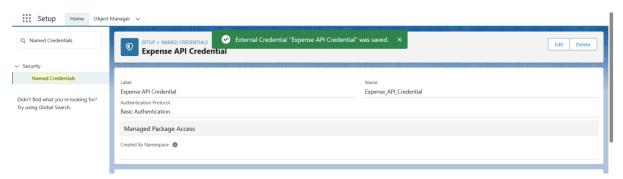
Phase 7: Integration & External Access

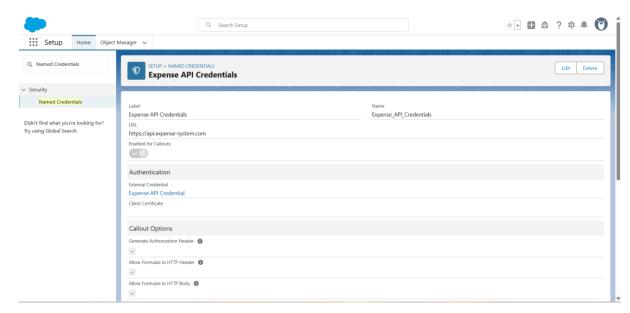
1. Named Credentials

- Securely store external API URLs and authentication.
- Avoid hardcoding credentials in Apex or Flows.
- Example: Expense_API_Credentials connects Salesforce to Expense Management System.
- Can be used in **Apex callouts**, Flows, or External Services.



2. External Services

- Declarative way to integrate REST APIs into Salesforce without code.
- Example: Expose Flight Booking API as a named service; employees select flights directly in Travel Request Flow.
- Generates invocable actions usable in Flows.



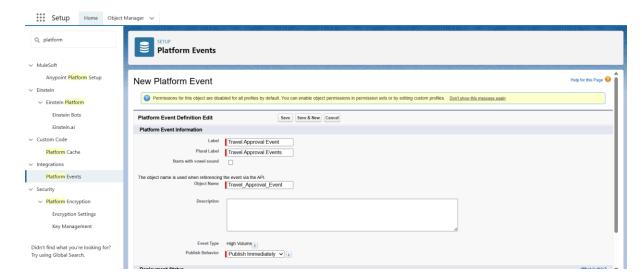
3. Web Services (REST/SOAP)

- Provide Travel Approval data to external systems.
- Example: HR portal can create, update, or fetch Travel Requests via Salesforce REST API.
- Enables integration with **ERP**, **Finance**, **or custom portals**.

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4.Platform Events

- Asynchronous notifications for real-time integrations.
- Example: Travel_Approval_Event__e triggers when a request is submitted, notifying Finance to allocate funds.
- Can be subscribed by Flows, Apex triggers, or external subscribers.



5.OAuth & Authentication

- Secure, token-based authentication for external apps.
- Example: Finance portal uses OAuth tokens via a **Connected App** to fetch travel approvals.
- Scopes and access can be controlled without sharing passwords.

6.Remote Site Settings

- Whitelist external URLs to allow Salesforce callouts.
- Example: Hotel_API and Expense_API URLs added in setup.
- Prevents unauthorized connections and ensures security.

