MACK Stores Salesforce CRM Project

Phase 3: Data Modeling & Relationships

Introduction

In this phase, I built the architectural core of the **MACK Stores** application. I defined and implemented the digital skeleton with the objects, fields, and relationships that hold all critical information. The data model is scalable, efficient, and designed to support sales, inventory management, loyalty programs, and customer interactions.

Standard & Custom Objects

To build the database structure, I used a combination of standard Salesforce objects and custom objects created for MACK Stores.

Standard Objects Used

- Account: Stores and manages customer information.
- User: Represents internal Salesforce users for MACK Stores (e.g., sales staff).

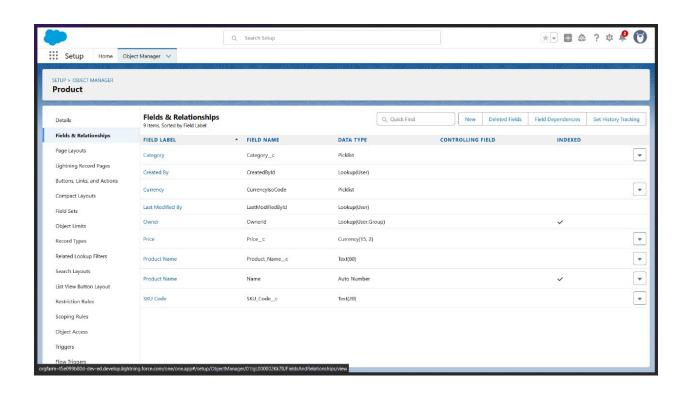
Custom Objects Built:

- **Product (Product_c):** Stores products sold in MACK Stores.
- **Inventory (Inventory__c):** Tracks stock levels per store location.
- Sales Order (Sales_Order__c): Captures customer purchase orders.
- Order Line Item (Order_Line_Item__c): Represents individual items within each sales order.
- Loyalty Program (Loyalty_Program_c): Manages customer loyalty points and rewards.

Fields & Data Types:

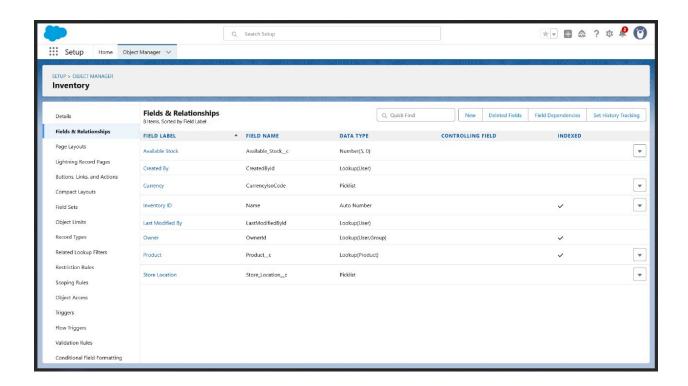
Product__c

Field	Data Type	Purpose
Product Number	Auto Number	Unique product ID
Product Name	Text(80)	Name of the product
Category	Picklist	Product category
Price	Currency	Price of the product
SKU Code	Text(20)	Stock keeping unit identifier



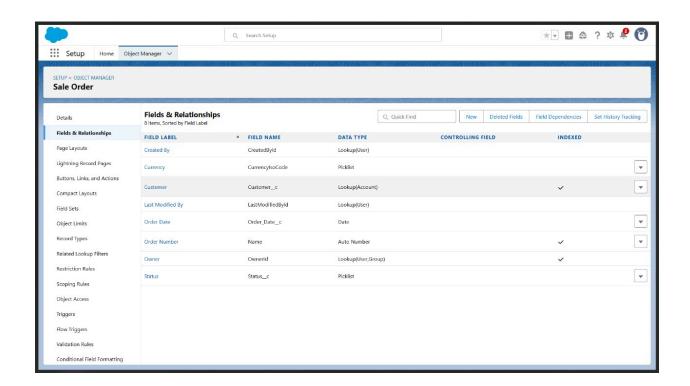
Inventory__c

Field	Data Type	Purpose
Inventory ID	Auto Number	Unique inventory record ID
Product	Lookup(Product)	Links inventory to product
Available Stock	Number	Quantity available
Store Location	Picklist	Store location (city)



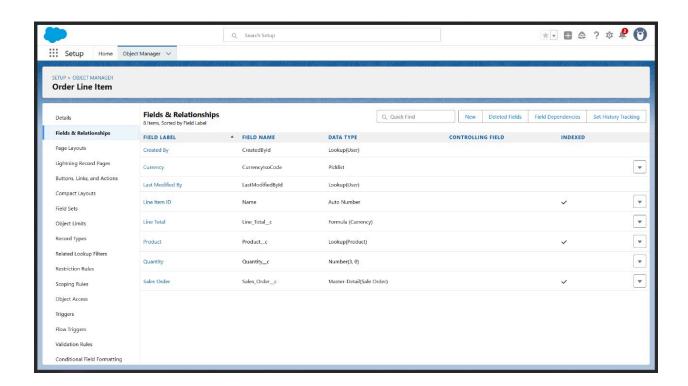
Sales_Order__c

Field	Data Type	Purpose
Order Number	Auto Number	Unique order ID
Customer	Lookup(Account)	Customer placing the order
Order Date	Date	Date order placed
Status	Picklist	Order status
Total Amount	Currency	Total order value



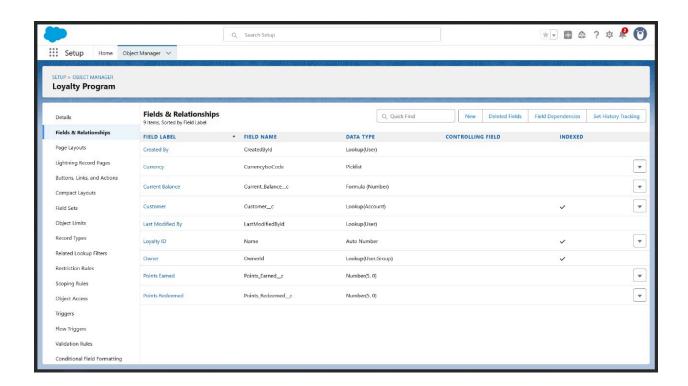
Order_Line_Item__c

Field	Data Type	Purpose
Line Item ID	Auto Number	Unique line item ID
Sales Order	Master-Detail(Sales Order)	Parent sales order
Product	Lookup(Product)	Product ordered
Quantity	Number	Quantity ordered
Line Total	Formula(Currency)	Quantity × Product Price



Loyalty_Program__c

Field	Data Type	Purpose
Loyalty ID	Auto Number	Unique loyalty record ID
Customer	Lookup(Account)	Customer enrolled
Points Earned	Number	Total points earned
Points Redeemed	Number	Points redeemed
Current Balance	Formula(Number)	Points Earned – Points Redeemed



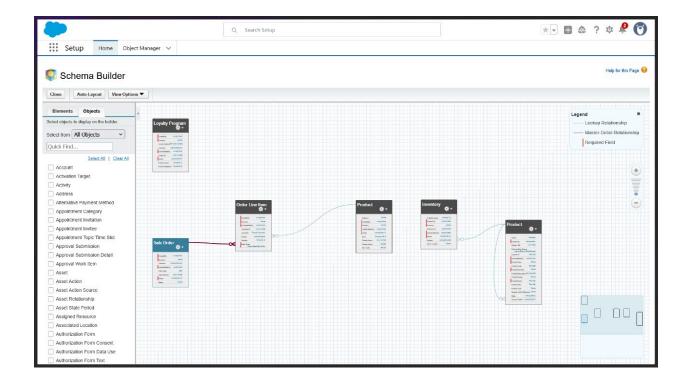
Record Types & Page Layouts

To support different business needs, I designed custom record types and layouts.

- Sales Order Record Types: "Online Order" and "In-Store Purchase" with different page layouts.
- Product Record Types: Categories like "Electronics," "Clothing," and "Groceries."
- Custom Page Layouts: Each record type shows only the most relevant fields (e.g., Sales Order layout highlights "Total Amount" and "Status").

The Schema Builder

I used the Schema Builder to create a visual representation of all custom objects and their relationships. This serves as the blueprint of the application.



Relationships Explained

Connection (Parent → Child)	Relationship Field	Туре	Business Rationale
Productc → Inventoryc	Product	Lookup	Inventory is tied to a product but can exist independently.
Account → Sales_Orderc	Customer	Lookup	Sales orders are linked to customers.
Productc → Order_Line_Itemc	Product	Lookup	Each order line references a product.
Account → Loyalty_Programc	Customer	Lookup	A loyalty program record belongs to a customer.

Advanced & External Data

- Compact Layouts: Configured to show key info at a glance (e.g., Sales Order compact layout shows Status, Date, and Total Amount).
- **Hierarchical Relationships:** Can be extended for reporting managers in retail chains.
- External Objects (Future Scope): Potential integration with supplier inventory systems to sync real-time stock data

Summary of Phase 3

- Created 5 custom objects with well-defined fields.
- Established Lookup & Master-Detail relationships to support real business processes.
- Designed record types and layouts for different user experiences.
- Prepared the data model to support sales, inventory, and loyalty program management.