Phase 5: Apex Programming (Developer)

1. Apex Classes & Objects — Service classes you should build

Keep business logic out of triggers. Use classes for reusability and unit testing.

Classes to create for project:

- ApplicationService create application, duplicate check, business validations.
- InterviewService schedule interview, send notifications (calls Flow or Queueable).
- TriggerHandlerBase base class for standard trigger handler pattern.

Steps:

- 1. Setup \rightarrow Developer Console \rightarrow File \rightarrow New \rightarrow Apex Class.
- 2. Name it (e.g., ApplicationService) \rightarrow write the code \rightarrow Save.

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TriggerHandlerBaseapxc:

Code Coverage: None * API Version: 64 *

1 * public abstract class TriggerHandlerBase {

2 * /**

3 * Use this static flag from tests to skip trigger/handler logic

4 * when creating test data in @TestSetup. Tests should set it

5 * to true during setup and set to false when they want trigger

6 * behavior to run.

7 */

8 public static Boolean SKIP_TRIGGERS = false;

9 }
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2. Apex Triggers (before/after insert/update/delete)

Respond to DML events (create/update/delete) on records.

Create one trigger per object — e.g., ApplicationTrigger, InterviewTrigger.

Steps (Developer Console):

- 1. Setup \rightarrow Developer Console \rightarrow File \rightarrow New \rightarrow Apex Trigger.
- 2. Select Object \rightarrow Name, e.g., ApplicationTrigger \rightarrow Save.
- 3. In trigger body call handler methods.

3. SOQL & SOSL — queries & searches

SOQL (Salesforce Object Query Language) — use to fetch records. SOSL (Salesforce Object Search Language) — use to search text across fields (like resume text).

SOQL — get applications for candidate Ids:

```
if (candidateIds.isEmpty() || jobIds.isEmpty()) return;
// query existing applications with those candidates and jobs
List<Application_c> existing = [
    SELECT Id, Candidate_c, Job_c
    FROM Application_c
    WHERE Candidate_c IN :candidateIds
    AND Job_c IN :jobIds
];
```

4. Collections: List, Set, Map

Efficient processing and to avoid duplicates.

Examples:

Set<Id> changedRecIds when candidate or job changed, re-check duplicates. List<Application__c> appsToUpdate to batch update records.

Map<Id, Job_c> jobById to map parent records for quick lookup.

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// If candidate or job changed, re-check duplicates
Set<Id> changedRecIds = new Set<Id>();
for (Application_c a : newList) {
    Application_c oldA = oldMap.get(a.Id);
    if (oldA == null) continue;
    if (a.Candidate_c != oldA.Candidate_c || a.Job_c != oldA.Job_c) changedRecIds.add(a.Id);
}
if (!changedRecIds.isEmpty()) {
    List<Application_c> changed = new List<Application_c>();
    for (Application_c a : newList) if (changedRecIds.contains(a.Id)) changed.add(a);
    ApplicationService.preventDuplicateApplications(changed);
}
isExecuting = false;
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5. Batch Apex:

Batch Apex — processing large data sets

- Bulk update Applications (e.g., mark old applications as Expired)
- Mass email or data cleanup (when >50,000 records)

Steps to create Batch Apex:

- 1. Create an Apex class implementing Database.Batchable<sObject>.
- 2. Implement start, execute, finish.
- 3. Optionally implement Database. Stateful to preserve state across execute batches.

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6. Queueable Apex

Process resume attachments (heavy CPU or callout) Chain jobs (e.g., after batch finish enqueue further processing) Replace some use-cases of future methods with more control

```
@IsTest
static void testInterviewQueueable() {
    // Create Candidate + Job + Application first
    Candidate_c cand = new Candidate_c(Name='Cand Q', Email_c='q@app.com');
    insert cand;

Job_c job = new Job_c(Name='Dev Intern');
    insert job;

Application_c app = new Application_c(
    Candidate_c=cand.Id,
    Job_c=job.Id,
    Status_c='Submitted',
    Application_Date_c = Date.today()
);
insert app;
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7. Schedule Apex

- o Run Batch Apex daily/weekly to expire applications, refresh counters.
- Update dashboard data at night.

```
@IsTest
static void testScheduledExpireOldApps() {
    Test.startTest();
    String jobId = System.schedule(
        'TestSched',
        '0 0 12 * * ?',
        new ScheduledExpireOldApps()
    );
    Test.stopTest();
    System.assertNotEquals(null, jobId, 'Scheduled job should run');
}
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8. **a future Methods (Callouts)** — for external integrations

- o Call external resume parsing API after interview creation.
- Send data to third-party ATS.

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@IsTest
  public class ExternalIntegrationTest {
        static void testExternalCallout() {
             Test.setMock(HttpCalloutMock.class, new MockHttpResponseGenerator())
             Test.startTest():
             ExternalIntegration.callExternalAPI();
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             Test.stopTest();
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            System.assert(true, 'External API callout executed with mock');
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        private class MockHttpResponseGenerator implements HttpCalloutMock {
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            public HTTPResponse respond(HTTPRequest req) {
                HttpResponse res = new HttpResponse();
                 res.setStatusCode(200);
                 res.setBody('{"success":true}');
                return res;
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9. Test Classes

- o Use @isTest classes.
- o Do not use SeeAllData=true (create all test data in test).
- Use Test.startTest() and Test.stopTest() to run async jobs, batch, queueable, future.
- o Assert expected behavior using System.assert.
- o Cover positive and negative cases (duplicates, invalid dates, bulk insert).

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      public class BatchAndSchedTest {
             @TestSetup
             // candidate
Candidate_c cand = new Candidate_c(
                        Name='Batch Candidate',
Email__c='batch@app.com'
                   insert cand:
                   Job_c job = new Job_c(Name='QA Intern');
insert job;
                   // Application with old Application Date c (more than 60 days old)
                   // Application with old Application_Date_c (more ti
Application_c oldApp = new Application_c(
   Candidate_c = cand.Id,
   Job_c = job.Id,
   Status_c = 'Submitted',
   Application_Date_c = Date.today().addDays(-70)
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                   insert oldApp;
                       void testExpireOldApplicationsBatch() {
                   Test.startTest();
                   Database.executeBatch(new ExpireOldApplicationsBatch(), 100);
                   // Verify the old application was expired
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                   Application_c checkApp = [
SELECT Id, Status_c
                         FROM Application_c
WHERE Status_c = 'Expired'
                   System.assertEquals('Expired', checkApp.Status__c);
```

10. Asynchronous Processing

Batch Apex — use when you need to process many Application records (>50k) or heavy updates. Example: monthly cleanup, mass status changes.

Queueable — for medium-sized chaining tasks and complex processing per record (resume processing, 3rd party calls).

Scheduled Apex — to kick off Batch or Queueable at scheduled times.

Future — for simple fire-and-forget callouts (legacy; Queueable preferred now).