Salesforce CRM Project Documentation

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

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Project Overview:

HandsMen Threads is a premium men's fashion brand committed to redefining sophistication through elegant design, fine tailoring, and sustainable craftsmanship. Focused on creating timeless yet modern attire, the project blends traditional style with contemporary flair, offering high-quality apparel for the refined man. With an emphasis on detail, quality, and ethical production, HandsMen Threads aims to become a symbol of style, confidence, and elevated living in men's fashion.

HandsMen Threads is a premium fashion initiative dedicated to redefining modern masculinity through the lens of timeless style, luxury craftsmanship, and contemporary design. The project aims to create a curated line of men's apparel that seamlessly blends classic elegance with modern aesthetics, appealing to the sophisticated man who values quality, detail, and personal expression.

By emphasizing tailored fits, premium fabrics, and artisanal finishing, HandsMen Threads aspires to elevate everyday dressing into an experience of distinction and confidence. Each piece is thoughtfully designed to reflect refined taste, cultural influence, and the evolving narrative of men's fashion.

The brand stands not just as a clothing label, but as a lifestyle symbol—representing strength, subtlety, and sophistication. The project also incorporates sustainable practices, ethical sourcing, and local craftsmanship to ensure a responsible and impactful fashion journey.

HandsMen Threads: Elevating the Art of Sophistication in Men's Fashion is a forward-thinking fashion initiative that seeks to revolutionize how modern men approach style. The project focuses on developing a premium apparel line that embodies elegance, confidence, and class—infused with a strong sense of individuality and refined taste.

The core vision is to offer high-quality menswear that blends timeless silhouettes with innovative details, catering to professionals, creatives, and style-conscious individuals. From tailored suits and smart casual wear to everyday essentials, each piece is crafted with precision, using premium materials, eco-friendly processes, and responsible sourcing.

HandsMen Threads is not just about fashion—it's about storytelling through clothing. It reflects a lifestyle where quality, subtlety, and self-expression take center stage. With design rooted in cultural relevance and global trends, the brand balances luxury with purpose, making sophistication accessible and sustainable.

The project also aims to build a community around the modern gentleman—those who value not just appearance, but the principles behind what they wear. By incorporating ethical practices, supporting artisans, and embracing innovation, HandsMen Threads positions itself as more than a clothing label—it's a movement towards responsible luxury in men's fashion.

Objectives:

The primary goal of the HandsMen Threads Salesforce CRM project is to create a tailored, end-to-end solution that addresses the unique needs of the fashion retail business. The key objectives of the project are:

• Redefine Men's Sophisticated Style:

Develop a unique and refined menswear collection that merges timeless elegance with contemporary design to appeal to the modern gentleman.

• Deliver Premium Quality and Tailoring:

Use high-grade fabrics, expert tailoring, and attention to detail to ensure every piece reflects luxury, comfort, and precision.

• Promote Sustainable & Ethical Fashion:

Incorporate environmentally responsible materials, ethical sourcing, and local craftsmanship to support a conscious fashion ecosystem.

• Celebrate Personal Expression Through Fashion:

Offer versatile clothing options that allow men to express individuality, confidence, and cultural pride through sophisticated style.

• Build a Distinctive Brand Identity:

Establish HandsMen Threads as a trusted, high-end fashion label known for quality, class, and integrity.

• Create a Global Appeal:

Position the brand to compete internationally by aligning with global fashion trends while retaining authentic cultural and artisanal elements.

• Empower Local Artisans and Designers:

Collaborate with skilled artisans and fashion designers to foster local talent and preserve traditional craftsmanship.

• Integrate Technology for Smart Fashion:

Explore the use of fashion tech (e.g., smart sizing, digital fitting rooms) to enhance customer experience and improve shopping accessibility.

Additionally, the project seeks to improve business agility through automation. Key workflows such as order confirmation, low-stock alerts, and loyalty updates are fully automated to reduce delays and minimize human errors.

Through the use of validation rules, record-triggered flows, and Apex logic, business rules are enforced directly within the system, ensuring that operations remain consistent, accurate, and scalable.

The end goal is to support a secure, intelligent, and future-ready CRM system that evolves alongside the business — helping HandsMen Threads maintain operational excellence and stand out in the competitive fashion landscape.

Project Goals

The HandsMen Threads Salesforce CRM project aims to deliver a comprehensive solution tailored to the fashion retail business. Key goals include:

- Unified Customer Management: Centralize customer data for personalized service and targeted marketing.
- Process Automation: Automate order confirmations, stock alerts, and loyalty updates to reduce manual effort.
- Inventory Efficiency: Enable real-time stock tracking and automated restocking to prevent shortages.
- Data Accuracy: Enforce validation rules to ensure reliable data across the system.
- Improved Communication: Use dynamic email templates for timely customer updates.
- Scalable Design: Build a flexible CRM framework to support future enhancements.

By automating workflows and enforcing business rules, the system ensures efficiency, consistency, and readiness for future expansion.

Phase 1: Requirement Analysis & Planning

This phase laid the foundation for the Salesforce CRM system by clearly defining the business requirements, system architecture, and security models to ensure scalability, usability, and compliance with organizational goals.

1. Understanding Business Requirements:

- HandsMen Threads required a CRM system tailored to the fashion industry to:
 - o Store and manage customer, order, inventory, and product data.
 - o Automate loyalty updates and stock notifications.
 - o Enable real-time email communication for customer engagement.
 - o Maintain high data quality standards and user-based security controls.

2. Defining Project Scope and Objectives:

In-Scope Deliverables:

- Creation of custom objects: HandsMen Customer, HandsMen Product, HandsMen Order, Inventory, Marketing Campaign.
- Custom tabs, layouts, and Lightning apps to support usability.
- Automation using Record-Triggered Flows, Scheduled Flows, Email Alerts, and Apex.
- Role-based access control with custom profiles and permission sets.
- Batch job for daily inventory sync.

Out-of-Scope:

• Integration with external e-commerce or POS systems (planned as future enhancement).

3. Design: Data Model and Security Model

Data Model Design:

Custom objects were created to align with business entities:

- HandsMen_Customer_c Captures customer details including phone, email, and loyalty status.
- HandsMen Product c Maintains product catalog and stock quantity.
- HandsMen Order c Stores order records, including status and total amount.
- Inventory c Manages stock and restocking status.
- Marketing Campaign c Tracks campaign activities.

Key Relationships:

- Lookup and Master-Detail relationships were defined between objects to maintain referential integrity and enable reporting.
 - o E.g., HandsMen Order ↔ HandsMen Customer, Inventory ↔ Product

Security Model Design:

- Profiles & Roles:
 - o Platform 1 profile (cloned from Standard User) for limited access users.
 - o Roles created: Sales, Inventory, and Marketing under the CEO role hierarchy.

• Permission Sets:

o Permission Platform 1 with CRUD permissions on key custom objects.

• Field-Level Security and Validation Rules:

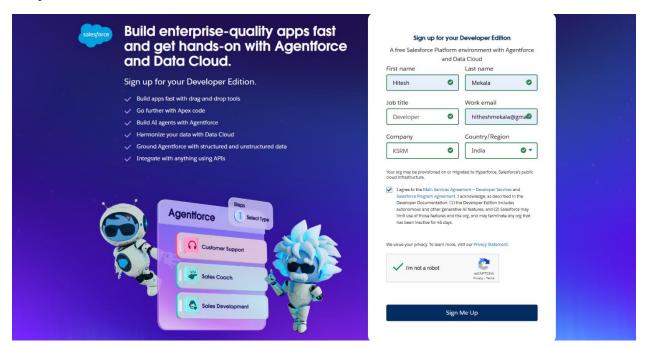
o Ensured critical fields follow business logic, e.g., quantity limits, valid emails, etc.

Phase 2: Salesforce Development – Backend & Configurations

This phase focused on implementing the core functionality of the CRM through configuration and development. It included object creation, field definitions, automation logic, and backend Apex coding to support business operations.

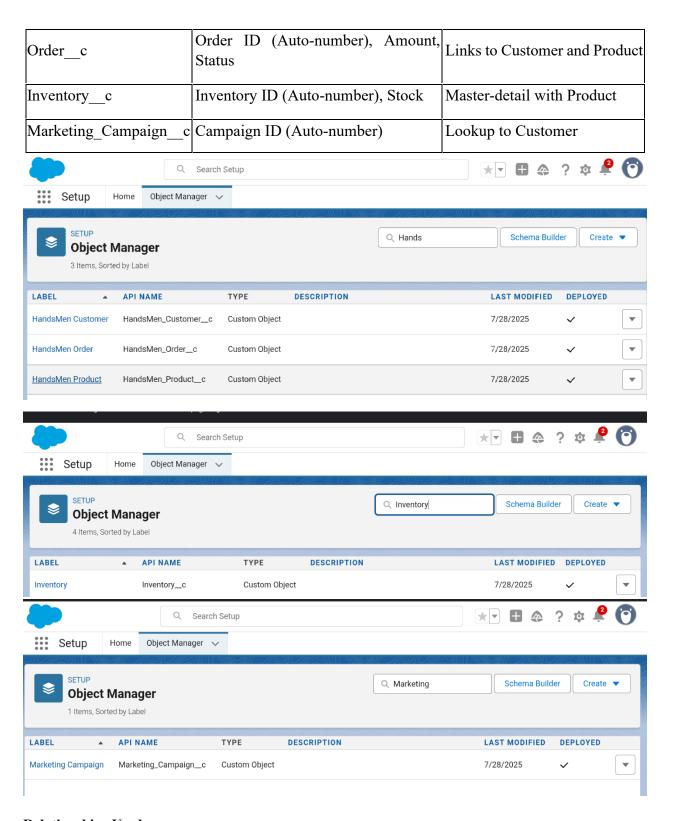
1. Environment Setup & DevOps Workflow

- A Salesforce **Developer Org** was created via <u>developer.salesforce.com</u>.
- Users verified their accounts, defined passwords, and accessed the Salesforce Setup environment.
- Development was managed directly within Salesforce using the **Developer Console**, Flows, and Setup menu.



2. Custom Object & Field Configuration

Object Name	Key Fields	Notes
Customerc	Email, Phone, Loyalty Status	Includes Full Name formula field
Productc	Stock Quantity	Used for inventory updates



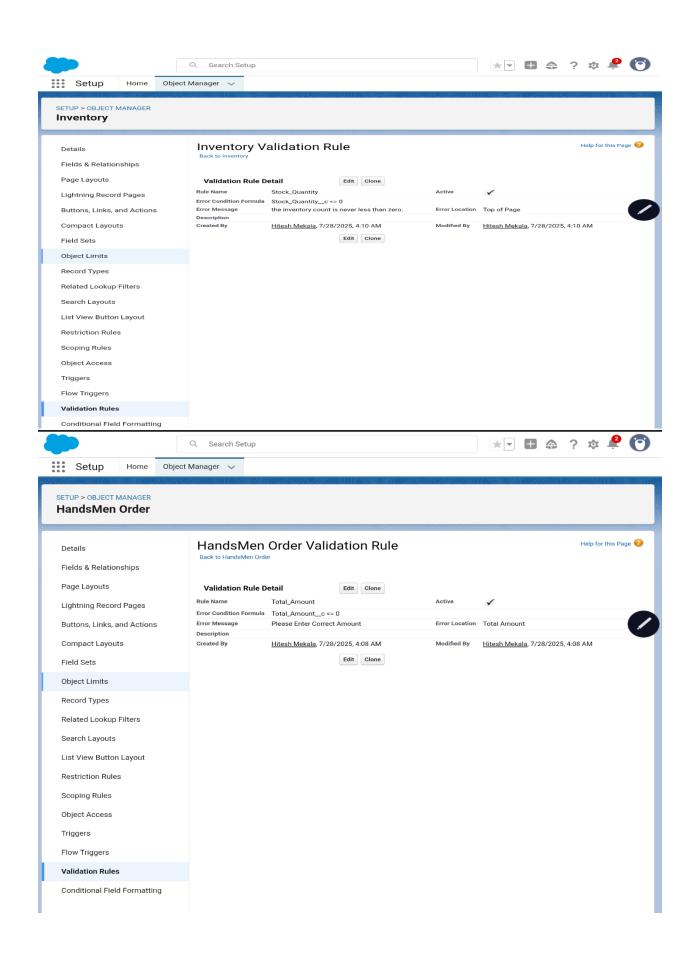
Relationships Used:

- Lookup:
 - o Order ↔ Customer, Product ↔ Order, Marketing Campaign ↔ Customer

- Master-Detail:
 - \circ Inventory \leftrightarrow Product

3. Validation Rules

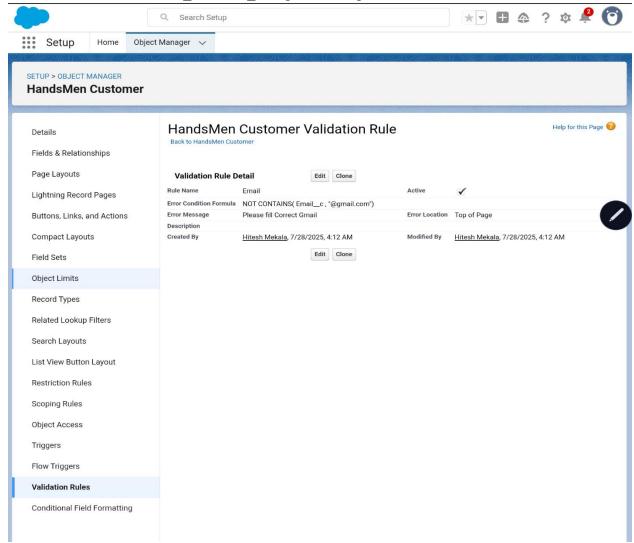
Object	Rule Name	Logic	Error Message
Orderc	Total Amount	Total_Amountc <= 0	"Please Enter Correct Amount"
Inventory_c	Stock Quantity	Stock_Quantityc <= 0	"Inventory count cannot be less than zero."
Customerc	Email	NOT CONTAINS(Email, "@gmail.com")	"Please enter a valid Gmail address."



4. Profiles, Roles, and Permission Sets

- Profile: Platform 1 cloned from Standard User, granted object-level permissions for Product and Inventory.
- Roles: Sales, Inventory, and Marketing created under the CEO role hierarchy to define data visibility.
- Users: Created for Niklaus Mikaelson (Sales) and Kol Mikaelson (Inventory) with Platform licenses and assigned profiles.

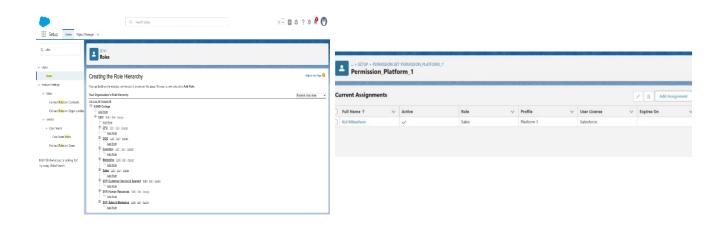
• Permission Set: Permission_Platform_1 to grant extra permissions on Customer and Orde

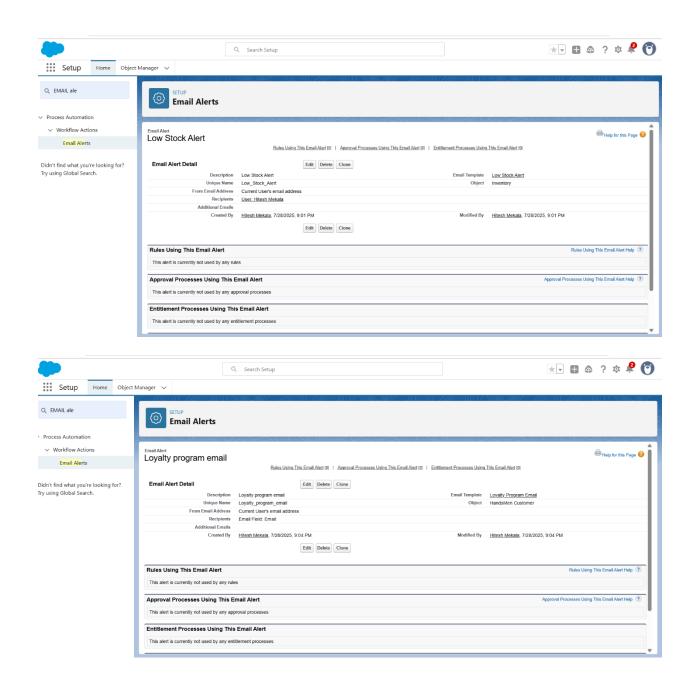


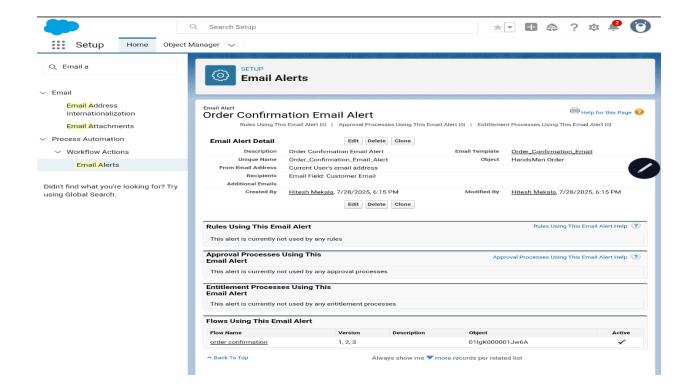
5. Email Templates & Alerts

Template Name	Purpose
Order Confirmation	Sent to customers upon order confirmation
Low Stock Alert	Notifies Inventory Manager of low stock
Loyalty Program Update	Informs customers of loyalty status changes

Email Alerts were created and linked to flows to trigger these templates automatically.







6. Apex Classes & Triggers

- OrderTriggerHandler (Class): Validates order quantities based on status.
- OrderTrigger (Trigger): Runs on insert/update for Order_c.

InventoryBatchJob (Batch Class): Restocks products with low stock (+50 units) daily at midnight using a scheduled job.

7. Asynchronous Apex: Inventory Batch Job

Class: InventoryBatchJob

Implements Database. Batchable and Schedulable to:

- Query products with low stock
- Refill stock quantities by +50
- Schedule daily at midnight via:

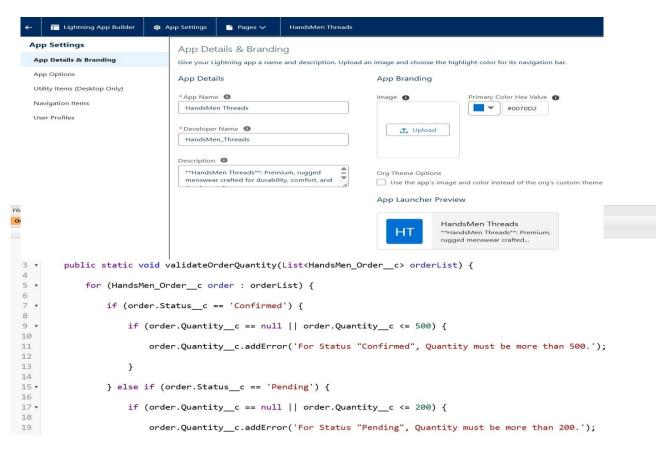
[&]quot; System.schedule('Daily Inventory Sync', '0 0 0 * * ?', new InventoryBatchJob()); "

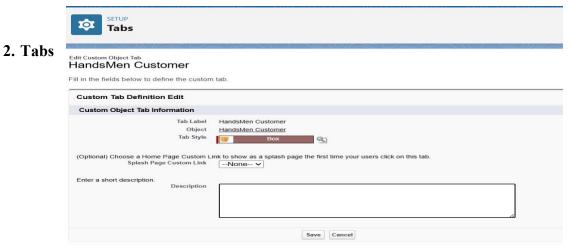
Phase 3: UI/UX Development & Customization

In this phase, the focus was on creating an intuitive and responsive user interface using Salesforce Lightning tools. The goal was to ensure that end users—such as sales reps, inventory managers, and marketing staff—could easily navigate the system and perform daily tasks efficiently.

1. Lightning App Setup via App Manager

- App Name: HandsMen Threads
- Navigation Items Included:
 - HandsMen Customer
 - HandsMen Order
 - Inventory
 - HandsMen Product
 - Marketing Campaign
 - Reports & Dashboards
 - Accounts & Contacts
- Assigned to: System Administrator profile





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Layouts

- Custom tabs for each object.
- Page layouts customized with relevant fields, related lists, and actions.

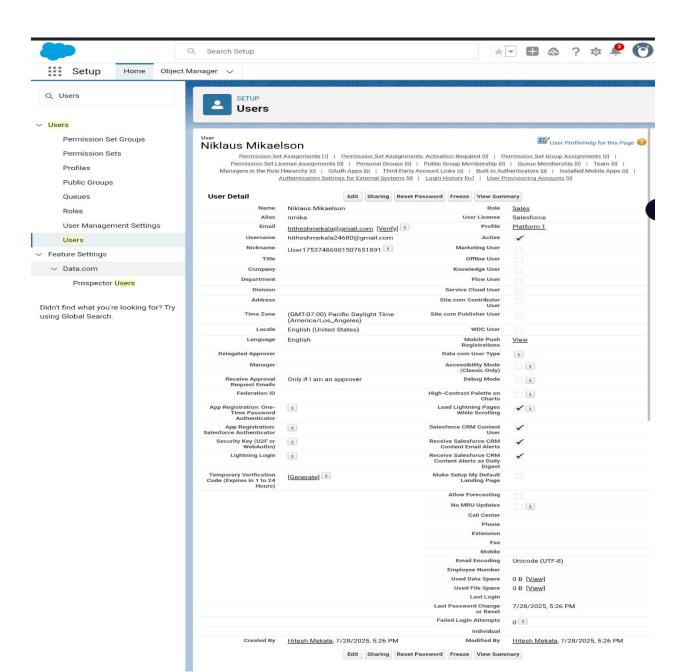
Dynamic Forms (optional) for role-based field visibility.

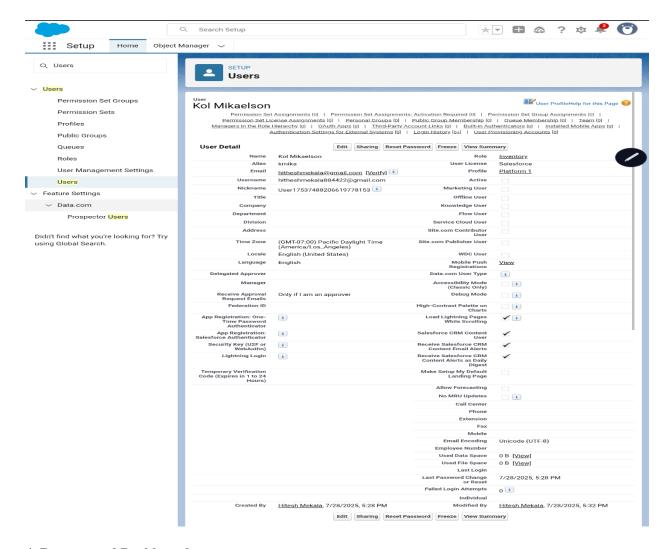
3. User Management

Two users were created with real-world role simulation:

- Niklaus Mikaelson Sales Role
- Kol Mikaelson Inventory Role Each user was assigned:
 - o Role (Sales or Inventory)
 - o Profile (Platform 1)

Permission Set (Permission Platform 1)





4. Reports and Dashboards

While not detailed, the app supports creation of:

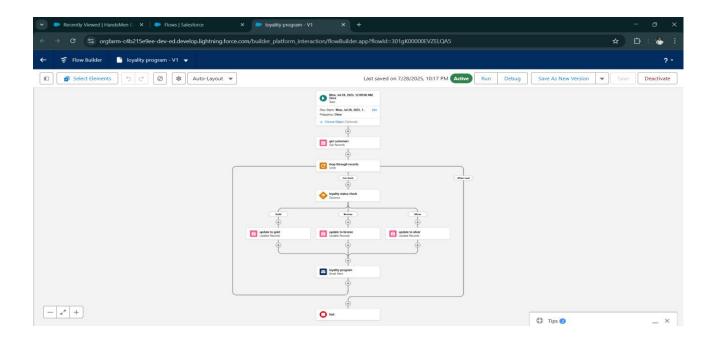
- Reports to monitor Orders, Stock Levels, and Customer Loyalty
- Dashboards to visualize key metrics such as:
 - o Orders by Status
 - Low Stock Alerts
 - o Loyalty Tier Distribution

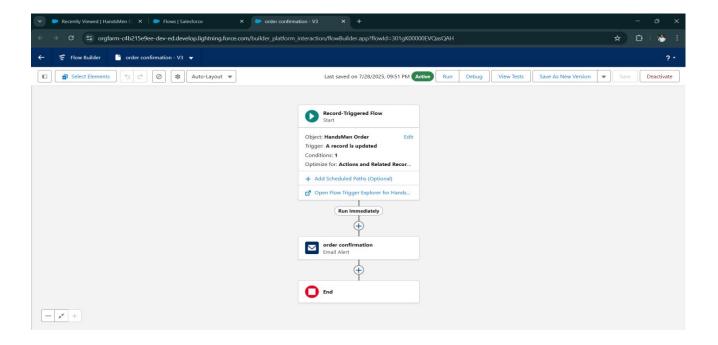
5. Lightning Pages

- Custom record pages were created and assigned for each object using Lightning App Builder.
- These pages incorporated:
 - Related Lists

- Quick Actions
- o Embedded Reports (if needed)

This UI/UX phase ensures that your users have a professional, clean, and productive interface experience—tailored to their business roles.





Phase 4: Data Migration, Testing & Security

This phase focused on ensuring that the system is secure, data is accurate, and every feature functions as expected. Special attention was given to access control, data validation, and thorough testing before production deployment.

1. Data Loading Process

Data migration and test data setup were performed using Salesforce tools:

- Data Import Wizard Used for loading data into simple objects like HandsMen Customer.
- **Data Loader** Used for bulk importing data into related or custom objects such as Orders, Inventory, and Products.

2. Field History Tracking, Duplicate Rules & Matching Rules

- **Field History Tracking** was enabled for key objects (like Order and Inventory) to monitor changes in important fields such as Stock Quantity and Order Status.
- **Duplicate Rules** were configured on HandsMen Customer (based on email field) to prevent duplicate records.
- Matching Rules ensured proper identification of existing records during import and creation.

3. Security Settings: Profiles, Roles, Permission Sets, and Sharing

Profiles:

- Platform 1 profile provided controlled access to custom objects.
- Field-level security enforced visibility only for relevant fields.

Roles:

- Role hierarchy defined as:
 - CEO

- Sales
- Inventory
- Marketing

This ensured data access flowed upward based on hierarchy.

Permission Sets:

- Permission_Platform_1 provided additional CRUD permissions on objects like Order and Customer without modifying the base profile.
- Assigned to users based on business requirements.

Sharing Rules:

- Public Read/Write sharing model used for development.
- Manual sharing and custom rules considered for future scalability

4. Testing Approach

• Each automation and feature was tested using sample data:

Feature	Input Condition	Expected Output
Customer Creation	Missing Email	Error: "Email is required"
Discount Logic	Order > ₹5000	Discount = 10%
Product Deletion Prevention	Active ()rders linked	Error: "Cannot delete product with active orders"
Trigger – Inventory Update	Order placed	Stock reduced accordingly
Time-based Workflow	Order not shipped in 2 days	Reminder Email to Sales
Apex Scheduler	Runs daily at 2 AM	Auto-update of inventory stock

- Test Data Factories: Used to generate reusable, consistent test records for Apex unit tests.
- Bulk Testing: Validated logic (e.g., triggers, flows) using bulk inserts and updates (>200 records) to check scalability.
- Negative Testing: Covered edge cases and error conditions to ensure validation rules and logic are enforced correctly.

• Deployment Validation: Used Change Sets with "validate-only" option to test deployment without applying changes.

Phase 5: Deployment, Documentation & Maintenance

Deployment

- Change Sets used to deploy metadata components like custom objects, fields, flows, validation rules, layouts, and Apex code from Sandbox to Production.
- Pre-deployment validations conducted using the "Validate" option in Change Sets to catch errors early.
- Full-copy sandbox served as a staging environment for final round testing and UAT feedback resolution.
- Deployment checklist included steps like clearing debug logs, activating flows, and checking inactive components.
- Post-deployment testing ensured key user stories (like order creation and stock alerts) worked as expected in Production.
- Metadata backups were taken prior to deployment using Salesforce Package Manager and manual exports.

Documentation

- Solution Design Document (SDD) detailed system architecture, customizations, and logic behind each automation element.
- Entity-Relationship Diagram (ERD) visualized object relationships including master-detail and lookup connections.
- Validation rules, flows, and Apex logic documented with use cases and field-level context.
- Test case repository created with expected input-output scenarios and screenshots.
- Troubleshooting guide included known issues, Apex exception examples, and quick fixes.
- Version-controlled documentation maintained in shared folders with changelog tracking.
- Field dictionary listed all custom fields with data types, descriptions, and dependencies.

Maintenance

- Flow debug logs and Apex error emails monitored weekly to catch any runtime failures or logic issues.
- Meaningful error messages like "Please enter a valid amount" were added to improve user experience.
- Automated alerts configured for low-stock products and process errors using email actions.
- UAT cycle maintained before every enhancement deployment using a sandbox environment.
- Data cleanup tasks like de-duplication and inactive record archival scheduled monthly.
- Manual sharing rules used temporarily in development; scalable public/private sharing models planned for production.
- Salesforce Optimizer and Health Check reports reviewed monthly for recommendations on performance, security, and configuration.

Training

- User training sessions conducted using real-life scenarios and live Salesforce access for better understanding.
- Modular training approach used: broken into topics like Order Creation, Reports, Inventory Updates, etc.
- Role-based training tailored to specific needs—Sales focused on lead conversion, Inventory on stock tracking, etc.
- Quick reference guides created in PDF format with visuals for common tasks like report building and record editing.
- FAQ and troubleshooting handbook shared as a digital document and printed cheat sheet.
- Feedback form distributed post-training to assess effectiveness and gather suggestions.
- Ongoing support channel (e.g., WhatsApp group or internal chat) created for user questions and tips.

Future Enhancements

While the current Salesforce CRM implementation for HandsMen Threads provides a solid foundation, several future enhancements have been identified to further optimize business processes, enrich customer experiences, and support organizational growth:

1. Chatbot Integration

- Implement an AI-powered chatbot (e.g., Salesforce Einstein Bot or third-party integration) to handle customer inquiries in real time.
- Use cases include order tracking, FAQs, loyalty program inquiries, and support ticket creation.

2. AI-Powered Product Recommendations

- Leverage Salesforce Einstein Recommendations to suggest products to customers based on their purchase history and preferences.
- Improve upselling and cross-selling strategies.

3. Advanced Analytics & Forecasting

- Enable Einstein Analytics (CRM Analytics) to gain deeper insights into sales trends, customer lifetime value, and inventory forecasting.
- Automate report generation and executive dashboards.

4. Mobile Optimization

- Enhance the Salesforce Mobile App interface for sales reps and inventory managers on the go.
- Enable push notifications for low stock, order approvals, and campaign updates.

5. Customer Feedback & Surveys

- Use Salesforce Surveys or integrate external tools like Typeform to gather post-purchase feedback.
- Automatically trigger surveys via Flow after order confirmation.

6. Enhanced Role-Based Access & Territory Management

- Define territory models for better segmentation of sales regions.
- Apply advanced sharing rules and criteria-based access control for field-level security.

7. CI/CD and Sandbox Management

- Introduce DevOps Center for version control, deployment pipelines, and easier collaboration among developers/admins.
- Set up multiple Sandboxes (Developer, UAT, Full Copy) for safer testing.

Conclusion

The Salesforce CRM implementation at **HandsMen Threads** marks a pivotal advancement in the company's digital transformation and operational modernization. Designed with a deep understanding of the fashion retail landscape, the system integrates automation, data intelligence, and scalability to streamline core business functions and elevate customer engagement.

Through custom objects like *Customer Profiles*, *Order Histories*, and *Inventory Records*, critical business data is now centralized, organized, and easily accessible. This structured data model empowers the team to track customer behavior, manage stock levels, and monitor order status with unmatched clarity and control.

This CRM solution was built from the ground up using Salesforce's powerful tools — including custom objects, flows, Apex triggers, scheduled jobs, and role-based access controls — all tailored specifically to the fashion and retail domain. By replicating real-world business logic into Salesforce:

- Customer engagement has been enhanced through automated email communications, order confirmations, and loyalty updates.
- **Operational efficiency** has improved with stock monitoring, batch inventory updates, and clear data validation checks.
- User roles and responsibilities are now clearly mapped, ensuring the right people access the right data at the right time.
- Scalability and maintenance have been carefully considered, with reusable components and organized documentation making future updates seamless.

Advanced automation using *Flows*, *Apex Triggers*, *Scheduled Jobs*, and *Process Builders* has significantly reduced manual effort across departments. Tasks such as inventory alerts, order confirmations, and personalized email communications are now handled seamlessly, improving both internal efficiency and the customer experience.

The system's intuitive Lightning-based user interface, enriched with real-time dashboards and custom reports, offers role-specific visibility into key metrics. Whether it's a sales representative accessing mobile insights or a manager evaluating sales trends, data-driven decision-making is now embedded into daily workflows.

Furthermore, integration with external systems like payment gateways and marketing tools creates a connected ecosystem that supports end-to-end business operations. Security and access controls have been rigorously implemented to ensure data privacy while maintaining smooth collaboration across roles.

Scalable by design, the CRM platform is future-ready—equipped to evolve alongside HandsMen Threads as it grows into new markets or expands its product portfolio. With robust documentation and reusable components, system maintenance and enhancements can be handled with ease.

In essence, Salesforce has not only digitized operations but also empowered HandsMen Threads with a strategic toolset to enhance customer relationships, optimize internal processes, and confidently scale in a competitive fashion landscape.