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Salesforce-Based CRM and Inventory Automation for HandsMen Threads

1. Introduction

HandsMen Threads, a growing enterprise in the fashion domain, has embarked on a digital transformation journey through Salesforce to streamline its operations. This project involved implementing a customized CRM and inventory management system with automation at its core. By leveraging Salesforce tools such as Lightning App Builder, Apex, Flows, and Process Automation, the system is designed to improve operational efficiency, enhance customer relations, and ensure real-time inventory tracking.

2. Objective

- Establish a robust CRM and inventory solution using Salesforce.
- Design scalable and secure data models for customer, product, order, and inventory records.
- Implement business logic automation using Flows, Apex, Triggers, and Email Alerts.
- Enable loyalty tracking and automated customer engagement.
- Train users and deploy a fully functional application.

3. Tools and Technologies Used

- **Salesforce CRM Platform**
- **Lightning App Builder**
- **Apex Programming Language**
- **Flows & Process Automation**
- **Validation Rules**
- **Email Templates and Alerts**
- **Profiles, Roles & Permission Sets**
- **Batch Apex for Scheduled Jobs**

4. Step-by-Step Implementation

Step 1: Creating a Salesforce Developer Account

To begin the implementation, a Salesforce Developer Account is required.

Procedure:

- Visit <https://developer.salesforce.com/signup>
- Fill in the signup form:
 - First Name, Last Name
 - Email
 - Role: Developer
 - Company: (e.g., College Name)
 - Country: India
 - Postal Code
 - Username: any format like name@org.com
- Click **Sign Me Up**
- Activate the account via the verification email.

Step 2: Initial Setup and Navigation

- After activation, log in and go to **Setup**.
- Navigate using the gear icon → **Setup**
- Familiarize yourself with Object Manager, Flows, Users, and App Builder.

Step 3: Creating Custom Objects

Created the following custom objects for data modeling:

1. **HandsMen Customer**
2. **HandsMen Product**
3. **HandsMen Order**
4. **Inventory**
5. **Marketing Campaign**

Each object includes specific fields, such as Name, Email, Phone, SKU, Price, Quantity, Loyalty Status, etc.

Step 4: Creating Custom Fields

For each object, created relevant fields such as:

- Email, Phone, Loyalty Status (Picklist)
- SKU, Price, Stock Quantity
- Order Number (Auto-Number), Status, Total Amount
- Warehouse, Campaign Dates

Also created **formula fields** and **validation rules** for data consistency.

The screenshot shows the 'HandsMen Customer Validation Rule' configuration page in Salesforce. The left sidebar lists various setup options, with 'Validation Rules' selected. The main content area displays the 'Validation Rule Detail' for the 'Email' field. The rule is named 'Email', is active, and has the error condition formula 'NOT CONTAINS(Email_c, "@gmail.com")'. The error message is 'Please fill Correct Gmail'. The error location is set to 'Top of Page'. The rule was created by Aditya Raj on 7/25/2025 at 10:53 PM and was last modified by the same user at the same time.

Validation Rule Detail		Active
Rule Name	Email	✓
Error Condition Formula	NOT CONTAINS(Email_c, "@gmail.com")	
Error Message	Please fill Correct Gmail	
Error Location	Top of Page	
Description		
Created By	Aditya Raj, 7/25/2025, 10:53 PM	Modified By
		Aditya Raj, 7/25/2025, 10:53 PM

The screenshot shows the 'HandsMen Customer Fields & Relationships' page in Salesforce. The left sidebar lists various setup options, with 'Fields & Relationships' selected. The main content area displays a list of 11 fields, sorted by field label. The fields are: Created By, CreatedById, Lookup(User), Email, Email_c, Email, FirstName, FirstName_c, Text(16), Full Name_c, Full Name_c_c, Formula (Text), HandsMen Customer Name, Name, Text(80), Last Modified By, Last Modified By_c, Lookup(User), LastName, LastName_c, Text(16), Loyalty Status, Loyalty Status_c, Picklist, Owner, OwnerId, Lookup(User Group), and Phone, Phone_c, Phone. The 'HandsMen Customer Name' and 'Owner' fields are marked as required with a checkmark.

Field Name	Field Label	Field Type	Required
Created By	CreatedById	Lookup(User)	
Email	Email_c	Email	
FirstName	FirstName_c	Text(16)	
Full Name_c	Full Name_c_c	Formula (Text)	
HandsMen Customer Name	Name	Text(80)	✓
Last Modified By	Last Modified By_c	Lookup(User)	
LastName	LastName_c	Text(16)	
Loyalty Status	Loyalty Status_c	Picklist	
Owner	OwnerId	Lookup(User Group)	✓
Phone	Phone_c	Phone	

Step 5: Creating Relationships Between Objects

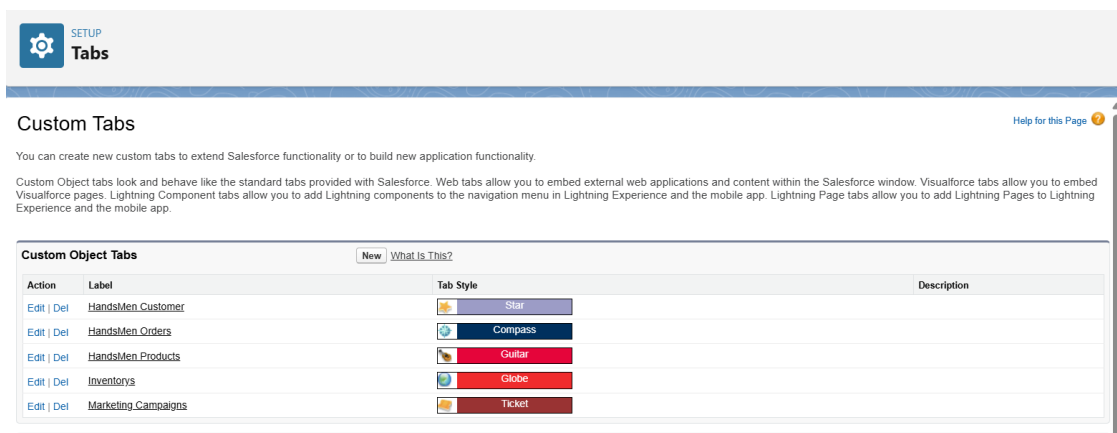
- **Lookup Relationships:**
 - Marketing Campaign → HandsMen Customer
 - HandsMen Product → HandsMen Order
 - HandsMen Order → HandsMen Customer

- **Master-Detail:**
 - Inventory → HandsMen Product

Step 6: Creating Tabs for Custom Objects

Created tabs for:

- HandsMen Customer
- HandsMen Product
- HandsMen Order
- Inventory



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Tabs

Custom Tabs

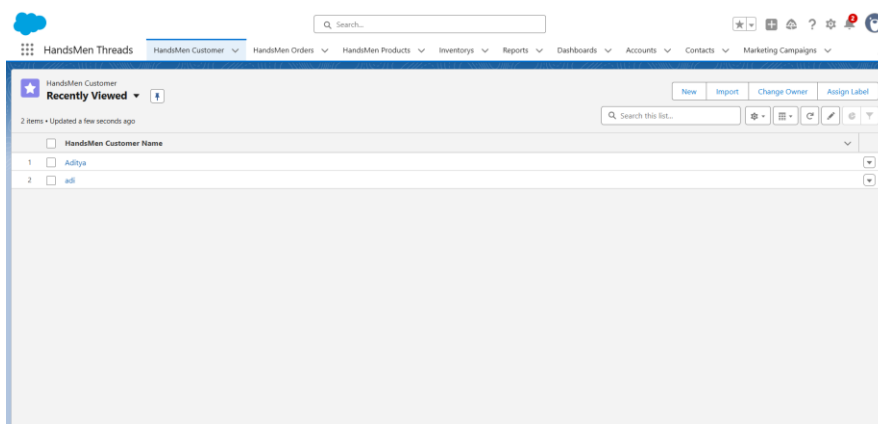
You can create new custom tabs to extend Salesforce functionality or to build new application functionality.

Custom Object tabs look and behave like the standard tabs provided with Salesforce. Web tabs allow you to embed external web applications and content within the Salesforce window. Visualforce tabs allow you to embed Visualforce pages. Lightning Component tabs allow you to add Lightning components to the navigation menu in Lightning Experience and the mobile app. Lightning Page tabs allow you to add Lightning Pages to Lightning Experience and the mobile app.

Action	Label	Tab Style	Description
Edit Del	HandsMen Customer	Star	
Edit Del	HandsMen Orders	Compass	
Edit Del	HandsMen Products	Guitar	
Edit Del	Inventory	Globe	
Edit Del	Marketing Campaigns	Ticket	

Step 7: Creating Lightning App: “HandsMen Threads”

- Used App Manager to create a new app
- Added custom objects and navigation items
- Assigned to System Administrator profile



HandsMen Threads

HandsMen Customer | HandsMen Orders | HandsMen Products | Inventory | Reports | Dashboards | Accounts | Contacts | Marketing Campaigns

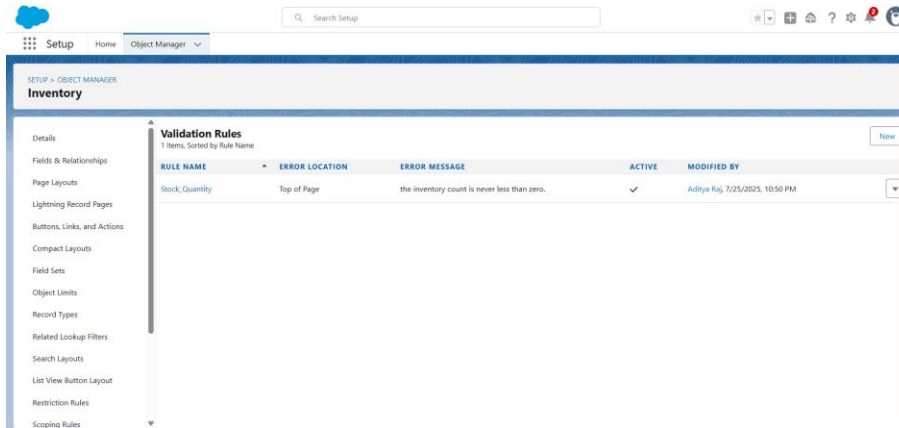
HandsMen Customer
Recently Viewed

2 items • Updated a few seconds ago

<input type="checkbox"/>	HandsMen Customer Name	
1	AddTo	
2	add	

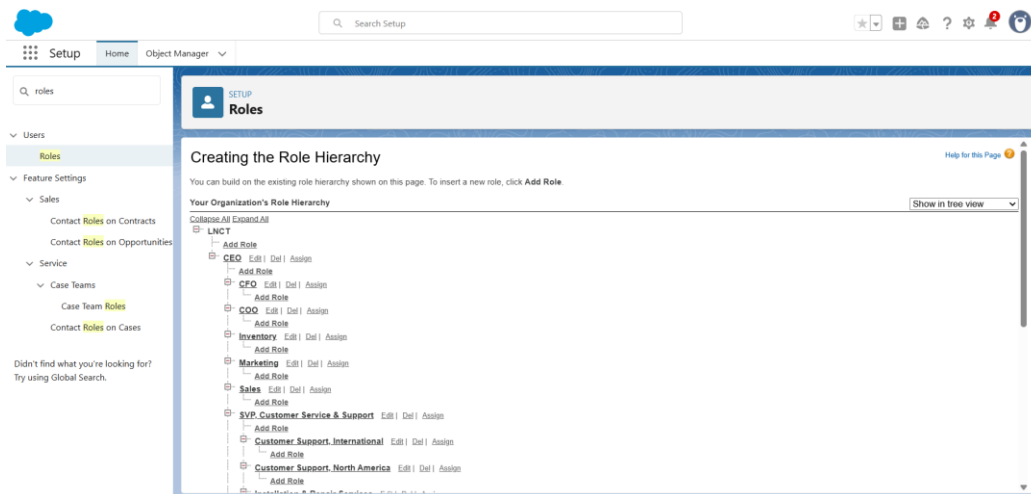
Step 8: Implementing Business Logic & Validations

- Added **Validation Rules**:
 - Total_Amount ≤ 0 (Order)
 - Stock_Quantity ≤ 0 (Inventory)
 - Email must contain "@gmail.com" (Customer)



Step 9: Creating Users, Roles, and Profiles

- Cloned “Standard User” profile → “Platform 1”
- Created Roles:
 - Sales
 - Inventory
 - Marketing
- Created Users: Niklaus, Kol, etc.
- Assigned Roles and Profiles accordingly



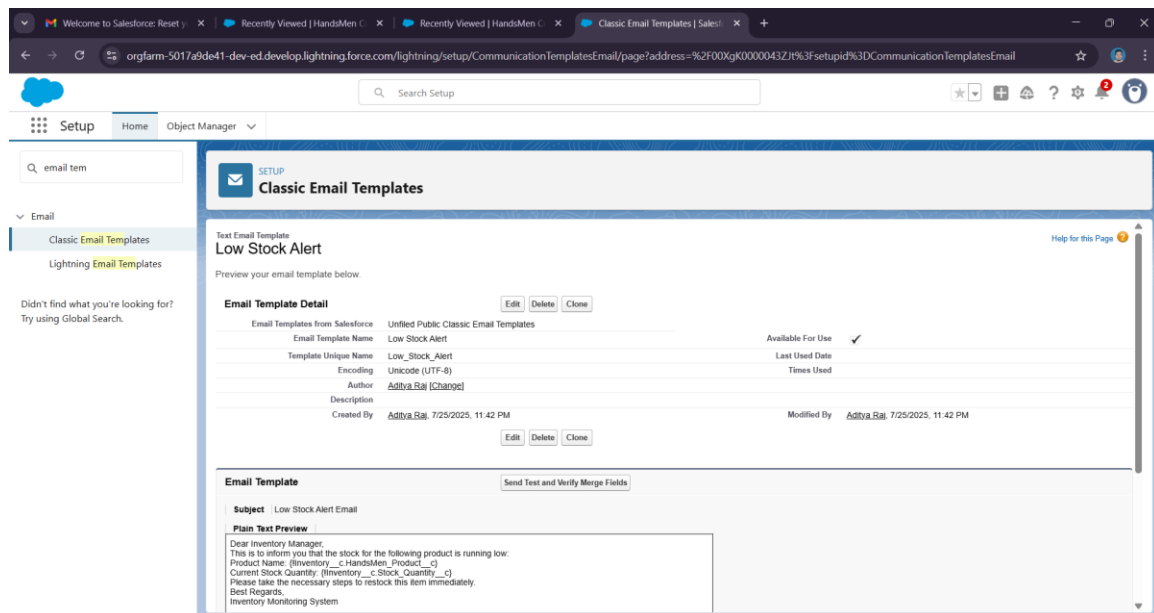
Step 10: Setting Up Permission Sets

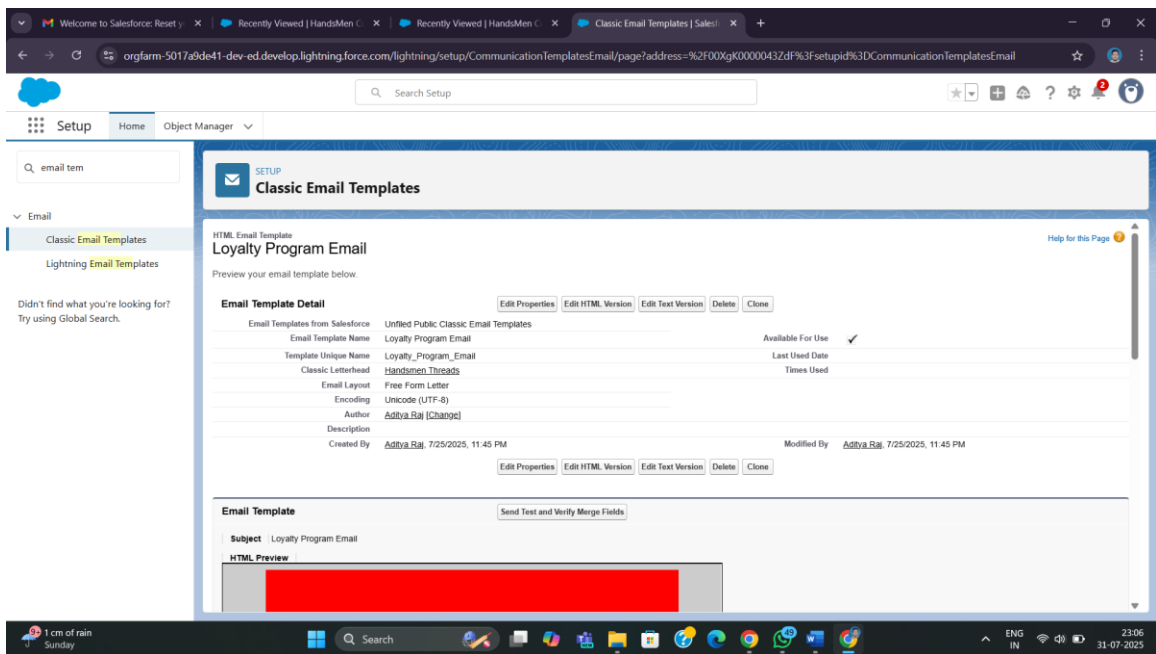
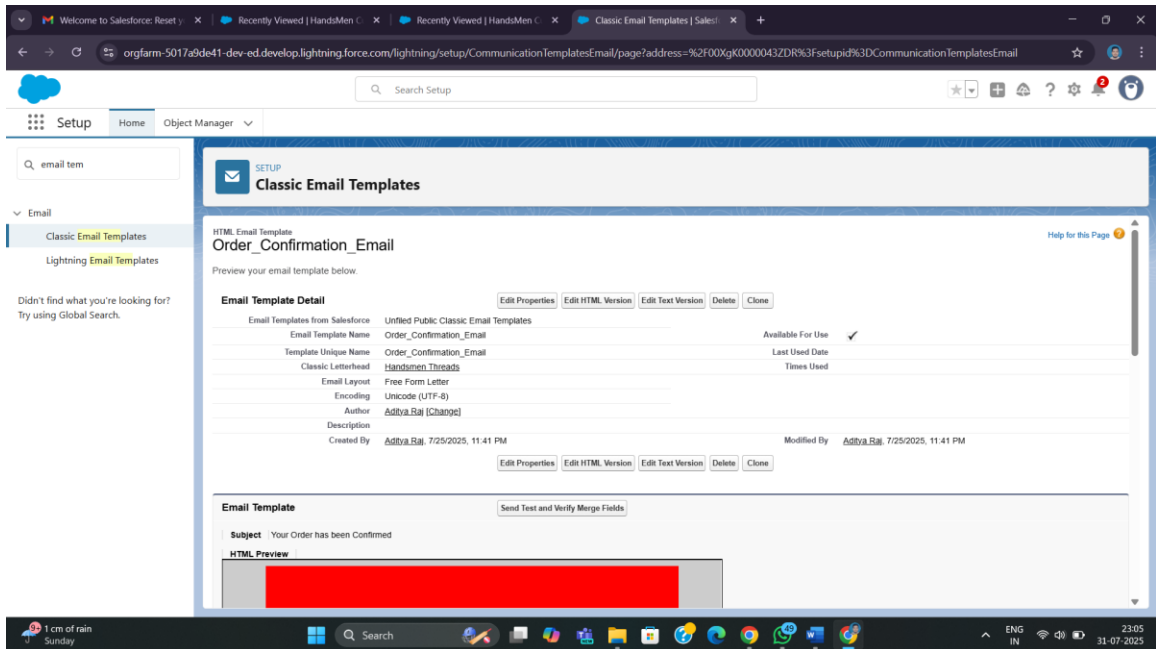
- Created permission set “Permission_Platform_1”
- Granted CRUD access on custom objects
- Assigned to Platform 1 users

Step 11: Creating Email Templates

Created the following email templates:

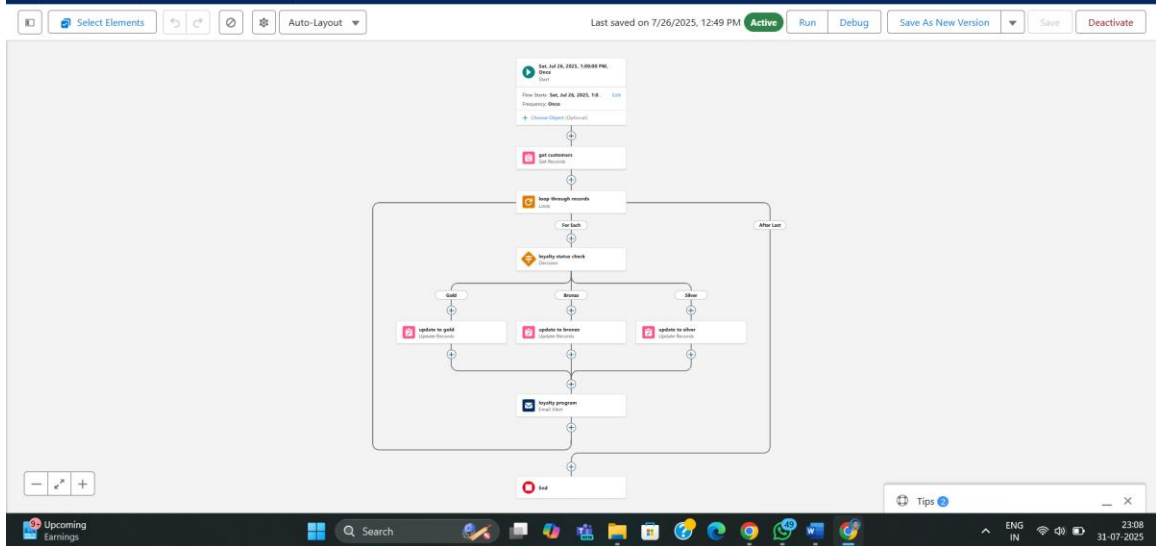
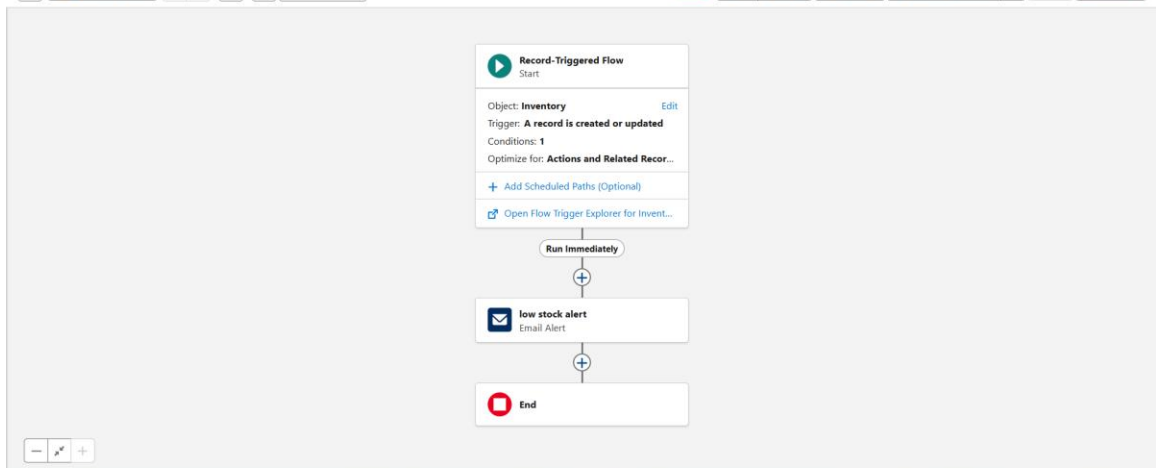
1. **Order Confirmation**
2. **Low Stock Alert**
3. **Loyalty Program Update**

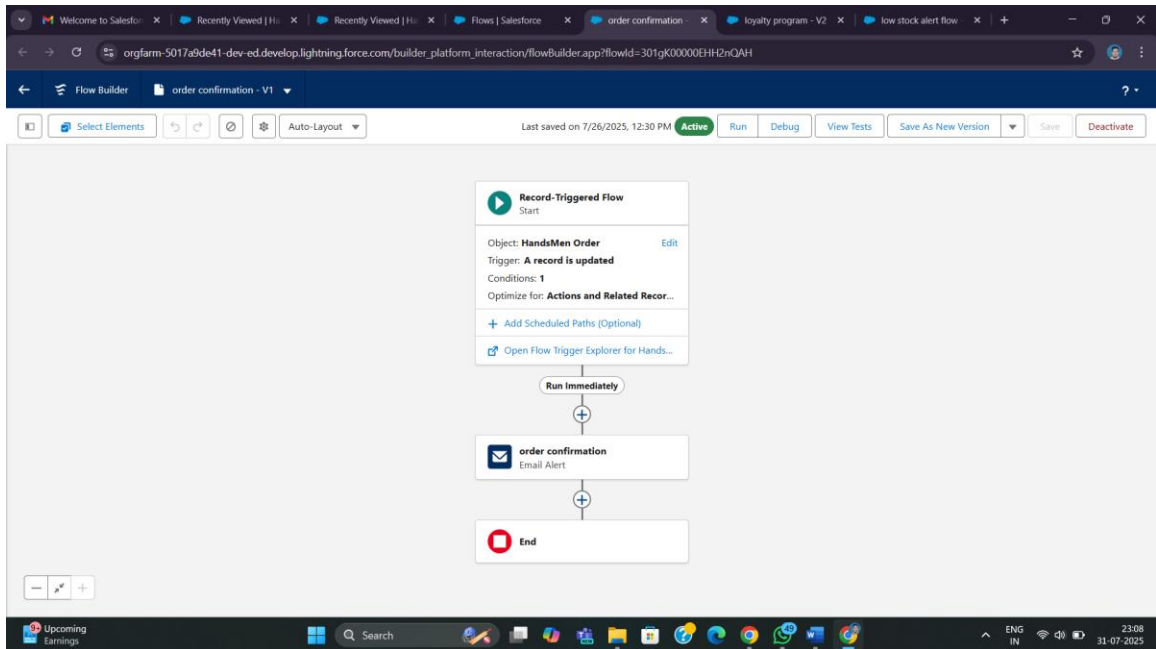




Step 12: Building Flows for Automation

- **Order Confirmation Flow:** Sends email when order status is "Confirmed"
- **Low Stock Flow:** Alerts warehouse when inventory < 5
- **Loyalty Status Update Flow:** Updates loyalty based on total purchases daily





Step 13: Writing Apex Code

Apex Trigger & Handler:

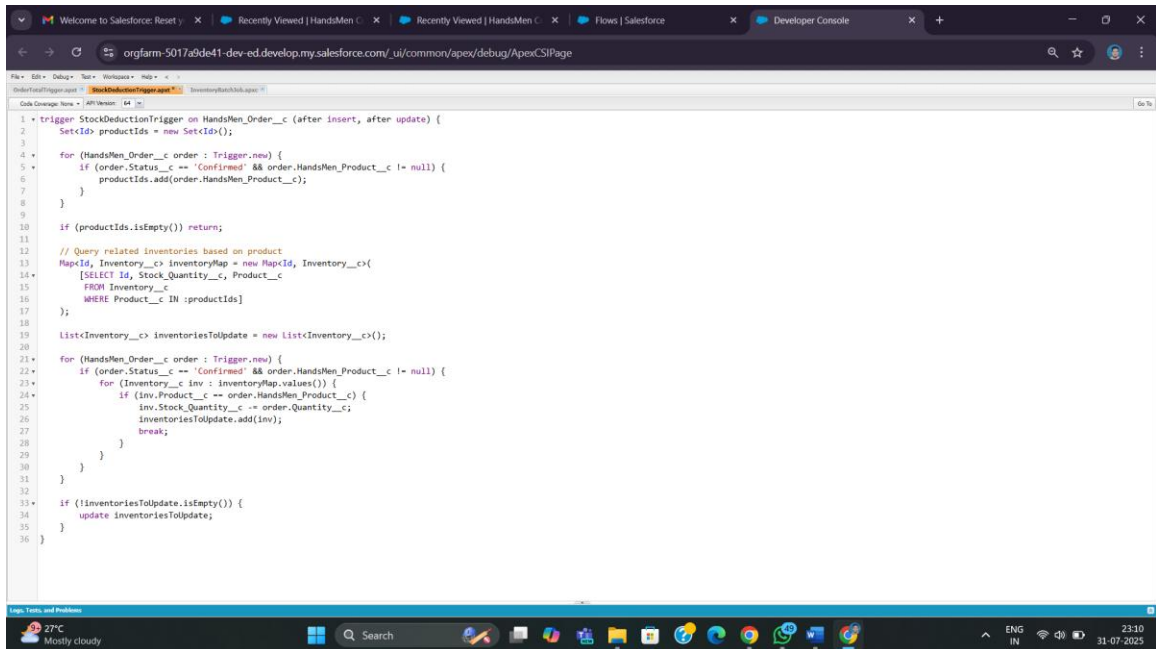
- Validates order quantity based on order status.

Batch Apex (InventoryBatchJob):

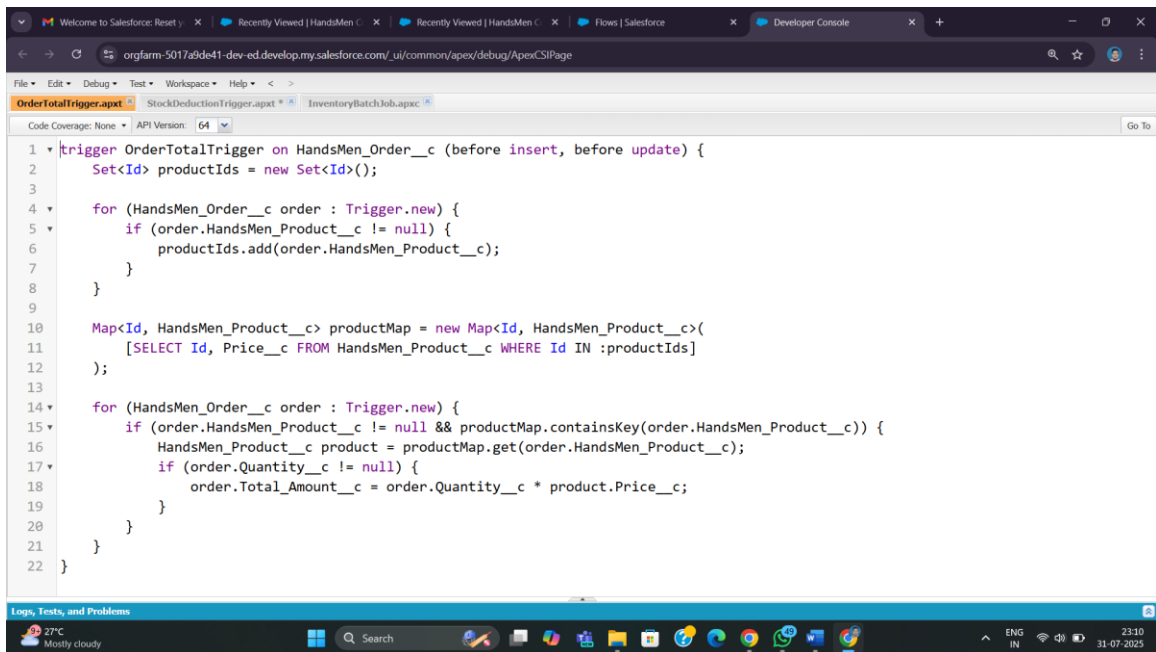
- Restocks items with low quantity.
- Scheduled to run at midnight daily.

Execute Anonymous Code:

- Used to schedule the batch job.



```
1 trigger StockDeductionTrigger on HandsMen_Order__c (after insert, after update) {
2     Set<Id> productIds = new Set<Id>();
3
4     for (HandsMen_Order__c order : Trigger.new) {
5         if (order.Status__c == 'Confirmed' && order.HandsMen_Product__c != null) {
6             productIds.add(order.HandsMen_Product__c);
7         }
8     }
9
10    if (productIds.isEmpty()) return;
11
12    // Query related inventories based on product
13    Map<Id, Inventory__c> inventoryMap = new Map<Id, Inventory__c>{
14        [SELECT Id, Stock_Quantity__c, Product__c
15         FROM Inventory__c
16         WHERE Product__c IN :productIds]
17    };
18
19    List<Inventory__c> inventoriesToIupdate = new List<Inventory__c>();
20
21    for (HandsMen_Order__c order : Trigger.new) {
22        if (order.Status__c == 'Confirmed' && order.HandsMen_Product__c != null) {
23            for (Inventory__c inv : inventoryMap.values()) {
24                if (inv.Product__c == order.HandsMen_Product__c) {
25                    inv.Stock_Quantity__c -= order.Quantity__c;
26                    inventoriesToIupdate.add(inv);
27                    break;
28                }
29            }
30        }
31    }
32
33    if (!inventoriesToIupdate.isEmpty()) {
34        update inventoriesToIupdate;
35    }
36 }
```

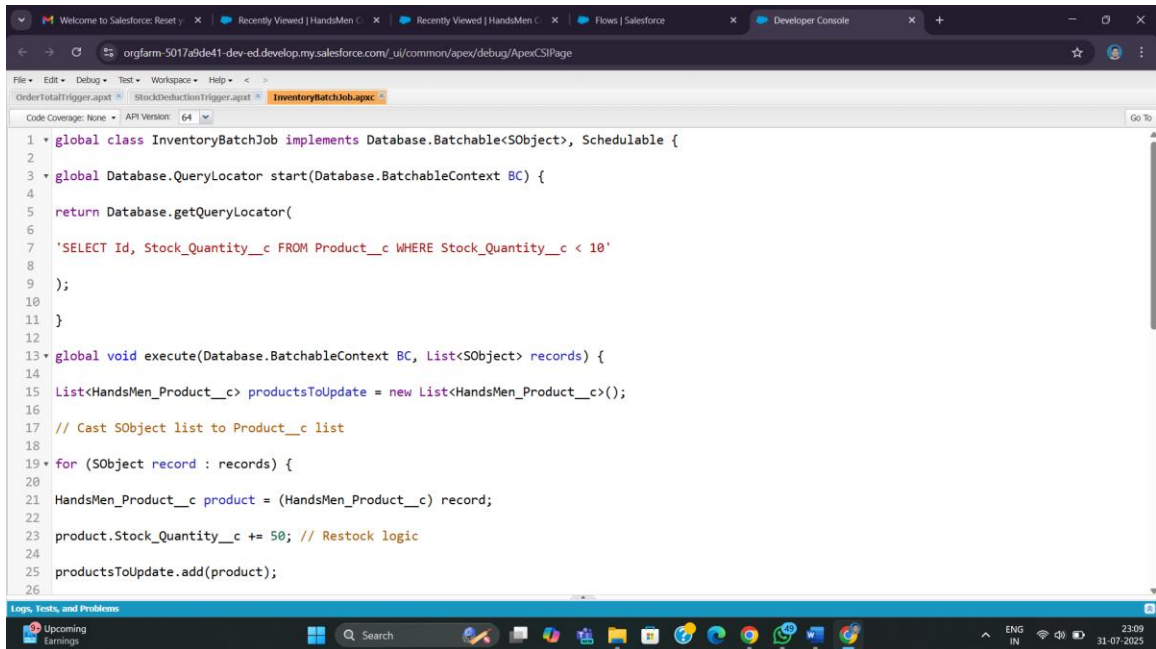


```
1 trigger OrderTotalTrigger on HandsMen_Order__c (before insert, before update) {
2     Set<Id> productIds = new Set<Id>();
3
4     for (HandsMen_Order__c order : Trigger.new) {
5         if (order.HandsMen_Product__c != null) {
6             productIds.add(order.HandsMen_Product__c);
7         }
8     }
9
10    Map<Id, HandsMen_Product__c> productMap = new Map<Id, HandsMen_Product__c>{
11        [SELECT Id, Price__c FROM HandsMen_Product__c WHERE Id IN :productIds]
12    };
13
14    for (HandsMen_Order__c order : Trigger.new) {
15        if (order.HandsMen_Product__c != null && productMap.containsKey(order.HandsMen_Product__c)) {
16            HandsMen_Product__c product = productMap.get(order.HandsMen_Product__c);
17            if (order.Quantity__c != null) {
18                order.Total_Amount__c = order.Quantity__c * product.Price__c;
19            }
20        }
21    }
22 }
```

Step 14: Scheduling Batch Job

Scheduled the InventoryBatchJob using System.schedule:

```
System.schedule('Daily Inventory Sync', '0 0 0 * * ?', new InventoryBatchJob());
```

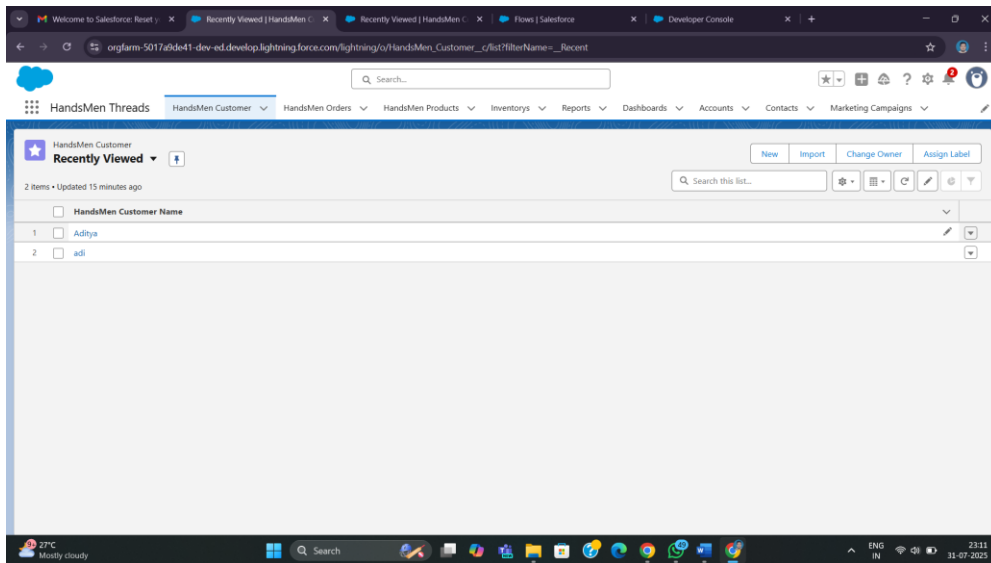


Step 15: Testing & Debugging

- Tested validation rules with negative scenarios.
- Used sample data for Orders, Products, and Customers.
- Performed Flow Debugging and Log Tracing.

Step 16: Deployment & User Training

- Deployed the solution in developer org.
- Walked users through:
 - App navigation
 - Flow triggers
 - Email responses
- Conducted post-deployment monitoring.



5. Deliverables

- Custom Salesforce App with all objects
- Apex Classes, Triggers, Flows, and Scheduled Jobs
- Email Templates and Alerts
- Fully Documented Solution Design
- User Roles, Profiles, and Training Guide

6. Learning Outcomes

- Real-world Salesforce app development lifecycle
- Data modeling and entity relationships
- Business automation using Flow and Apex
- Apex triggers and asynchronous logic
- User access management
- Email automation and customer engagement
- Deployment and troubleshooting

7. Future Scope

The current solution serves as a foundation for scaling business operations at HandsMen Threads. Future developments may include:

- **Customer Portal Integration:** Creating a self-service portal for order tracking, loyalty point redemption, and personalized offers.
- **Advanced Analytics & Reporting:** Implement dashboards with AI-powered insights using Salesforce Einstein.
- **Mobile App Extension:** Build a mobile-first interface using Salesforce Mobile SDK for on-the-go access by sales and warehouse teams.
- **Payment Gateway Integration:** Automate online transactions and payment confirmations within the platform.
- **Third-Party Integration:** Link with ERP systems or e-commerce platforms like Shopify or WooCommerce for end-to-end automation.
- **Multi-location Inventory Tracking:** Track stock movement across various warehouse locations and apply geolocation intelligence.
- **WhatsApp/SMS Notifications:** Add multi-channel communication for order updates and low-stock alerts.

8. Conclusion

This project has effectively transformed the manual order and inventory operations of HandsMen Threads into a modern, automated Salesforce system. By integrating customer management, order processing, inventory control, and scheduled automation, this solution not only improves operational efficiency but also elevates customer satisfaction through timely communication and personalized rewards.

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