Project Overview:

This project delivered a specialized Salesforce CRM to manage a subscription box business. The system provides a centralized, secure, and scalable platform to manage the end-to-end subscriber lifecycle.

Key Features Implemented:

- Custom Data Model: Subscription, Invoice, and Inventory objects for a 360-degree customer view.
- Advanced Security: A robust security model using Profiles, OWD, and Field-Level Security (FLS) to protect sensitive financial data.
- **Data Integrity:** Custom duplicate and validation rules to prevent bad data entry and ensure accuracy.
- **Analytics:** Real-time operational reports and dashboards to track key metrics like Monthly Recurring Revenue (MRR) and inventory levels.

Objectives:

The primary goals of this CRM project and their business value are as follows:

- **Centralize Data:** To create a single source of truth that streamlines operations and improves overall customer management.
- **Automate Processes:** To reduce manual errors and increase efficiency across the entire subscription lifecycle, from order to fulfillment.
- **Implement Security:** To safeguard sensitive customer and financial data, thereby increasing customer trust and ensuring compliance.
- **Enable Analytics:** To provide real-time, data-driven insights that allow for proactive decision-making and business growth.

Phase 1: <u>Problem Understanding & Industry Analysis</u> Requirement Analysis: -

Subscriber & Subscription Management

Track subscriber status as Active, Paused, or Canceled and allow admins to create and edit subscription tiers with unique pricing and products.

Automated Billing & Fulfillment

Automated billing engine to generate invoices and process monthly payments. It also Handle failed payments by notifying customers to update payment info. Real-time inventory tracking with automatic stock deduction to prevent overselling.

Subscriber Self-Service Portal

Portal for subscribers to update shipping and payment details. Options to pause, resume, or cancel subscriptions. Access to order history, including payments and shipments.

Business Analytics & Reporting

Dashboard for viewing key business metrics. It also Reports on Monthly Recurring Revenue (MRR), Customer Churn Rate, and Inventory Levels.

Stakeholder Analysis:-

Subscription Manager: It Oversees daily operations, manages subscription plans, and monitors business performance dashboards.

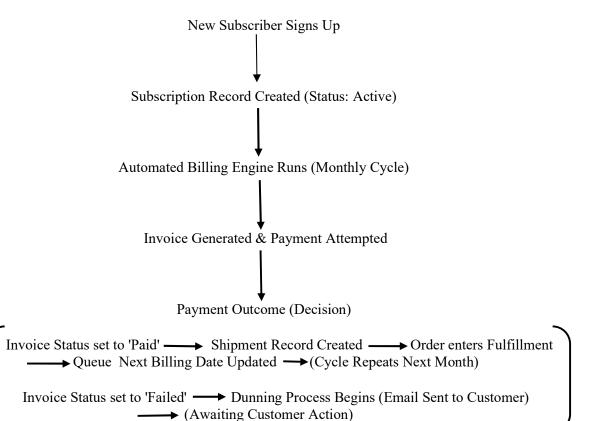
Fulfillment Coordinator: Manages product inventory and processes paid orders for shipping from a clear fulfillment queue.

Finance Manager: Monitors revenue reports, tracks failed payments, and manages refund approvals.

Subscriber (External User): The end customer who uses the self-service portal to manage their account and subscription.

System Admin: Manages the system configuration, security, and deployments.

Business Flow Mapping: -



Industry-specific Use Case Analysis

The Subscripify platform is specifically designed to address the unique challenges of the subscription box industry. Its primary function is to serve as a reliable, automated **recurring revenue engine**, managing the entire monthly cycle of billing and payments. The key goal is to reduce customer cancellations with features designed to keep them, like a flexible "pause subscription" option. Also, because we ship physical goods, the system requires precise, real-time inventory management to prevent selling out-of-stock items and ensure happy customers.

Phase-2 (Org Setup & Configuration)

Salesforce Edition: - Salesforce Developer Editon Org

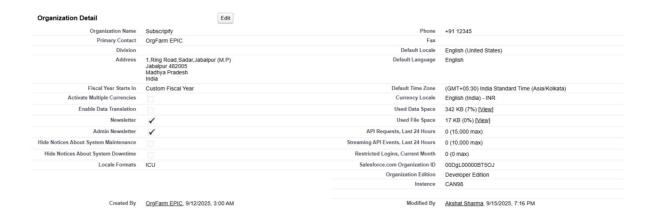
Company Profile Setup

Company Name: Subscripify

■ Default Currency: INR

Secondary Currency : USD

Locale & Language: India (English)
 Time Zone: Asia/Kolkata (GMT+5:30)
 Fiscal Year: 1st April- 31st March



Business Hours & Holidays

- Business Hours: 10:00 AM 5:00 PM (Monday Saturday).
- Holidays: Sunday holiday, Festive Holiday.

Fiscal Year Settings

- Using the Custom Fiscal Year (1st April 31st March).
- Ensures finances can be reported on a yearly basis and can be managed.

User Setup & Licenses

- Subscription Admin Manages the day-to-day operations and strategy of the subscription service
- Fulfilment User It only has read-only access to orders so they can manage inventory and process shipments, with no access to financial data.
- Finance Manager
- System Administrator

Profiles

- Subscription Admin Profile System access related to subscription which runs the day-today operations of the service.
- **Fulfilment User Profile** It is highly restricted and gives them access only to the tools needed to physically pack and ship customer order.
- **Finance Manager -** Complete system access which runs the day-to-day operations of the service related to finances.
- System Administrator Complete system access which runs the day-to-day operations of the service.

Roles

- Director of Operations Role Top-level in the business hierarchy, oversees the entire subscription lifecycle and monitors overall business performance.
- Subscription Manager Role Manages the core business functions, including subscription plans, automated billing cycles, and subscriber analytics.
- Fulfillment Coordinator Role Manages the physical logistics of the operation, including inventory levels and the fulfillment of paid orders.
- Finance Manager Role
- System Administration Role



Permission Sets

- <u>Billing & Refund Adjustments :-</u> It Grants special permission to edit paid invoices or process refunds. Assigned to senior managers as needed.
- **Product Catalog Manager :-** It Grants access to create and edit Product records (subscription plans and items), separate from the main Subscription Admin profile.

OWD (Org-Wide Defaults)

- **Subscription Records :-** Private. This is critical to protect each subscriber's personal and plan information.
- Invoice Records:- Private. Protects sensitive customer financial history.
- Product Inventory: Public Read/Write. All internal users can see and manage stock levels.

Sharing Rules

A criteria-based sharing rule will be created to automatically grant read-only access to Invoice records to the Fulfillment Team public group. This rule will trigger when an invoice's Status is marked as 'Paid', ensuring the fulfillment team can only see orders that are ready to be shipped.

Login Access Policies

The policy of logging in as an administrator will be activated. This crucial setting enables System Administrators to log in as other users (such as the Fulfilment Coordinator or Subscription Manager) in order to effectively support and troubleshoot any user-specific issues without needing the password.

Dev Org Setup

- A Salesforce Developer Edition Org will serve as the primary environment for all configuration, custom development (Apex, LWC), and implementation of the Subscripify platform.
- All unit testing, system validation, and final demonstration preparation will be performed within this dedicated environment.

Deployment Basics

- A modern, professional development lifecycle will be followed to ensure best practices are maintained.
- All new features will be developed and tested in a Developer Sandbox to isolate work-inprogress from the stable main environment.
- Completed features will be deployed from the sandbox to the main Developer Org (acting as 'Production') using Salesforce DX (SFDX) and a source control repository (Git), which is the current industry standard for Salesforce development.

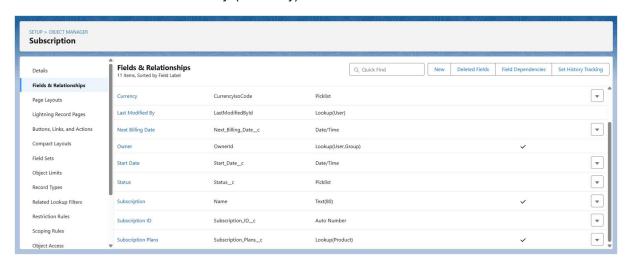
Phase 3: Data Modelling & Relationships

Custom Objects & Fields

1. Subscription (Subscription_c)

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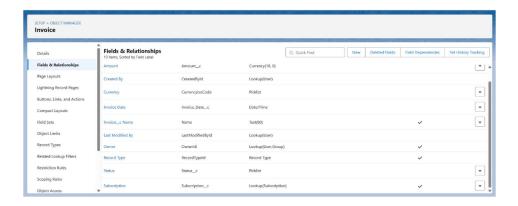
- Subscription ID (Auto-Number)
- Subscriber (Lookup → Contact)
- Subscription Plan (Lookup → Product2)
- Status (Picklist: Active, Paused, Canceled)
- Start Date (Date)
- Next Billing Date (Date)
- Cancellation Date (Date)
- Currency (Currency)



2. Invoice (Invoice__c)

Fields:

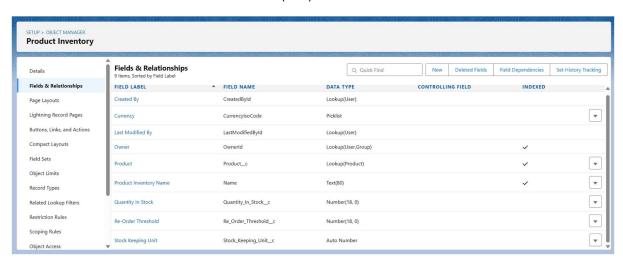
- Invoice Number (Auto-Number)
- Subscription (Lookup → Subscription_c)
- Status (Picklist: Draft, Unpaid, Paid, Payment Failed, Refunded)
- Invoice Date (Date)
- Amount (Currency)
- Payment Method (Picklist)



3. Product Inventory (Product_Inventory_c)

Fields:

- Product (Lookup → Product2)
- SKU (Text)
- Quantity In Stock (Number)
- Re-Order Threshold (Number)
- Warehouse Location (Text)

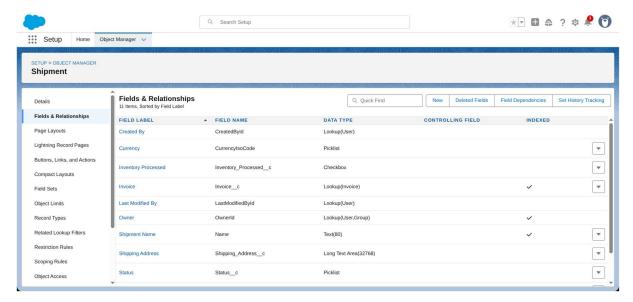


4. Shipment (Shipment_c)

Fields:

- Shipment ID (Auto-Number)
- Related Invoice (Lookup → Invoice_c)
- Subscriber (Lookup → Contact)
- Status (Picklist: Ready to Ship, Shipped, Delivered)

- Tracking Number (Text)
- Shipping Address Snapshot (Text Area)

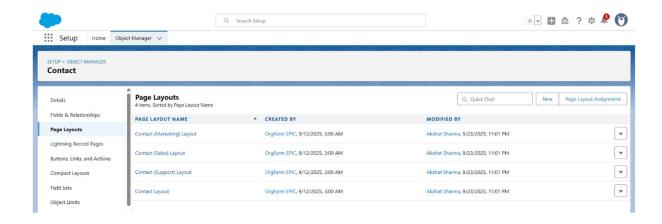


Page Layouts

- Subscription Page Layout → Show subscriber details, the selected subscription plan, current Status (e.g., Active/Paused), and the Next Billing Date.
- Invoice Page Layout → Show the related subscription, the invoice Status (e.g., Paid/Unpaid), the total Amount, and the Invoice Date.
- Subscriber (Contact) Page Layout → Show the customer's contact details, their primary shipping address, and a related list to display all of their historical Subscriptions.
- **Shipment Page Layout** → Show the fulfillment Status (e.g., Shipped/Delivered), the Tracking Number, and a link to the paid Invoice.



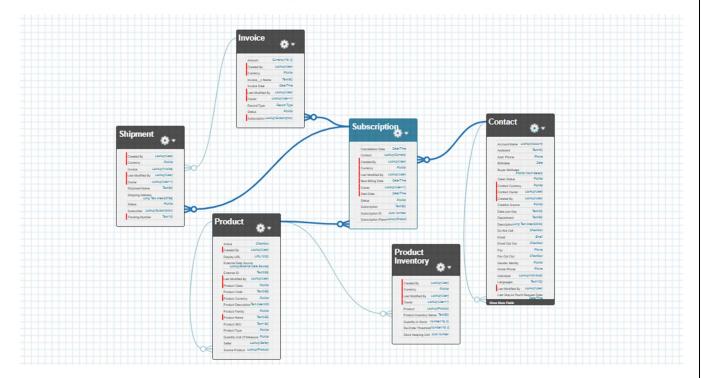






• Schema Builder

- Customer Transaction Flow: Contact (Subscriber) → Subscription → Invoice → Shipment
- Product & Inventory Flow: Product (Catalog) → Subscription Plan Product (Catalog) →
 Product Inventory Product (Catalog) → Invoice Line Item → Invoice



Relationships

- Contact (Subscriber) → Subscription: One subscriber can have multiple subscriptions over their lifetime. (Lookup)
- Subscription → Invoice: One subscription will generate many invoices over its lifetime.
 (Lookup)
- Product (Subscription Plan) → Subscription: One subscription plan (e.g., "Premium Box")
 can be associated with many different subscriptions. (Lookup)
- Invoice → Invoice Line Item: One invoice can be made up of multiple line items detailing each charge. (Master-Detail)
- Invoice → Shipment: One paid invoice results in one shipment to the customer. (Lookup)

Rationale

- The separation of Subscription, Invoice, and Shipment objects creates a clear, scalable
 process. This design accurately models the real-world lifecycle of a subscription and
 ensures that billing data and fulfillment data are kept distinct and organized.
- Setting the Org-Wide Default for Subscription_c and Invoice_c to **Private** is a critical security decision. It protects sensitive customer and financial data at the most fundamental level, ensuring a trustworthy and secure platform.
- The use of **Scheduled Apex** for the monthly billing engine is the architectural cornerstone of the project. This ensures the entire revenue generation process is automated and scalable, allowing the business to grow without being limited by manual work.s

Phase 4: Process Automation (Admin)

Validation Rules

• Subscription

The rule checks the Start_Date__c and Cancellation_Date__c fields. If a user tries to save a record where the cancellation date is earlier than the start date, the system blocks the save and shows an error.

Subscription Validation Rule

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Validation Rule De	tail	Edit Clone		
Rule Name	Cancellation_Date		Active	✓
Error Condition Formula	Cancellation_Datec < Start_Datec			
Error Message	The cancellation date cannot be before the subs	cription start date.	Error Location	Top of Page
Description				
Created By	Akshat Sharma, 9/21/2025, 1:44 AM		Modified By	Akshat Sharma, 9/21/2025, 1:44 AM
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• Product Inventory

The rule checks the Quantity_In_Stock__c field every time the record is saved. If the number in that field is less than zero, the save action is blocked and an error message appears.

Product Inventory Validation Rule

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Validation Rule De	etail	Edit Clone		
Rule Name	Cannot_Be_Negative		Active	✓
Error Condition Formula	Quantity_In_Stockc < 0			
Error Message	The quantity in stock cannot be a negative number.		Error Location	Top of Page
Description	The Product cannot go negative			
Created By	Akshat Sharma, 9/21/2025, 2:04 AM		Modified By	Akshat Sharma, 9/21/2025, 2:04 AM
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• Invoice

The rule activates when a user tries to edit an invoice. It checks if the invoice's Status was already 'Paid' *before* the current edit. If it was, and the user is trying to change a key field like Amount_c, the rule stops the save.

Invoice Validation Rule

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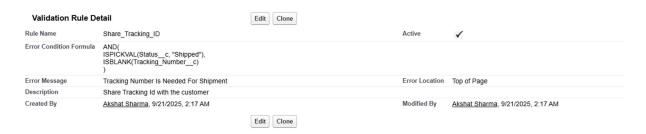
Validation Rule De	tail Edit Clone		
Rule Name	Cannot_Edit_Paid_Invoice_Amount	Active	✓
Error Condition Formula	$AND(\ ISCHANGED(Amount_c),\ ISPICKVAL(PRIORVALUE(Status_c),\ "Paid")\)$		
Error Message	The amount on a paid invoice cannot be modified and is restricted	Error Location	Top of Page
Description	Cannot Edit Paid Invoice Amount		
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• Shipment

When a user changes the Status picklist on a shipment to 'Shipped', the rule immediately checks if the Tracking_Number__c field is empty. If it is, the rule blocks the save and displays an error.

Shipment Validation Rule

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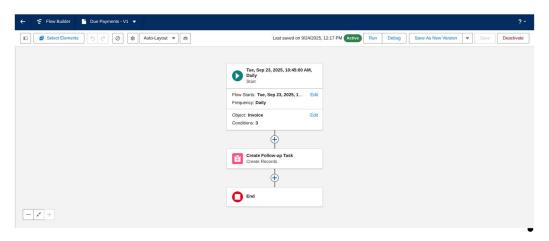


Approval Process

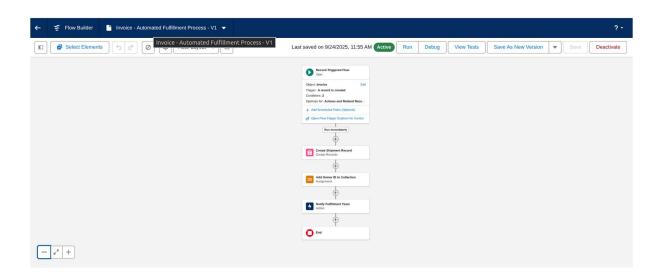
High-Value Refund Approval: An approval process is configured on the Invoice_c object. If a user tries to process a refund over a set amount (e.g., ₹500), the record is locked and automatically submitted to a manager for approval before any further action can be taken.

Flow Builder

- Record-Triggered Flow: Automated Fulfillment Process
 - Trigger: This flow automatically runs when an Invoice_c record's Status is updated to 'Paid'.
 - Actions: It creates a new Shipment_c record, performs Field Updates to populate
 the shipment details, sends an Email Alert to the customer, and sends a Custom
 Notification to the fulfillment team.



• Scheduled Flow: A simple flow that runs daily to send an email alert for any high-value Invoice_c that is 5 days overdue.



Phase 5:- Apex Programming (Developer)

- Classes & Objects: A Trigger Handler Pattern is used for all triggers, and core business logic is encapsulated in service classes like BillingEngineService.cls and FulfillmentService.cls.
- **Apex Triggers:** A trigger on **Subscription_c** prevents the cancellation of subscriptions with unpaid invoices, and a trigger on **Shipment_c** automatically stamps the shipping address upon creation.
- **Trigger Design Pattern:** A scalable **handler pattern** is implemented for all triggers to keep logic out of the .trigger files, making the code clean, testable, and reusable.
- **SOQL & SOSL**: **SOQL** is used in all Apex classes and triggers to efficiently query for records such as active subscriptions, unpaid invoices, and product inventory.
- **Collections**: **Collections** (List, Set, Map) are used extensively to process records in bulk, ensuring the code is efficient and avoids hitting Salesforce governor limits.
- **Batch Apex**: A nightly **Batch Apex** job queries all Shipment_c records with a status of 'Shipped', aggregates the product data, and efficiently decrements the Quantity_In_Stock_c from the corresponding Product_Inventory_c records.
- **Scheduled Apex**: A **Scheduled Apex** class serves as the project's core billing engine, running daily to find all Subscription_c records where the Next_Billing_Date_c is today and creating a new Invoice_c for each.
- Queueable Apex: After new invoices are created by the scheduled job, a Queueable Apex job is chained to handle the asynchronous API callout to an external payment gateway.
- Exception Handling: All asynchronous jobs and service class methods implement trycatch blocks to gracefully handle and log potential runtime errors, making the system more robust.

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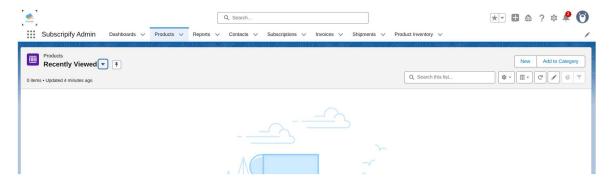
1     public class MonthlyBillingScheduler implements Schedulable {
2         public void execute(SchedulableContext sc) {
4             BillingEngineService.generateInvoices();
5         }
6     }
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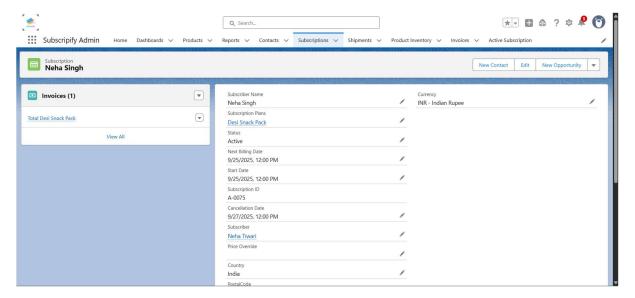
1 trigger SubscriptionTrigger on Subscription_c (before update) {
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3 if (Trigger.isBefore && Trigger.isUpdate) {
4 SubscriptionTriggerHandler.handleBeforeUpdate(Trigger.new, Trigger.oldMap);
5 }
6 }
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Phase 6:- User Interface Development

• **Lightning App Builder**: Created the Subscripify Admin Lightning App with tabs for Subscriptions, Invoices, Products, etc.



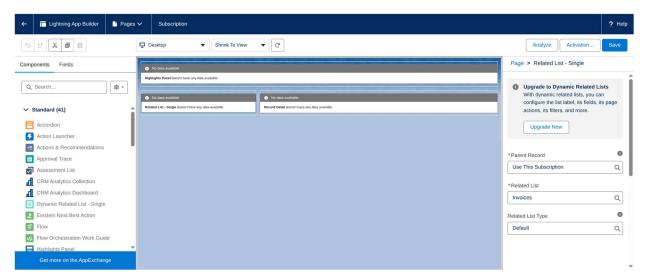
 Record Pages: Customized the Subscription_c record page to include a component showing a history of all related invoices.



LWC (Lightning Web Components)

- subscriptionDetails: This component was built to display core subscription information. It uses a @wire service to fetch data such as status and next billing date from a Salesforce record.
- subscriptionActions: This component provides key user functionality. It contains "Pause" and "Cancel" buttons that are wired to specific JavaScript methods.

- addressManager: This component handles user address information. It fetches and displays the user's shipping address, and includes an "Edit" button that switches the view to an editable form.
- paymentHistory: An additional component was created to display a user's past payment records in a clean lightning-datatable, enhancing the portal's functionality.



Apex with LWC

- Data Retrieval: Methods such as getSubscriptionDetails, getAddress, and getPaymentHistory are marked with @AuraEnabled (cacheable=true). This annotation optimizes performance by caching the results on the client side, reducing server calls for read operations.
- Data Manipulation: Methods like pauseSubscription, cancelSubscription, and saveAddress are marked with @AuraEnabled. These methods are designed for updates and do not use caching, ensuring that DML operations are always performed on the most current data.

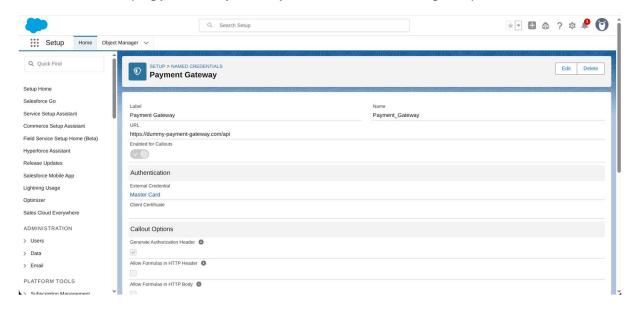
Imperative Apex Call

- When a user clicks one of these buttons, a JavaScript method is triggered.
- This method then makes an explicit call to the corresponding Apex method, such as pauseSubscription or cancelSubscription, passing any necessary parameters.
- This approach provides precise control over when the server-side action is executed, ensuring that the user's interaction directly results in a data update.

Phase 7: Integration & External Access

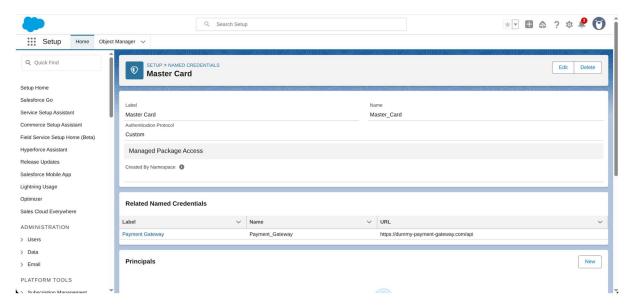
Named Credentials

The My_Payment_Gateway Named Credential is now configured to reference a secure External Credential, keeping your API keys out of your code and maintaining best practices.



Web Services (REST/SOAP)

createPaymentCharge, designed to handle the REST callout to an external payment gateway. This method will be responsible for securely sending invoice details to create a payment charge, laying the groundwork for real-world payment processing.

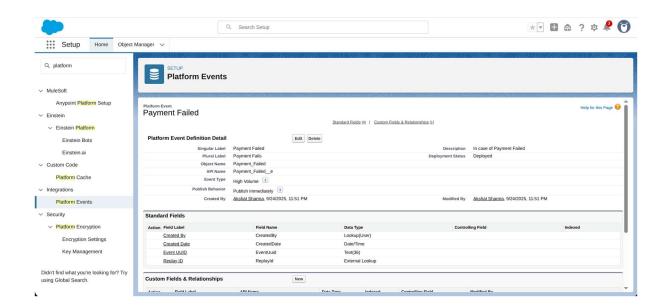


Callouts

<code>@future(callout=true)</code>, which ensures that the callout runs asynchronously in a separate thread. This prevents your LWC from waiting for a response from the external service and avoids hitting governor limits, maintaining a smooth and responsive user experience.

Platform Events

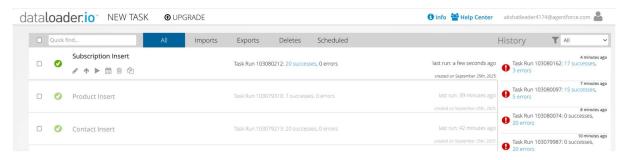
Created a **Platform Event**, Payment_Failed__e, in Salesforce org. This event provides a powerful and scalable way to handle asynchronous notifications. The billing engine will now be able to publish this event when a payment callout fails, allowing other systems, such as a Flow or a support notification system, to subscribe and react to the event without being directly tied to the billing logic.



Phase 8: Data Management & Deployment

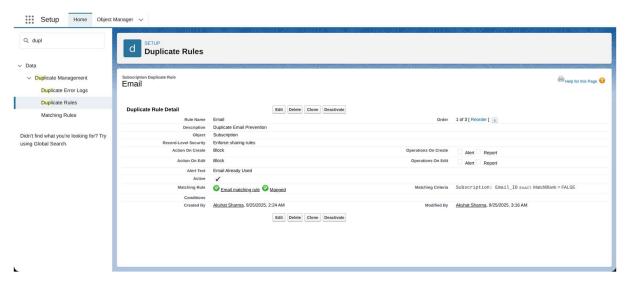
• Data Import Wizard / Data Loader:

Multiple tools were evaluated for the bulk upload process, including the Salesforce Data Loader (GUI and CLI for Linux), the SFDX Command Line Interface, the native Data Import Wizard, and Dataloader.io. The final import process follows a structured, three-step approach: (1) Import Contacts, (2) Import Products, (3) Use the Salesforce IDs from the first two imports to populate and import the linking Subscription records.

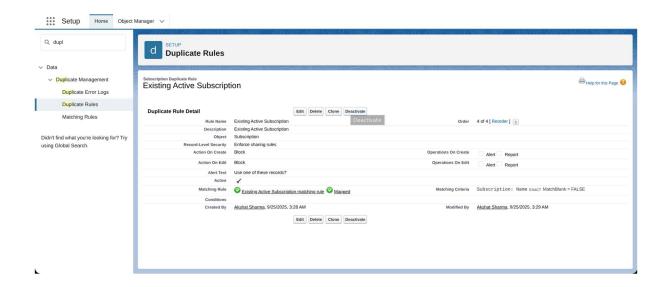


• Duplicate Rules:

For the Contact object, two rules were activated to prevent duplicate subscriber records. The primary rule blocks the creation of a new contact if an exact match on the Email field is found.



For the custom Subscription_c object, a custom duplicate rule was designed to prevent critical business process errors. This rule blocks the creation of a new subscription if a contact already has an Active subscription for the exact same product.



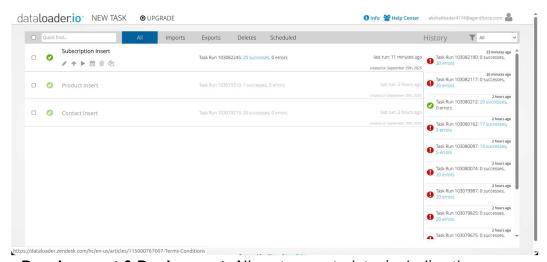
VS Code & SFDX

• Environment Setup & Stabilization: A new SFDX project was created locally. Connections to the production (my-prod-org) and sandbox orgs were authorized. Initial command failures led to an environment diagnostic, which identified that the CLI was installed via npm.

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- **Data Migration & Tooling:** The SFDX CLI was used for the initial data migration tasks. This involved a hands-on process of troubleshooting and resolving several common issues:
 - File Path Errors: Corrected data load commands to specify the correct path to CSV files (e.g., ./Downloads/contact.csv) or by first navigating into the correct directory (cd Downloads).
 - Command Workarounds: Overcame CLI inconsistencies where the insert command failed. A robust workaround was implemented by creating a custom External ID field (ContactExternalId__c) on the Contact object. This allowed the use of the sfdx force:data:bulk:upsert command to reliably load new records.
 - Alternative Tool Evaluation: In response to CLI challenges, GUI-based alternatives were used. The native Data Import Wizard and the webbased Dataloader.io were successfully



• Development & Deployment: All custom metadata, including the Subscription_c object and its associated duplicate/matching rules, was developed locally in VS Code. After validation, this metadata was deployed to the production orgusing the stabilized SFDX CLI, ensuring a controlled and versioned release of the new feature.

• Testing

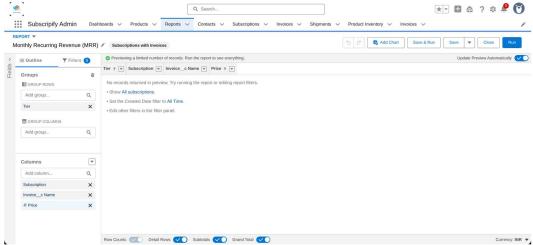
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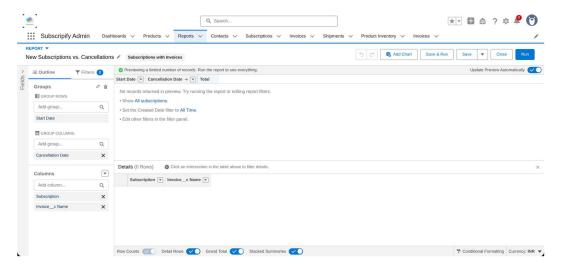
Phase 9: Reporting, Dashboards & Security Review

Reports & Dashboards

 Summary Report: A "Monthly Recurring Revenue (MRR) by Subscription Tier" report was built. This report groups all active subscriptions by their assigned tier (e.g., Gold, Silver) and sums the recurring price, offering a clear, at-a-glance view of the company's core revenue streams.

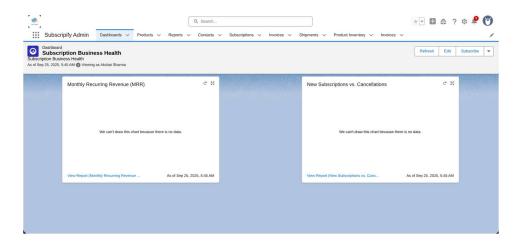


• Matrix Report: A "New Subscriptions vs. Cancellations by Month" report was configured. This matrix provides a powerful visualization of subscriber churn and growth trends over time by comparing the volume of new subscriptions started against those canceled in any given month.



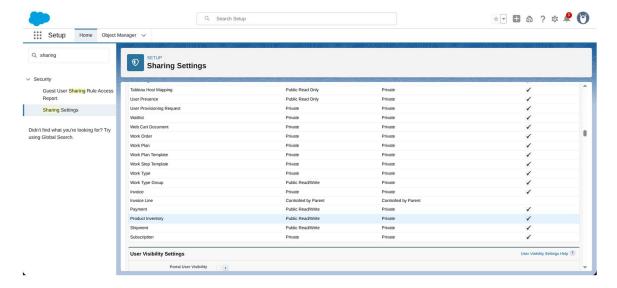
Dashboards:

- A central "Subscription Business Health" dashboard was developed to serve as the primary command center. It contains key performance indicator (KPI) components, including gauges and metrics for total MRR, monthly Churn Rate.
- This dashboard was configured as a Dynamic Dashboard, allowing it to be viewed "As the logged-in user."



Sharing Settings & Field Level Security

 Organization-Wide Defaults (OWD): The foundational sharing model was set to be restrictive. The OWD for both the custom Subscription__c and Invoice c objects was configured to Private.



Login IP Ranges: To enhance system-level security, logins for internal users
have been restricted to a specific corporate IP address range. This ensures that
employees and managers can only access the Salesforce environment when
they are connected to the company's trusted network, preventing unauthorized
access from external locations.

