HandsMen Threads: Elevating the Art of Sophistication in Men's Fashion

ABSTRACT

This project outlines the implementation of a customized Salesforce CRM solution for HandsMen Threads, a premium men's fashion and tailoring brand. The primary goal was to optimize business operations, enhance customer relationships, and ensure data accuracy across all departments.

The solution features a structured data model with five core custom objects: Customer, Order, Product, Inventory, and Marketing Campaign. Key business processes were automated using Record-Triggered Flows, Scheduled Flows, Email Alerts, and Apex to manage order confirmations, loyalty program updates, and real-time stock alerts.

To maintain data integrity, strict validation rules were implemented, along with a role-based security model for Sales, Inventory, and Marketing teams. Additionally, an Apex batch job was developed to monitor and update low stock levels automatically.

This end-to-end CRM solution delivers:

- Personalized customer experiences through automated communications
- Operational efficiency with workflow automation
- Scalable infrastructure for future business expansion

By leveraging the Salesforce Platform, HandsMen Threads, now has a unified, datadriven system that enhances decision-making and drives business growth.

OBJECTIVE

The primary objective of this project is to design and implement a customized Salesforce CRM solution for HandsMen Threads to streamline business operations, maintain data integrity, and enhance customer satisfaction.

By establishing a centralized system to manage customers, orders, products, inventory, and marketing campaigns, this implementation aims to:

Automate critical business processes, including:

- Order confirmations and status updates
- Loyalty program status modifications
- Proactive inventory stock alerts

Ensure data accuracy and consistency through:

- Custom validation rules
- Standardized data entry processes

Provide real-time business visibility with:

- Instant inventory level tracking
- Complete customer interaction history

Enhance team collaboration by implementing:

- Role-based access controls
- Department-specific dashboards

Elevate customer experience through:

- Personalized communication workflows
- Targeted marketing campaigns
- Automated loyalty program benefits

This solution will transform HandsMen Threads' operations from manual, disjointed processes to an integrated, automated CRM ecosystem, driving efficiency and customer satisfaction while maintaining rigorous data standards.

The implementation focuses on creating a scalable foundation that can adapt to future business growth and evolving customer needs in the premium fashion retail sector.

TECHNOLOGY DESCRIPTION

Salesforce Platform

Salesforce is a cloud-based Customer Relationship Management (CRM) platform that enables businesses to:

- Centralize customer data
- Automate sales, service, and marketing processes
- Generate actionable insights through analytics It offers both point-and-click tools (for admin configurations) and programmatic capabilities (like Apex and Flows) for custom solutions.

Core Components Used

1. Custom Objects

- Act as database tables to store unique business data.
- Examples:
- **Customer Object**: Stores contact details, preferences, and purchase history
- **Product Object**: Tracks item details, pricing, and categories
- > Order Object: Manages order status, dates, and linked customer/product data

2. Tabs

- Provide UI navigation to access object data.
- Examples:
- **Products Tab:** View/edit product catalog
- > Orders Tab: Track order fulfillment status

3. Custom App

- A tailored application grouping relevant tabs for specific roles.
- Example:

"HandsMen Retail Manager" App: Combines Customer, Order, and Inventory tabs for sales teams

4. Profiles & Roles

Profiles: Define permissions (e.g., Sales reps can't edit inventory data).

Roles: Control data visibility via hierarchy (e.g., Store Managers > Sales Associates).

5. Automation Tools

Flows: Automate processes like order confirmations or low-stock alerts.

Apex: Custom logic (e.g., dynamic discount calculations).

6. Email Integration

Email Templates: Standardize communications (e.g., order receipts).

Email Alerts: Trigger notifications for critical events (e.g., delayed shipments).

• WHY THESE TECHNOLOGIES?

Custom Objects + **Tabs** = Structured data with easy access

Profiles/Roles = Secure, role-specific workflows

Flows/Apex = Eliminate manual tasks while handling complex logic

Email Tools = Ensure timely, branded customer interactions

This combination creates a scalable, user-friendly system tailored to retail needs.

DETAILED EXECUTION OF PROJECT PHASES

1. Developer org setup

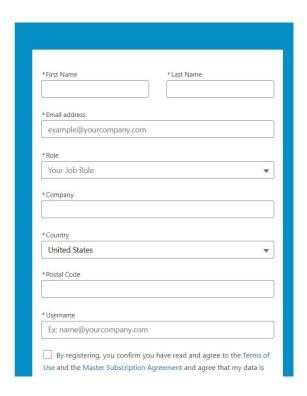
- A Salesforce Developer Org was created using https://developer.salesforce.com/signup
- The account was verified, Password set, and access was granted to the salesforce setup page.



Use this page to sign up for a special Developer Edition org with the configuration you need to complete the superbadge challenges.

Create a username, in the form of an email, that is entirely unique across all Salesforce orgs, including trial and Sandbox orgs. For more information, check out Usernames and Passwords help article.

Note that special orgs are generally available within a matter of minutes but may take up to 30 minutes to populate. You will receive an email letting you know when the org is ready. Build your solution according to the requirements to complete the superbadge challenges; adding more actions or steps can cause challenge checks to fail.



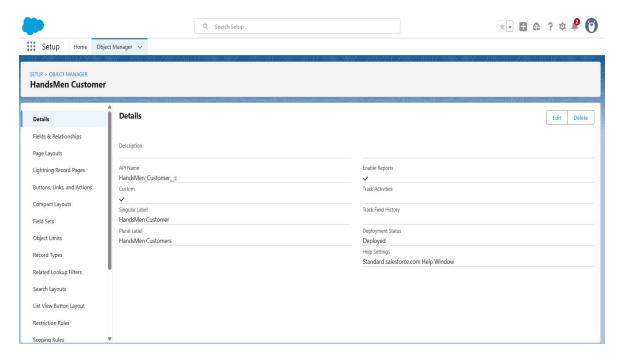
2. Custom Object Creation

Five custom objects were created to store business-critical data:

- HandsMen Customer Stores customer info like email, phone, loyalty status.
- HandsMen Product Stores product catalog details like SKU, price, and stock.
- HandsMen Order Stores orders placed by customers, including quantity and status.
- **Inventory** Tracks stock quantity and warehouse location.
- Marketing Campaign Stores promotional campaigns and scheduling.

Steps followed:

- Navigated to Setup Object Manager Create Custom Object
- Provided label, name, and enabled reports/search
- Saved and created Tabs for each object



3. Creating the Lightning App

- A custom Lightning App named HandsMen Threads was created.
- Included tabs: HandsMen Customer, Order, Product, Inventory, Campaign, Reports, etc
- Assigned to the System Administrator profile.

4. Validation Rules

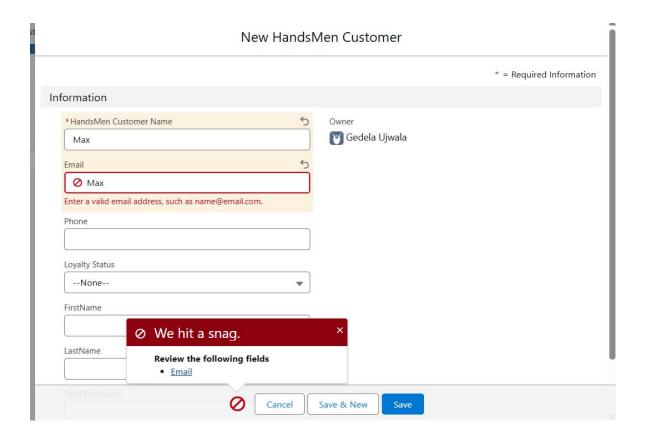
To ensure accurate data entry and enforce business logic, the following validation rules were applied.

• **Order Object:** Prevents saving if Total Amount c<0.

Error: "Please Enter Correct Amount"

• Customer Object: Validates email contains @gmail.com.

Error: "Please fill Correct Gmail"



5. User Role & Profile Setup

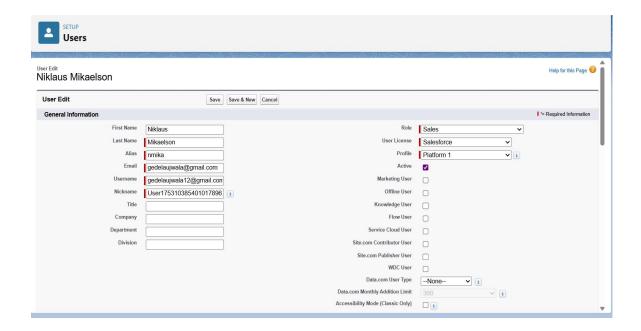
- Cloned the Standard User profile to a new profile named Platform 1 and added access to necessary custom objects.
- Created roles for different departments:

Sales Manager, Inventory Manager, Marketing Team

6. User Creation

- Users were created in Salesforce and assigned appropriate roles and profiles to reflect their responsibilities:
- Niklaus Mikaelson Assigned the Sales role
- Kol Mikaelson-Assigned the Inventory role

These role-based assignments help enforce proper data access and process control within the system.

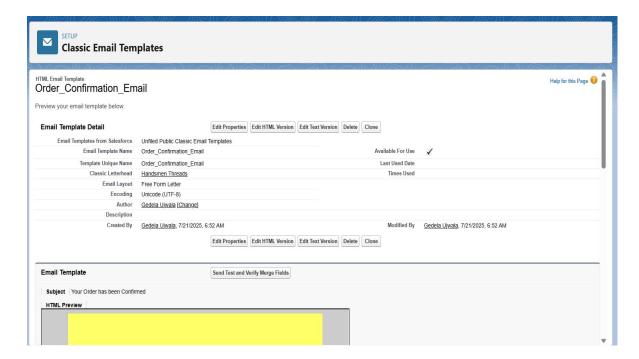


7. Email Template & Alerts

Created three email templates:

- Order Confirmation Sent on order status = Confirmed
- Low Stock Alert Sent when Inventory < 5 units
- Loyalty Program Email Sent when loyalty status changes

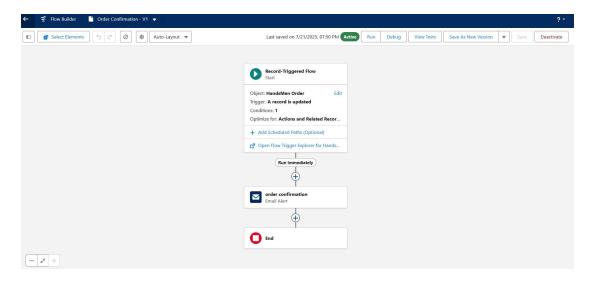
Corresponding Email Alerts were created using these templates and linked to automation flows.



8. Flow Implementations

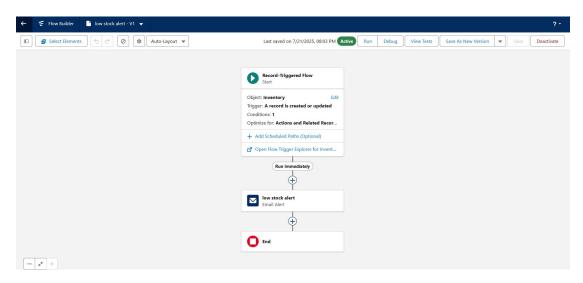
a. Order Confirmation Flow

- Triggered when an order is updated to Confirmed.
- Sends an Order Confirmation email to the related customer.



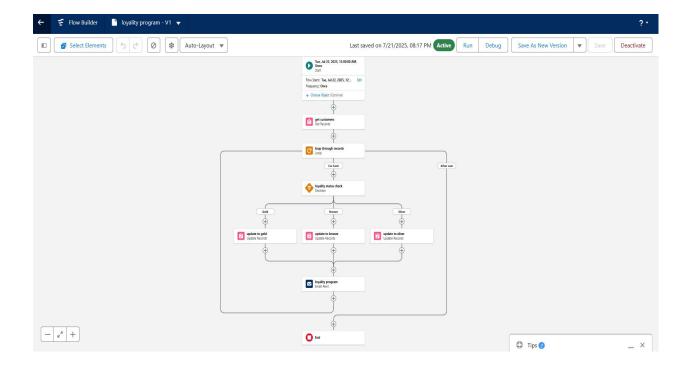
b. Stock Alert Flow

- Triggered when Inventory stock drops below 5.
- Sends low stock email to Inventory Manager.



C. Scheduled Flow: Loyalty Update

- Runs daily at midnight
- Loops through customers and updates their Loyalty Status based on total purchases.



9. Apex Triggers

- Order Total Trigger: Auto-calculates Total Amount based on quantity and unit price.
- Stock Deduction Trigger: Reduces stock when an order is placed.
- Loyalty Status Trigger: Updates Loyalty Status based on total purchases.

PROJECT EXPLANATION WITH REAL-WORLD SCENARIO

1.NEW CUSTOMER ONBOARDING

Scenario: Fashion influencer "Elijah Mikaelson" visits HandsMen Threads' flagship store

System Action:

• Sales associate creates a new Customer record with:

Personal details (phone, email etc)

Style preferences (favorite colors, preferred fits)

- Validation Rule: Ensures the email is valid (eg, must contain @gmail.com).
- Automation: Welcome email with ₹500 discount coupon triggers immediately

2. Product Setup

- The admin adds products like Shirts, Jeans, etc., into the Product c object.
- Each product has a price and other details.
- Inventory is also created to manage stock for these products.

3. Order Placement

- Elijah decides to buy 2 shirts (each ₹500). An order is placed.
- In Salesforce: A new Order record is created.
- Apex Trigger: Automatically calculates Total Amount c=2×500=₹1000.

4. Inventory Update

- As soon as the order is placed:
- Apex Trigger on Inventory: Reduces shirt stock by 2.
- Validation Rule: Ensures stock never goes below 0.

5. Loyalty Program

- Elijah now has a total purchase of ₹1000
- A irigger on Customer checks his total purchases.
- Based on the value: 2500 Bronze 2500-21000 Silver
 - 1000-Gold
- So, Elijah becomes a Silver member.

6. Email Notifications

- When a new order is placed or loyalty status is updated:
- Flow Email Alert is triggered.
- Elijah gets an email:

[&]quot;Thanks for your purchase! Your loyalty status is now Silver."

7. Users and Roles

Salesforce users like store staff are created:

- Niklaus Mikaelson Soles Role (Platform 1 Profile)
- Kol Mikaelson laventory Role (Platform I Profile)

SCREENSHOTS

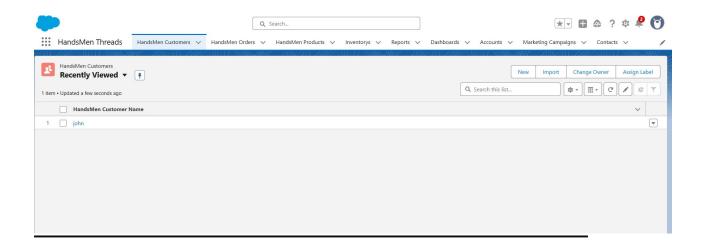


Fig: Custom App for HandsMen Threads

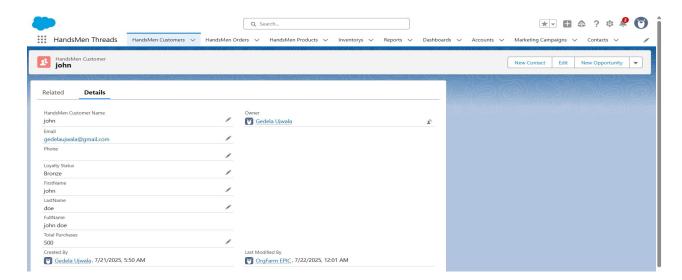


Fig: Customer Creation in HandsMen Threads

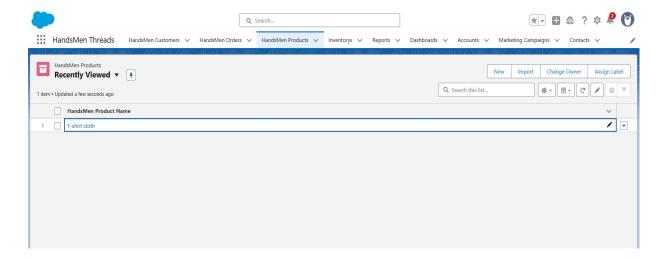


Fig: Products in HandsMen Threads

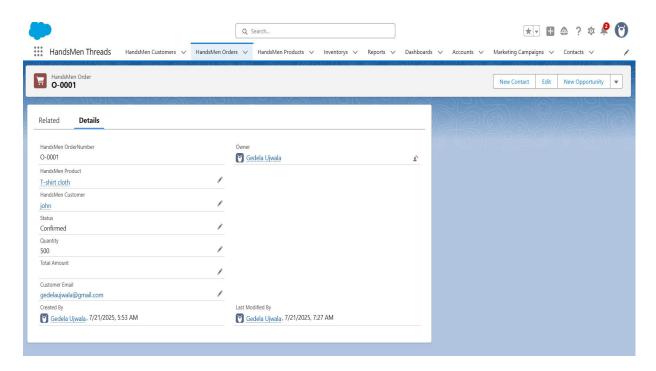


Fig: Order Confirmation

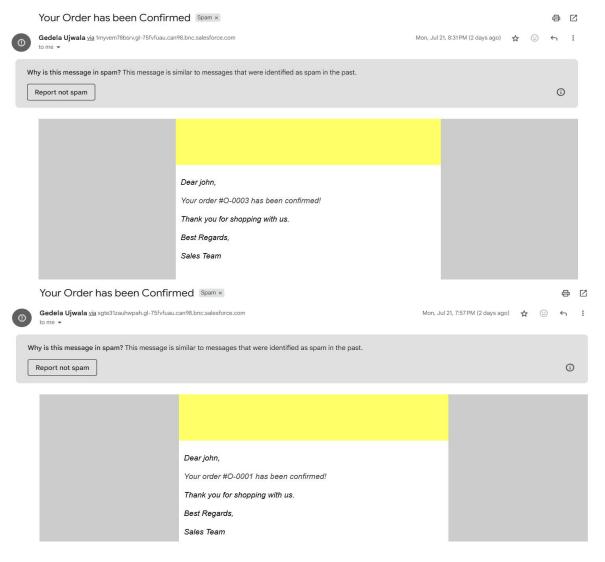


Fig: Order Confirmation mail alert

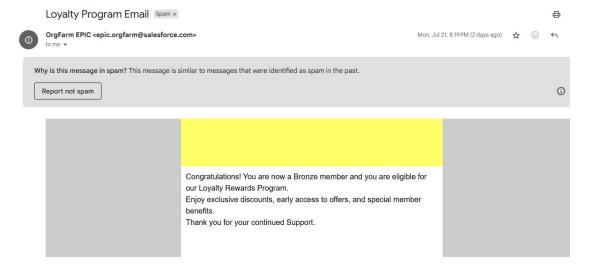


Fig: Loyalty Program mail alert

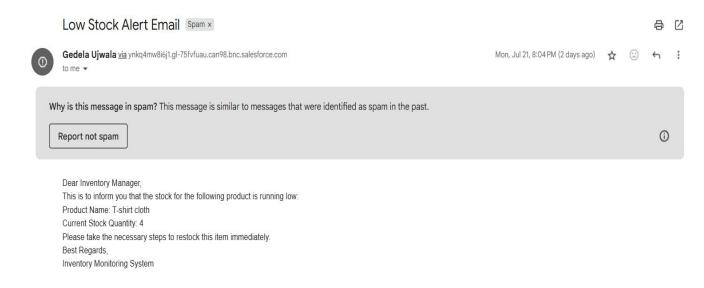


Fig: Low stock mail alert

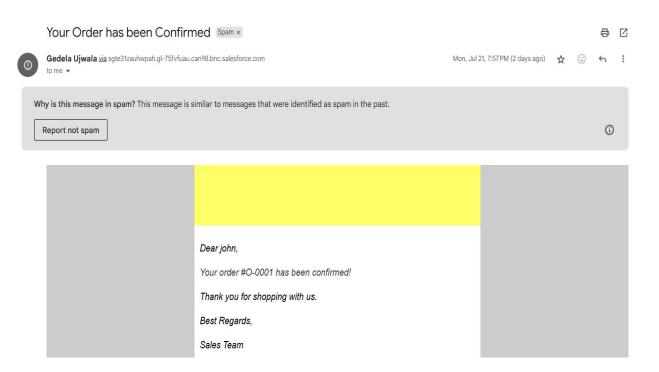


Fig: Customer Order confirmation mail alert

CONCLUSION

The HandsMen Threads CRM system built on Salesforce successfully streamlines key business processes like customer management, product cataloging, order processing, inventory tracking, and loyalty program automation. By leveraging Salesforce tools like Custom Objects, Flows, Validation Rules, Email Alerts, and Apex, the system ensures accurate data entry, real-time updates, and enhanced customer experience. Through automation and well-structured user roles, the platform minimizes manual errors, speeds up operations, and provides better insights into sales and stock.

Future Scope:-

1. Customer Portal Integration

Build a Customer Community Portal where customers can log in, view orders, and track loyalty status.

2. Mobile App using Salesforce Mobile SDK

Enable store staff to manage inventory and orders on the go using a mobile interface.

3. Reports & Dashboards

Create detailed sales and inventory dashboards for management to monitor trends and performance in real-time.

4. AI-Powered Recommendations (Einstein)

Use Salesforce Einstein to provide personalized product suggestions based on past purchases.

5. WhatsApp/SMS Integration

Notify customers via WhatsApp or SMS about order confirmations and loyalty updates.