

Phase 5 — Apex Programming (Developer)

Goal: Implement complex business logic that can't be achieved with declarative tools using Apex classes, triggers, and test classes. Ensure code is well-tested ($\geq 75\%$ coverage) and bulk-safe.

1. Plan the Apex work

- Identify logic that needs Apex: complex validations (file format checks), batch processes, transaction control, callouts to external systems.
- Draft method signatures and responsibilities (e.g.,
`DocumentValidator.validateFormat(documentId)`,
`TaskAutoAssigner.assignTasksForEmployee(employeeId)`).

2. Set up your dev environment

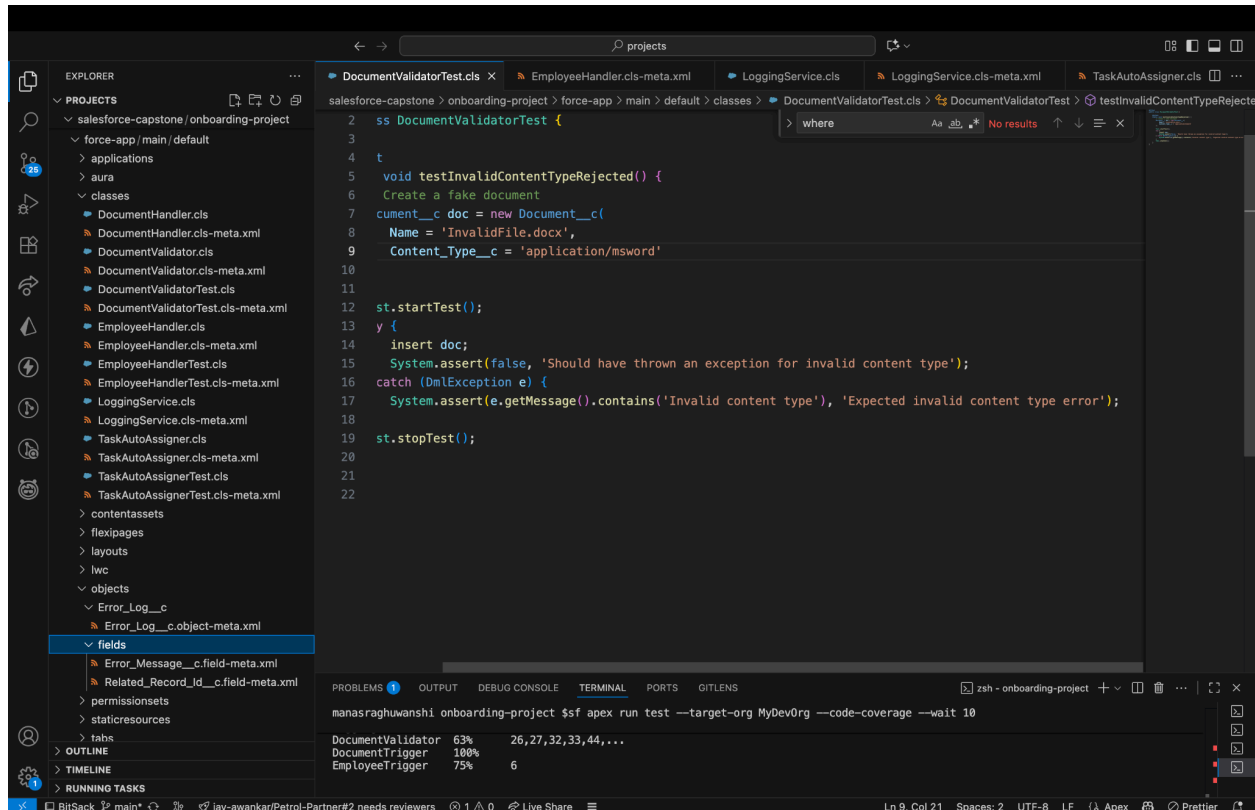
- Use VS Code with Salesforce Extensions Pack (SFDX) or the Developer Console for quick edits.
- Authorize your Dev Hub / scratch org or Developer Org: `sfdx auth:web:login`.

3. Create Apex classes (bulk-safe)

- `DocumentValidator` (static utility)
 - Responsibility: validate file types, sizes, and required metadata.
 - Example methods: `validateContentType(Blob requestBody, String contentType)`, `validateFileSize(Integer bytes)`.
- `TaskAutoAssigner` (service class)
 - Responsibility: create `OnboardingTask__c` records for a given employee in bulk.
 - Use `@future(callout=true)` only when making callouts; prefer `Queueable` for asynchronous processing.
- `EmployeeHelper` (domain/service layer)
 - Centralize operations like setting default fields and orchestrating task creation.

4. Create Triggers (thin triggers, logic in classes)

- Trigger `EmployeeTrigger` on `Employee__c` (after insert, after update)
 - Keep trigger logic minimal; call `EmployeeHelper.handleAfterInsert(Triiger.new)`.
- Trigger `DocumentTrigger` on `Document__c` (before insert, before update)
 - Call `DocumentValidator` to validate files and set status fields.



5. Write Test Classes

- Create comprehensive tests for each Apex class and trigger.
- Use `@IsTest` classes and `Test.startTest()` / `Test.stopTest()` blocks.
- Assert bulk behavior by inserting 200 records in a single test to ensure governor limits are respected.
- Aim for **>75% overall coverage**, but test meaningful behavior (asserts) — high coverage alone is not enough.

6. Run static analysis & code quality checks

- Use PMD for Apex or SonarQube if available.
- Run `sfdx force:apex:test:run` and fix failing tests.

7. Deploy and monitor

- Deploy to Sandbox first using change sets or SFDX. Run all tests in target org.
- Monitor logs (Debug Logs) for unexpected exceptions.

