Ideation Phase

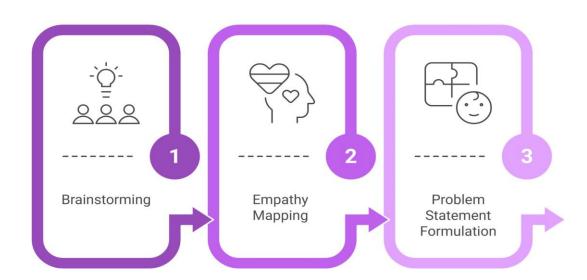
The Ideation Phase serves as the foundation of any successful project. It blends creativity, user empathy, and structured thinking to identify the core problem, generate meaningful ideas, and prioritize solutions that bring value to users. Where creativity and structured thinking combine to find meaningful and impactful documentation.

In our project titled: "A CRM Application for Airlines Management System", this phase was critical to ensure we built a system tailored to the actual challenges faced by airline departments, ground staff, flight attendants, pilots, and passengers.

The ideation phase included three main steps:

- 1. Brainstorming
- 2. Empathy Mapping
- 3. Problem Statement Formulation

Ideation Phase Steps



1. • Brainstorming & Idea Prioritization Template

Step 1: Team Gathering, Collaboration, and Selecting the Problem Statement

Our team convened with the goal of identifying inefficiencies in existing Airline operartions and proposing a tech-driven solution using Salesforce. Through collaborative meetings, online whiteboards, and use-case discussions, we collectively explored pain points faced by airline staff and administrative personal. We reviewed real-world operations and identified that most airlines systems rely heavily on manual workflows for managing:

- Flight schedules and fare structures
- Pilot and cabin crew assignments
- Ticket booking and fare collection
- Monthly performance and safety reporting

After several discussions, we clearly defined the core issue:

Problem Statement:

"Airline departments lack a unified digital platform for managing flights, staff, ticketing, and operational metrics in real time. Existing manual processes are inefficient, error-prone, and restrict access to performance and safety insights."

This became the backbone of our project scope.

Step 2: Brainstorm, Idea Listing, and Grouping

We conducted a **team-wide brainstorming session** using a digital board where all team members contributed their raw ideas for improving airline operations. The collected ideas were categorized into the following key themes:

- **Data Management**: managing employee records, aircraft data, flight schedules, passenger information, and maintenance logs.
- Automation: real-time fare calculation, based demand and availability.
- Reporting: Automated monthly dashboards for flight counts, passenger traffic, on-time performance, baggage handling stats, and revenue.
- Validation & Access Control: rule-based data integrity to prevent scheduling and secure aircraft safely.

From around 25–30 ideas, we grouped and shortlisted the ones that aligned directly with operational efficiency.

Step 3: Idea Prioritization

Each grouped idea was evaluated on:

- Feasibility: How easily it could be implemented on Salesforce
- Impact: The significance of the feature on transport operations
- Urgency: Whether it solved a current, pressing problem

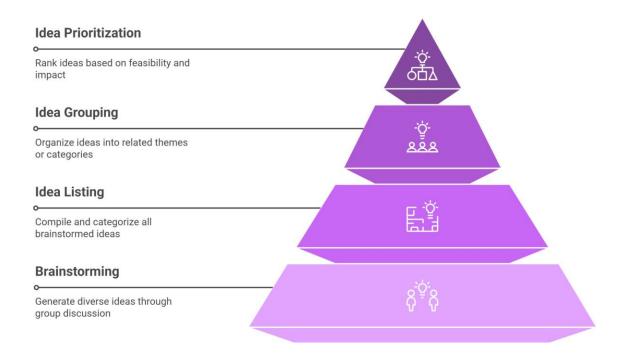
We created a decision matrix that helped us arrive at an **MVP** (Minimum Viable Product) plan:

• Top Priority Features:

- Automated fare and passenger data updates
- Role-based employee assignment (Pilot/Cabin Crew)
- Trigger-based alerts for invalid assignments
- Real-time summary dashboards (e.g., flights, passengers, revenue)
- Controlled and dependent picklists for aircraft and route management

These features formed the scope of our system design in the later phases.

Idea Prioritization Pyramid



Empathy Mapping- Empathize & Discover

Empathy Map Canvas

An empathy map is a visual tool that helps teams deeply understand their users' experiences, pains, and expectations. We used it to map the daily journey of airline staff, including administrators, pilots and ticket officers.

Empathy Map for Airline Staff What are the users? What do they think/feel? Feel overwhelmed with repettive Airline Admins flight operations **Ground Crew** Crave automation in crew and **Flight** check-in processes **Attendants** Crave operational control **Ticketing Officers Empathy** Мар What do they see What do they hear? 如 Passenger complaints about Paper-based crew rosters flight delays and checklists Confusion Miscommunication in flight and gate asignmentaneli reports Lack of ticketing and baggage transparency in What do they say/do Request better monitoring / flight tracking tools Demand accurate crew assignments

By stepping into the user's shoes, we ensured that our Salesforce CRM features (formulas, flows, triggers, dashboards) directly addressed their key frustrations faced by airlines personnel.

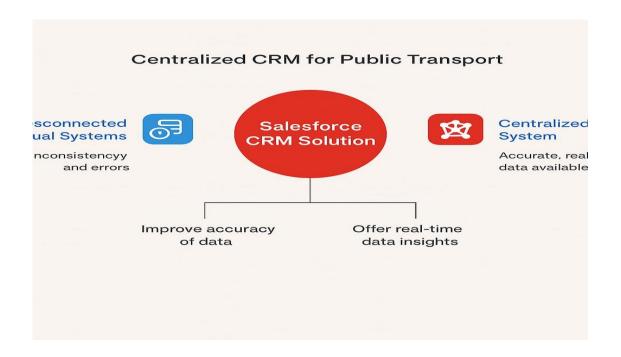
Define the Problem Statements

Customer Problem Statement Template

To build a successful solution, it's essential to clearly define what the customer/user is struggling with. This helped us stay focused on delivering real-world impact instead of just implementing technical features.

Final Customer Problem Statement:

Airline departments manage critical operations manually using disconnected systems. This leads to data inconsistency, assignment errors, revenue loss, and lack of real-time performance visibility. A centralized Salesforce CRM system can digitize workflows, ensure accuracy, and provide actionable insights through dashboards, flows, and automation. This statement aligns with the end user's expectations and guided our object design, validations, formulas, triggers, and reports.



Requirement Analysis

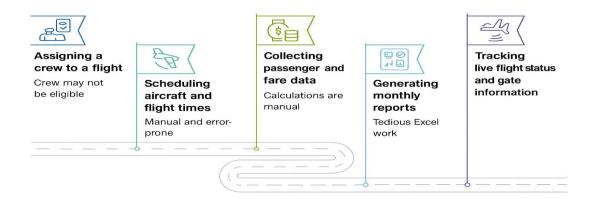
The Requirement Analysis Phase focuses on collecting, organizing, and validating everything your system needs to accomplish. It ensures that the solution you're building is not only technically sound but also directly aligned with what your stakeholders (airlines departments, pilots, ground crew and flight managers) truly need. In our project, "Airlines management system," this phase helped bridge the gap between problem understanding and system design, using real user journeys, data flows, and solution requirements. Where user-centric planning meets technical clarity to transform a problem into a buildable solution.

Customer Journey Map-Understanding User Experience Flow

Purpose: The **Customer Journey** Map visualizes how airlines employees (e.g., Ground operation Managers, Admins, Pilots, Cabin crew) interact with the transport system daily. It highlights key actions, pain points, and opportunities for improvement, guiding CRM design from a real-world usage perspective.

Journey Steps (For an Airline Admin):

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This journey helped prioritize features like formula fields, validation rules, and real-time dashboards in our object and flow design.

Data Flow Diagram

Purpose: Mapping Information Flow Between Objects

The Data Flow Diagram (DFD) models how information moves between Salesforce objects and components in the Airlines management system. It helped us structure relationships between:

Airport, Airplane, Flight, Employee, and Ticket Fare

Level 1 DFD Overview:

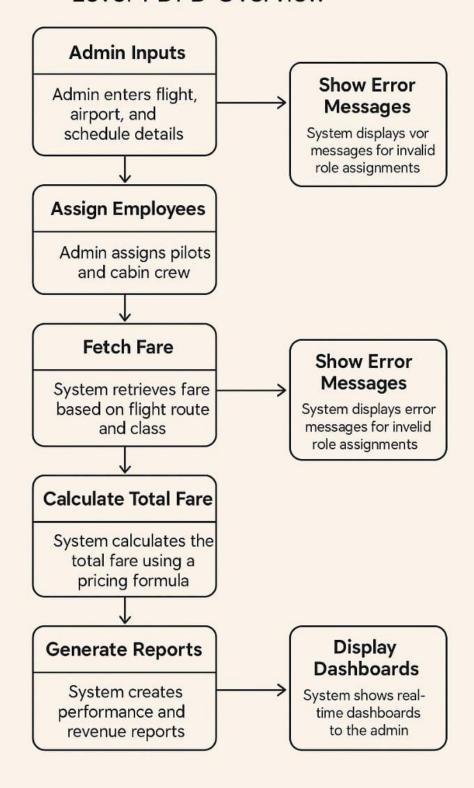
- 1. Admin Inputs:
 - Adds airplane, airport, and flight details
 - Assigns pilots and cabin crew (from Employee object)
- 2. System Logic:
 - Validates employee role (Pilot or Cabin crew)
 - Fetches fare via flow based on flight route and airplane model
 - Calculates total fare using formula (Passenger Count x Fare)

3. Outputs:

- Performance insights via reports and Real-time dashboards for admin
- Error messages for invalid role assignments

Airlines Management System

Level 1 DFD Overview



Solution Requirements

What the Airlines management System Must Do

Functional Requirements:

- Create custom objects for: Airport, Airplane, Flight, Airlines
 Employees (Pilot, Cabin Crew, Ground Staff), Ticket Fare
- Establish relationships using lookup and formula fields
- Validate employee roles using Apex Triggers
- Automate fare fetching via Flows
- Support performance dashboards & summary reports

Non-Functional Requirements:

- User-friendly Lightning App Interface
- Real-time field-level validation
- Centralized database with accurate relationships

Technology Stack

Tools & Platforms Used for Airlines management system Implementation

Category	Technology Used	Description
Platform	Salesforce Lightning	Used to build customer Airline CRM using standard & custom objects
Automation	Flows & Validation Rules	Automate fare fetching and restrict invalid data
Custom Logic	Apex Triggers & Classes	Used to validate Pilot/Cabin crew ID
Reports & Dashboards	Salesforce Reports	To analyze employee data, flight schedules, revenue, etc.
UI/UX	Lightning App Builder	Create a unified Airlines Management App for handling flights, employees, airports, and ticketing

Summary

This Requirement Analysis Phase helped ensure that all CRM features were grounded in user pain points, supported by data structures, and enabled by the right technologies. It directly shaped how we approached object modeling, data automation, UI design, and performance reporting in Salesforce.

Project Design Phase

The Project Design Phase defines the logical, technical, and functional foundation of the solution. It ensures that your proposed Salesforce CRM not only solves the right problems but is also scalable, maintainable, and aligned with Salesforce architecture principles. Where validated problems transform into structured, scalable, and implementable solutions.

In our project, "Airlines Management System," this phase bridges the gap between ideation and execution by converting insights from the previous requirement analysis well-structured CRM solution tailored for airline operations.

Problem–Solution Fit

Problem Recap:

Airlines operate in a complex environment requiring real-time tracking of flights, airplanes, crew members, airports, and fare management. However, many airline processes are still managed manually or isolated in separate systems, leading to:

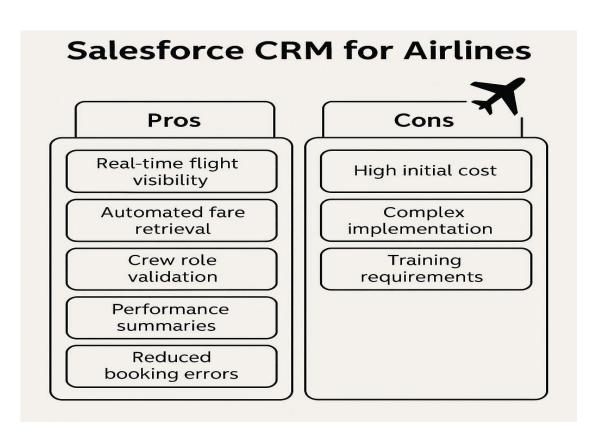
- Data entry errors and duplications
- Lack of real-time visibility for flight scheduling and operations
- Improper assignment of Pilots/Cabin crew
- Challenges in fare management, flight reporting, and occupancy tracking

Does the Proposed Solution Fit?

Yes. The Salesforce CRM solution for Airlines Management directly addresses the critical pain points in airline operations. The solution:

- Introduces object-level control for Airplanes, Airports, Employees (Pilots, Cabin Crew), Flights, and Ticket Fares
- Enables automated fare retrieval through Flows
- Validates pilots and cabin crew assignments using Apex Triggers
- Summarizes performance using Reports and Dashboards
- Uses formula fields to reduce calculation errors
- Creates centralized views using Lightning App Builder

Thus, it directly fits the core operational pain points of Airlines workflows.



Proposed Solution

How Our CRM Will Solve the Identified Problems

Our proposed Airlines CRM application is designed to digitize and streamline Airline operations using Salesforce's declarative and programmatic capabilities.

Key Functional Features:

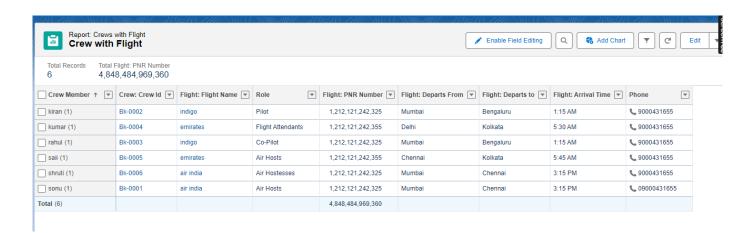
- Custom Objects:
 - Airport, Airplane, Flight, Ticket Fare, Employee
- Automation & Validation:
 - Role verification (Pilot/Cabin crew) via Apex Triggers
 - Fare calculation automation via Flows
 - Input control via Validation Rules
- Formula Fields for Efficiency:
 - Age, Experience, Date of Retirement for employees
 - Total Fare = Passenger Count x Ticket Fare
 - Pilot & Cabin crew Names (auto-derived via lookups)
- UI & Navigation:
 - Public Transport App using Lightning App Builder
 - Tabs for all custom objects

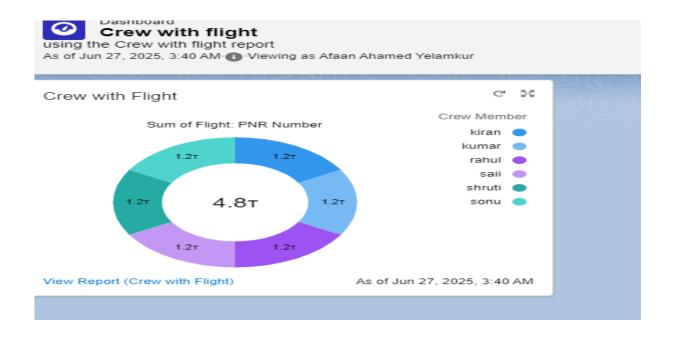
Page layouts designed by object and role

Reports and Dashboards:

- Trip Summary Reports
- Cabin crew with Flight Assignment Reports
- Monthly Revenue and Passenger Count Dashboards

Together, these components will offer a centralized, role-driven, and insight-ready system.





Solution Architecture

Visualizing the Technical Structure and Object Relationships

Object Relationship Overview:

Object	Key Fields / Features
Airport	Name, Category, Amenities, Address
Airplane	Linked to Airport, Category, Model, Capacity
Airline Employee	Name, Role (Picklist), DOB, Experience, Lookup to Airport
Flight	Linked to Airplane, Pilot, Cabin Crew, Ticket Fare, Flight Date, Passenger Count, Total Fare
Ticket Fare	Route, Airplane Model, Fare

Lookups:

- Employee → Airport
- $\bullet \quad \mathsf{Flight} \to \mathsf{Airplane}, \, \mathsf{Employee} \, \, (\mathsf{Pilot}), \, \mathsf{Employee} \, \, (\mathsf{Cabin} \, \, \mathsf{Crew}), \, \mathsf{Ticket} \, \mathsf{Fare}$
- $\bullet \quad \text{Airplane} \to \text{Airport}$

Formulas:

- Total_Amount__c = Passenger_Count__c * Ticket_Fare__c
- Pilot_Name___c = Pilot_Id___r.Employee_Name__c
- Cabin_crew_Name_c = Cabin_crew_Id_r.Employee_Name__c

Automation:

- Flows for fare fetch logic
- Triggers for role validation
- Reports & dashboards for output

Summary

The Project Design Phase ensured that our Airlines CRM not only met the users' needs but also followed Salesforce best practices in object modeling, validation, automation, and user experience. This clear blueprint guided our execution in upcoming development and configuration phases.

Project Planning Phase

The Project Planning Phase converts high-level milestones into actionable sprints aligned with the internship timeline. This helps streamline delivery and keeps all team members aligned with progress, ownership, and deadlines. Where structured task breakdown and time-bound execution planning ensures delivery efficiency.

Project Planning Template

Sprint Schedule – Based on Project Milestones

Sprint	Functional Requirement (Epic)	Task (Mapped from Milestone)	Priority	Team Members
Sprint-1	Developer Setup & Basic Objects	Creating Developer Account & Activating Org	High	Member 1
Sprint-1	Custom Object Creation	Creating custom objects – Airport, Airplane, Airline Employee, Flight, Ticket Fare	High	Member 1, 2
Sprint-2	UI Tabs & App Creation	Creating Tabs & Lightning App	High	Member 3
Sprint-2	Field Configuration	Creating fields, formula fields, picklists, relationships	Medium	Member 1, 3
Sprint-3	Layouts & Validations	Page Layouts + Validation Rules	High	Member 2, 4
Sprint-3	Flows & Triggers	Automations using Flows and Apex Triggers	High	Member 2, 3

Sprint-4	Reports & Dashboards	Generate Reports and create Dashboards	High	Member 4
Sprint-4	Final Integration & Conclusion	Final Review, Testing, and Functional Summary	Medium	All Members

Project Tracker & Sprint Timeline

Duration: Each sprint is 6 days, aligned with your **June 2025 internship** schedule

Sprint	Duration	Sprint Start Date	Sprint End Date	Sprint Release Date
Sprint-1	6 Days	03 Jun 2025	08 Jun 2025	08 Jun 2025
Sprint-2	6 Days	09 Jun 2025	14 Jun 2025	14 Jun 2025
Sprint-3	6 Days	15 Jun 2025	20 Jun 2025	20 Jun 2025
Sprint-4	6 Days	21 Jun 2025	26 Jun 2025	26 Jun 2025

Summary

The **Project Planning Phase** allowed our team to convert 12 major milestones into 4 streamlined sprints with assigned priorities and contributors. By aligning sprints with real internship dates and breaking tasks down into functional chunks, we ensured steady progress and simplified execution.

Project Executable Files

This phase outlines the actual Salesforce configurations, data, and outcomes used and generated during the execution of your project: "Airlines Management System." It ensures that all key project elements—objects, data, and output—are traceable and reusable for future reference or assessment. Where practical configurations and working modules of the project are documented for clarity, replication, and validation.

1. Project Files

Project Executable Files

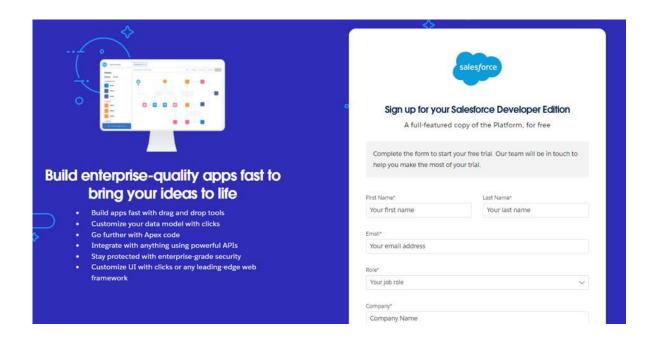
The following project files were executed in the Salesforce Developer Org:

- Milestone 1: Developer Account Setup
- Milestone 2: Object Creation
- Milestone 3: Tab Creation
- Milestone 4: Lightning App Setup
- Milestone 5: Field Creation
- Milestone 6: User adoption
- Milestone 7: Profiles
- Milestone 8: Role
- Milestone 9: User
- Milestone 10: Reports
- 📁 Milestone 11: Dashboards
- Milestone 12: Apex
- Milestone 13: Flows

List of Milestone Tasks with Supporting Screenshots and Descriptions

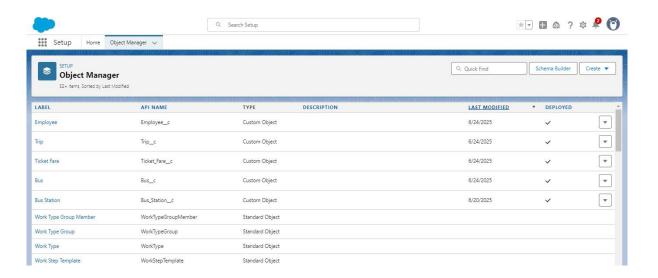
Milestone 1: Developer Account Setup

- Created and activated a Salesforce Developer Org.
- Setup the base environment for CRM development.
- Verified access to Object Manager, Flow Builder, and App Builder.



Milestone 2: Object Creation

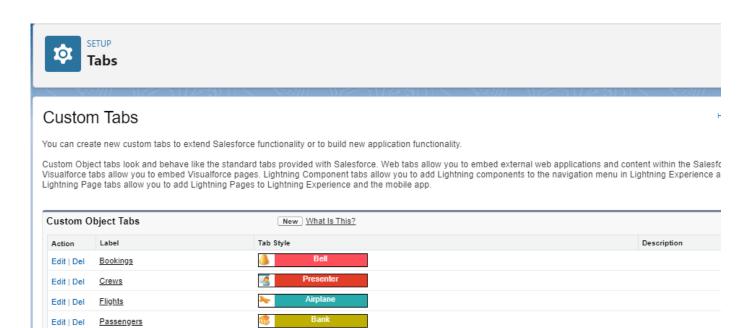
- Created 5 custom objects:
- o Airport, Airplane, Airline Employee, Flight and Ticket Fare.
 - Established foundational schema for Airlines data tracking.
- Configured relationships using lookup fields.





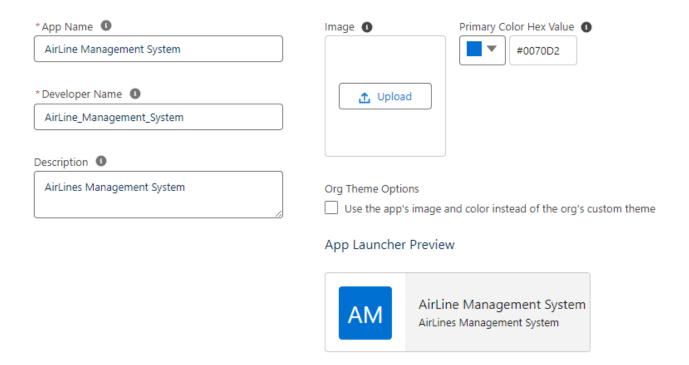
Milestone 3: Tab Creation

- Created tabs for each custom object.
- Enabled easy navigation and object access in the app.
- Ensured users can create/view records from the UI.



Milestone 4: Lightning App Setup

- Built a custom Lightning App named "Airlines Management system".
- Added relevant tabs to centralize operations.
- Simplified user workflow by grouping features.



Milestone 5: Field Creation

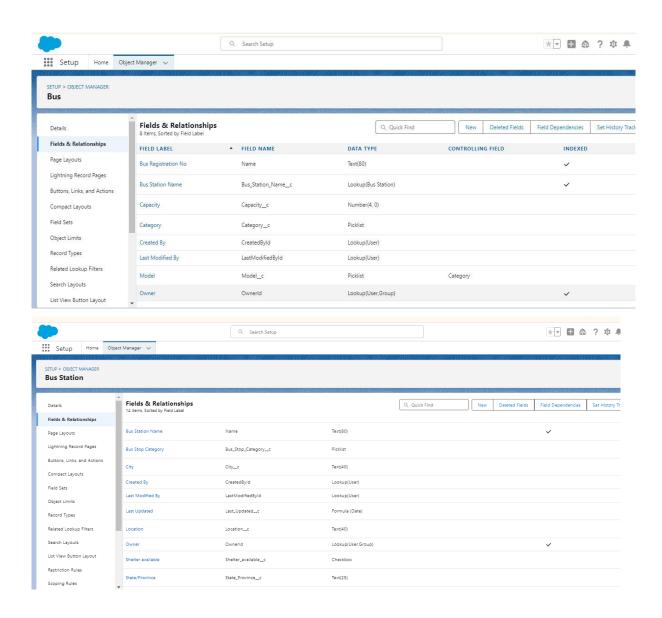
- Added custom and formula fields like:
 - Capacity, Departure date, Departs from, Departs to, Fare, Passenger Count.
 - Implemented: Total Fare = Fare × Passenger Count formula.
- Linked Driver and Conductor to Trip via lookup fields.

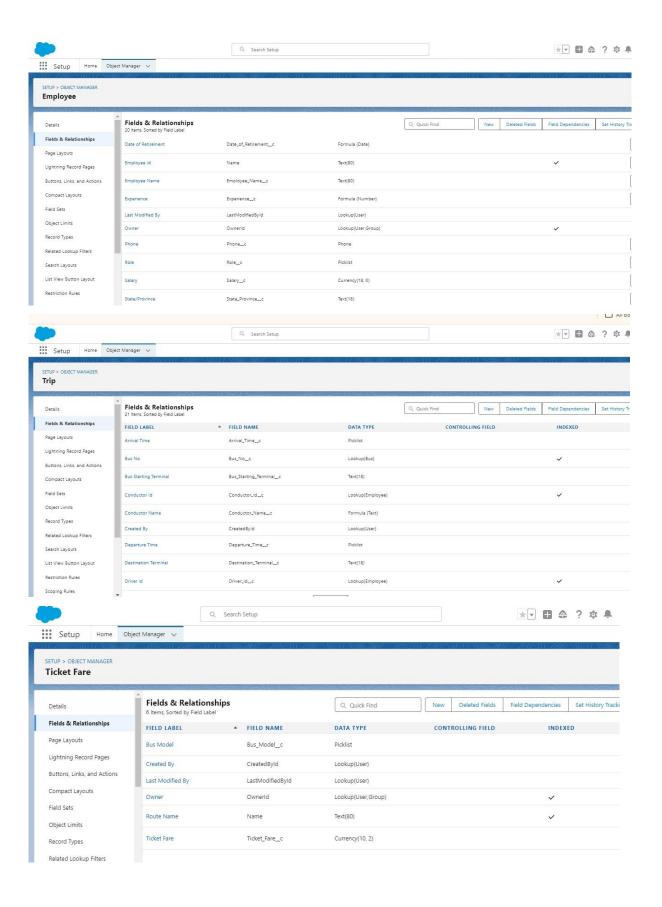
Milestone 5- Fields

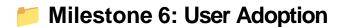
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	Last Updated	<u>Formula(Date)</u>	
	<u>Amenities</u>	Picklist(Multi-select)	
	<u>City</u>	<u>Text(40)</u>	
	<u>Street</u>	<u>TextArea</u>	
	State/Province	<u>Text(25)</u>	
	Zip/PostalCode	<u>Text(10)</u>	
	<u>lounge</u>	<u>Checkbox</u>	
	<u>Bench</u>	<u>Checkbox</u>	

<u>Airplane</u>	Registration No (Standard)	<u>Text</u>
	<u>Name</u>	Lookup(Bus Station)
	<u>Capacity</u>	<u>Number(4,0)</u>
	<u>Category</u>	<u>Picklist</u>
	<u>Model</u>	Picklist(Dependent on Category)
<u>Flight</u>	Flight No(Standard)	<u>Text</u>
	Flight Date	<u>Date</u>
	<u>Flight No</u>	<u>Lookup(Bus)</u>
	Route Name	Lookup(Ticket Fare)
	Arrival Time	<u>Picklist</u>
	<u>Departure Time</u>	<u>Picklist</u>
	<u>Starting</u> <u>Terminal</u>	<u>Text</u>
	<u>Destination</u> <u>Terminal</u>	<u>Text</u>
	<u>Pilot Id</u>	<u>Lookup(Employee)</u>
	<u>pilot</u>	<u>Formula</u>
	Cabin crew Id	Lookup(Employee)
	Cabin crew	<u>Formula</u>
	Estimated Travel <u>Time</u>	<u>Number</u>
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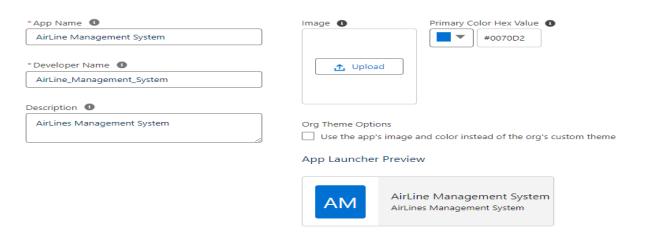
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	Total Amount	<u>Formula</u>
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	<u>Model</u>	<u>Picklist</u>
	Ticket Fare	Currency(10,2)
<u>Employee</u>	Employee Id(Standard)	<u>Text</u>
	<u>Name</u>	Lookup(Bus Station)
	Employee Name	<u>Text</u>
	<u>Role</u>	<u>Picklist</u>
	Date of Birth	<u>Date</u>
	<u>Age</u>	Formula(Number)
	Work Place	<u>Text</u>
	<u>Salary</u>	Currency(18,0)
	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Phone</u>
	Date of Joining	<u>Date</u>
	Date of Retirement	<u>Formula(Date)</u>
	<u>Experience</u>	<u>Formula(Number)</u>
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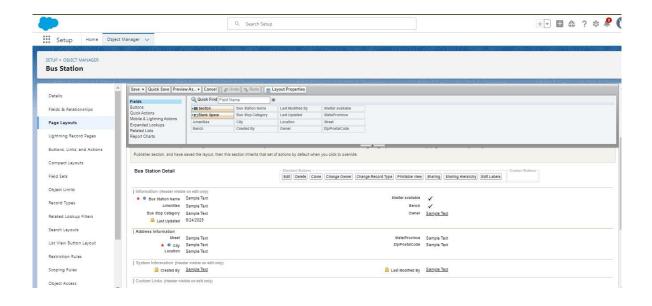


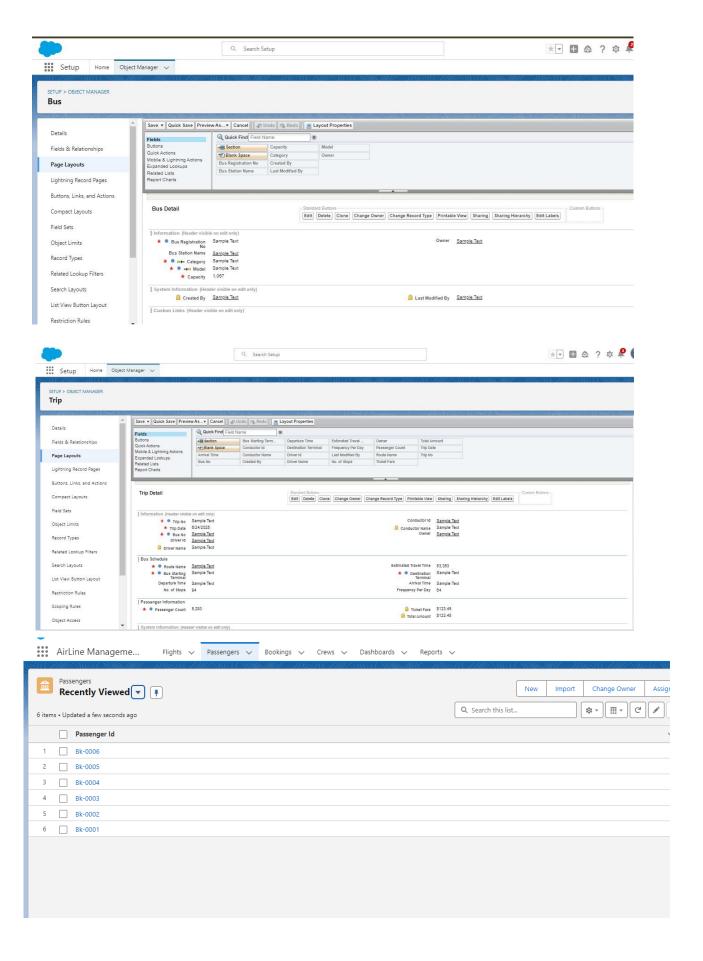




- · Customized page layouts per object.
- Grouped fields logically for usability.
- Enhanced record readability and data entry experience.









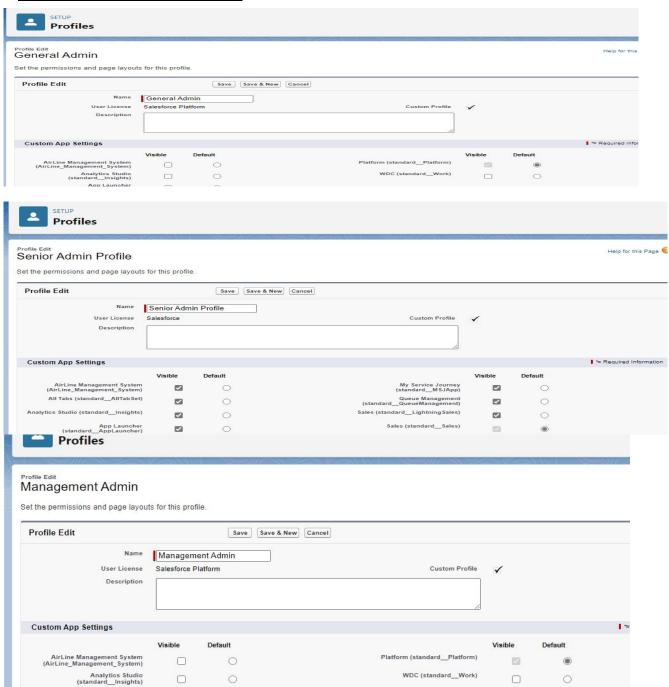
Types of profiles in salesforce

Standard profiles;

By default salesforce provides below standard profiles

Custom Profiles:

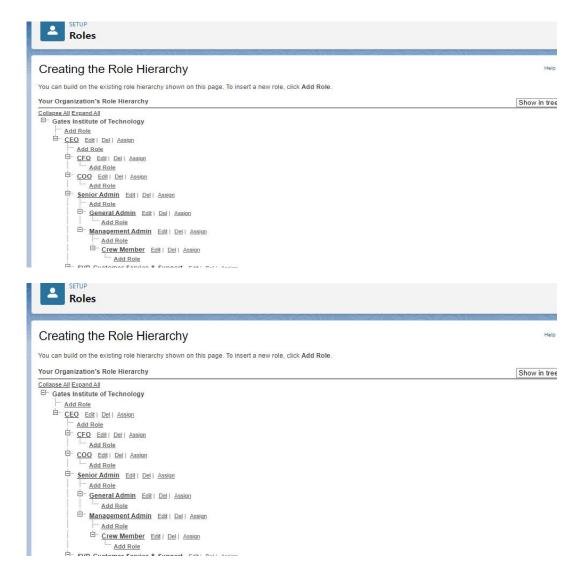
Custom ones defined by us.





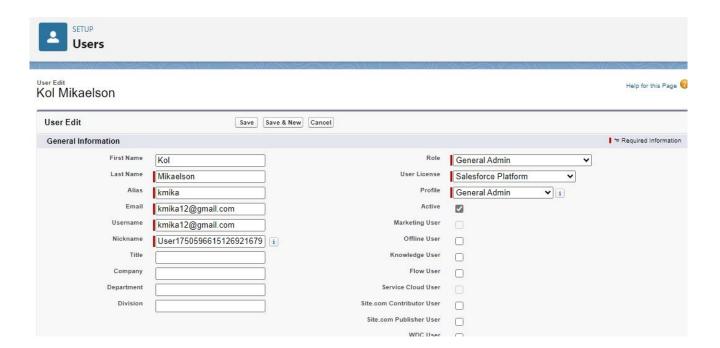
Milestone 8: Role

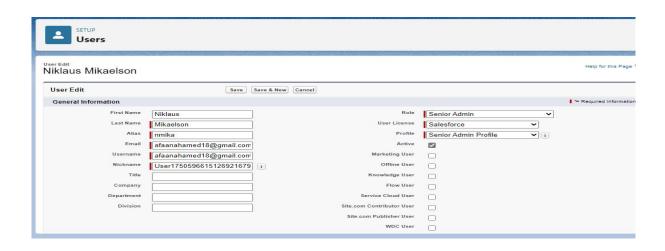
A role in Salesforce defines a user's visibility access at the record level. Roles may be used to specify the types of access that people in your Salesforce organization can have to data.

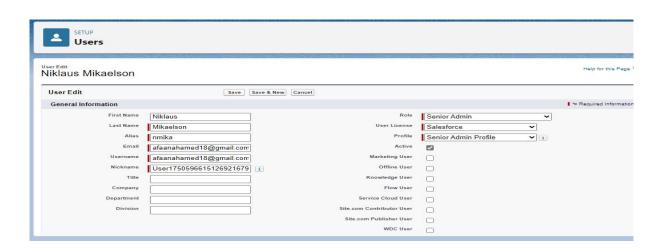


Milestone 9: Users

Users are employees at your company, such as sales reps, managers, and IT specialists, who need access to the company's records. Every user in Salesforce has a user account. The user account identifies the user, and the user account settings determine what features and records the user can access.





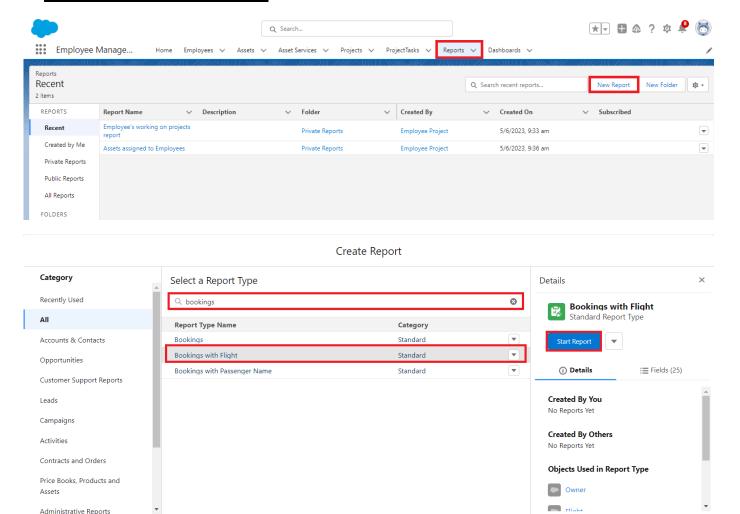


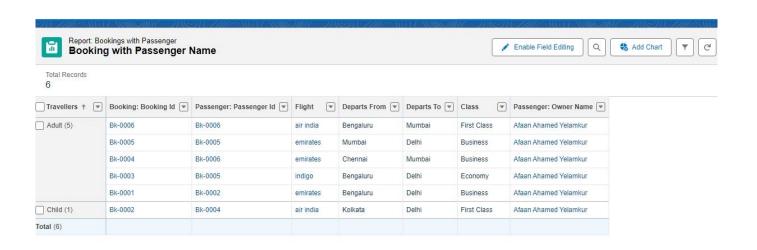


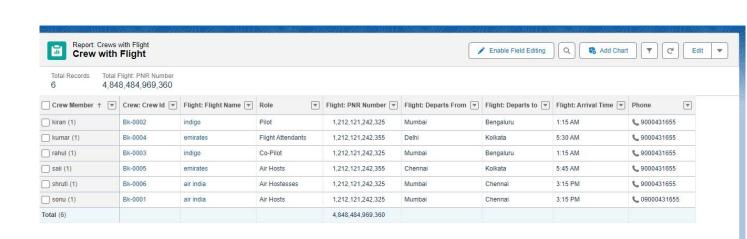
Created reports for:

Reports give you access to your Salesforce data. You can examine your Salesforce data in almost infinite combinations, display it in easy-to-understand formats, and share the resulting insights with others..

- Used grouping, filters, and field summaries.
- Enabled data-driven decision-making.

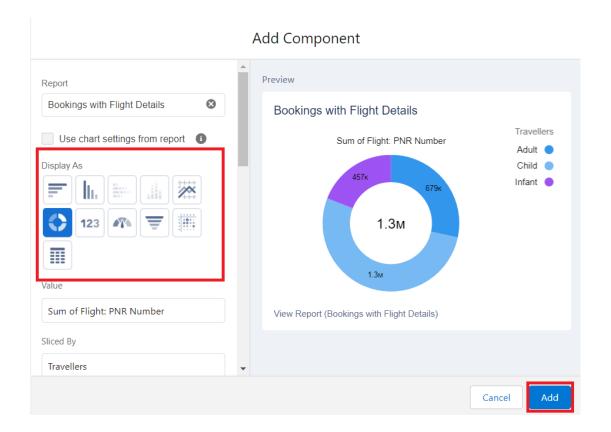






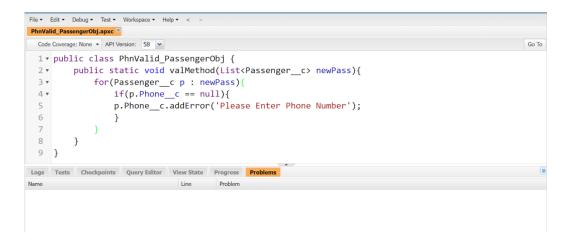
Milestone 11: Dashboards

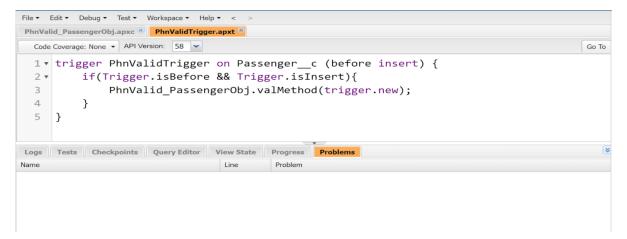
- Designed dashboards showing:
 - Booking with flights, Booking with Passenger Name, Crew with Flight
- Used Donut, and summary widgets for visualization.

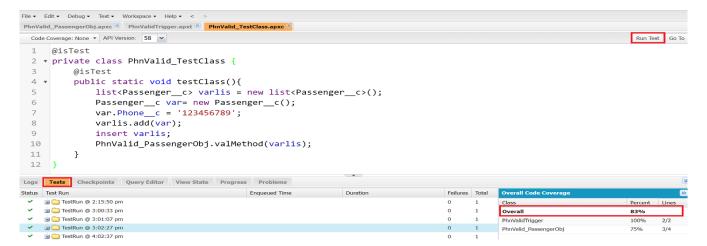


Milestone 12: Apex

Apex is a strongly typed, object-oriented programming language that allows developers to execute flow and transaction control statements on the Lightning platform server in conjunction with calls to the Lightning Platform API. Using syntax that looks like Java and acts like database stored

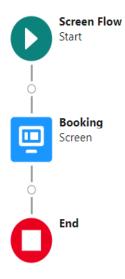


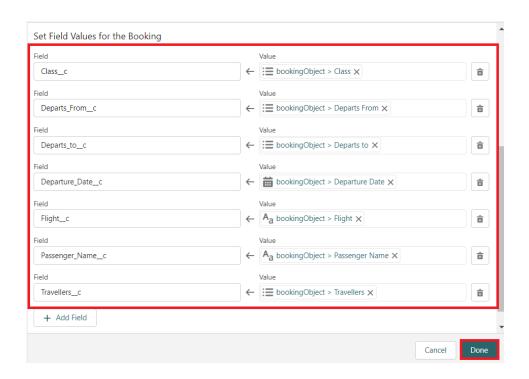






A sales representative needs to create a new booking for a customer who has expressed interest in a specific flight service. The representative wants to ensure that all relevant information is captured accurately and consistently.





Functional and Performance Testing

The Functional and Performance Testing Phase ensures that every feature implemented—such as object creation, field validation, automation, flows, triggers, reports, and dashboards—works exactly as intended. This phase guarantees stability, correctness, and user-readiness of your Airlines Management System. Where the system is validated for accuracy, behavior, and data correctness across all configured objects and logic.

Performance Testing Summary Table

S. No	Parameter	Value/Observation	Screenshot Suggestion
1	Model Summary	Salesforce CRM setup for Airlines automation using Objects, Relationships, Reports, Flows, and Triggers. Note: Test data import only succeeds if object relationships and formats are correct. Mismatched values raise validation errors.	The state of the s
2	Field Validations	Tested rules such as: - Age must be above 21 - Phone must be 10 digits - Mandatory fields cannot be empty. System blocks incorrect data.	Change 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1
3	Automatio n Accuracy (Flow + Trigger)	 Flow: Auto-fetch ticket fare when Trip is created based on route & bus model. Trigger: Checks if selected employee role matches "Pilot" or "Cabin crew" on Trip. All logic executed successfully in test runs. 	Aside Tamographic Control (School of Control

4	Reports Testing	 Trip Summary Report shows correct grouping by route & date. Fare amounts and passenger counts calculated accurately using formula fields. Report download & export functions verified. 	## Public TransportSID_ bis larger will have virtually an interior virtual from vir
5	Dashboard Verification	 Dashboards built using correct source reports. Visuals reflect live Trip data, fare summaries, passenger totals. Tested filter logic and component refresh. 	Add Component Report Boolings with Flight Details Due that settings from report Outlook for Som of Flight PAR Number Add Component Transvers Add Component Transvers Add Component 1.3M 1.3M 1.3M Ver Report (Soutings with Flight Details) Ver Report (Soutings with Flight Details) Ver Report (Soutings with Flight Details)
6	Data Accuracy (Manual + Automated)	 Manual test records were entered to test validation. Flow logic verified for multiple ticket fare combinations. Output matched expected values in all test cases. 	Screen Flow Start Booking Screen End

Summary

All Salesforce components were thoroughly tested for:

- Validation rule enforcement
- Flow and trigger logic correctness
- Dashboard accuracy
- Report reliability
- Data relationships integrity