- Library Book Borrowing System (Education Domain)
- **6** Goal: Build a Salesforce-based Library Management solution to track books, borrowing, and due dates, automate reminders, and provide actionable reports.

Phase 1: Problem Understanding & Industry Analysis

f Goal: Understand what we're building and why.

Requirement Gathering

- Talk to stakeholders (Librarian, Assistant Librarians, Students)
- Example Requirements:
 - o Track all books with availability status (Available / Borrowed)
 - Allow librarian to create borrow records for students
 - Restrict students to max 3 borrowed books
 - Send return date reminders automatically
 - Generate reports for overdue books and most borrowed books

Stakeholder Analysis

- **Admin:** You (system setup, configuration)
- **Librarian:** Creates & manages borrow records
- **Assistant Librarian:** Helps with returns & book updates
- Library Manager: Monitors overdue books & generates reports
- **Students:** Borrow and return books (data tracked in Salesforce)

Business Process Mapping

Flow.

Student requests \rightarrow Librarian checks availability \rightarrow Borrow Record created \rightarrow Due date reminder sent \rightarrow Book returned \rightarrow Record marked as Returned \rightarrow Reports generated

Industry-specific Use Case Analysis

Libraries face book loss, missed deadlines, and manual tracking issues \rightarrow need automation to reduce effort, improve compliance, and track popular books.

AppExchange Exploration

Checked Library Apps on AppExchange, decided to build a **custom solution** to match college-specific needs and learn Salesforce end-to-end.

Phase 2: Org Setup & Configuration



Goal: Prepare Salesforce Environment

Salesforce Editions

• Use **Developer Edition Org** (free dev org)

Company Profile Setup

Company Info: Library Name, Address

Timezone: Local

• Currency: INR/USD

Business Hours & Holidays

• Library Working Hours: 9AM – 6PM

• Holidays: Public/College holidays

Fiscal Year Settings

• Standard fiscal year (Jan – Dec) → for reporting borrowed books per month

User Setup & Licenses

- Users: Librarian, Assistant Librarian, Manager
- Assign Standard User licenses

Profiles

- Librarian Profile: Create/Edit Books & Borrow Records
- Manager Profile: View all borrow records & reports

Roles

Manager (top) \rightarrow Librarian (below) \rightarrow ensures visibility rolls up

Permission Sets

• "Report Access" permission set → allows Librarian to view dashboards

OWD (Org-Wide Defaults)

- Book: Public Read-Only (everyone can see books)
- Borrow Record: Private (only owner/manager can see)

Sharing Rules

• Share borrow records with manager and assistant librarians if needed

Login Access Policies

• Restrict librarian logins to library hours

Dev Org Setup / Sandbox Usage

- Build in developer org (acts like sandbox)
- In real projects, test in sandbox then deploy to production

Deployment Basics

• Use **Change Sets** to move configuration to production

Phase 3: Data Modeling & Relationships

👉 Goal: Build data structure.

Standard & Custom Objects

- Standard: Contact (for Students if needed)
- Custom: Book_c, Borrow_Record_c, Student_c

Fields

- **Book:** Title, Author, ISBN, Status (Picklist), Category
- **Student:** Name, Roll Number, Email
- **Borrow Record:** Borrow Date, Return Date, Status (Borrowed/Returned)

Record Types

Borrow Record → "Short Term Borrow" vs "Long Term Borrow"

Page Layouts

Book page → related list of Borrow Records

• Student page → list of borrowed books

Compact Layouts

• Show Book Title, Author, Availability on record cards

Schema Builder

• Visualize relationship: Borrow Record → Lookup to Book and Student

Lookup vs Master-Detail

• Lookup Relationship (Borrow Record doesn't own Book)

Junction Objects

• Not needed unless multiple books per borrow record (can be added for complexity)

External Objects

• Could integrate external database (ex: digital library) in future

Phase 4: Process Automation (Admin)



Validation Rules

• Prevent more than 3 active borrow records per student

Workflow Rules / Process Builder

• (Legacy) Auto-update Book Availability → replaced with Flow

Approval Process

• Approval for extending borrow period beyond 15 days

Flow Builder

- Record-Triggered Flow: Send email reminder 2 days before Return Date
- Screen Flow: Librarian Borrow Form

Email Alerts

• Send email to student with book details and due date

Field Updates

• Automatically mark Book as "Available" after return

Tasks

• Create a follow-up task for librarian for overdue books

Custom Notifications

• In-app notification to librarian when a book becomes overdue

Phase 5: Apex Programming (Developer)

👉 Goal: Add advanced logic.

Classes & Objects

• BorrowService class → reusable logic for borrow process

Apex Triggers

- On Borrow Insert → Check limit & mark book as unavailable
- On Borrow Update → Update Book availability when returned

Trigger Design Pattern

• Use handler class for clean code

SOOL & SOSL

SOQL to count active borrow records for student

Collections

• Use List & Map for bulk updates

Control Statements

• IF active borrow count > $3 \rightarrow$ throw error

Batch Apex

• Nightly batch to mark overdue books and send reminders

Queueable Apex

• Async process for bulk borrow record updates

Scheduled Apex

• Daily morning → send librarian overdue report

Future Methods

• (Optional) Notify external system like college ERP

Exception Handling

• Show proper error message when borrow limit is exceeded

Test Classes

• Create data, insert borrow records, verify trigger logic (>85% coverage)

Phase 6: User Interface Development

† Goal: Make it user-friendly.

Lightning App Builder

• Create "Library Management" App

Record Pages

Book page → shows availability & borrow history

Tabs

• Books, Students, Borrow Records

Home Page Layouts

• Dashboard showing overdue book count & most borrowed books

Utility Bar

• Quick Action → "Create Borrow Record"

LWC (Lightning Web Component)

- Component to search books by title/author
- Show results in a table

Apex with LWC

• Imperative call to fetch available books

Events in LWC

• Child → Parent event when book is selected

Wire Adapters

Get list of available books dynamically

Navigation Service

• After creating borrow record → navigate to record page

Phase 7: Integration & External Access

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Named Credentials

• Configure for SMS API (optional)

External Services

• Could connect to external catalog in future

Platform Events

Publish event when overdue book is returned

Change Data Capture

• Notify external system when borrow record is updated

Salesforce Connect

• Display external e-book data inside Salesforce

Phase 8: Data Management & Deployment

👉 Goal: Manage data and move changes.

Data Import Wizard

• Import sample books and student data

Data Loader

• Import bulk borrow records for testing

Duplicate Rules

• Prevent duplicate ISBN entries

Data Export & Backup

• Weekly export of library data

Change Sets

• Move objects, flows, dashboards from sandbox to production

VS Code & SFDX

• Retrieve and deploy metadata, use version control

Phase 9: Reporting, Dashboards & Security Review

👉 Goal: Monitor library performance & secure data.

Reports

- Most Borrowed Books
- Overdue Books
- Student Borrow History

Report Types

• Custom report type: Borrow Record + Book + Student

Dashboards

- Pie chart: Borrowed vs Returned
- Bar chart: Top 5 Students with Most Borrows

Dynamic Dashboards

Manager sees all data, Librarian sees own data

Sharing Settings

• Private borrow records, public books

Field Level Security

• Hide student email from unauthorized users

Audit Trail

• Track changes to due dates

Phase 10: Final Presentation & Demo Day

👉 Goal: Deliver like a real project.

Pitch Presentation

Problem \rightarrow Solution \rightarrow Benefits

Demo Walkthrough

Show: Borrow record creation \rightarrow email reminder \rightarrow dashboard updates

Handoff Documentation

Admin guide + user guide

LinkedIn/Portfolio Project Showcase

Publish as a Salesforce Project with screenshots