Phase 7: Integration & External Access – Must-Have Documentation

Goal: Enable Salesforce to securely communicate with external systems, exchange data, and automate processes for the Telecom Service Hub project.

1. Named Credentials

Purpose: Store external API authentication securely for callouts. Steps:

1. Setup → Named Credentials → New Named Credential

Fill in: Label: TelecomAPI

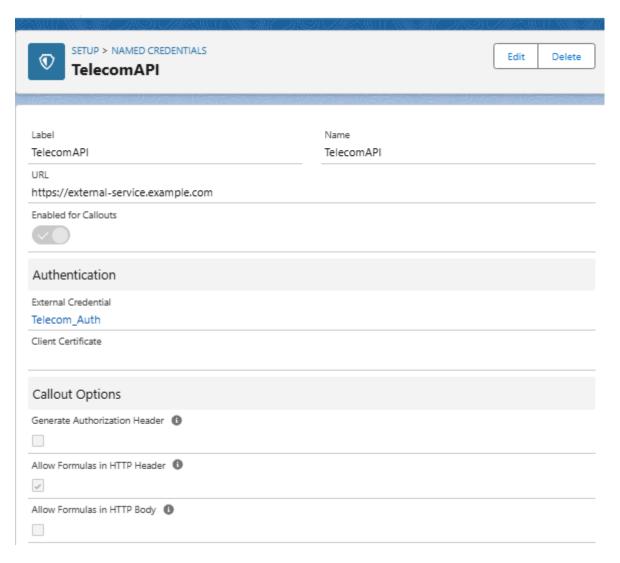
URL: https://external-service.example.com

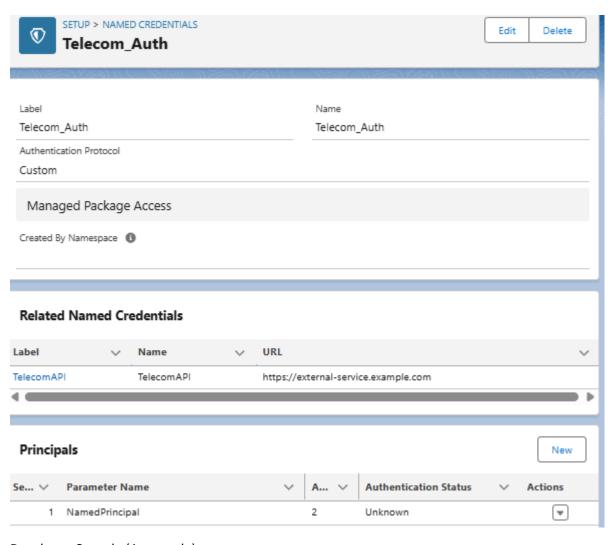
Identity Type: Named Principal

Authentication: Password or OAuth

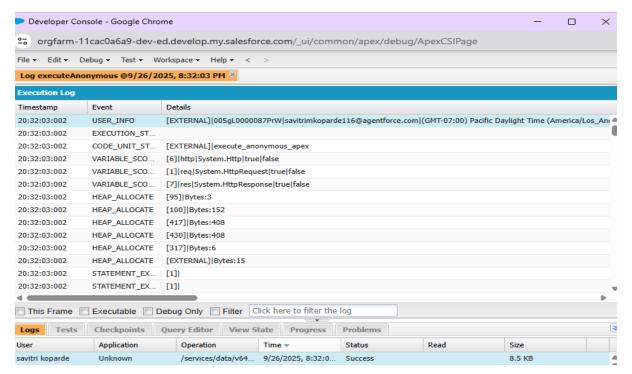
Impact: Makes external API calls secure and easy to manage.

Named Credentials:





Developer Console (Apex code)



2. Remote Site Settings

Purpose

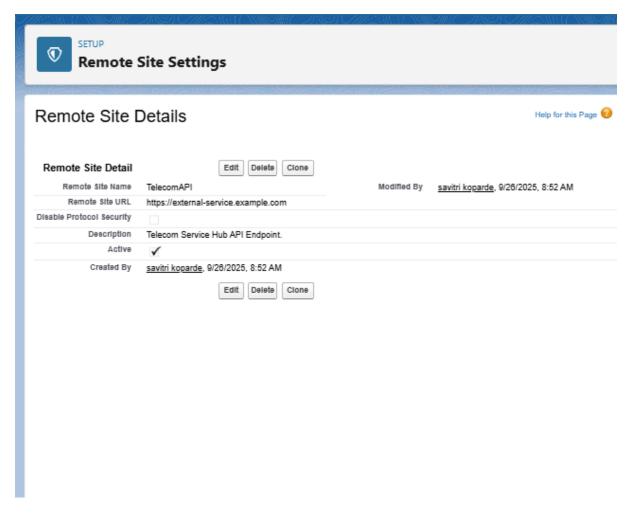
If using legacy authentication (without Named Credentials), Salesforce requires whitelisting the external API domain.

Steps

- 1. Go to Setup → Remote Site Settings → New Remote Site.
- 2. Enter:
 - Remote Site Name: TelecomAPI
 - o **Remote Site URL:** https://external-service.example.com
- 3. Save

Impact

Ensures Salesforce allows outbound calls to the external API.



3. Sample REST Callout (Apex Integration)

Purpose

Demonstrates how Salesforce can fetch data from an external system.

X Code Example

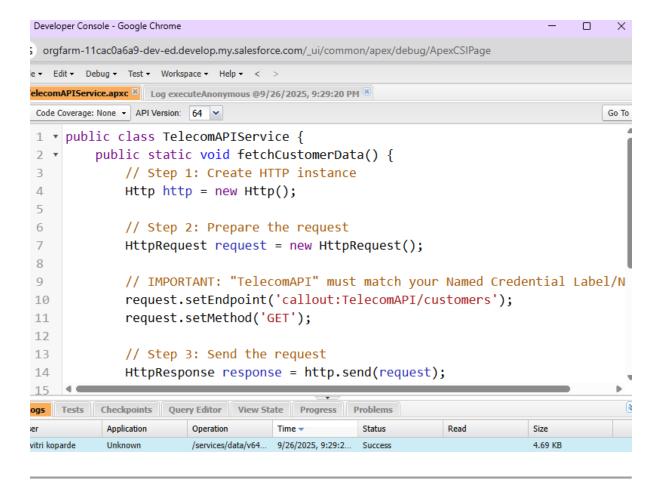
```
public class TelecomAPIService {
  public static void fetchCustomerData() {
    Http http = new Http();
    HttpRequest request = new HttpRequest();
    // Use Named Credential
    request.setEndpoint('callout:TelecomAPI/customers');
    request.setMethod('GET');

HttpResponse response = http.send(request);

if (response.getStatusCode() == 200) {
    System.debug('Response: ' + response.getBody());
    } else {
        System.debug('Error: ' + response.getStatus());
    }
}
```

} Impact

- Shows Salesforce making a secure outbound call.
- This can later be extended to fetch Service Requests, Plans, or SIM status.



By completing this phase, our **Telecom Service Hub** can:

- Securely connect to external APIs.
- Demonstrate real-time data exchange.
- Keep credentials secure with Named Credentials.