Phase 8: Data Management & Deployment

Goal:

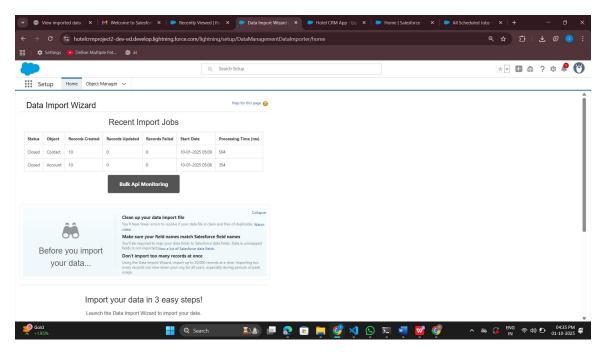
Manage hotel data efficiently and ensure a smooth deployment process across Salesforce environments.

1. Data Import Wizard

Purpose:

Used to load standard data such as guest and room records.

- **Key Features:**
- Accessible via Setup → Data Import Wizard
- Supports standard and custom objects
- Simple UI with field mapping



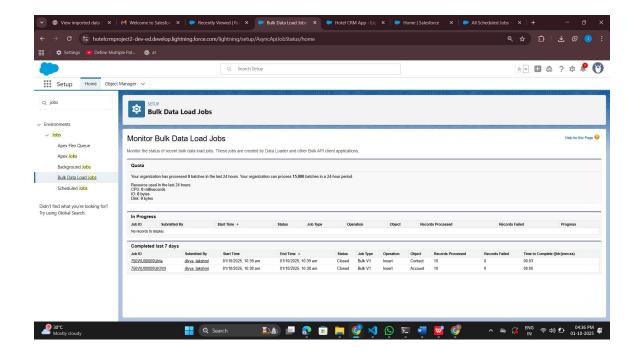
2. Data Loader

Purpose:

Used for bulk data operations including importing reservations and exporting data.

- **Key Features:**
- Supports up to 5 million records
- Ideal for complex data imports like bulk reservations
- Command-line interface available for automation
- **Use Case:**

Upload multiple reservations in one operation.



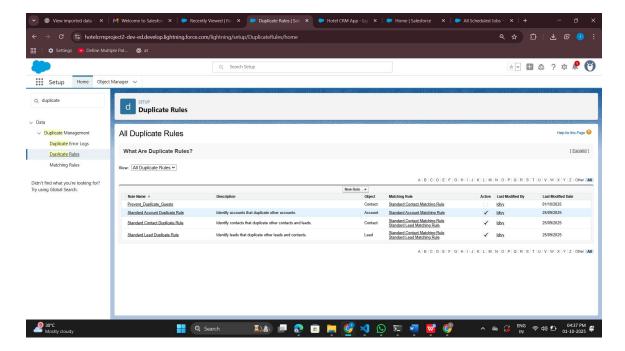
3. Duplicate Rules

Purpose:

To prevent and manage duplicate guest records in the system.

- **Key Features:**
- Customizable matching rules (e.g., email, phone number)
- Alerts or blocks users from creating duplicates
- Duplicate reports available
- **Use Case:**

Ensure each guest has only one unique profile in the database.



4. Backup Strategy

Purpose:

To safeguard data through regular backups.

- **Strategy:**
- Use Data Export (Setup → Data Export)
- Schedule weekly exports of all key data: guests, rooms, reservations
- Store backups securely (e.g., encrypted cloud storage)

5. Deployment Strategy

- **Options:**
- Change Sets:

Best for declarative (point-and-click) changes. Use when moving customizations between related orgs (e.g., Sandbox \rightarrow Production).

- SFDX (Salesforce DX): Ideal for CI/CD pipelines and version control. Supports scratch orgs and source-driven development.

Use Case:

Deploy metadata such as objects, flows, and validation rules from Sandbox to Production.

6. Unmanaged vs Managed Packages

Feature	Unmanaged Packa	ge Managed Package	
Editable Com	oonents Yes	No (mostly read-only)	Ī
Use Case	Internal developm	ent Distribution via App	Exchange
Namespace	No	Yes	

Use Managed Packages if the solution will be shared or sold on the Salesforce AppExchange.

^{**}Recommendation:**