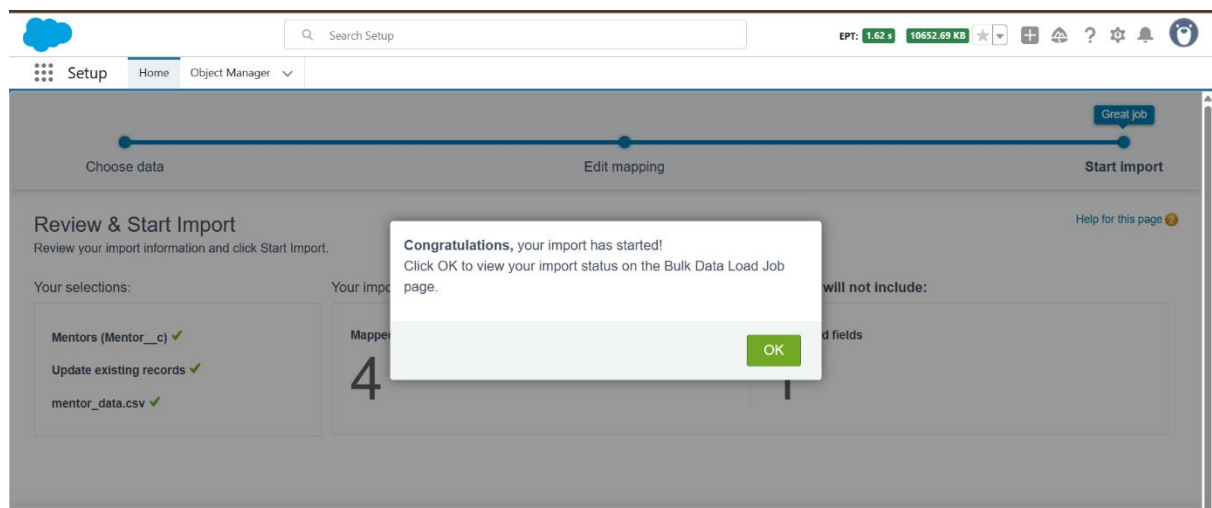


Phase 8: Data Management & Deployment

Goal: Manage student, mentor, and application data efficiently and deploy configurations to different Salesforce environments. In this phase, we managed Student, Mentor, Application, and Mentorship Session data using Data Import Wizard and Data Loader, ensured data quality with Duplicate Rules, and secured data through weekly backups.

1. Data Import Wizard

- Used to load smaller datasets manually.
- In the project:
- Imported 50 demo Student records to test the system.
- Imported Mentor records with details like expertise and availability.
- Imported Application records for sample use cases.



2. Data Loader

- Used for handling bulk data imports/exports.
- Since the project requirement doesn't involve bulk data, did not use Data Loader.
- Instead, created and managed Mentorship_Session__c records directly through the Salesforce UI and automation

3. Duplicate Rules

- To prevent duplicate data entry.
- In the project:
- Rule created for Student__c based on Email + Program Enrolled.
- Rule created for Mentor__c based on Email + Area of Expertise.
- This ensures clean, unique records in the system.

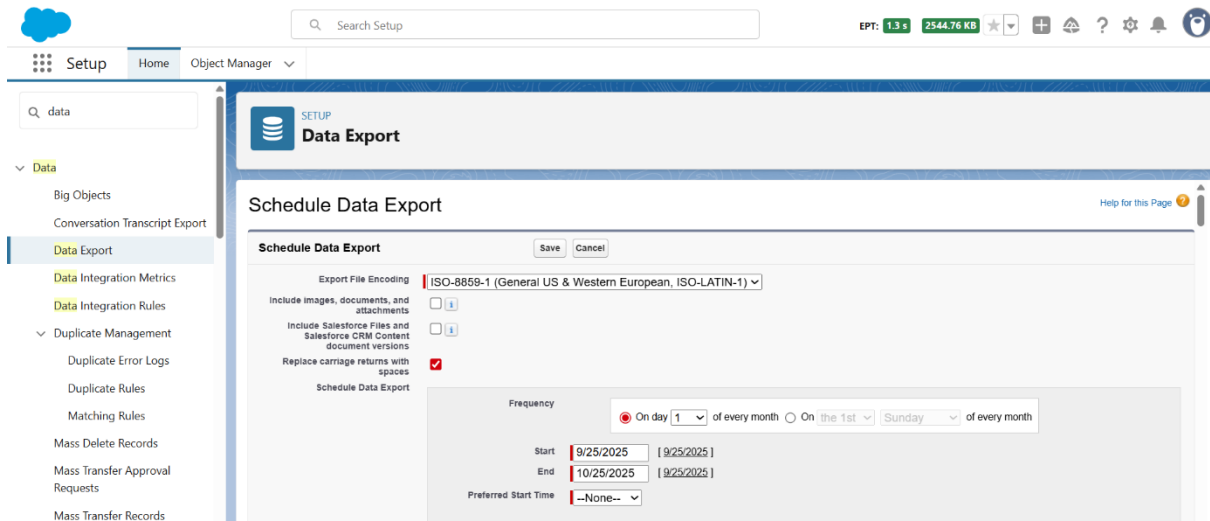
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4. Data Export & Backup

- Ensures data safety with regular exports.
- In the project:
- Weekly backup configured to export all Student, Mentor, Application, and Mentorship Session records.

- Stored backups securely for recovery purposes.

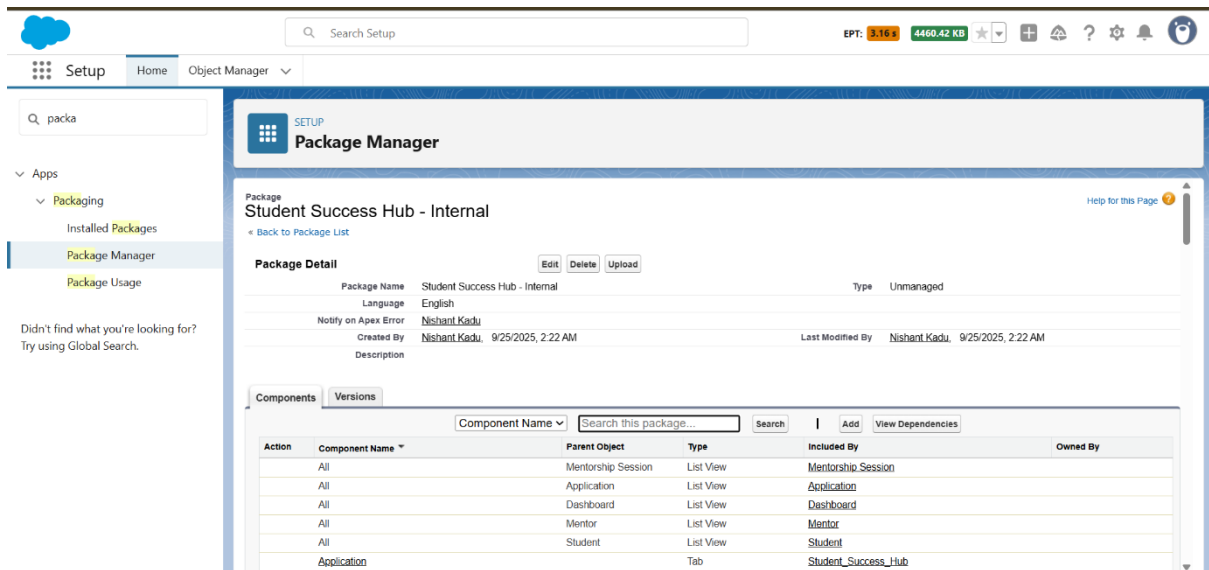


5. Change Sets

- Used to move metadata/configurations from Sandbox → Production.
- This project does not use Change Sets for deployments.
- Change Sets are unavailable in our Developer Edition org, as they require a connected Sandbox environment to function.
- All deployments and metadata management for this project are handled using the Salesforce CLI and Visual Studio Code.

6. Unmanaged vs Managed Packages

- Unmanaged Packages: For internal use and testing (applies to our project).
- Managed Packages: For publishing on AppExchange (not applicable since the project is organisation-specific).



7. ANT Migration Tool

- For this project, the ANT Migration Tool is not used.
- It has been succeeded by the more modern Salesforce CLI, which serves the same purpose but is better integrated with current development tools like Visual Studio Code
- The Salesforce CLI is now the standard for all command-line deployments.
- The ANT Migration Tool is an older, Java-based command-line tool that Salesforce provided for moving metadata between orgs.
- It was once a popular alternative to Change Sets, especially for developers who needed to automate deployments and connect their work to version control systems.

8. VS Code & SFDX

- Developer-friendly deployment approach.
- In the project:
- SFDX commands in VS Code are used for retrieving and deploying components.
- Example: Deploying LWCs (ApplicationStatus and SessionManager) directly from VS Code to Sandbox/Production.

