Educational Organisation Using ServiceNow

Abstract

The "Educational Organisation Using ServiceNow" project presents a modern, automated approach to managing academic and administrative operations in educational institutions. Developed on the ServiceNow platform, this system demonstrates how low-code development can simplify complex processes like admissions, academic progress tracking, and record management.

By integrating **automation**, **data centralization**, and **custom workflows**, the project removes dependency on paper-based systems and minimizes human error. Administrators can manage students and their progress efficiently, while students benefit from a transparent and reliable interface. This work highlights how **ServiceNow's extensibility** can serve sectors beyond IT, offering scalable solutions tailored for educational ecosystems.

Problem Statement

Many educational institutions continue to rely on manual or semi-digital systems for admissions, student data handling, and performance tracking. This often results in:

- Fragmented and inconsistent record-keeping
- Inefficiencies in processing admissions and evaluations
- Time-consuming calculations prone to human error
- Lack of traceability in academic data

To address these challenges, this project proposes a **centralized ServiceNow application** that automates student-related workflows, ensuring **accuracy**, **accessibility**, **and improved decision-making** in academic management.

Objectives

- Design a modular and scalable educational management system on ServiceNow.
- Digitize and automate the **student admission** process.
- Enable **real-time academic calculations** (total, percentage, and results).
- Enhance usability with **dynamic forms and auto-population**.

- Organize data using custom tables and structured layouts.
- Improve transparency through visual process flows.
- Reduce manual effort and data errors using automation and validations.

Tools and Technologies Used

- ServiceNow Personal Developer Instance
- Form Designer & Table Configuration
- Client Scripts (JavaScript)
- Business Rules & UI Policies
- Process Flow Designer
- Number Maintenance Module
- Local Update Sets
- ServiceNow Studio for scoping and application packaging

System Modules and Functionalities

1. Salesforce Table — Student Core Data

This table serves as the **foundation** for the entire system, storing essential student information.

Key Fields:

- Auto-generated Admin Number (unique identifier)
- Student Name, Grade
- Father's Name, Mother's Name
- Parent Contact Numbers
- Admission Date

Configuration Details:

- The table is **extensible**, allowing future child tables (e.g., Admission, Progress).
- Admin Number generated dynamically via Number Maintenance.
- Clean layout with logically grouped sections for readability.

2. Admission Table — Managing Student Enrollment

This table extends the Salesforce Table and records admission-related information.

Core Fields:

- Admission Status (New, InProgress, Joined, etc.)
- Purpose of Joining
- Pincode, Mandal, City, District (auto-filled)
- School Name, School Area

Key Configurations:

- Dropdowns for School, Area, and Status.
- Auto-fill logic that retrieves student details based on Admin Number.
- Pincode-based scripting to auto-update location fields.
- Integrated **Process Flow** for visualizing admission lifecycle.

3. Student Progress Table — Academic Performance Tracking

This table manages student academic results.

Fields Included:

- Marks for six subjects (Telugu, Hindi, English, Maths, Science, Social)
- Total Marks (auto-calculated)
- *Percentage* (auto-calculated)
- Result (Pass/Fail)

Functionality:

- Client scripts dynamically compute totals, percentages, and results.
- Read-only calculated fields maintain data consistency.
- Form layout optimized for quick review of academic details.

Configuration Activities

Instance Setup:

- 1. Created a developer account at <u>developer.servicenow.com</u>.
- 2. Requested and launched a **Personal Developer Instance**.
- 3. Configured application scope and access permissions.

Update Set Creation:

- Update Set Name: Educational Organisation
- Tracks all configurations, scripts, forms, and flows for portability.

Table Configuration:

- Created three custom tables: Salesforce, Admission, and Student Progress.
- Extended child tables from Salesforce for inheritance.
- Enabled visibility in the Application Menu for easy access.

Form Design:

- Used Form Designer to organize fields logically.
- Created distinct sections for Personal, Academic, and Contact details.
- Ensured mobile responsiveness and dynamic field visibility.

Number Maintenance

- Configured **auto-numbering** for the Admin Number field.
- Applied a custom padded format for unique identification.

Process Flow Designer

Designed a visual admission flow:

New \rightarrow InProgress \rightarrow Joined \rightarrow Rejected \rightarrow Rejoined \rightarrow Closed \rightarrow Cancelled

Enhanced tracking and transparency of student admission status.

Client Script Implementations

A. Auto-Populate Student Details

- Triggered when *Admin Number* is selected.
- Fetches student data from Salesforce and fills corresponding Admission fields.
- Disables populated fields to prevent user modifications.

B. Location Autofill (Pincode Logic)

- Triggered when *Pincode* is entered.
- Automatically updates Mandal, City, and District using pre-defined mappings.

C. Disable Calculation Fields

- Prevents manual editing of *Total Marks*, *Percentage*, and *Result*.
- Triggered during form load on the Progress Table.

D. Total Marks Calculation

- Triggered onChange of subject marks.
- Sums all six subjects and auto-populates the *Total* field.

E. Percentage Calculation

- Triggered when *Total* changes.
- Formula: (Total / 600) × 100

F. Result Evaluation

- Triggered when *Percentage* changes.
- Marks student as **Fail** if <60%, otherwise **Pass**.
- Includes validation to prevent values beyond 0–100%.

Outcomes and Benefits

- Streamlined Admissions: Automated workflows reduce manual processing.
- Accurate Reports: Eliminates errors in total and percentage calculations.
- **Responsive Forms:** Dynamic input handling improves user experience.
- Data Integrity: Field validations ensure consistent, high-quality data.
- Operational Visibility: Process Flows offer a clear view of student status.
- **Future-Ready:** Designed for easy extension into faculty, exams, and fee modules.

Conclusion

The **Educational Organisation Using ServiceNow** project showcases how a low-code platform can transform educational operations. It combines automation, reliability,

and scalability to build a fully functional system beyond traditional IT management use cases. The system empowers institutions to manage students efficiently, maintain academic accuracy, and prepare for digital transformation in the education sector.

Future Enhancements

- Integration with email/SMS for admission updates
- Mobile-compatible UI for on-the-go access
- Interactive dashboards for analytics and reporting
- Faculty and classroom management modules
- Fee management and payment tracking
- Report card and certification generation
- Integration with Learning Management Systems (LMS)