Phase 1: Problem Understanding & Industry Analysis — SkillSync

Project Title:

SkillSync: Dynamic Knowledge & Expertise Marketplace

Goal:

The SkillSync platform is designed to transform how organizations harness internal expertise, promote collaboration, and foster professional growth.

It aims to:

- Enable employees to list their skills & expertise.
- Match projects, tasks, and mentorship opportunities with the right skills.
- Track engagement, contributions, and learning journeys.
- Provide gamified dashboards to drive motivation and performance.

1. Requirement Gathering Engaged Stakeholders:

- Centralized skill repository for employees.
- Project/task allocation based on expertise.
- Mentorship program alignment.
- Gamified learning dashboards.
- Tracking contributions & recognition.
- Integrations with Salesforce apps (Chatter, Experience Cloud, Service Cloud).

2. Stakeholder Analysis

- Platform Administrator: Manages rules, data integrity, and system setup.
- Employee: Lists skills, seeks opportunities, tracks progress.
- Manager: Assigns tasks/projects based on skills, reviews dashboards.
- Mentor: Provides guidance and training aligned to employee skills.
- HR / L&D; Team: Uses analytics for workforce planning and upskilling needs.
- Executive Leadership: Tracks organizational skill growth and productivity.

3. Business Process Mapping

- Employee creates/updates skill profile.
- System recommends projects, mentorships, or learning modules.
- Manager validates skill-task matching.
- Employee contributes to project/task.
- System tracks engagement, rewards points, and updates dashboards.
- HR reviews workforce insights via analytics dashboards.

4. Industry-Specific Use Case Analysis

- Corporate: Skill-based workforce optimization & engagement.
- Consulting Firms: Expertise marketplace for project-based staffing.
- Technology Companies: Mentorship-driven learning and innovation.
- Academia: Faculty-student collaboration & project matching.
- Non-profits: Volunteer expertise mapping for social projects

5. AppExchange Exploration

- Existing Platforms: Salesforce Work.com, Trailhead, Appirio Skill Cloud.
- Strengths: Employee engagement, training modules, analytics dashboards.
- Limitations: Limited gamification, lack of dynamic project-task mapping.
- SkillSync Opportunity: Unified skills marketplace, gamified contributions, integrated with Salesforce ecosystem

6. Gap Analysis (Existing vs. Proposed)

Existing Systems:

- Costly.
- Limited focus.
- Poor integration and not gamified.

SkillSync:

- End-to-End Skill Marketplace.
- Mobile-first, Salesforce-Native Integration.
- Gamified Contributions.

7. Technology Landscape & Tools

Platform: Salesforce

• Lightning, Mobile App, Experience Cloud

Modules:

• Service Cloud → Mentorship & Support

• Experience Cloud → Employee Portal

• Tableau CRM → Dashboards

Integrations: HR systems, learning platforms, Chatter, third-party APIs

Design: Mobile-first, gamified UI, multilingual support

8. Risks & Mitigation

• Low adoption: Gamified experience, intuitive UI.

• Data quality issues: Validation rules, manager/mentor approvals.

• Integration challenges: Use of Salesforce APIs, modular rollout.

• Employee resistance: Change management, training sessions.

9. Success Metrics

- Employee adoption %.
- Skill coverage mapped vs organizational needs.
- Task/project allocation efficiency.
- Mentorship engagement rate.
- Gamification impact (leaderboards, badges usage).
- Improvement in employee satisfaction & retention.

10. Future Vision

- AI-driven skill recommendations.
- Expanded integration with external learning platforms.
- Scalable rollout from department \rightarrow organization-wide \rightarrow global teams.