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Salesforce Flow Update: What You Need to Know Before the ‘Flow User’ User Permission Is Deprecated in Winter’26



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What is this Salesforce release update in simple words —

- **Flow User Permission on the User Object is going away.**

Salesforce will no longer use this permission to control flow execution. Instead, it's being replaced by “Run Flows”permissions in **profiles** or **permission sets**.

New User

User Edit

Save Save & New Cancel

General Information

First Name Middle Name Last Name Suffix Alias Email Username Nickname Title Company Department Division

Role: <None Specified> User License: Salesforce Profile: System Administrator

Active: ☒ Marketing User: ☐ Offline User: ☐ Sales Anywhere User: ☐ Knowledge User: ☐ Flow User: ☒ Service Cloud User: ☐ Chat User: ☐ Accessibility Mode (Classic Only): ☐

Flow User on User Record

▼ Flow and Flow Orchestration		
Permission Name	Enabled	Description
Enable System Mode Flow Activation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Allows a user to activate system flows.
Manage Flow	<input type="checkbox"/>	Allow users to view, create, edit, delete, and activate all flows and flow types in Lightning Experience apps and Setup.
Manage Orchestration Runs	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cancel, debug, suspend, and resume orchestration runs.
Manage Orchestration Runs and Work Items	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cancel, debug, suspend, and resume orchestration runs and reassign orchestration work items.
Reassign Orchestration Work Items	<input type="checkbox"/>	Reassign orchestration work items.
Run Flows	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	In this org, run any active flow. In Experience Builder sites, run any active flow that's distributed with the Flow Lightning component.
View Flow Usage and Flow Event Data	<input type="checkbox"/>	Unsupported. Use the View Setup and Configuration permission to let users access flow usage data and flow standard platform event data.
View Orchestration in Automation App	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Lightning Experience apps, allow users to view all orchestration runs, orchestration run-related details, and orchestration definitions, regardless of ownership or sharing settings. Only users who also have the Manage Flow permission can edit an orchestration definition or cancel, debug, suspend, or resume an orchestration run.

Run Flows on Permission Set/Profile

What do you need to do ?

1. Identify Profiles without Flow Access

```
SELECT Id, Name, Profile.Name, ProfileId, License.Name
where PermissionsRunFlow = false and
IsOwnedByProfile =true and
IsCustom = true and
License.Name != 'Guest User License' and
License.Name != 'Salesforce Integration'
```

2. Add Run Flows Permission: After identifying affected profiles, add the “Run Flows” permission (assuming users need flow access)



3. You could also consider using **Permission Sets** and assign them to active users using [User Access Policies](#) for a streamlined operation.

Important Points to keep in mind

- Per [this](#) article here is a breakdown of flows that will be impacted.
- How do I identify my impacted Flows by using the provided Flow Definition ID or Version ID —
From your browser enter:

```
https://<domainname>/builder_platform_interaction/flow/
```

- Automated Process User is NOT affected by this

update.

- Subflows are not affected by this update.

Help Articles —

- [Restrict User Access to Run Flows \(Release Update\)](#)
- [Salesforce Ben](#)
- [Winter 25 Release](#)
- [Prepare for the enforcement of the ‘Restrict User Access to Run Flow’ Release Update](#)

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