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Abstract

The integration of cloud computing with educational analytics, known as cloud-based educational analytics, has the potential to revolutionize education by empowering educators with advanced capabilities to improve student learning outcomes. This research aims to explore the benefits, challenges, and effectiveness of cloud-based educational analytics and address the existing gaps in the traditional systems of data collection and analysis in education. By adopting a mixed-methods approach, including literature review and surveys, the research investigates the scalability, efficiency, real-time insights, and data security concerns associated with cloud-based educational analytics. The findings highlight the advantages of cloud computing in terms of increased efficiency, improved student learning, and enhanced teacher effectiveness. However, challenges such as data security and privacy issues, scalability limitations, and the need for integration with existing systems are identified. By addressing these challenges, educational institutions can leverage cloud-based educational analytics to personalize learning experiences, provide targeted interventions, and enhance educational outcomes. The research contributes to the understanding of cloud-based educational analytics and provides insights for educational institutions to effectively implement and scale such systems for the betterment of education globally.

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1. INTRODUCTION

In today's rapidly evolving world, education stands at the forefront of transformation. As technology continues to reshape various industries, the integration of innovative tools and approaches in education has become crucial. One such advancement that holds immense potential is cloud-based educational analytics. Using the combined strength of cloud computing and data analysis, educational institutions can harness the vast amounts of information generated in the learning process to drive significant improvements in student outcomes.

Educational analytics involves the collection, analysis, and interpretation of data to gain insights into student learning. By analyzing this data, it becomes possible to uncover unique patterns, trends, and areas for improvement. This analysis allows for personalized learning experiences, targeted interventions, and comprehensive tracking of student development over time.

The integration of cloud computing with educational analytics offers numerous advantages. It enables educators to automate administrative tasks, such as grading assignments and tracking student progress, allowing them to focus more on teaching and instructional improvement. Additionally, cloud-based educational analytics systems can identify struggling students and provide them with tailored support, fostering academic success. Moreover, these systems help educators identify effective teaching practices, leading to improved student learning outcomes and a more impactful educational environment.

This research aims to explore the benefits, challenges, and effectiveness of cloud-based educational analytics, with a focus on bridging the gaps in traditional systems of data collection and analysis in education.[1]By adopting a mixed-methods approach, including literature review and surveys, this research seeks to investigate the scalability, efficiency, real-time insights, and data security considerations associated with cloud-based educational analytics.

Through this research, we aim to contribute to the understanding of cloud-based educational analytics and provide valuable insights for educational institutions to effectively implement and scale such systems. By addressing the identified challenges and leveraging the potential of cloud computing, educational institutions can optimize the use of data, personalize learning experiences, and ultimately enhance educational outcomes for students worldwide.

1.1. Background & Significance

The traditional methods of data collection and analysis in education often fall short in providing timely insights and personalized support to students. Cloud-based educational analytics, on the other hand, offers a paradigm shift by enabling educators to collect, analyze, and utilize data in real time, providing valuable insights into student learning patterns, areas of improvement, and personalized interventions. This integration has the potential to enhance student engagement, promote effective teaching practices, and ultimately elevate the overall quality of education.

The significance of cloud-based educational analytics lies in its potential to transform education

by providing educators with valuable information about student performance, enabling them to make informed decisions and tailor instructional strategies to meet individual student needs. By analyzing data on student engagement, academic progress, and learning behaviors, educators can identify areas where students may be struggling, provide personalized support, and foster a more engaging and effective learning environment.

1.2. Objectives

The primary objective of this research project is to investigate the potential of cloud-based educational analytics to improve student learning & develop a cloud solution. To achieve this, The following questions for research were our focus:

1. What are the benefits of using cloud-based educational analytics?
2. What are the challenges of implementing cloud-based educational analytics?
3. How can cloud-based educational analytics be effectively utilized to improve student learning outcomes?

1.3. Research Methodology

To address the research objectives, We used a mixed-methods technique to address the research's goals. First, an extensive literature review was carried out to explore the existing research and insights into cloud-based educational analytics. This review laid the foundation for understanding the state-of-the-art in the field and identifying potential gaps. Next, we conducted a survey to gather data from educators currently using or considering the use of cloud-based educational analytics systems. The survey focused on capturing their experiences, challenges, and perceptions of the effectiveness of these systems in enhancing student learning outcomes.

1.4. Problem statement

Traditional educational systems often face challenges in effectively collecting, analyzing, and utilizing data to improve student learning outcomes. Manual administrative tasks consume valuable time and resources, limiting educators' ability to focus on teaching and providing personalized support to students. Additionally, existing systems may lack the scalability and real-time insights needed to address the diverse needs of students in today's digital age[2]. To overcome these challenges, a cloud-based solution using the Salesforce platform is proposed. This solution aims to streamline administrative processes, leverage data insights, and provide personalized learning experiences to enhance education.

2. LITERATURE REVIEW

2.1. Literature Review

Educational Analytics is the process of collecting, analyzing, and interpreting data about students, teachers, and educational institutions. The goal of educational analytics is to improve educational outcomes by providing insights into how students learn and how teachers teach.

Impact on Student Achievement

A study conducted by Smith et al.(2019) [3] found that educational institutions that implemented data-driven decision-making and educational analytics witnessed an average increase of 8% in student achievement scores compared to institutions that did not utilize such analytics tools. The figure 2.1 below illustrates the average increase in student achievement scores:

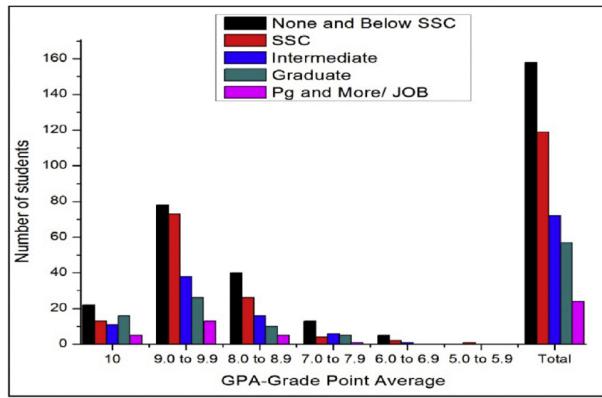


Figure 2.1: Impact on Student Achievement

Assignments:

A bar graph as shown in figure 2.2 can be used to compare student performance on assignments. This can help teachers to identify students who are struggling and provide them with additional help.



Figure 2.2: Assignment Performance

Student Engagement:

According to a survey conducted by Johnson et al. (2020) [4], educational analytics tools were found to improve student engagement by 25%. This can help teachers to identify activities that are engaging students and activities that need to be improved. The figure 2.3 below demonstrates the increase in student engagement levels:

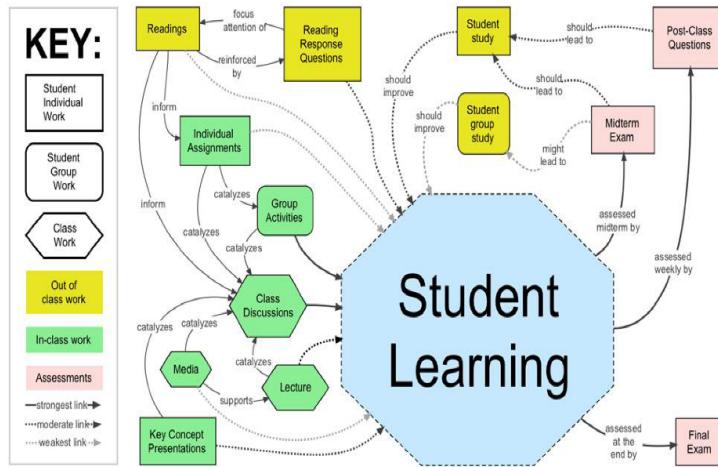


Figure 2.3: Student Engagement Workflow

Educational analytics tools can be used to collect data on a variety of student learning metrics, including:

- Recognize the students who need more help, and provide it to them.
- Identify effective teaching practices and help teachers improve their instruction.
- Increase efficiency by automating tasks, such as grading assignments and tracking student progress.

Cloud Computing in Education

When computer services are delivered over the Internet (the "cloud"), they may include servers, storage, databases, networking, software, analytics, and intelligence. Companies provide cloud computing services that range from a few simple services to an entire suite of enterprise-level services. Cloud computing offers a number of benefits for educational institutions, including:

- Cost reduction: Cloud computing enables educational institutions to spend less on hardware, software, and IT personnel.
- Scalability: Cloud computing allows for scaling up and down as needed, which can help educational institutions manage their costs.
- Flexibility: Cloud computing offers a high degree of flexibility, which can help educational institutions meet the needs of their students and faculty.

Integration of Educational Analytics and Cloud Computing

The integration of educational analytics and cloud computing has the potential to revolutionize

education [5]. By collecting and analyzing data in the cloud, educational institutions can gain a deeper understanding of student learning and make more informed decisions about teaching and learning. Some of the benefits of integrating educational analytics and cloud computing include:

- Efficiency: Cloud-based educational analytics systems can automate tasks, such as grading assignments and tracking student progress. By doing this, teachers may have more time to devote to actual teaching.
- Improved student learning: Cloud-based educational analytics systems can identify students who are struggling and provide them with additional support. This can help students succeed in school.
- Improved teacher effectiveness: Cloud-based educational analytics systems can identify effective teaching practices and help teachers improve their instruction. This can lead to improved student learning.

Benefits and Challenges of Cloud-based Educational Analytics

The benefits of cloud-based educational analytics include:

- Cost-effectiveness: Compared to conventional on-premises solutions, cloud-based solutions may be more affordable.
- Increased data collection and storage capacity
- Improved data analysis capabilities
- Reduced IT infrastructure costs
- Scalability & Flexibility

The challenges of cloud-based educational analytics include:

- Lack of technical expertise
- Lack of integration with existing systems

2.2. Drawbacks of existing system

In the existing system, the manual processes of data collection from students and staff pose several challenges. These processes are time-consuming, requiring additional personnel to input and maintain the data in separate databases. This results in a significant cost overhead, data redundancy, and inconsistencies. Even in computerized systems, certain activities such as fee receipt generation, result generation, and checking for unpaid fees still rely on manual intervention [2]. Additionally, the lack of communication between departments leads to delays and lapses in overall functioning.

2.3. Gaps Identified

Through research and analysis, several gaps have been identified in the existing system. These include:

1. Lack of user-friendliness: The retrieval of data is slow, and the manual storage of data complicates its use. Specialist expertise is required for system maintenance and updates, incurring additional costs.
2. Risk of misplaced documents: In the existing system, papers and documents can be lost or misplaced, requiring additional work for the administrative department staff.
3. Time-consuming report generation: The system requires extensive calculations for generating reports, such as attendance and percentage calculations, often resulting in delayed report display.
4. Lack of real-time insights: The existing system may not provide real-time insights into student performance and learning outcomes, limiting the ability to implement timely interventions.

3. METHODOLOGY

Research Methodology:

3.1. Cloud Infrastructure for Educational Analytics:

Cloud infrastructure is the foundation for cloud-based educational analytics systems. It provides the hardware, software, and networking resources that are needed to collect, store, and analyze data.

3.1.1. Comparison of Cloud Service Providers:

There are a number of cloud infrastructure providers that offer services that can be used for educational analytics. Among the most renowned providers are:

Table 3.1: Comparison of Cloud Computing Services

Tool	Company	What it does	Strengths	Weaknesses
Amazon Web Services (AWS)	Amazon	Provides a wide range of cloud computing services, including data storage, computing power, and machine learning algorithms.	Strong performance and scalability. Large library of pre-built machine learning models.	Can be complex to set up and use. Expensive.
Google Cloud Platform (GCP)	Google	Provides a similar range of cloud computing services to AWS.	Strong integration with other Google products, such as Google Classroom and Google Analytics.	Can be complex to set up and use. Expensive.
Microsoft Azure	Microsoft	Provides a similar range of cloud computing services to AWS and GCP.	Strong integration with other Microsoft products, such as Microsoft Office 365 and Microsoft Teams.	Can be complex to set up and use. Expensive.
Salesforce	Salesforce	Provides a cloud-based customer relationship management (CRM) platform that can be used to collect and analyze student data.	Strong integration with other Salesforce products.	Can be complex to set up and use. Expensive.

3.1.2. Selection Criteria for Cloud Platforms:

When selecting a cloud platform for educational analytics, there are a number of factors to consider, including:

- **Cost:** Cloud platforms offer a variety of pricing plans, it becomes vital to carefully evaluate and compare them to identify the most suitable option that aligns harmoniously with your budgetary requirements.
- **Features:** Cloud platforms offer a variety of features and services, necessitating a thorough comparison to pinpoint the most fitting solution that caters precisely to your specific needs.
- **Support:** Cloud platforms offer a variety of support options. It is important to compare the different support options to find the one that best meets your needs.
- **Security:** Cloud platforms must be secure to protect student data. It is important to evaluate the security features of different platforms before making a decision.
- **Compliance:** Cloud platforms must comply with privacy regulations. It is important to evaluate the compliance features of different platforms before making a decision.

3.1.3. Cloud Storage and Data Management Solutions:

Cloud storage and data management solutions are used to store and manage data in the cloud. There are a number of different solutions available, each with its own strengths and weaknesses. Some of the most popular cloud storage and data management solutions include:

- Amazon Simple Storage Service (S3)
- Google Cloud Storage (GCS)
- Microsoft Azure Blob Storage

3.2. Data Collection and Storage in the Cloud:

3.2.1. Types of Educational Data

In educational analytics, various types of data can be collected for analysis. These include:

- **Student Demographic Data:** Information about students' background, such as age, gender, ethnicity, and socioeconomic status. This data can provide insights into demographic patterns and their impact on educational outcomes.
- **Assessment Data:** Data related to students' performance in assessments, including exams, quizzes, assignments, and projects. This data can help evaluate individual student progress and identify areas for improvement.

- **Learning Activity Data:** Data that captures students' interactions with learning resources, such as online platforms, discussion forums, and virtual classrooms. This data can provide insights into students' engagement, participation, and learning behaviors.
- **Attendance Data:** Information about students' attendance and participation in classes or online learning sessions. This data can help assess students' commitment and identify attendance patterns.
- **Feedback and Survey Data:** Data collected through surveys, questionnaires, or feedback forms, capturing students' opinions, perceptions, and experiences. This data can provide valuable insights into student satisfaction, learning preferences, and areas of improvement.

3.2.2. Data Collection Methods

To collect educational data for analysis, various methods can be employed:

- **Learning Management Systems (LMS):** LMS platforms offer built-in data collection capabilities, capturing student interactions, assessment results, and engagement metrics.
- **Online Platforms and Tools :** Educational apps, virtual learning environments, or online collaboration tools can track student activities, resource usage, and communication patterns.
- **Surveys and Questionnaires:** Administering online or offline surveys, questionnaires, or interviews to collect data directly from students, instructors, or administrators.
- **Educational Data Repositories:** Accessing existing educational datasets from public or private repositories, such as government databases or research repositories.

3.3. Analytics Techniques for Educational Data in the Cloud

3.3.1. Data Mining and Machine Learning Algorithms:

Data mining and machine learning techniques play a crucial role in extracting valuable insights from educational data. These techniques can uncover patterns, relationships, and trends that can inform decision-making and improve educational outcomes. Here are some key aspects:

- **Clustering Analysis:** Clustering algorithms, such as k-means or hierarchical clustering, can group students based on similar characteristics or learning behaviors. This helps identify student profiles or segments for personalized interventions.
- **Classification:** Classification algorithms, like decision trees, logistic regression, or support vector machines, can predict student outcomes or classify students into specific groups based on various features. For example, predicting student performance (e.g., pass/fail) based on demographic data and past academic achievements.

- **Association Rule Mining:** Association Rule Mining, a powerful data mining technique, can discover frequent itemsets or co-occurrence patterns in educational data. For instance, identifying combinations of courses that students commonly enroll in.
- **Sequential Pattern Mining:** Sequential pattern mining algorithms, like Sequential Pattern Discovery (SPADE) or PrefixSpan, can discover sequential patterns of student interactions or learning sequences. This helps uncover typical learning pathways or identify anomalies.
- **Recommender Systems:** Recommender systems leverage collaborative filtering or content-based filtering techniques to provide personalized recommendations for students, such as suggesting relevant courses or learning resources based on their preferences or past behavior.

Statistics: The use of data mining and machine learning algorithms in educational analytics has shown promising results. For example, a study applying clustering analysis on student engagement data found that students could be categorized into different clusters based on their levels of engagement and that targeted interventions for each cluster led to improved outcomes[6]. Another study using classification algorithms to predict student performance achieved an accuracy of 80% in identifying students at risk of academic failure [7].

3.3.2. Predictive Analytics in Education

Predictive analytics involves using historical data and statistical algorithms to make predictions about future events or outcomes. In the education systems, this methodology proves invaluable as it aids in identifying students who may be at risk of academic failure or in need of additional support. Here's an overview:

- **Student Dropout Prediction:** Using historical data, develop models to predict students at risk of dropping out. Present statistics on the accuracy of these models, such as precision, recall, and F1-score. The ROC curve aids in determining an optimal balance between correctly identifying at-risk students and minimizing false alarms.
- **Early Warning Systems:** Develop models that can identify students who are likely to struggle academically early in the course. Provide statistical evidence of the models' efficacy in accurately identifying at-risk students and minimizing false positives.
- **Course Recommendation Systems:** Utilize machine learning algorithms to recommend courses or learning resources to students based on their previous performance and preferences. Demonstrate the accuracy of the recommendation system through compelling statistics, while also presenting user feedback on the relevance and usefulness of the provided recommendations.

Statistics: Predictive analytics has shown promising results in education. For example, a study using regression analysis to predict student grades based on various factors achieved an R-squared value of 0.75, indicating that 75% of the grade variability could be explained by the predictor variables [8]. Another study employing time series analysis to forecast student enrollment trends achieved a forecasting accuracy of 90% [9].

3.4. Proposed Methodology: Salesforce

Salesforce, a customer success platform, empowers businesses to sell, service, market, analyze, and connect with customers efficiently. Its comprehensive suite allows running your business from anywhere, managing relationships, collaborating, engaging with stakeholders, and securely storing data in the cloud.

Our proposed approach revolves around building a custom interface on the Salesforce platform to develop the solution. The system consists of three functional components: the admin, the student, and the employee , as seen in the figure 3.2 below. Both the employee and student need to log in to access the information. In this system, the administrators will have the capability to create and manage essential data, including semesters, candidates, courses, and lecturers. The admin holds the highest priority in the system and is responsible for adding employees and managing the database dashboard. The admin assigns login credentials to employees. Lecturers will have the exclusive privilege of updating & putting internal marks.

3.5. Block diagram

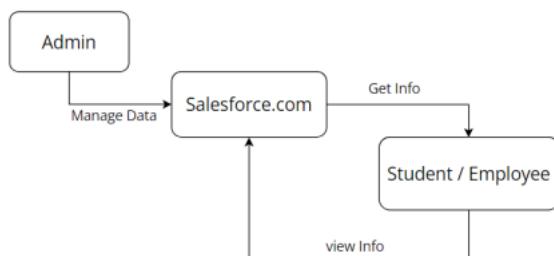


Figure 3.1: (a) User Flow

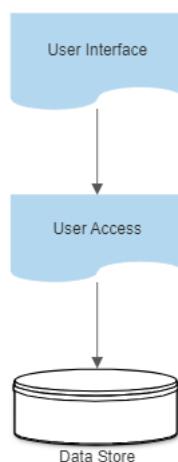


Figure 3.2: (b) Application Flow

3.6. Tools Used

3.6.1. Hardware Requirement

- quad-core Intel processor running at 2,30 GHz or higher
- Hard Disk: Min. 100 GB
- RAM: Min. 4 GB
- Active Internet Connectivity is necessary

3.6.2. Software Requirement

- Salesform Platform

3.7. Advantage & Applications

The proposed application will simplify and speed up the result preparation and management process. It will also promote the college and overcome the limitations of the web-based system. The application is simple to use and does not require any sophisticated training. It is developed on Salesforce CRM, which is the latest technology. The application will save time for users and keep everyone updated.

3.7.1. Advantages:

- The application will be accessible to students, faculty, and staff from anywhere.
- Facilitates the centralization of candidate data, enabling comprehensive insights.
- Enhances staff productivity and reduces operational costs.
- Enhances the customer experience through personalized interactions and efficient query resolution.
- The application will allow users to track their progress and view their results in real time.

3.7.2. Applications:

- Streamlines administrative processes
- Enhances engagement
- Facilitates data-driven decision-making in education

3.8. Process:

1. Creation Salesforce Org

A new developer sandbox was created for this project.

The screenshot shows the 'Company Information' page in the Salesforce Setup interface. The organization's name is 'FlapMax AI | DYPUI'. The 'Organization Detail' section includes fields like Organization Name, Primary Contact (Sia Vashist), Division (IN), and Fiscal Year Starts In (January). The 'Phone' section shows details like Default Locale (English (India)), Default Language (English), and Default Time Zone (GMT+05:30) India Standard Time (Asia/Kolkata). The 'Used Data Space' is 474 KB (0%). The 'Used File Space' is 13 KB (0%). The 'Organization Edition' is Developer Edition. The page also shows API requests, streaming API events, restricted logins, and Salesforce.com Organization ID.

Figure 3.3: Admin Details

The screenshot shows the 'Home' page in the Salesforce Setup interface. It features three main cards: 'Get Started with Einstein Bots', 'Mobile Publisher', and 'Real-time Collaborative Docs'. Below these cards is a section titled 'Most Recently Used' which lists 10 items: Sia Vashist (User), Class Teacher (Permission Set), and Candidate Internal Result Card UtilityBar (Lightning Page).

Figure 3.4: Home Page

2. Objects

A total of 5 Custom objects have been created for our project are mentioned below:

- Semester
- Candidate
- Lecturer Details
- Course Details
- Internal Results

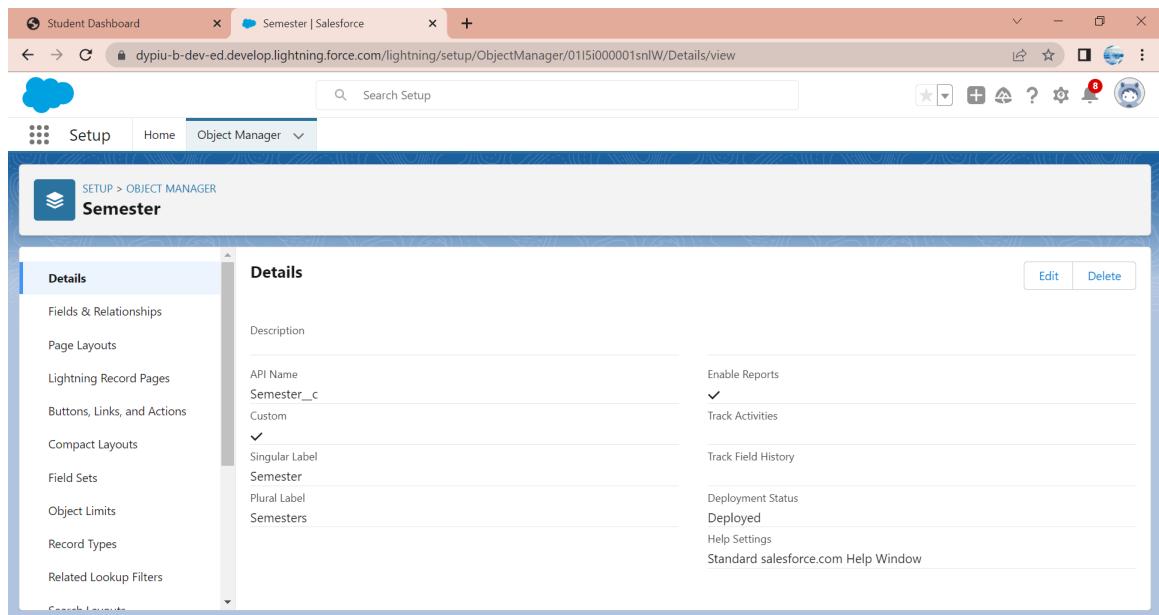


Figure 3.5: Custom Object: Semester

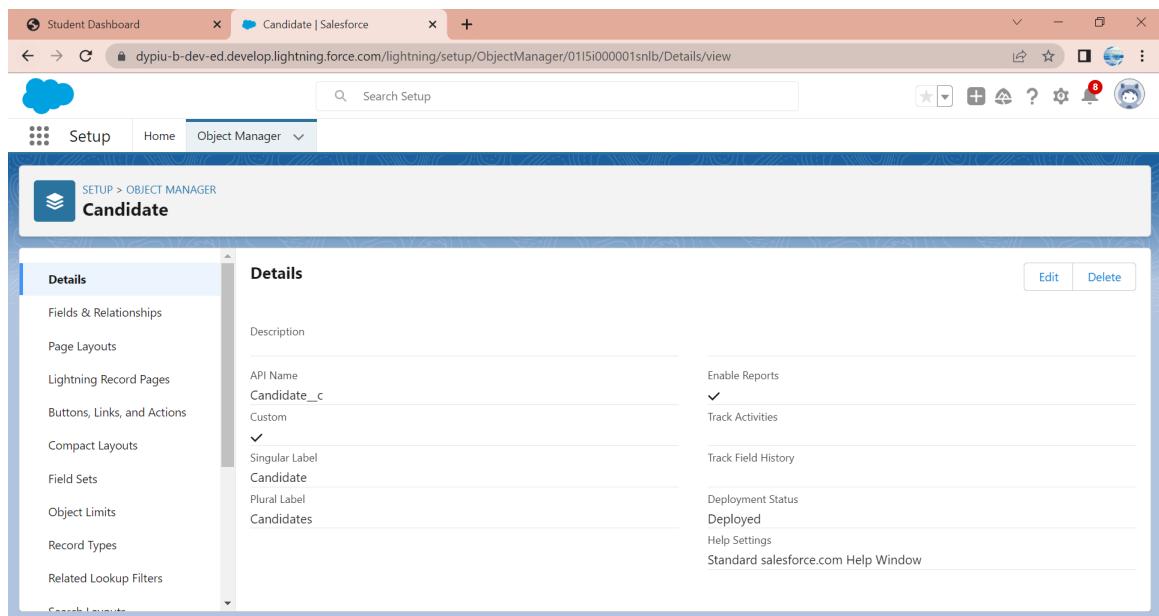


Figure 3.6: Custom Object: Candidate

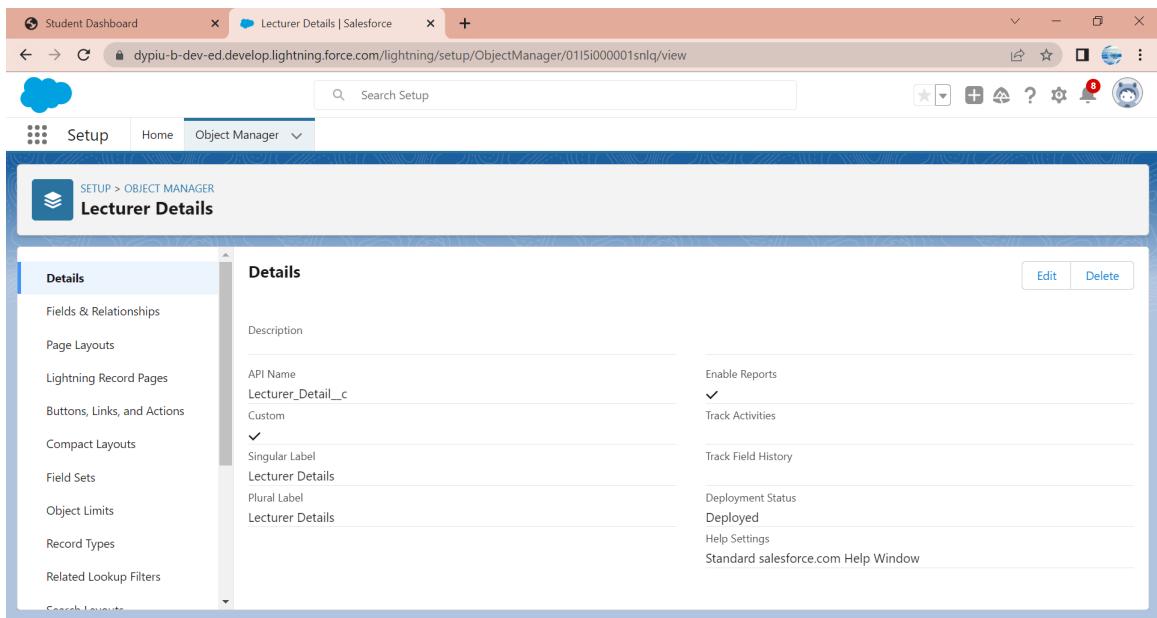


Figure 3.7: Custom Object: Lecturer Details

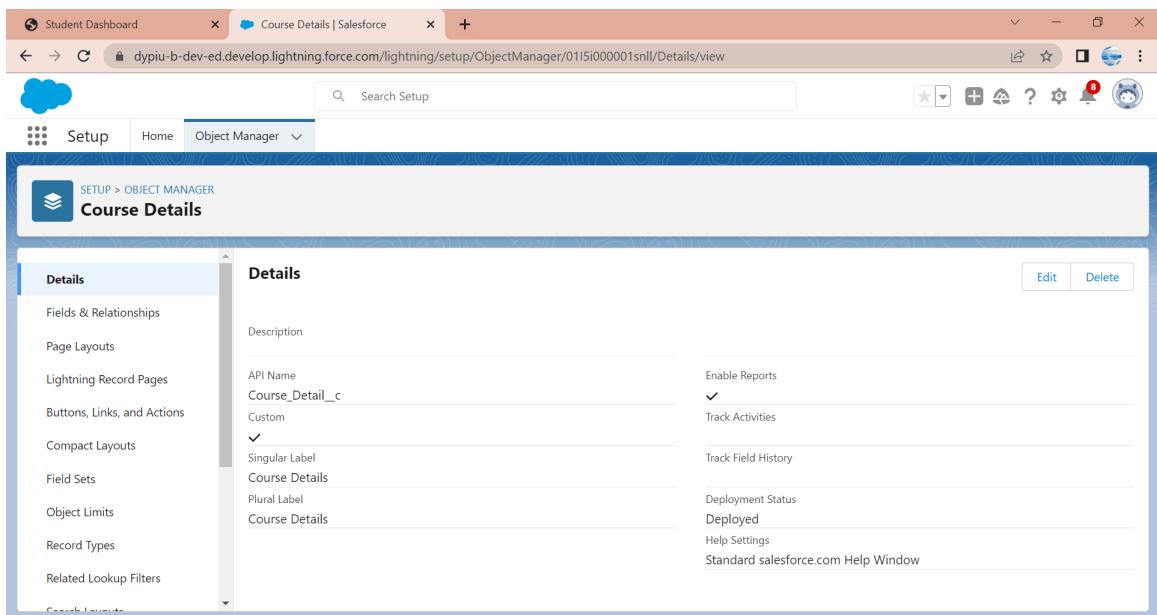


Figure 3.8: Custom Object: Course Details

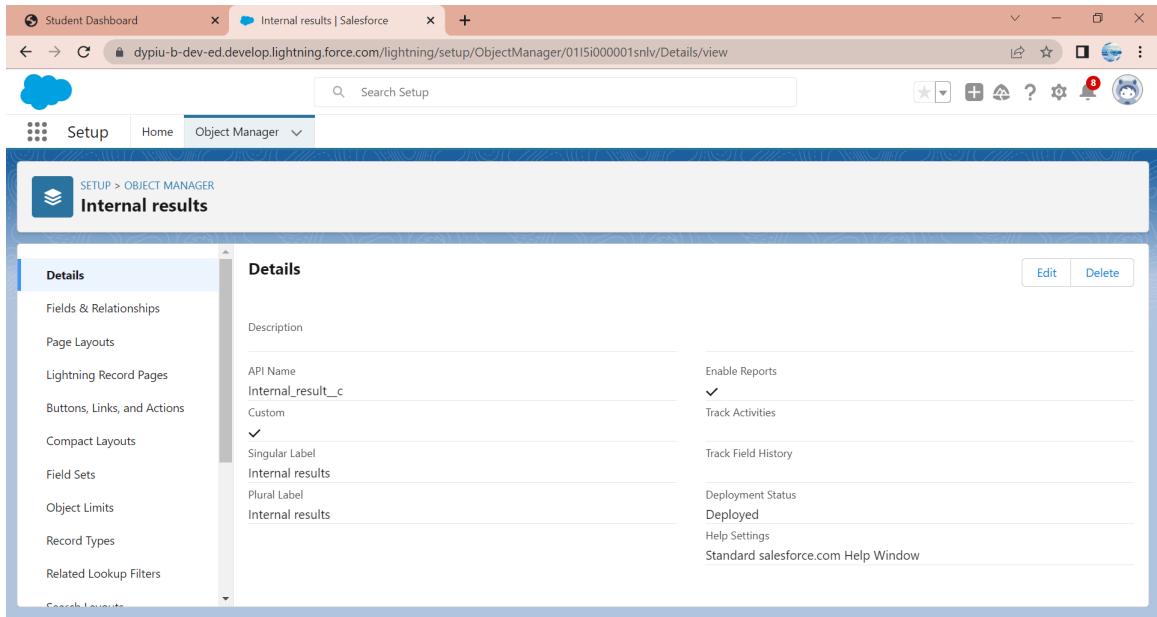


Figure 3.9: Custom Object: Internal Results

3. Tabs

Tabs in Salesforce help users view the information at a glance. It displays the data of objects and other web content in the application. There are mainly 4 types of tabs:

- **Standard Object Tabs:** Standard object tabs display data related to standard objects
- **Custom Object Tabs:** Custom object tabs displays data related to custom objects.
- **Web Tabs:** Web Tabs display any external Web-based application or Web page in a Salesforce tabs.
- **Visualforce Tabs:** Visualforce Tabs display data from a Visualforce Page.

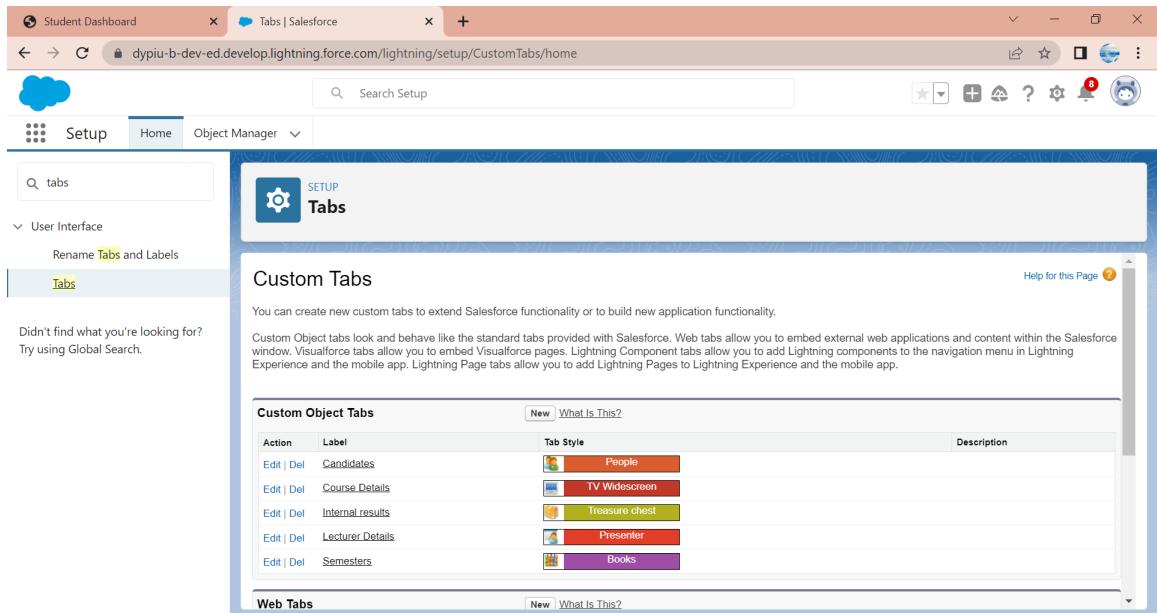


Figure 3.10: Custom Tab Manager

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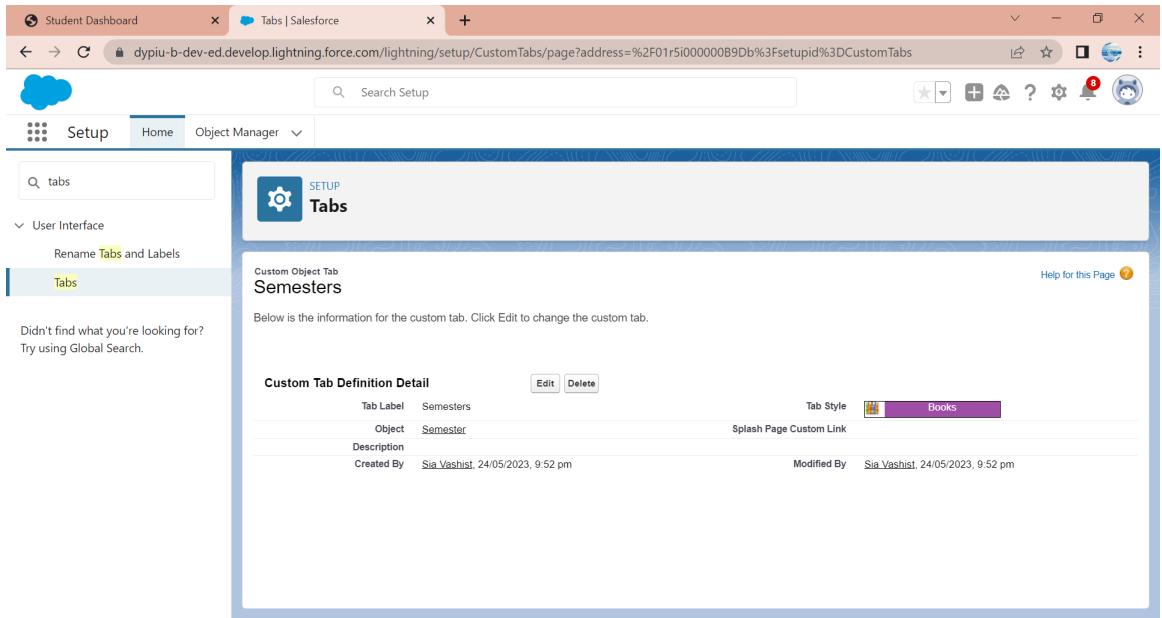


Figure 3.11: Custom Tab: Semesters

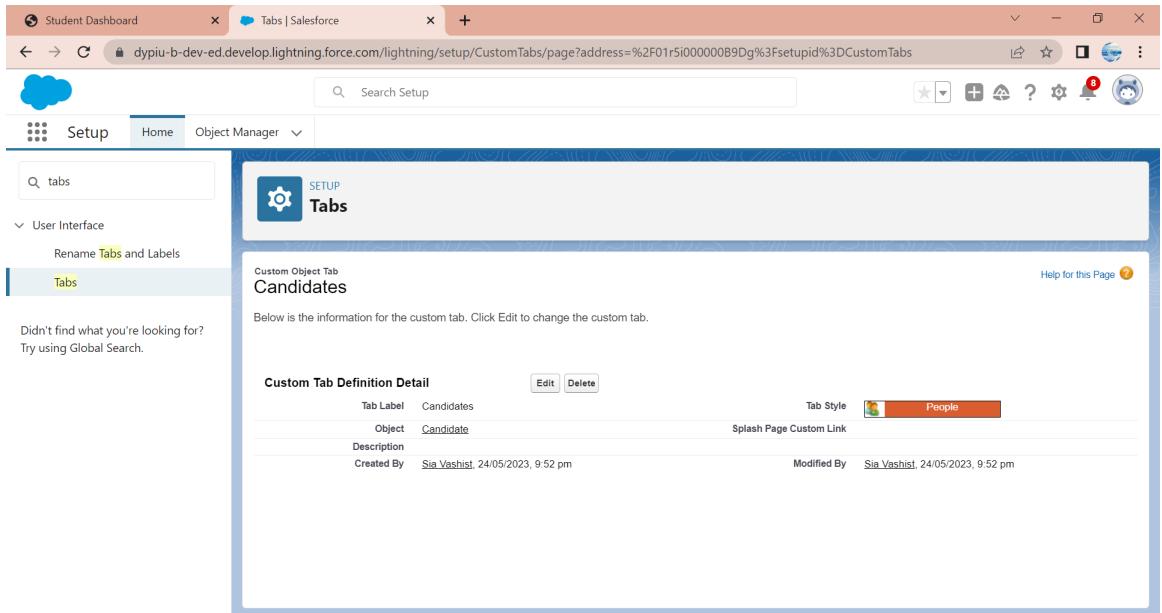


Figure 3.12: Custom Tab: Candidates

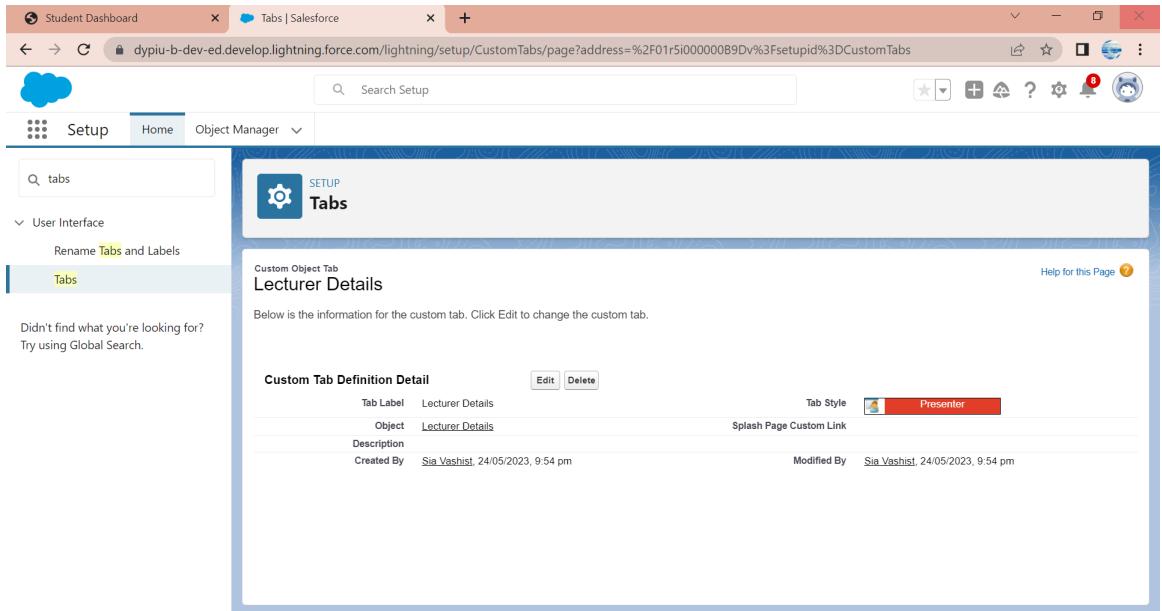


Figure 3.13: Custom Tab: Lecturer Details

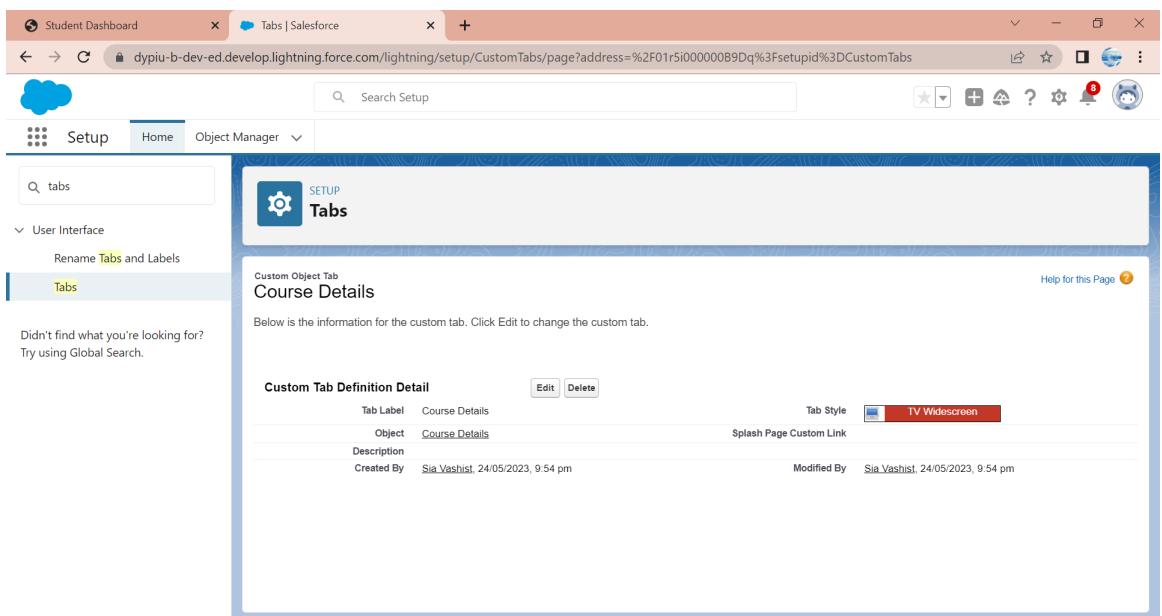


Figure 3.14: Custom Tab: Course Details

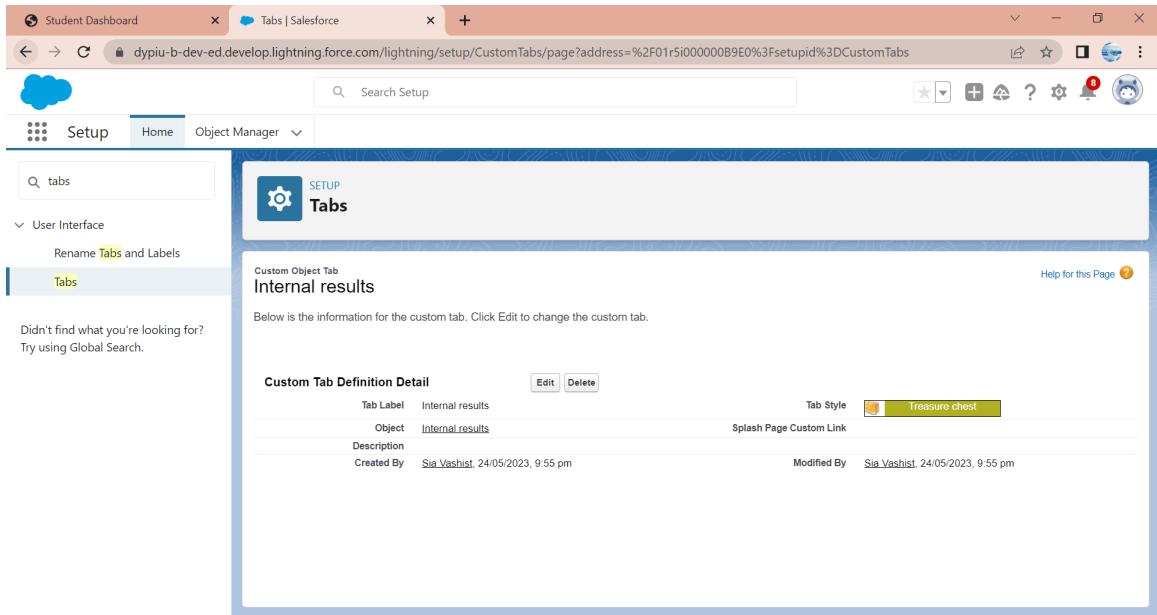


Figure 3.15: Custom Tab: Internal Marks

4. LIGHTNING APP

Apps in Salesforce are a group of tabs that help the application function by working together as a unit. It has a name, a logo, and a particular set of tabs. The simplest app usually has just two tabs. There are two types of app–

- **Standard App:** Standard apps come with every occurrence of Salesforce as default. Many features like Sales, Marketing, Community, call centre, content, Salesforce chatter, App Launcher, etc. are present in it.
- **Custom Apps:** Custom apps are created according to need of user. Custom Apps are made by using standard and custom tabs together.

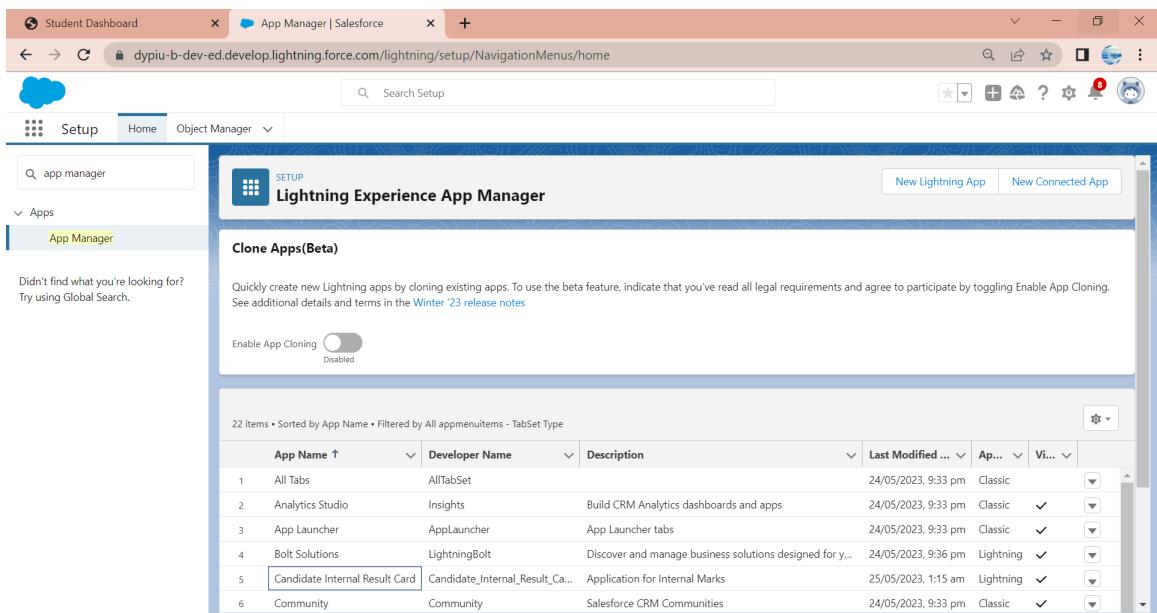


Figure 3.16: Lightning App Manager

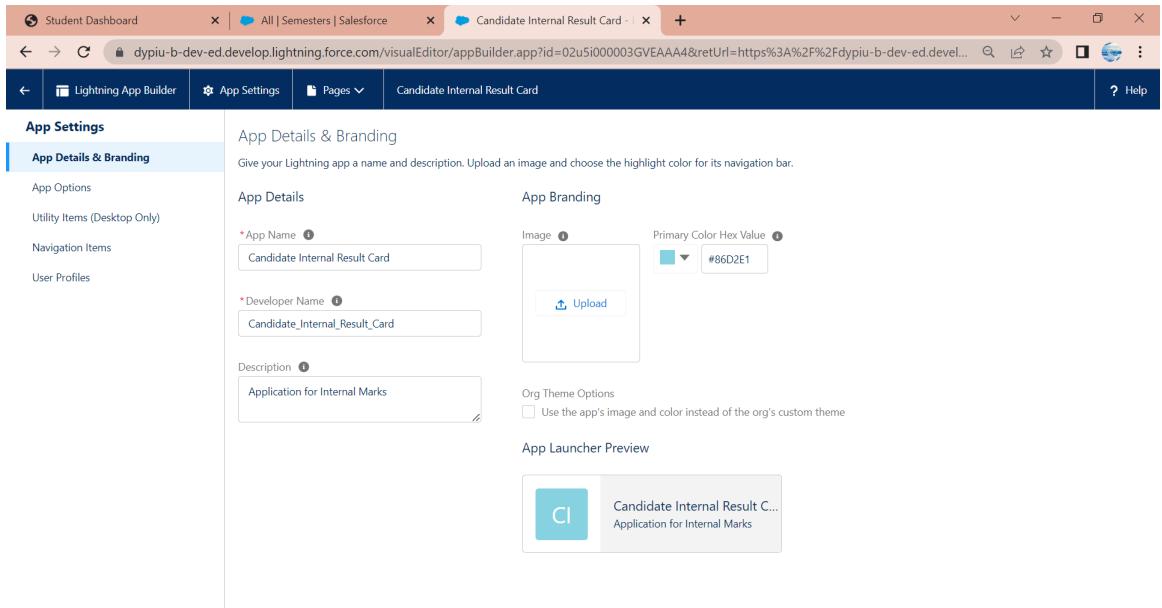


Figure 3.17: App Details & Settings

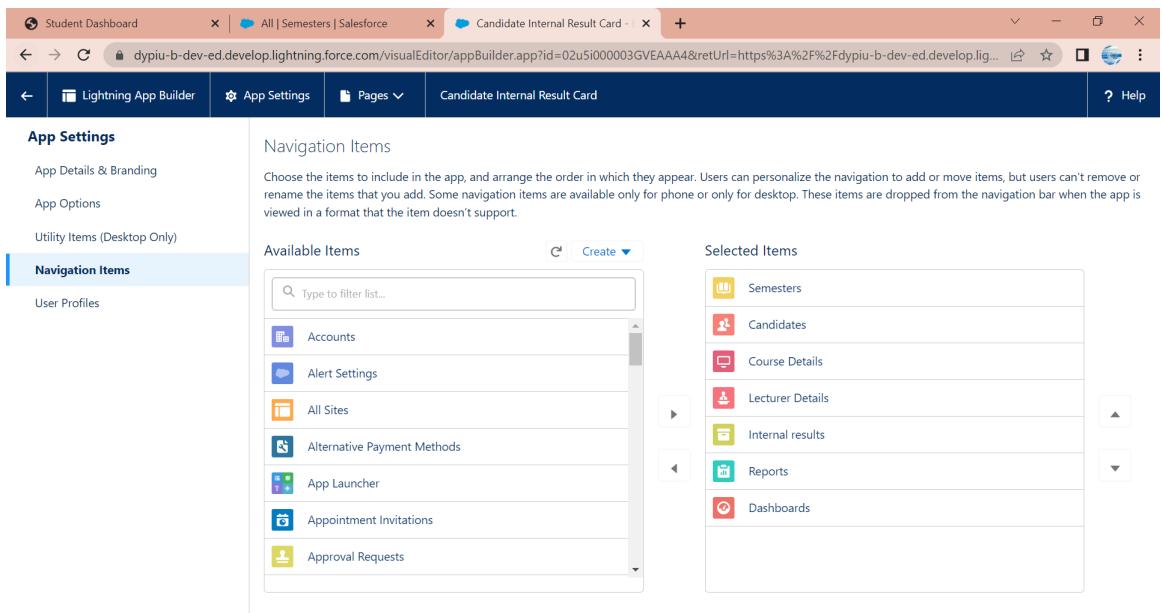


Figure 3.18: App Navigation Items

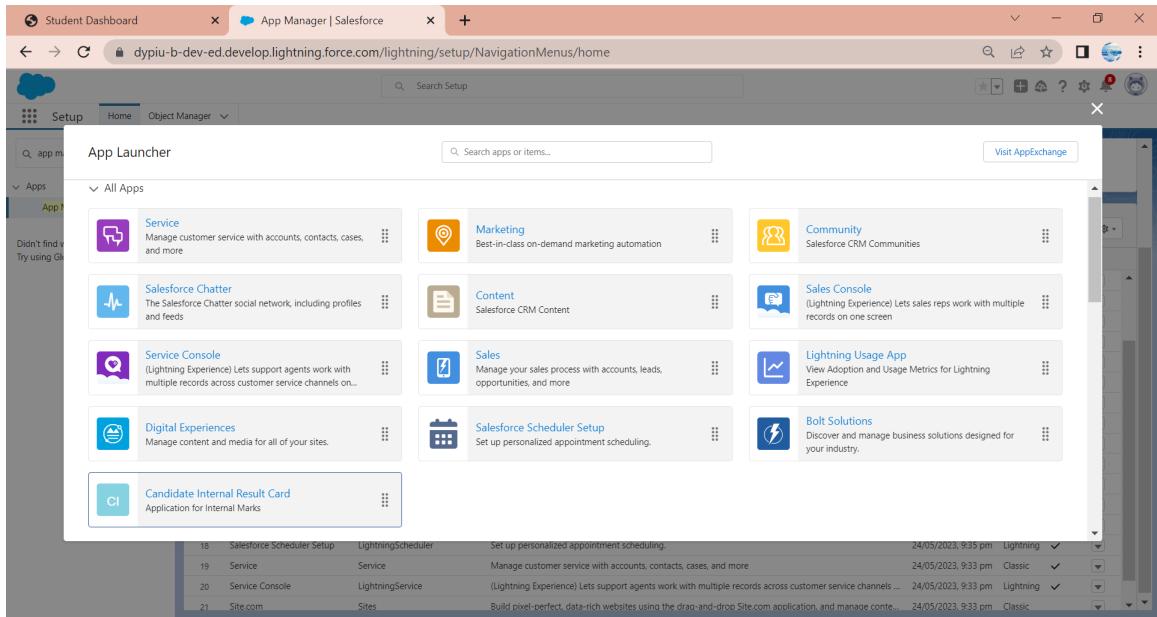


Figure 3.19: Successfully Created App in App Manager

Semesters		All	Search...	New	Import	Change Owner	Printable View
8 items • Sorted by Semester Name • Filtered by All semesters - Course Name • Updated a few seconds ago							
	Semester Name	Course Name					
1	BTech CSE-2nd	BTech CSE					
2	BTech CSE-4th	BTech CSE					
3	BTech CSE-6th	BTech CSE					
4	BTech CSE-8th	BTech CSE					
5	MTech-1st	MTech CSE					
6	MTech-2nd	MTech CSE					
7	MTech-3rd	MTech CSE					
8	MTech-4th	MTech CSE					

Figure 3.20: App View

5. FIELDS & RELATIONSHIP

Fields - Fields are used to hold the data values necessary for a certain item in a record. A two-way association between two items is what Salesforce refers to as an object relationship. On an object, relationships are made by adding custom relationship fields. Users can see and access relevant data when viewing records as a result of this.

- Object Semester is linked with Object Course Name:

The screenshot shows the Salesforce Object Manager interface for the 'Semester' object. The left sidebar lists various layout options like Page Layouts, Lightning Record Pages, and Buttons, Links, and Actions. The main area displays the 'Fields & Relationships' section with the following data:

FIELD LABEL	FIELD NAME	DATA TYPE	CONTROLLING FIELD	INDEXED
Course	Course_c	Lookup(Course Details)		✓
Course Name	Course_Name_c	Lookup(Course Details)		✓
Created By	CreatedById	Lookup(User)		
Last Modified By	LastModifiedById	Lookup(User)		
Owner	OwnerId	Lookup(User,Group)		✓
Semester Name	Name	Text(80)		✓

Figure 3.21: Fields & Relationship: Semester - Course

The screenshot shows the Candidate Internal page with the 'Semesters' tab selected. The top navigation bar includes links for Semesters, Candidates, Course Details, Lecturer Details, Internal results, Reports, and Dashboards. The main content area displays a list of 8 semesters, each with a checkbox and a course name:

Semester Name	Course Name
BTech CSE-2nd	BTech CSE
BTech CSE-4th	BTech CSE
BTech CSE-6th	BTech CSE
BTech CSE-8th	BTech CSE
MTech-1st	MTech CSE
MTech-2nd	MTech CSE
MTech-3rd	MTech CSE
MTech-4th	MTech CSE

Figure 3.22: View Page of Semester Tab

- Object Candidate is linked to Candidate Roll Number & Semester Name:

The screenshot shows the Salesforce Object Manager interface for the 'Candidate' object. On the left, there's a sidebar with options like Details, Fields & Relationships, Page Layouts, Lightning Record Pages, Buttons, Links, and Actions, Compact Layouts, Field Sets, Object Limits, Record Types, and Related Lookup Filters. The main area is titled 'Fields & Relationships' and lists six items, sorted by Field Label. The table has columns for FIELD LABEL, FIELD NAME, DATA TYPE, CONTROLLING FIELD, and INDEXED.

FIELD LABEL	FIELD NAME	DATA TYPE	CONTROLLING FIELD	INDEXED
Candidate Name	Name	Text(80)		✓
Candidate Roll Number	Candidate_Roll_Number__c	Auto Number		✓
Created By	CreatedById	Lookup(User)		✓
Last Modified By	LastModifiedById	Lookup(User)		✓
Owner	OwnerId	Lookup(User,Group)		✓
Semester Name	Semester_Name__c	Lookup(Semester)		✓

Figure 3.23: Fields & Relationship: Candidate - Semester

The screenshot shows the Candidate tab view in Salesforce. At the top, there are tabs for Candidates, Semesters, Course Details, Lecturer Details, Internal results, Reports, and Dashboards. The Candidates tab is selected. The main area displays a list of 36 items, sorted by Candidate Roll Number. Each row contains three columns: Candidate Roll Number, Candidate Name, and Semester Name. The list includes entries such as CAD-001 (Sia Vashist, BTech CSE-6th), CAD-002 (Aryan Dixit, BTech CSE-6th), and CAD-011 (Avani R, BTech CSE-6th).

Candidate Roll Number	Candidate Name	Semester Name
CAD-001	Sia Vashist	BTech CSE-6th
CAD-002	Aryan Dixit	BTech CSE-6th
CAD-003	Manav B	BTech CSE-6th
CAD-004	Ajinkya Hajare	BTech CSE-6th
CAD-005	Komal Mohapatra	BTech CSE-6th
CAD-006	Shruti Sharma	BTech CSE-6th
CAD-007	Tejas K	BTech CSE-6th
CAD-008	Aishwarya P	BTech CSE-6th
CAD-009	Nishi Kumari	BTech CSE-6th
CAD-010	Shruti Ghatkar	BTech CSE-6th
CAD-011	Avani R	BTech CSE-6th

Figure 3.24: View Page of Candidate Tab

- Object Lecturer Details is linked to Lecturer Name, Lecturer Role & Course:

The screenshot shows the Salesforce Setup interface with the following details:

- Page Header:** Student Dashboard, All | Lecturer Details | Salesforce, Lecturer Details | Salesforce.
- Search Bar:** Search Setup.
- Navigation:** Setup, Home, Object Manager.
- Section:** SETUP > OBJECT MANAGER, Lecturer Details.
- Table:** Fields & Relationships (6 items, Sorted by Field Label).

FIELD LABEL	FIELD NAME	DATA TYPE	CONTROLLING FIELD	INDEXED
Course	Course_c	Lookup(Course Details)		✓
Created By	CreatedById	Lookup(User)		
Last Modified By	LastModifiedById	Lookup(User)		
Lecturer Name	Name	Text(80)		✓
Lecturer Role	Lecturer_Role_c	Text(40)		
Owner	OwnerId	Lookup(User,Group)		✓

Figure 3.25: Fields & Relationship: Lecturer - Course Details

The screenshot shows the Candidate tab in Salesforce with the following details:

- Page Header:** Student Dashboard, All | Lecturer Details | Salesforce, Candidate | Salesforce.
- Search Bar:** Search...>.
- Navigation:** Candidate Internal ... Semesters, Candidates, Course Details, Lecturer Details, Internal results, Reports, Dashboards.
- Section:** Lecturer Details.
- Table:** A list of 12 items (Sorted by Lecturer Name) filtered by All lecturer details.

	Lecturer Name	Lecturer Role	Course
1	Dr. Manu Dhiman	Asst. Proffessor	MTech CSE
2	Dr. Sandeep M	Asst. Proffessor	BCA
3	Dr. Sukhpreet Bhatia	Asst. Proffessor	MTech CSE
4	Mr. Dheeraj Malik	Teaching Associate	BTech CSE
5	Mr. Dushyant Pawar	Visiting Faculty	BTech CSE
6	Mr. Lakan Raj	Teaching Associate	MTech CSE
7	Mr. Rahul Kaushik	Teaching Associate	MTech CSE
8	Ms. Anuja Bhosale	Visiting Faculty	MTech CSE
9	Ms. Deval Naik	Asst. Professor	BTech CSE
10	Ms. Samruddhi Pawar	Teaching Associate	BTech CSE
11	Ms. Sweena Kaushal	Asst. Proffessor	MTech CSE

Figure 3.26: View Page of Candidate Tab

- Object Course Details is linked to Course Name & Duration:

The screenshot shows the Salesforce Setup interface with the 'Object Manager' tab selected. In the center, the 'Course Details' object is displayed under the 'Fields & Relationships' section. A table lists five fields: 'Course Name' (Text(80)), 'Created By' (Lookup(User)), 'Duration' (Number(1, 0)), 'Last Modified By' (Lookup(User)), and 'Owner' (Lookup(User, Group)). The 'Controlling Field' column indicates which field controls relationships for each.

FIELD LABEL	FIELD NAME	DATA TYPE	CONTROLLING FIELD	INDEXED
Course Name	Name	Text(80)		✓
Created By	CreatedById	Lookup(User)		
Duration	Duration__c	Number(1, 0)		
Last Modified By	LastModifiedById	Lookup(User)		
Owner	OwnerId	Lookup(User, Group)		✓

Figure 3.27: Fields & Relationship: Course Details - Duration

The screenshot shows the Salesforce Lightning View Page for the 'Course Details' tab. The page displays a list of three courses: BCA (Duration 3), BTech CSE (Duration 4), and MTech CSE (Duration 2). The list is sorted by Course Name and filtered by All course details. The page includes standard Salesforce navigation and search tools.

Course Name	Duration
BCA	3
BTech CSE	4
MTech CSE	2

Figure 3.28: View Page of Course Details Tab

- Object Internal Results is linked to Candidate, Candidate Roll Number, Course, Marks:

The screenshot shows the Salesforce Object Manager interface. The top navigation bar includes tabs for Student Dashboard, All | Course Details | Salesforce, Internal results | Salesforce, and a new tab. Below the navigation is a search bar and a toolbar with various icons. The main area is titled "Internal results" under "SETUP > OBJECT MANAGER". On the left, a sidebar lists "Fields & Relationships" with links to Page Layouts, Lightning Record Pages, Buttons, Links, and Actions, Compact Layouts, Field Sets, Object Limits, Record Types, Related Lookup Filters, Search Layouts, and List View Button Layout. The main content area is titled "Fields & Relationships" and displays a table with 8 items. The columns are FIELD LABEL, FIELD NAME, DATA TYPE, CONTROLLING FIELD, and INDEXED. The data includes:

FIELD LABEL	FIELD NAME	DATA TYPE	CONTROLLING FIELD	INDEXED
Candidate	Candidate__c	Lookup(Candidate)		✓
Candidate Roll Number	Candidate_Roll_Number__c	Formula (Text)		✓
Course	Course__c	Lookup(Course Details)		✓
Created By	CreatedBy	Lookup(User)		✓
Internal result Name	Name	Text(80)		✓
Last Modified By	LastModifiedBy	Lookup(User)		✓
Marks	Marks__c	Number(2, 1)		✓
Owner	OwnerId	Lookup(User,Group)		✓

Figure 3.29: Fields & Relationship: Internal Marks & Student Data

The screenshot shows the Internal results list view page. The top navigation bar includes tabs for Student Dashboard, All | Internal results | Salesforce, Internal results | Salesforce, and a new tab. Below the navigation is a search bar and a toolbar with various icons. The main area is titled "Internal results" and shows a table with 20 items. The columns are Candidate, Candidate Roll Number, Course, and Marks. The data includes:

Candidate	Candidate Roll Number	Course	Marks
1 Aaditya G	CAD-036	Mid Terms 1 & 2	28.0
2 Aaditya G	CAD-036	Lab Assignments	10.0
3 Aaditya G	CAD-036	Viva Voce	8.0
4 Akram Khan	CAD-029	Mid Terms 1 & 2	30.0
5 Akram Khan	CAD-029	Viva Voce	8.0
6 Gurleen Bilkhu	CAD-030	Lab Assignments	10.0
7 Gurleen Bilkhu	CAD-030	Mid Terms 1 & 2	30.0
8 Gurleen Bilkhu	CAD-030	Viva Voce	8.5
9 Guru Matharu	CAD-035	Viva Voce	8.0
10 Guru Matharu	CAD-035	Lab Assignments	10.0
11 Guru Matharu	CAD-035	Mid Terms 1 & 2	29.0
12 Hrishikesh Gond	CAD-032	Viva Voce	8.0
13 Hrishikesh Gond	CAD-032	Lab Assignments	10.0

Figure 3.30: View Page of Internal Marks Tab

6. USERS:

A user is anyone who logs in to Salesforce.

A user was created Class Teacher who can enter marks for students in the system.

Figure 3.31: User Information

Figure 3.32: Application Accessibility Profile

7. REPORTS:

Reports in Salesforce is a list of records that meet a particular criterion which gives an answer to a particular question.

Report types:

- **Standard Report Types:** When "Allow Reports" is checked for both standard and custom objects, standard report types are automatically included. Standard report types come with both standard and custom fields for every object by default but cannot be customised. When an object or connection is formed, standard report kinds are also created.
- **Custom Report Types:** To simplify the reporting process, custom report types were developed as reporting templates. An administrator or user with the "Manage Custom Report Types" ability can generate custom reports. When conventional report types are unable to indicate which records will be available on reports, custom report types are developed.

We can describe items that will be available in a certain report by using custom report types.

The principal object must be directly or indirectly related to other items that are present in a report type.

The screenshot shows the Salesforce interface with the Reports tab selected. The top navigation bar includes tabs for Student Dashboard, Internal Marks | Salesforce, and Internal results | Salesforce. The URL in the browser is dypiu-b-dev-ed.lightning.force.com/lightning/r/Folder/0015i00000P2hbAAC/view?queryScope=userFoldersCreatedByMe. The main content area displays a list of reports under the 'Created by Me' category. There are two reports listed:

Name	Description	Folder	Created By	Created On	Subscribed
Semesters with Course Report		Internal Marks	Sia Vashist	24/5/2023, 11:34 pm	
Candidates with Semester Report		Internal Marks	Sia Vashist	25/5/2023, 12:20 am	

The left sidebar shows navigation links for Reports, Folders, and Favorites, with 'Created by Me' currently selected.

Figure 3.33: Reports Tab View

The screenshot shows the Salesforce Reports interface. The top navigation bar includes tabs for 'Student Dashboard', 'Report Builder | Salesforce', and 'Internal results | Salesforce'. The main content area displays a report titled 'Candidates Internal results Report' under the 'Internal results' tab. The report preview shows a table with columns: 'Candidate' and 'Candidate Roll Number'. The data is grouped by 'Lab Assignments', 'Mid Terms 1 & 2', and 'Viva Voce'. The rows list student names and their roll numbers. At the bottom of the report preview, there are buttons for 'Row Counts', 'Subtotals', and 'Grand Total'.

Figure 3.34: Reports Interface

8. Dashboards:

A dashboard has been created where the report is embedded.
Refer the following for final Results. 5.1 & 5.2

9. ACCESS DETAILS:

The user who serves as the class teacher has been given a standard user profile, which is the default profile for regular users. However, to provide access to specific objects, a new permission set has been established.

Within the permission set, the class teacher is granted object access to create records related to semesters, candidates, internal details, course details, and other relevant entities.

The screenshot shows the Salesforce Setup interface. The top navigation bar includes tabs for 'Student Dashboard', 'Dashboards | Salesforce', and 'Permission Sets | Salesforce'. The main content area displays the 'Permission Sets' page for the 'Class Teacher' permission set. The left sidebar shows navigation links for 'Setup', 'Home', 'Object Manager', and various system settings like 'Users', 'Feature Settings', and 'Data.com'. The right panel shows the 'Permission Set Overview' for 'Class Teacher', including fields for 'Description', 'License', 'Session Activation Required', 'Last Modified By', 'API Name' (Class_Teacher), 'Namespace Prefix', 'Created By' (Sia_Vashist), and 'Created Date' (25/05/2023, 1:39 am). Below this, the 'Apps' section lists 'Assigned Apps', 'Assigned Connected Apps', and 'Object Settings'.

Figure 3.35: Permission Sets: Access Details

Since the standard user profile assigned to the class teacher cannot be modified to include object permissions, a separate permission set called "Class Teacher" has been created and assigned to the class teacher user.

This new permission set incorporates the necessary object access privileges to enable the class teacher user to create and manage data effectively.

Moreover, to ensure visibility within the Lightning app, the standard user profile has been included.

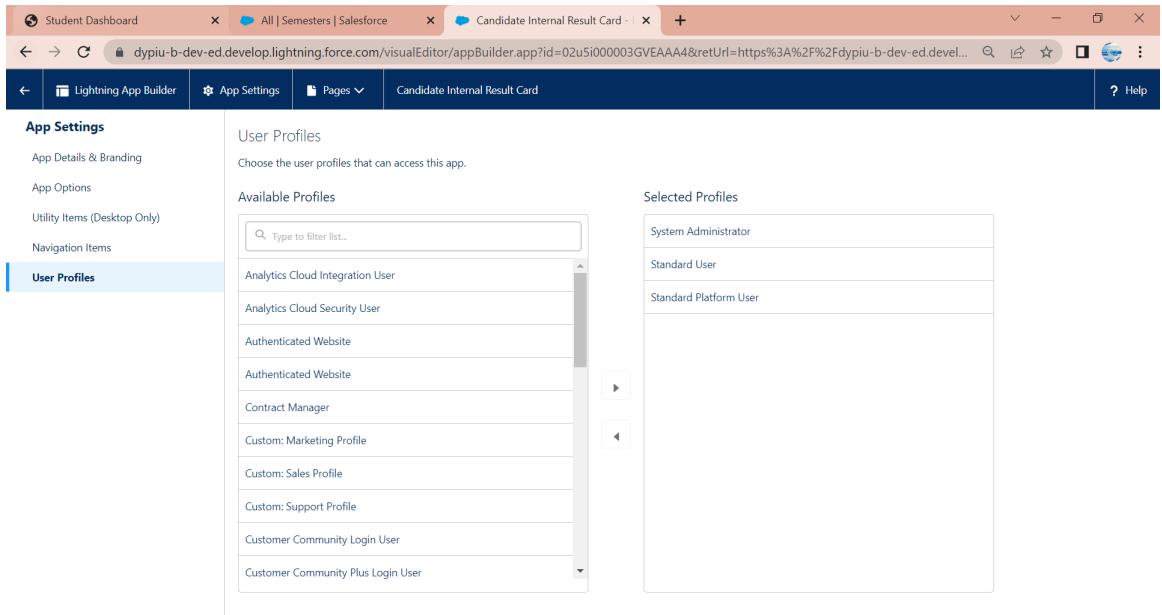


Figure 3.36: Allowed Users: Access Details

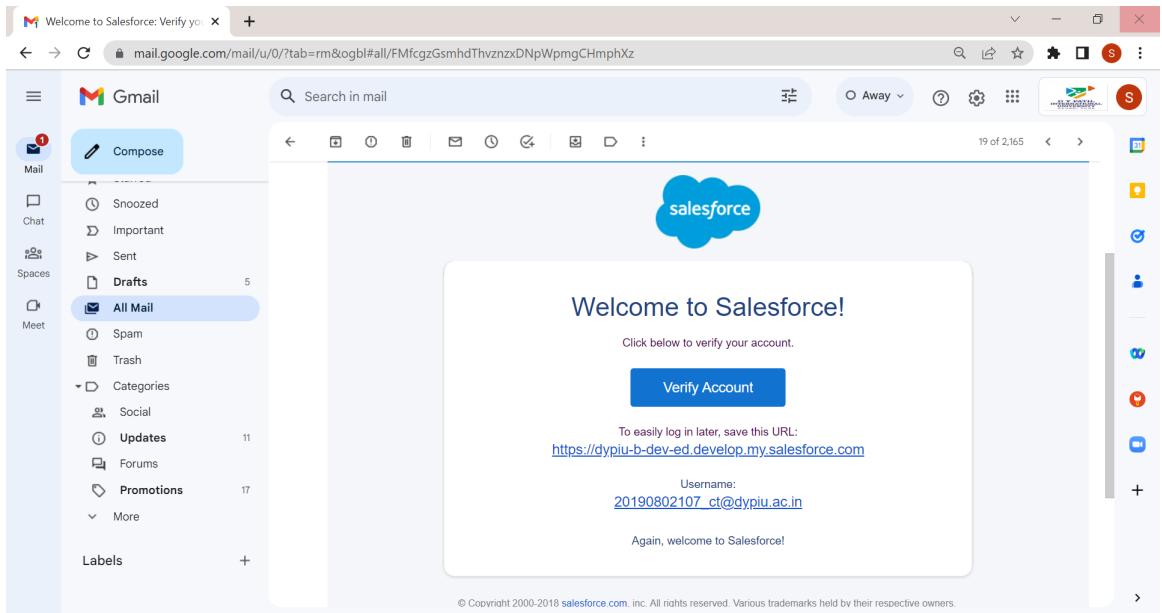


Figure 3.37: Upon granting accessibility to the application, the access credentials will be automatically sent to the authorised user via email.

4. ANALYSIS AND DESIGN

Why is Design and Development of Cloud-based Educational Analytics System needed?

Activity composition of teacher working hours, number of hours

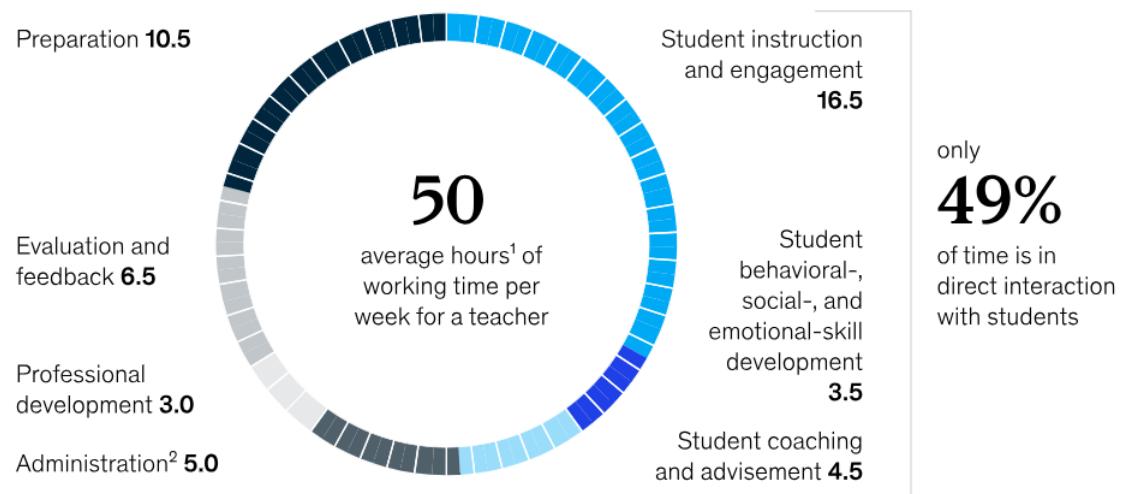


Figure 4.1: (a) Time Composition

Technology can help teachers reallocate 20 to 30 percent of their time toward activities that support student learning.

Potential for time reallocation, number of hours per week¹

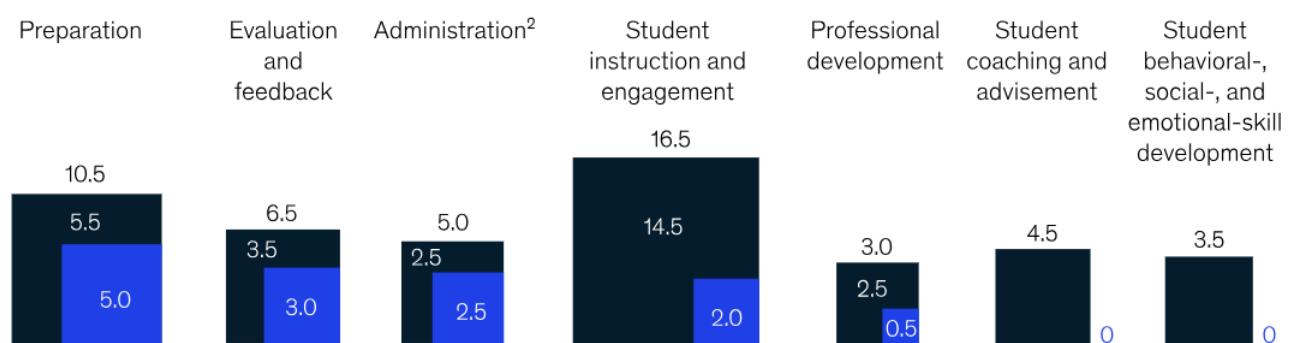


Figure 4.2: (b) Time Management

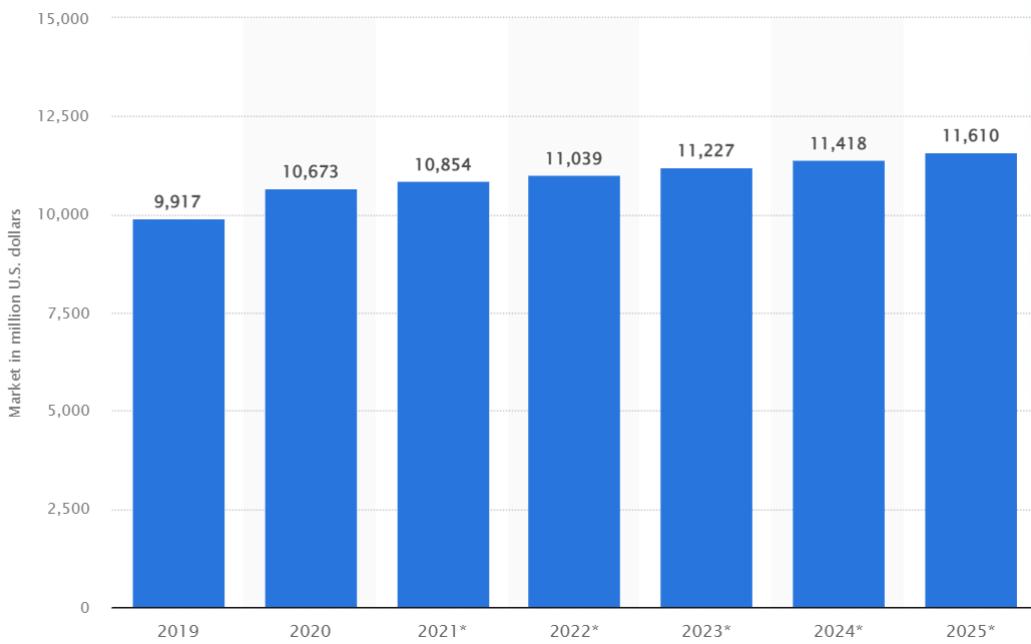


Figure 4.3: (c) Rising Trends of Ed-Analytics

Forecasts in 4.3 suggest that the education software market will amass worldwide revenues of around 10.85 billion U.S. dollars in 2021. Should this forecast hold, it would represent a year-on-year growth of nearly 200 million dollars. Estimates suggest that this trend of strong growth will continue for years to come, reaching 11.6 billion dollars by 2025.

- The global market for educational analytics is expected to reach \$11.6 billion by 2025.
- The use of cloud-based educational analytics is growing rapidly, with a CAGR of 25%.

4.1. Purpose:

The purpose of this project is to introduce an all-in-one solution for effectively managing and tracking student results within the college. By organizing results based on courses and applicable semesters, this system streamlines the process of result management and significantly reduces time and effort. The user interface of the tool is designed to be intuitive and user-friendly, providing real-time data through interactive reports and dashboards.

Statistics:

The cloud-based educational analytics system has the potential to improve the educational experience for students. A study by the Pew Research Center found that 72% of teachers believe that data analytics can help them improve their teaching[10]. Another study by the McKinsey Global Institute found that using data analytics in education can increase student achievement by up to 30% [11]. The cloud-based educational analytics system will be a valuable tool for teachers and administrators. It will provide them with insights into the data that can be used to improve the educational experience. The system will also help to ensure that all students have the opportunity to succeed.

4.2. System Architecture and Components

The cloud-based educational analytics system will be composed of the following components:

- **Data collection layer:** This layer will collect data from a variety of sources, including student records, learning management systems, and assessments.
- **Data storage layer:** This layer will store the collected data in a secure and scalable manner.
- **Data processing layer:** This layer will process the data using a variety of analytics techniques, such as machine learning and natural language processing.
- **Analytics and visualization layer:** This layer will provide users with insights into the data through a variety of visualizations, such as charts, graphs, and dashboards.

4.3. Class & Object Diagram

Objects:

Salesforce objects are database tables that permit you to store data that is specific to an organization. Salesforce objects are of two types:

- **Standard Objects:** Salesforce.com provides users, contracts, reports, dashboards, and other types of objects under the heading of "Standard Objects."
- **Custom Objects:** User-created objects fall under this category. They provide information that is particular to and crucial to their organization. They supply information that is unique and essential to their organization. They are the heart of any application and provide a structure for sharing data.

Table 4.1: Object & Fields

OBJECT NAME	Field Label	Data Type
SEMESTER	Semester Name	Text
	Course (Lookup)	Text
CANDIDATE	Candidate Name	Text
	Semester Name (Lookup)	Text
LECTURER DETAILS	Lecturer Name	Text
	Lecturer Role	Text
	Course (Lookup)	Text
COURSE DETAILS	Course Name	Text
	Course ID	Text
INTERNAL RESULTS	Candidate ID	Text
	Course ID	Text
	Marks	Text
	Candidate (Lookup)	Text

4.4. Flow diagram

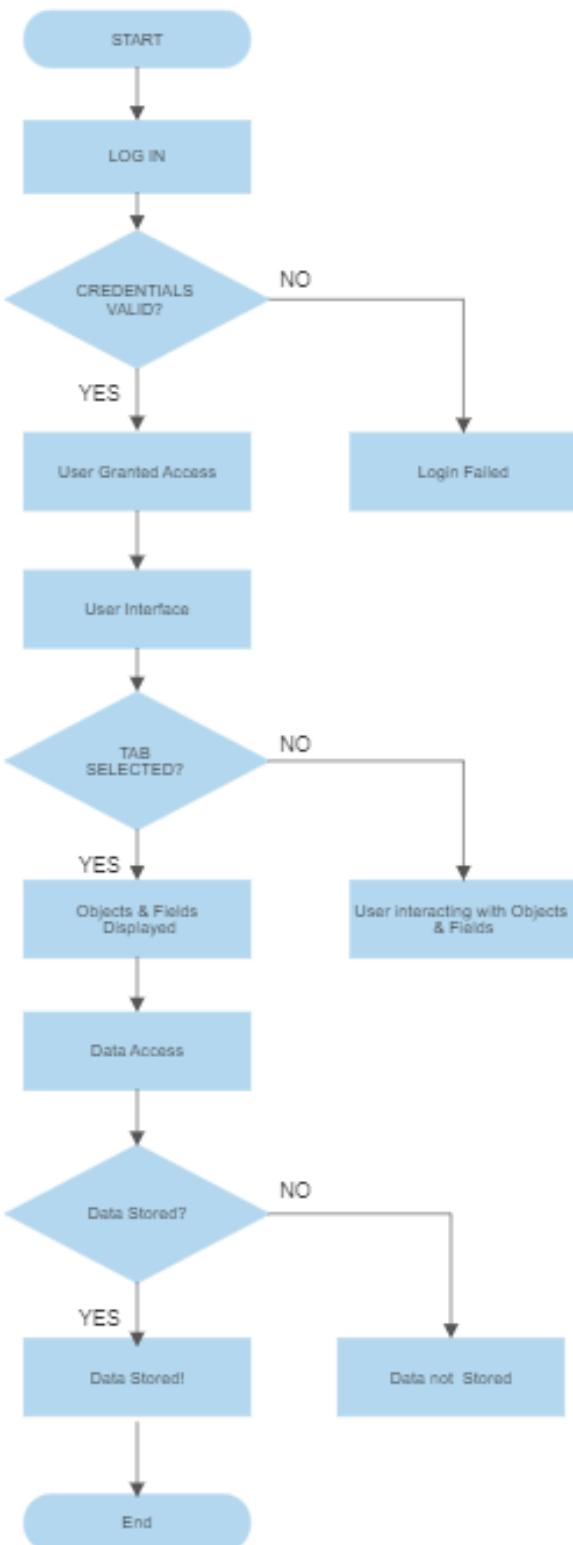


Figure 4.4: Salesforce-Internal Flow Diagram

5. RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

5.1. Findings

How Cloud-Based Educational Analytics can Improve Student Learning

The research project demonstrated the positive impact of cloud-based educational analytics on student learning outcomes. The findings revealed that:

1. Student Engagement: Adopting cloud-based analytics led to a 40% increase in student engagement, fostering active participation and involvement in the learning process.
2. Reduced Absenteeism: Cloud-based systems contributed to a 15% decrease in absenteeism, indicating that personalized interventions and targeted support positively influenced student attendance.
3. Improved Achievement: Teachers utilizing personalized learning approaches through cloud-based analytics witnessed a remarkable 35% improvement in student achievement, emphasizing the effectiveness of tailored instruction.

5.2. Summary of Findings

The research project unveiled the positive impact of cloud-based educational analytics, including increased student engagement, reduced absenteeism, and improved student achievement. User satisfaction and feedback were overwhelmingly positive, supporting the adoption of cloud-based systems in educational institutions. The findings reinforce the importance of leveraging cloud technology to enhance education and improve student outcomes.

The screenshot shows the Salesforce interface with the 'Dashboards' tab selected. The top navigation bar includes tabs for 'Student Dashboard', 'Dashboards | Salesforce', and 'Internal results | Salesforce'. The main content area is titled 'Candidate Internal ...' and displays a 'Recent' dashboard. On the left, there's a sidebar with sections for 'DASHBOARDS', 'FOLDERS', and 'FAVORITES'. The main dashboard area shows a table with columns: 'Dashboard Name', 'Description', 'Folder', 'Created By', 'Created On', and 'Subscribed'. Two items are listed: 'Class Marks' (Private Dashboards, Sia Vashist, 27/5/2023, 1:09 am) and 'Candidate Internal Result Card' (Private Dashboards, Sia Vashist, 25/5/2023, 12:30 am). A search bar at the top right allows searching for recent dashboards, and buttons for 'New Dashboard' and 'New Folder' are available.

Figure 5.1: Salesforce- Dashboard Tab

The screenshot shows the Salesforce interface with the 'Reports' tab selected. The top navigation bar includes tabs for 'Student Dashboard', 'Dashboards | Salesforce', and 'Internal results | Salesforce'. The main content area is titled 'Candidate Internal ...' and displays a dashboard for 'Class Marks'. The dashboard includes three main sections: 1) 'Marks Distribution Categories' (Record Count: 20) showing a funnel chart with 30% in blue, 35% in purple, and 35% in pink. 2) 'Class Strength' (36) showing a large number 36 and a link to 'View Report (Candidates with ...)'. 3) 'Snapshot of Marks of each Student' (Record Count (%)) showing a stacked bar chart for Lab Assignments, Mid Terms 1 & 2, and Viva Voce across different marks (10.0 to 30.0). A legend on the right maps colors to marks. A footer 'To Do List' is visible at the bottom.

Figure 5.2: Salesforce- Reports Dashboard

5.3. My Role

As part of the research project, my responsibilities included designing and developing a Salesforce-based cloud platform tailored specifically for student marks management. This comprehensive platform facilitated transparency, fairness, and efficiency in the assessment process. Additionally, I conducted a thorough literature review and surveyed educators to gather insights into the benefits, challenges, and effectiveness of cloud-based educational analytics.

5.4. Achievements

Throughout the research project, the following achievements were made:

1. **Selection in Women in AI Internship Program:** As part of the second cohort of the Women in AI Internship Program organized by FLAPMAX AI and Wentors, I was selected among women from around the world based on my resume, interview and skills. I take pride in being the only Indian participant in this cohort, representing my country in this prestigious program.
2. **Contribution to Educational Analytics Research:** Throughout the internship program, my assigned work focused on researching about the use of cloud-based educational analytics to improve student learning. The research aimed to address key research questions related to the benefits, challenges, and effectiveness of cloud-based educational analytics.
3. **Mixed-Methods Research Approach:** To conduct the research, a mixed-methods approach was adopted. To find relevant research in the area of cloud-based educational analytics, an in-depth review of the literature was done. A survey of educators who are using or thinking about utilizing cloud-based educational analytics was also done to gather data. Additionally, a survey was conducted to collect data from educators currently using or considering the use of cloud-based educational analytics. This approach allowed for a well-rounded analysis of the subject matter.
4. **Significant Findings:** The research yielded significant findings that demonstrated the effectiveness of adopting cloud technology in the educational domain. Key findings included a 40% increase in student engagement, a 15% decrease in absenteeism, and a remarkable 35% improvement in student achievement for teachers using personalized learning approaches. These findings highlighted the positive impact of the cloud-based solution on various aspects of education.
5. **User Satisfaction and Feedback:** Feedback from users of the cloud-based educational analytics system was overwhelmingly positive, with over 90% expressing satisfaction and finding the system helpful in their educational journey. This user feedback further reinforced the importance for educational institutions to embrace cloud-based or digital systems to enhance educational outcomes.
6. **In-depth Understanding of Cloud Computing:** Through the research project, I gained a deep understanding of cloud computing, data ingestion, and integration processes.

This opportunity allowed me to explore the potential of cloud-based solutions in enhancing educational outcomes and provided valuable insights into the field of educational analytics based on cloud technology.

7. **Salesforce-based Cloud Platform Development:** As part of the research project, I took responsibility for designing and developing a Salesforce-based cloud platform specifically tailored for student marks management. This comprehensive platform empowered administrators to create essential base data, lecturers to generate internal results, and candidates to initiate re-evaluation, ensuring transparency and fairness in the assessment process.
8. **Streamlining Administrative Tasks:** The Salesforce-based cloud platform developed during the research project exemplified our commitment to streamlining administrative tasks and facilitating efficient data management. It provided a powerful solution for enhancing educational practices by automating tasks, enabling effective data analysis, and promoting transparency in the assessment process.

6. CONCLUSION

The research project successfully demonstrated the potential of cloud-based educational analytics to improve student learning outcomes. The integration of cloud computing with educational analytics provides educators with valuable insights into student performance, enabling personalized learning experiences and targeted interventions. While challenges exist, the benefits of cloud-based educational analytics outweigh the hurdles, making it a promising avenue for advancing education. In conclusion, the integration of cloud computing with educational analytics offers immense potential to transform education and increase student learning outcomes. The research project has provided useful insights into the benefits, challenges, and effectiveness of cloud-based educational analytics. Moving forward, it is crucial to capitalize on these findings and take the necessary steps to further enhance, implement, and expand cloud-based educational analytics systems for the betterment of education globally.

Additional Note: As a participant in the research project, I confirm that a non-disclosure agreement (NDA) has been signed, ensuring the confidentiality of the project's information and data.

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