# Phase 7: Integration & External Access (Declarative)

**Objective:** Connect Salesforce with external systems and provide real-time notifications using declarative tools without writing code.

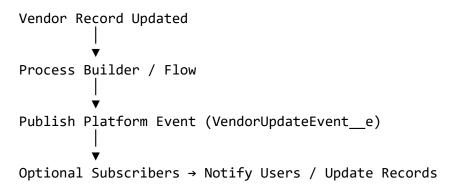
**Deliverable:** Integrated vendor ecosystem with internal notifications, change tracking, and external-like data access.

### Step 1: Platform Events

Purpose: Simulate real-time notifications internally without APIs.

Steps: 1. Setup → Platform Events → New Platform Event 2. Fill in details: - Label: Vendor Update Event - Plural Label: Vendor Update Events - API Name: VendorUpdateEvent\_\_e - Publish Behavior: Publish Immediately 3. Add Fields: - Vendor\_\_c → Lookup → Vendor\_\_c - Message\_\_c → Text (255) 4. Publish Events using Process Builder or Flow: - Trigger: When Vendor\_c record is updated - Action: Create VendorUpdateEvent\_\_e - Map fields: Vendor\_c → Vendor Id, Message\_\_c → "Vendor record updated" 5. Optional: Subscribe to events to notify users or update records.

#### **Process Flow:**



## Step 2: Change Data Capture (CDC)

**Purpose:** Track real-time changes on Vendor\_c and Purchase\_Order\_c without code.

**Steps:** 1. Setup → Change Data Capture 2. Enable CDC for Vendor\_c and Purchase\_Order\_c 3. Use Reports or Flows to monitor changes and notify users or update records automatically.

#### **Process Flow:**

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Vendor / Purchase Order Record Changed

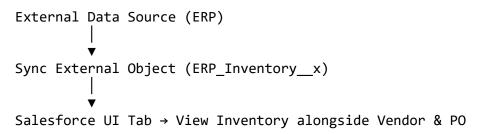
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### Step 3: Salesforce Connect (Declarative Data Linking)

**Purpose:** Access external-like data in Salesforce UI without APIs.

Steps: 1. Setup → External Objects → New External Data Source - Type: Salesforce Connect (OData 2.0) - Name: ERP Inventory Source - URL: Placeholder or internal endpoint 2. Click Validate & Sync - Select External Object: ERP\_Inventory\_\_x 3. Define Fields: - Item Name → Text - Quantity → Number - Vendor → Lookup → Vendor\_\_c 4. Create Tab: - Setup → Tabs → New → Custom Object Tab → ERP\_Inventory\_\_x - Add tab to VendorConnect App

#### **Process Flow:**



### Screenshots to Capture

Screenshot	Description
Platform Event	Event definition and fields
Change Data Capture	Enabled objects list
External Data Source	Data source creation
External Object	Fields mapping for ERP_Inventory_x

**Outcome:** - Real-time internal notifications via Platform Events - Change tracking on Vendor and Purchase Order records via CDC - Declarative external data access using Salesforce Connect - Fully integrated vendor ecosystem without APIs or code

