Garage management system

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Summary

The **Garage Management System** is a software application designed to streamline and automate the daily operations of a vehicle service garage. The main goal of the system is to improve efficiency by managing customer information, vehicle details, service records, billing, and staff activities in a centralized platform.

This system allows garage owners and employees to easily track ongoing repairs, manage spare parts inventory, schedule maintenance services, and generate digital invoices for customers. It also helps maintain accurate records of each vehicle's service history, enabling quick access to past data and better customer service.

By reducing manual paperwork and minimizing errors, the Garage Management System enhances productivity, saves time, and ensures smoother workflow management. Overall, it provides a smart and reliable solution for modernizing garage operations and improving customer satisfaction.

1.ABSTRACT

The Garage Management System (GMS) developed using Salesforce is a comprehensive cloud-based application designed to streamline operations in automotive repair facilities. This system automates the management of customer details, appointments, service records, and billing processes.

By leveraging Salesforce's CRM (Customer Relationship Management) capabilities, the project integrates standard and custom objects, flows, validation rules, and dashboards to deliver an efficient workflow. The system reduces manual paperwork, minimizes data entry errors, and provides managers with real-time visibility into service performance.

Salesforce's cloud infrastructure ensures data is securely stored, easily accessible, and scalable. With automation tools like Flow Builder and Apex triggers, key tasks such as calculating service costs, updating statuses, and sending email alerts are executed automatically.

Ultimately, the Garage Management System enhances customer satisfaction, ensures transparency, and demonstrates the power of low-code Salesforce development in real-world business solutions.

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2.INTRODUCTION

The Garage Management System is a valuable tool for automotive repair facilities, helping them deliver top-notch service, increase operational efficiency, and build lasting customer relationships. With its user-friendly interface and powerful features, GMS empowers garages to thrive in a competitive market while ensuring a seamless and satisfying experience for both customers and staff.

Salesforce is a customer success platform designed to help users sell, service, market, analyze, and connect with customers. It provides everything needed to run a business from anywhere, including managing relationships with prospects and customers, collaborating with employees and partners, and storing data securely in the cloud. Before Salesforce, contacts, emails, follow-up tasks, and prospective deals were often disorganized. This project utilizes Salesforce to create a developer account, define custom objects, and implement automation for garage management.

To begin, a developer org was created at https://developer.salesforce.com/signup by entering details such as name, email, role (Developer), company (College Name), country (India), postal code, and a unique username in the format username@organization.com. The account was activated via email verification, and a password was set, redirecting to the Salesforce setup page.

Salesforce objects are database tables for storing organization-specific data. Standard objects include users, contracts, reports, and dashboards, while custom objects are user-created for unique information. Custom objects form the core of the application.

In this project, custom objects were created via the Setup page > Object Manager > Create > Custom Object. The objects include:

- Customer Details: Label "Customer Details", Plural "Customer Details", Record Name "Customer Name" (Text), with options for reports, field history, and search.
- Appointment: Label "Appointment", Plural "Appointments", Record Name "Appointment Name" (Auto Number, format "app-{000}", starting 1), with reports, field history, and search.
- Service Records: Label "Service records", Plural "Service records", Record Name "Service records Name" (Auto Number, format "ser-{000}", starting 1), with reports, field history, and search.
- Billing Details and Feedback: Label "Billing details and feedback", Plural "Billing details and feedback", Record Name "Billing details and feedback Name" (Auto Number, format "bill-{000}", starting 1), with reports, field history, and search.

Tabs were created for these objects to provide user interfaces. Tabs include Custom Tabs, Web Tabs, Visualforce Tabs, Lightning Component Tabs, and Lightning Page Tabs. Custom tabs were created for each object via Setup > Tabs > New, selecting the object, style, and saving.

A Lightning App named "Garage Management Application" was created, adding navigation items for the objects, reports, and dashboards, and assigning to the System Administrator profile.

3.OBJECTIVES

The primary objectives of the Garage Management System using Salesforce are:

- To automate the management of customer details, appointments, service records, and billing in automotive garages.
- To ensure data integrity through validation rules, duplicate rules, and lookup relationships.
- To provide role-based access control for managers and salespersons.
- To implement automation using flows and Apex triggers for efficient workflow.
- To generate reports and dashboards for insights into service information and performance.
- To enhance customer satisfaction by sending automated email alerts upon payment completion.

4. SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

4.1 HARDWARE REQUIREMENTS:

- Processor: Intel Core i5 or equivalent
- RAM: 8 GB minimum
- Hard Disk: 256 GB SSD
- Internet Connection: High-speed broadband for cloud access

4.2 SOFTWARE REQUIREMENTS:

- Operating System: Windows 10/11, macOS, or Linux
- Salesforce Platform: Developer Edition (free signup at developer.salesforce.com)
- No additional installations required as Salesforce is cloud-based

5. MODULES OF THE SYSTEM:

The system comprises several modules implemented through Salesforce customizations:

1. **Customer Details Module**: Manages customer information. Fields include Phone Number (Phone type) and Gmail (Email type). Matching and duplicate rules ensure uniqueness based on Gmail and Phone Number.

2. **Appointment Module**: Handles scheduling. Fields include Appointment Date (Date, required), Vehicle Number Plate (Text, length 10, required, unique), Service Amount (Currency, read-only), and checkboxes for Maintenance Service, Repairs, and Replacement Parts. Validation rule enforces vehicle number format (e.g., NOT(REGEX(Vehicle_number_plate__c, "[A-Z]{2}[0-9]{2}[A-Z]{2}[0-9]{4}")) with error "Please enter valid number").

3. **Service Records Module**: Tracks services. Fields include Service Status (Picklist: Started, Completed), Quality Check Status (Checkbox, default unchecked), and Service Date (Formula: CreatedDate). Lookup to Appointment with filter (Appointment Date < Created Date, required).

4. **Billing Details and Feedback Module**: Manages payments and feedback. Fields include Payment Status (Picklist: Pending, Completed), Payment Paid (Currency), and Rating for Service (assumed Text). Lookup to Service Records.

Validation rule for rating (NOT(REGEX(Rating_for_service__c, "[1-5]{1}")) with error "rating should be from 1 to 5").

- Lookup relationships connect modules: Appointment to Customer Details, Service Records to Appointment, Billing Details and Feedback to Service Records.
- Profiles were created: Manager (cloned from Standard User, with full access to objects, session timeout 8 hours, passwords never expire, min length 8) and Sales Person (cloned from Salesforce Platform User, with limited access).
- Roles include Manager and Sales Person under CEO. Users were created (e.g., Niklaus Mikaelson as Manager, and three Sales Persons).
- Public Group "Sales Team" includes Sales Person role.
- Sharing Settings: OWD for Service Records set to Private. Sharing rule shares Sales Person records with Manager (Read/Write).

6.TECHNOLOGIES USED

- **Salesforce Platform**: Cloud-based CRM for custom objects, tabs, apps, fields, flows, Apex, reports, and dashboards.

- **Apex Triggers and Classes:** For custom logic, e.g., AmountDistributionHandler class and trigger on Appointment for calculating Service Amount based on selected services (e.g., all three: 10000, Maintenance+Repairs: 5000).

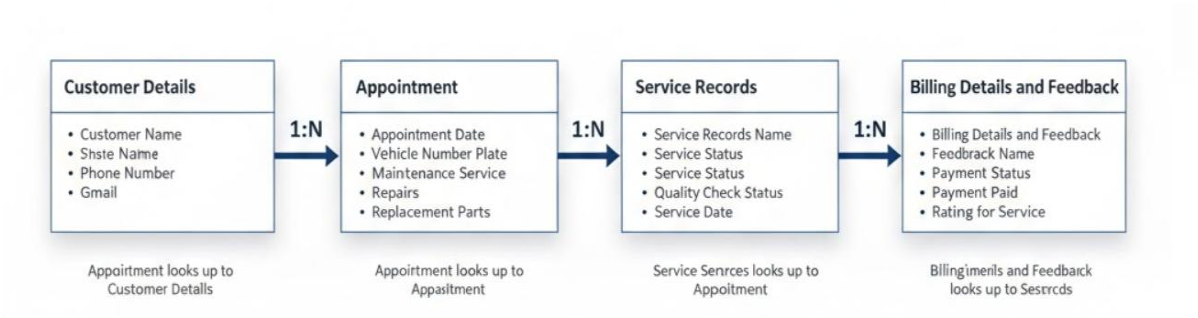
- **Flows:** Record-triggered flows for updating records (e.g., update Payment Paid on completion, send email alerts, update Service Status on quality check).

- **Validation and Matching Rules:** For data integrity.

- **Reports and Dashboards**: For analytics on service information.

7. ER DIAGRAM

The Entity-Relationship (ER) diagram represents the database structure with entities and relationships based on the custom objects created.



Relationships (Lookup, One-to-Many):

- Customer Details --(1:N)-- Appointment (Appointment looks up to Customer Details)
- Appointment --(1:N)-- Service Records (Service Records looks up to Appointment)
- Service Records --(1:N)-- Billing Details and Feedback (Billing Details and Feedback looks up to Service Records)

8. WORKFLOW DESCRIPTION

The workflow automates garage operations:

1. **Customer Registration**: Create Customer Details record with phone and email.
2. **Appointment Booking**: Create Appointment linked to Customer, enter date (must be < created date), vehicle plate (validated), select services. Apex trigger calculates Service Amount (before insert/update).
3. **Service Recording**: Create Service Records linked to Appointment. On save, if Quality Check Status is true, flow updates Service Status to Completed.
4. **Billing and Feedback**: Create Billing record linked to Service Records. On payment completion, flow updates Payment Paid from Appointment's Service Amount and sends email alert: "Dear [Customer Name], ... Amount paid: [Amount]. Thank you."
5. **Validation and Duplicates**: Rules prevent invalid data; matching rules on Customer Details prevent duplicates.
6. **Access Control**: Managers have full access; Sales Persons have limited. Sharing rules allow Managers to view/edit Sales Person records.
7. **Reports and Dashboards**: Report Type "Service Information" joins objects. Report "New Service Information Report" groups by Rating and Payment Status, with columns for Customer Name, Appointment Date, Service Status, Payment Paid. Dashboard "Service Rating Dashboard" uses line chart, subscribed weekly.

Records were created (10+ per object) to test.

9.IMPLEMENTED STEPS

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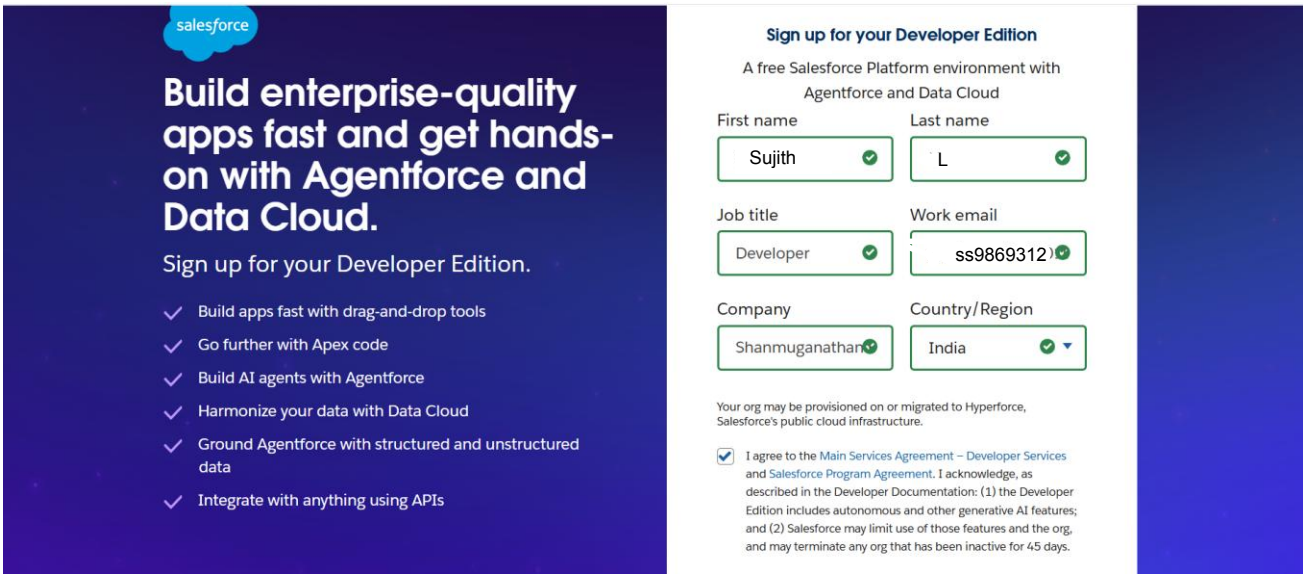

Fig:1.1 Developer Account

2. Account Activation:

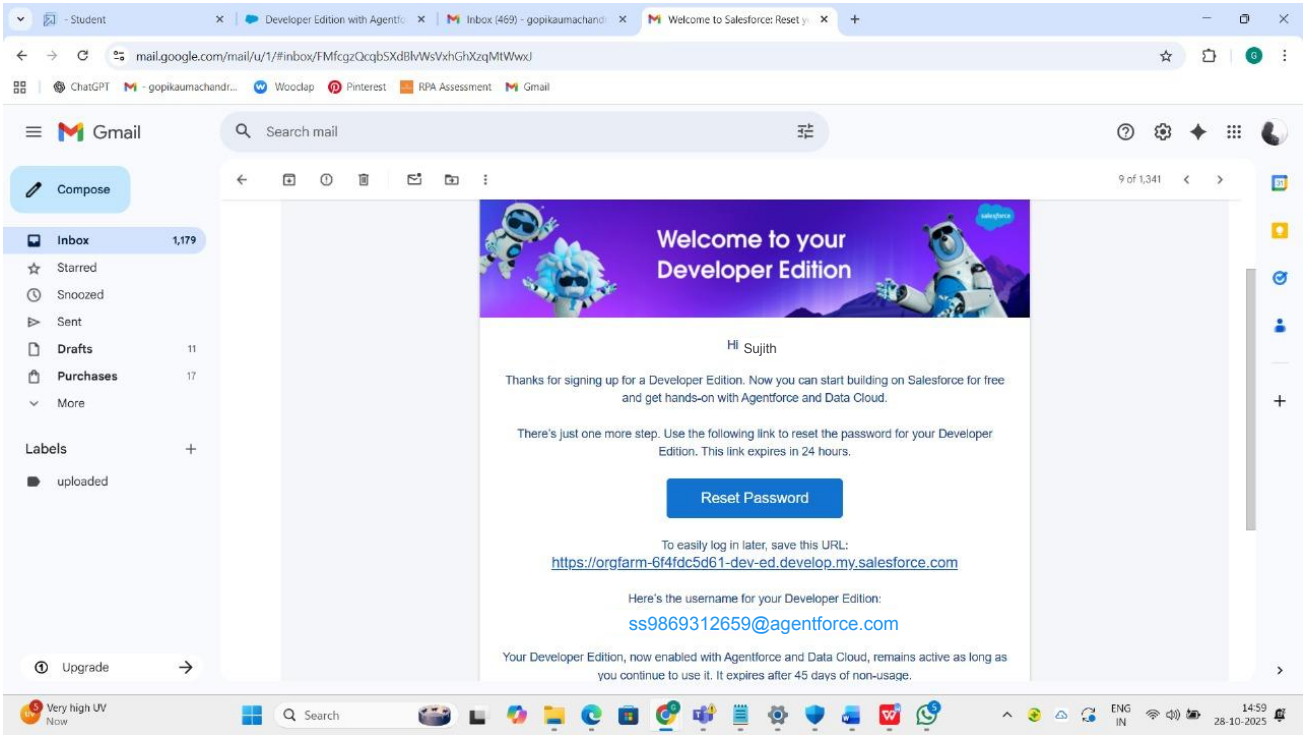

Fig:2.1 Verifying Account

3. Object Creation:

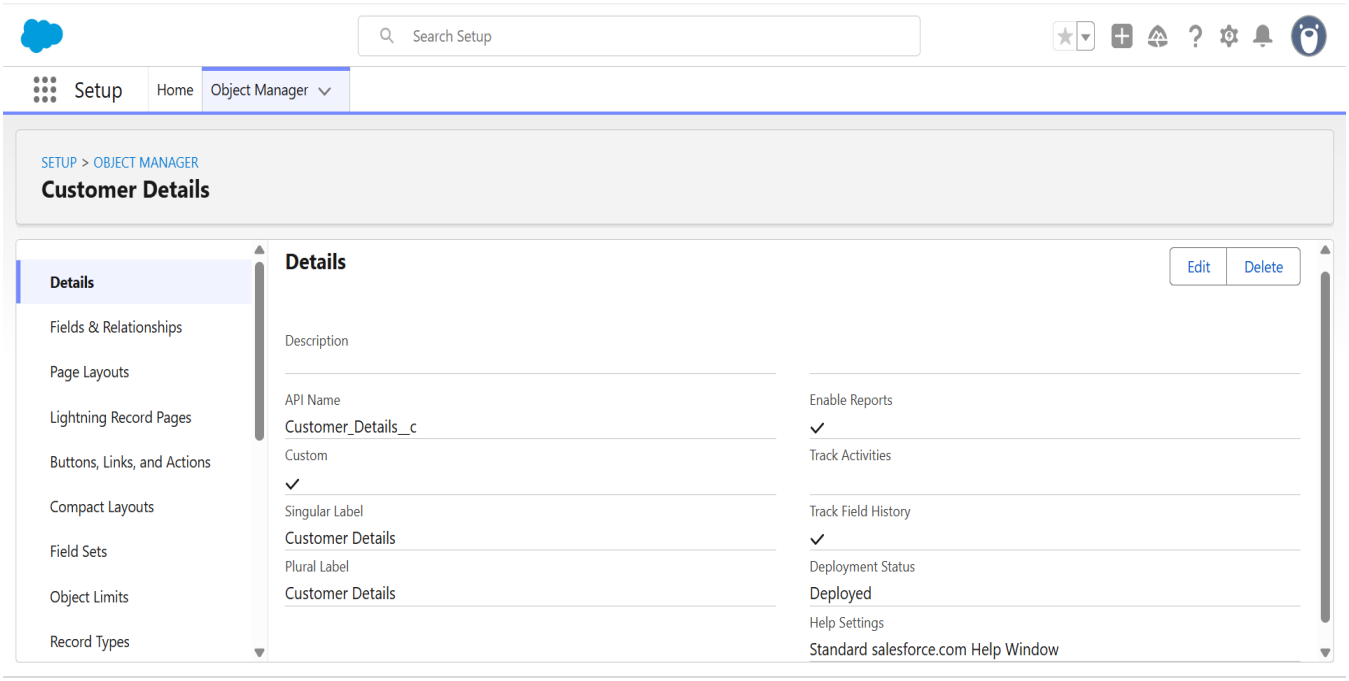

Fig :3.1 Creation of Customer details Object

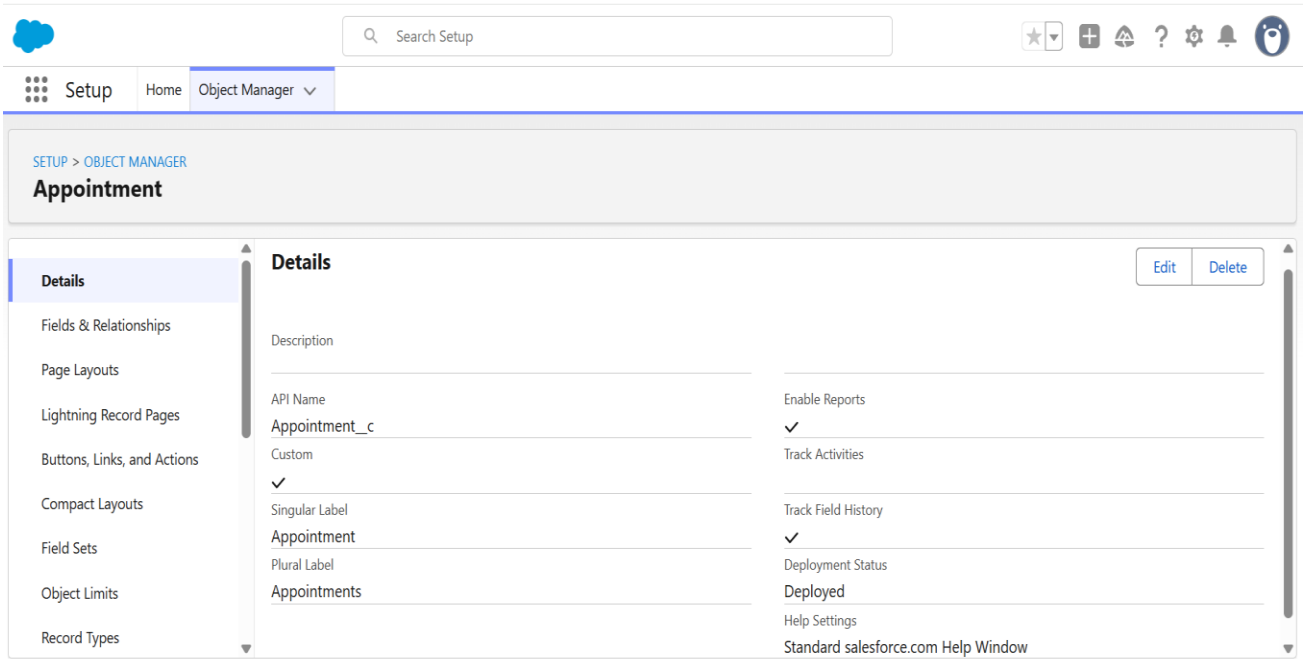

Fig :3.2 Creation of Appointment Object

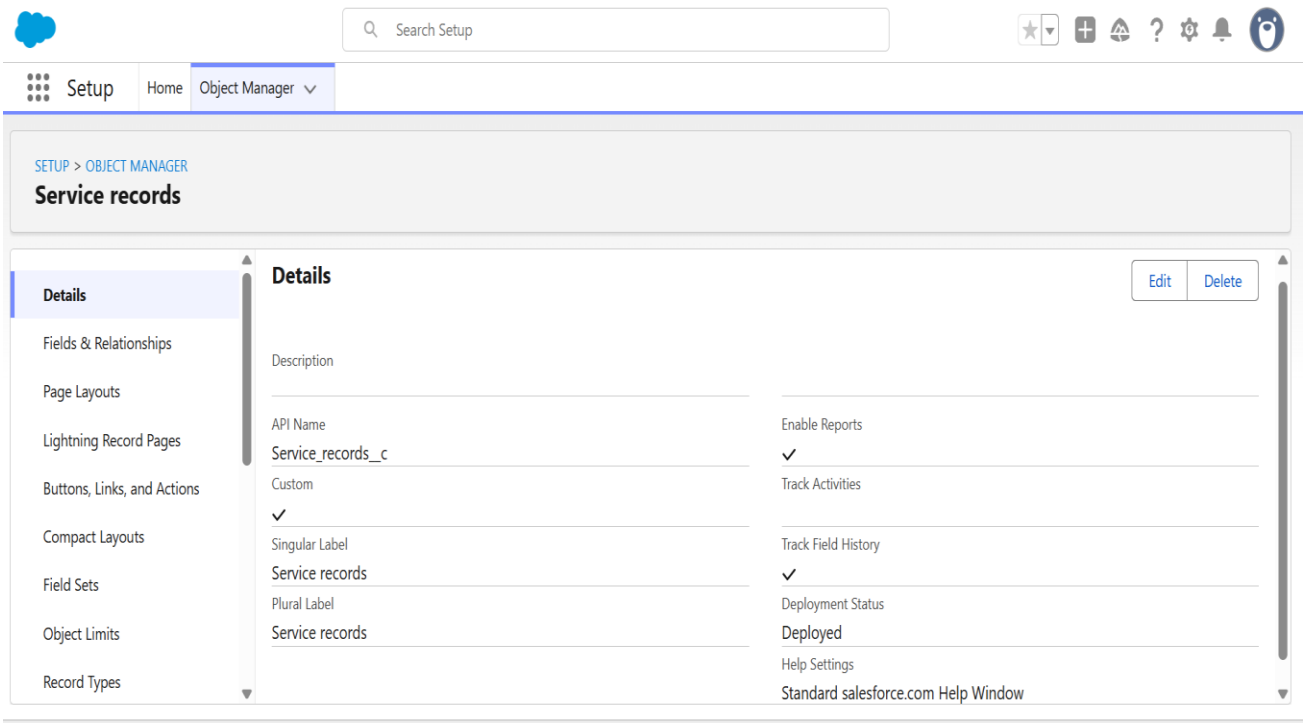

Fig :3.3 Creation of Service records Object

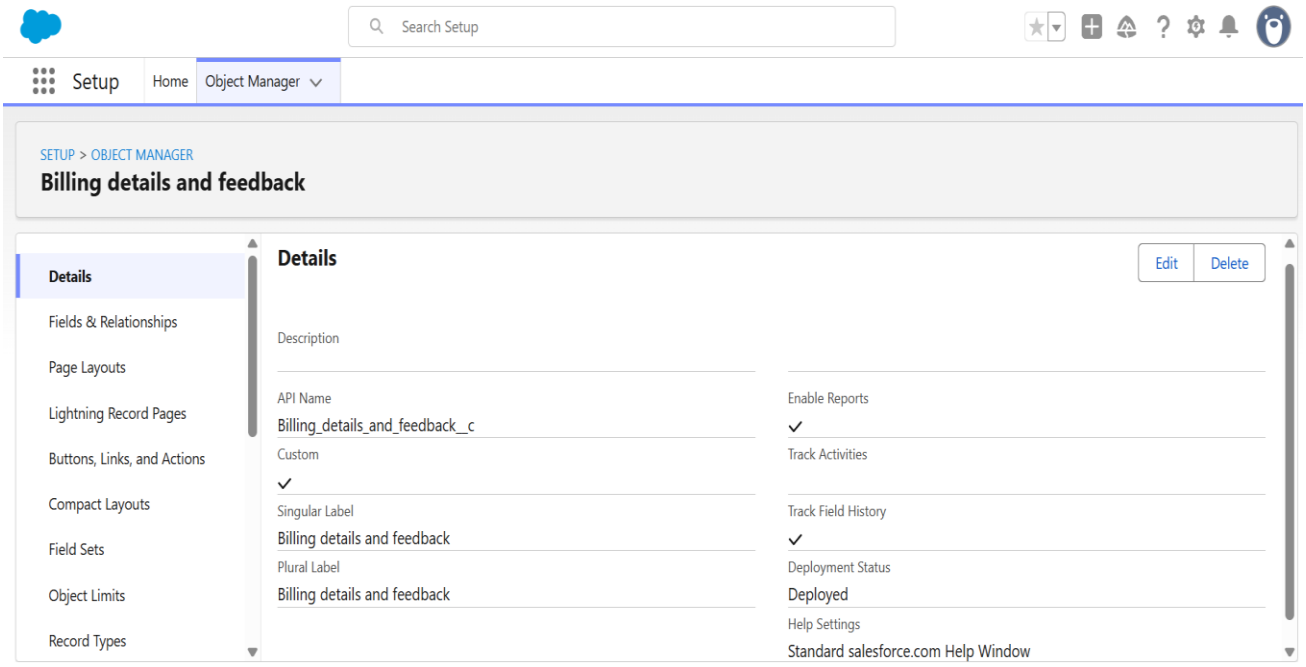

Fig :3.4 Creation of Billing details and Feedback Object

4. Tabs:

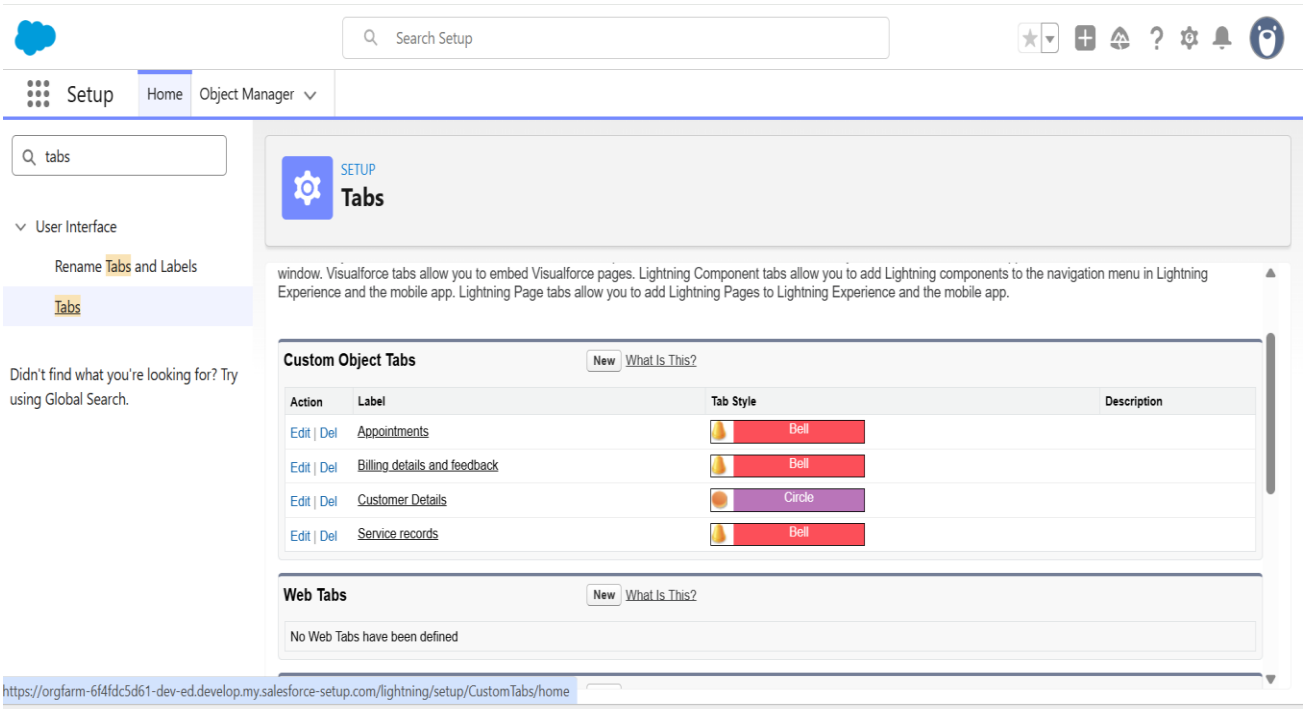

Fig :4.1 Creation of a Custom Tab

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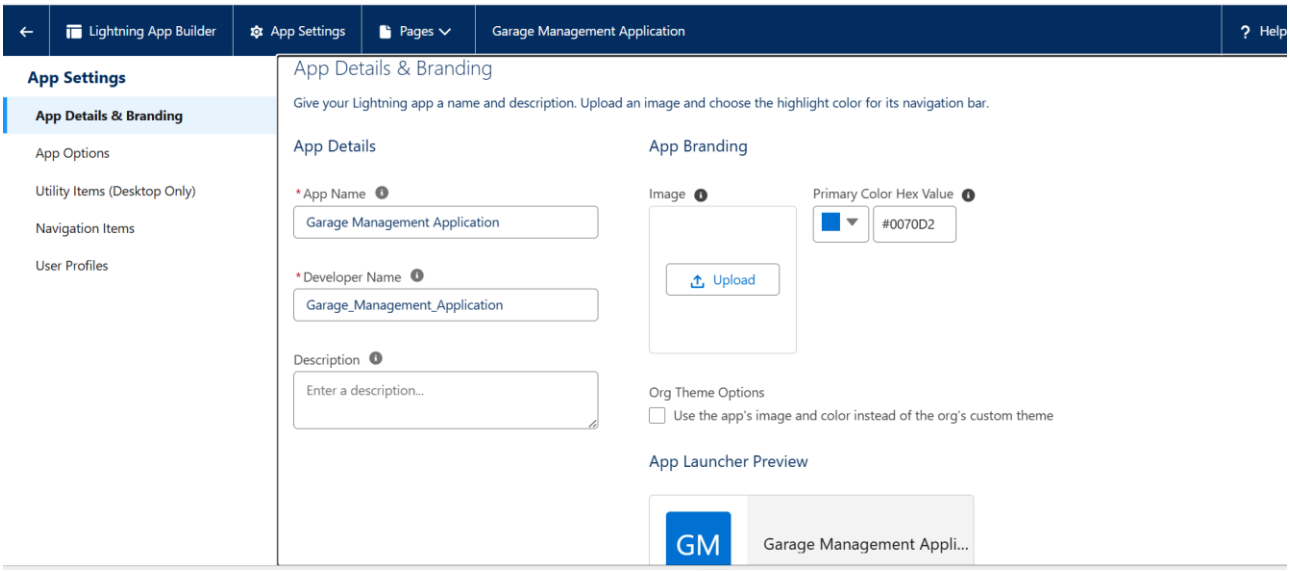

Fig :5.1 Garage Management Application

6.Fields:

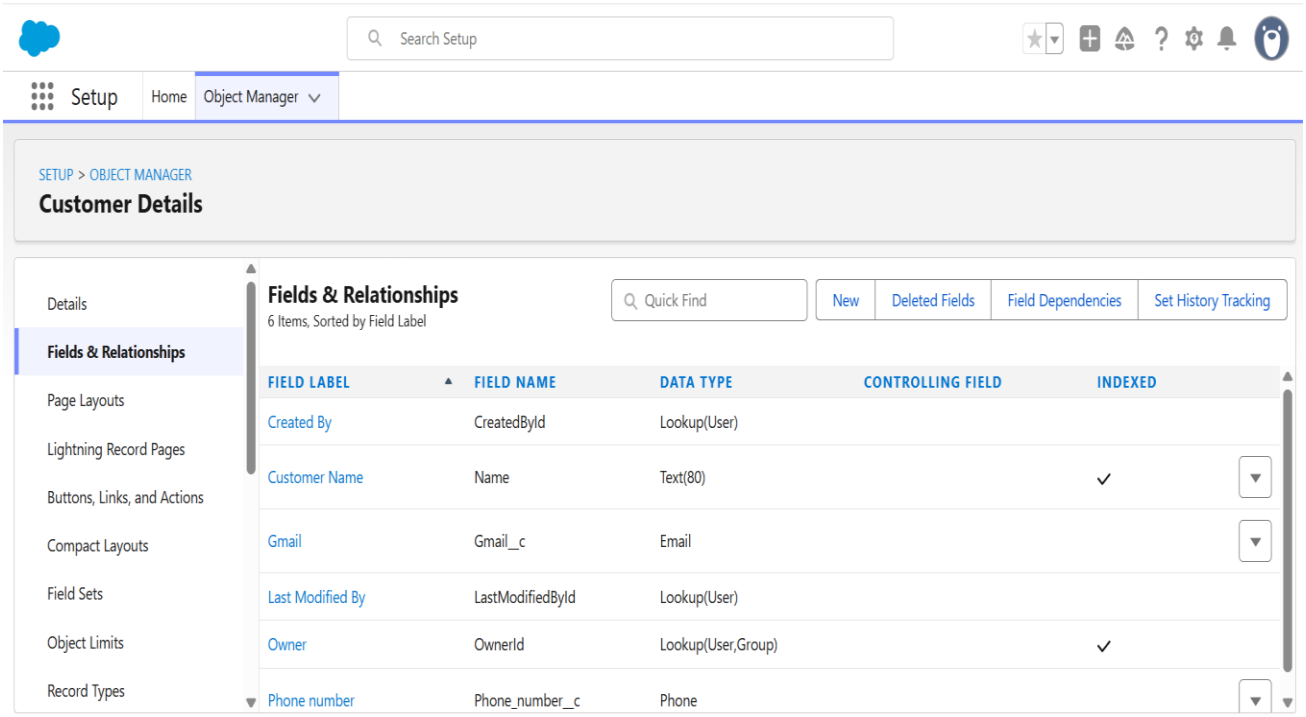

Fig :6.1 Creation of fields for the Customer Details object

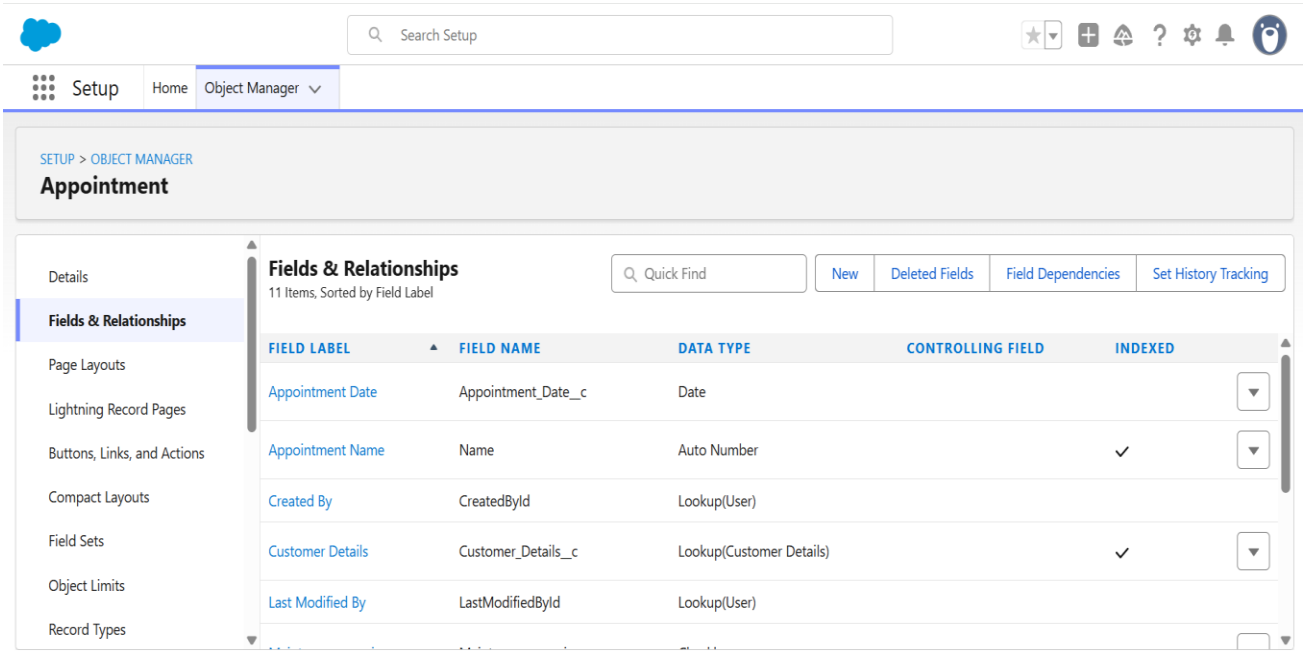

Fig :6.2 Creation of fields for the Appointments object

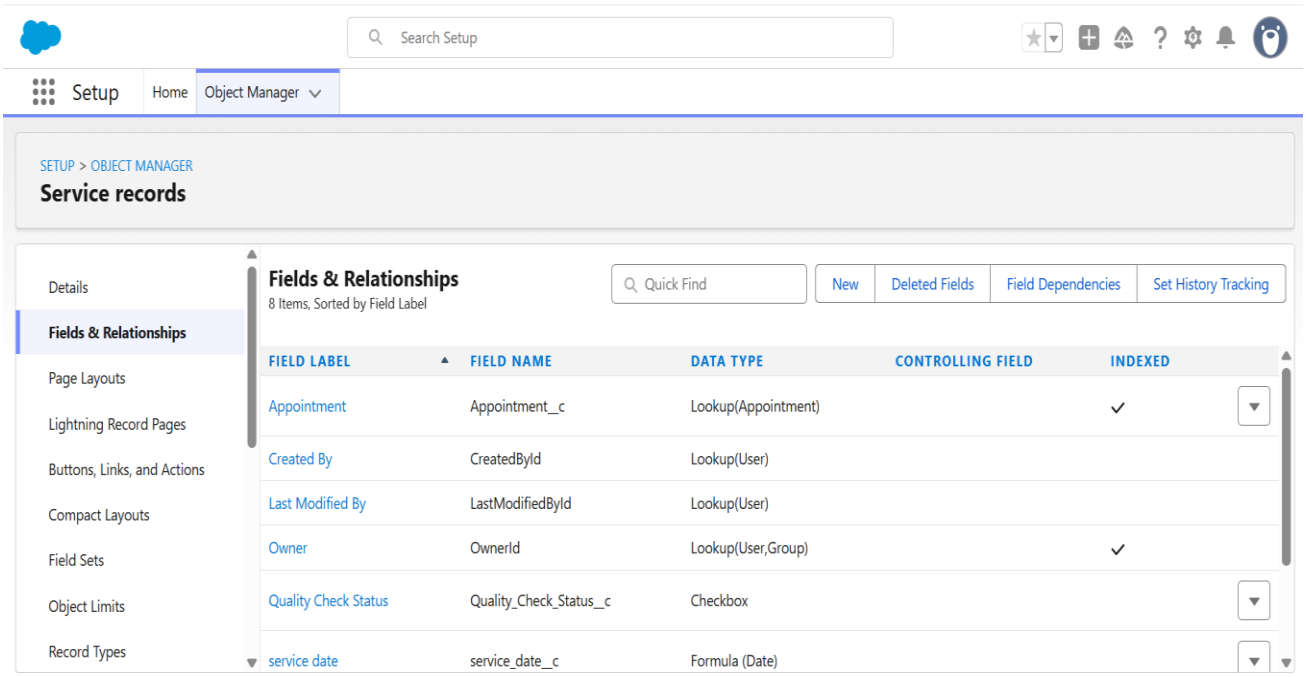

Fig :6.3 Creation of fields for the Service records object

7.Validation Rules:

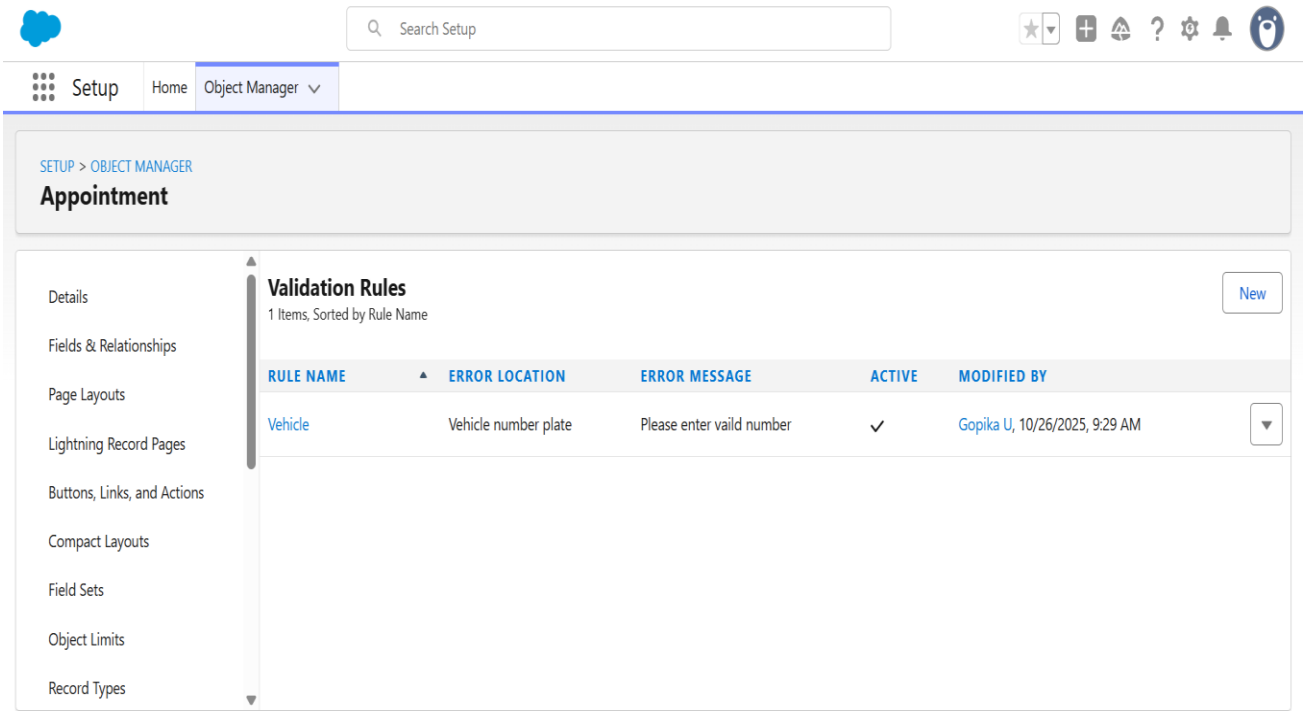

Fig :7.1 Validation Rules for Appointment

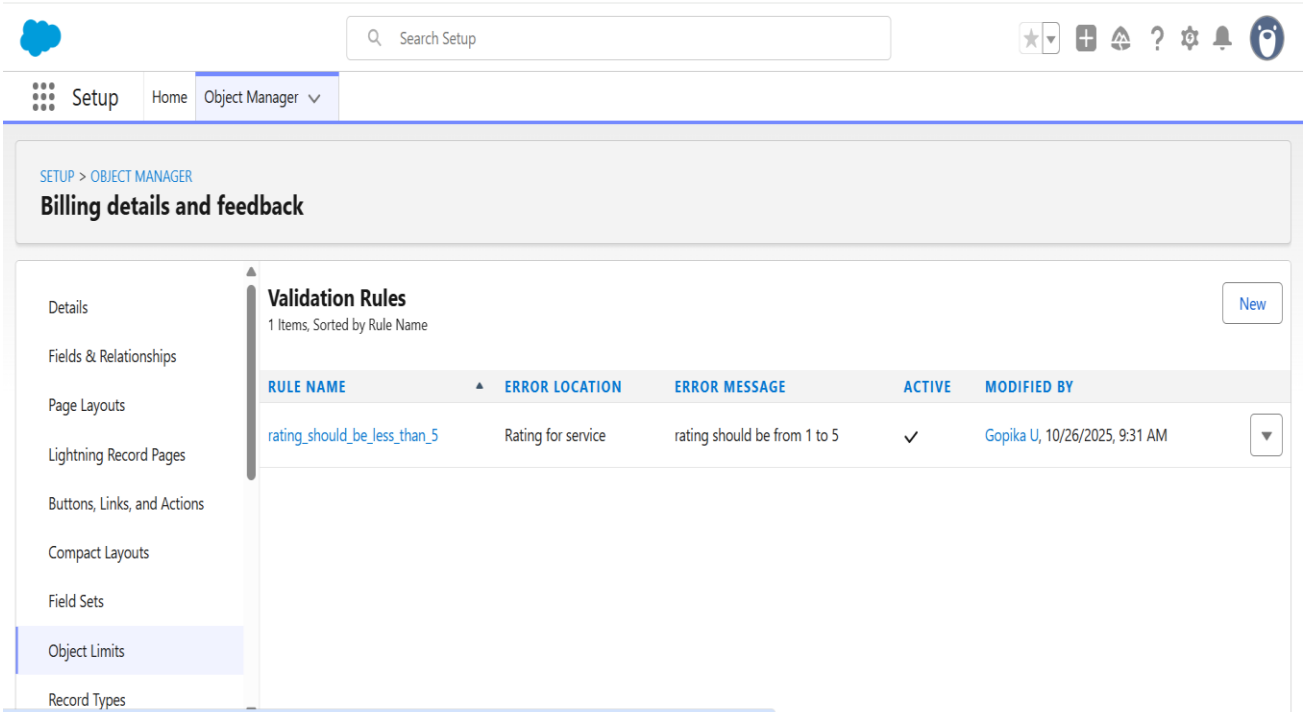

Fig :7.2 Validation Rules for Billing details and feedback

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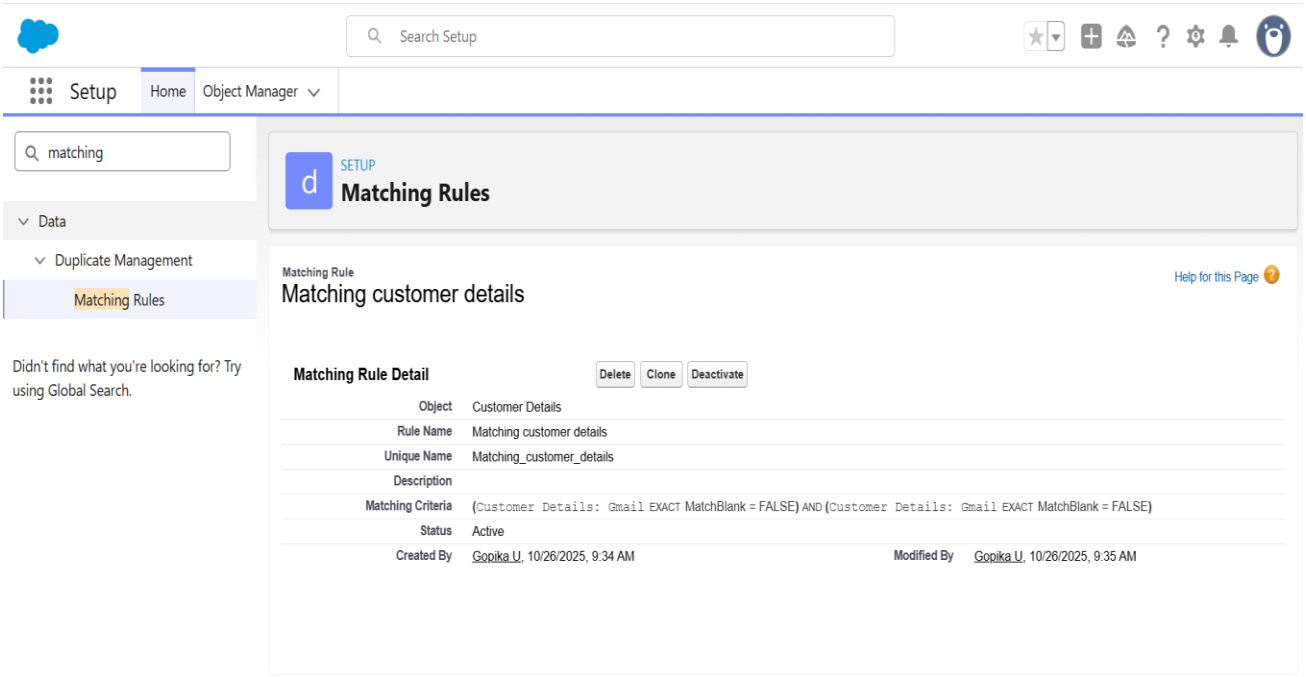

Fig :8.1 Matching rule to an Customer details Object

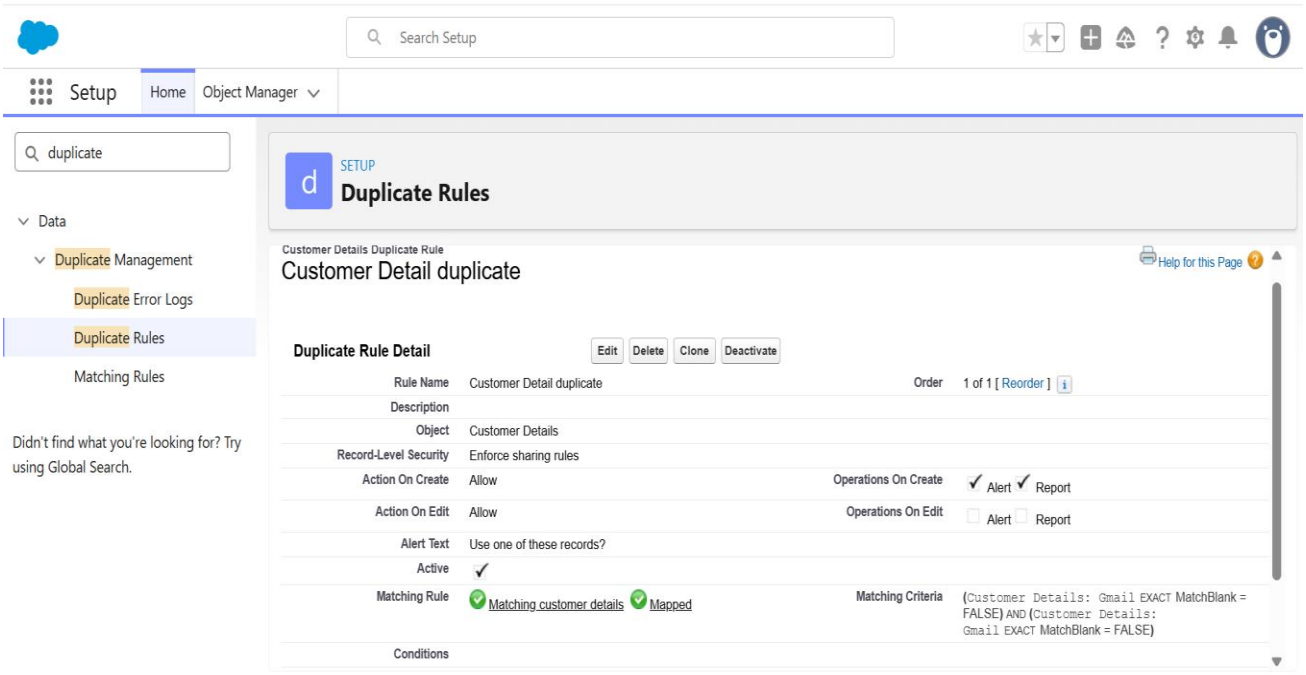

Fig :8.2 Duplicate rule to an Customer details Object

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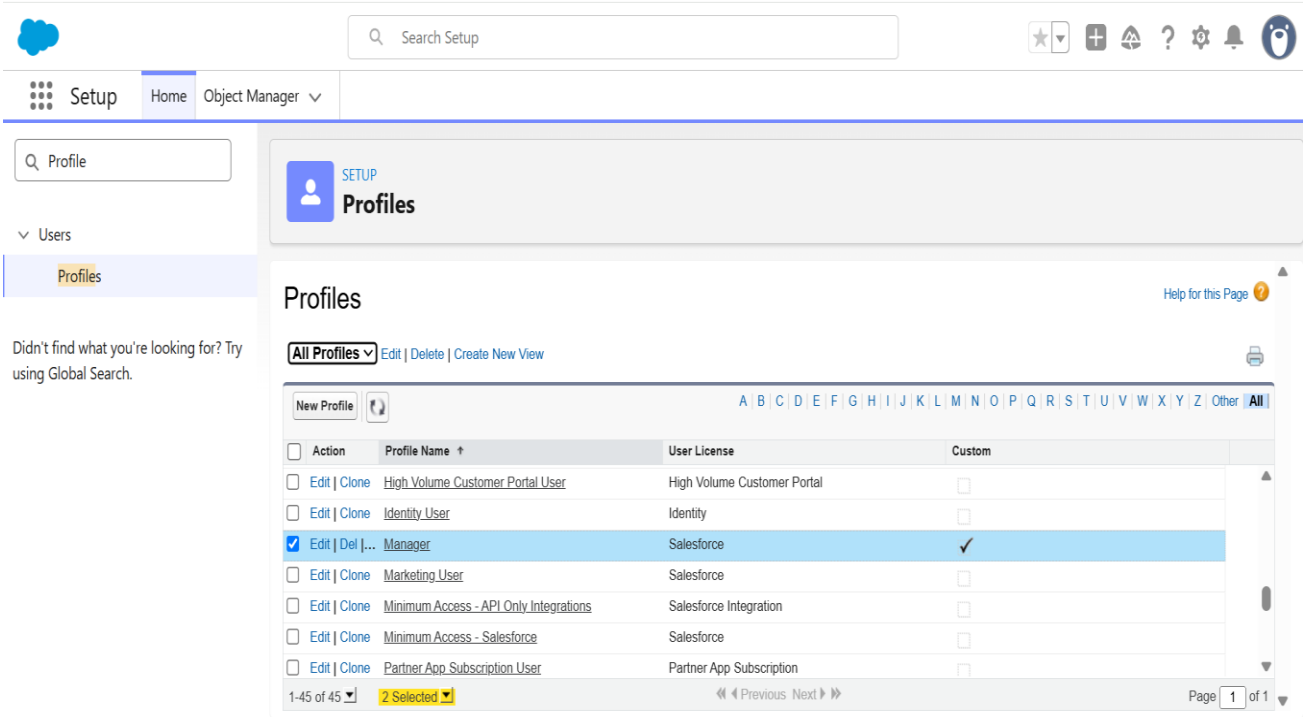

Fig :9.1 Manager Profile

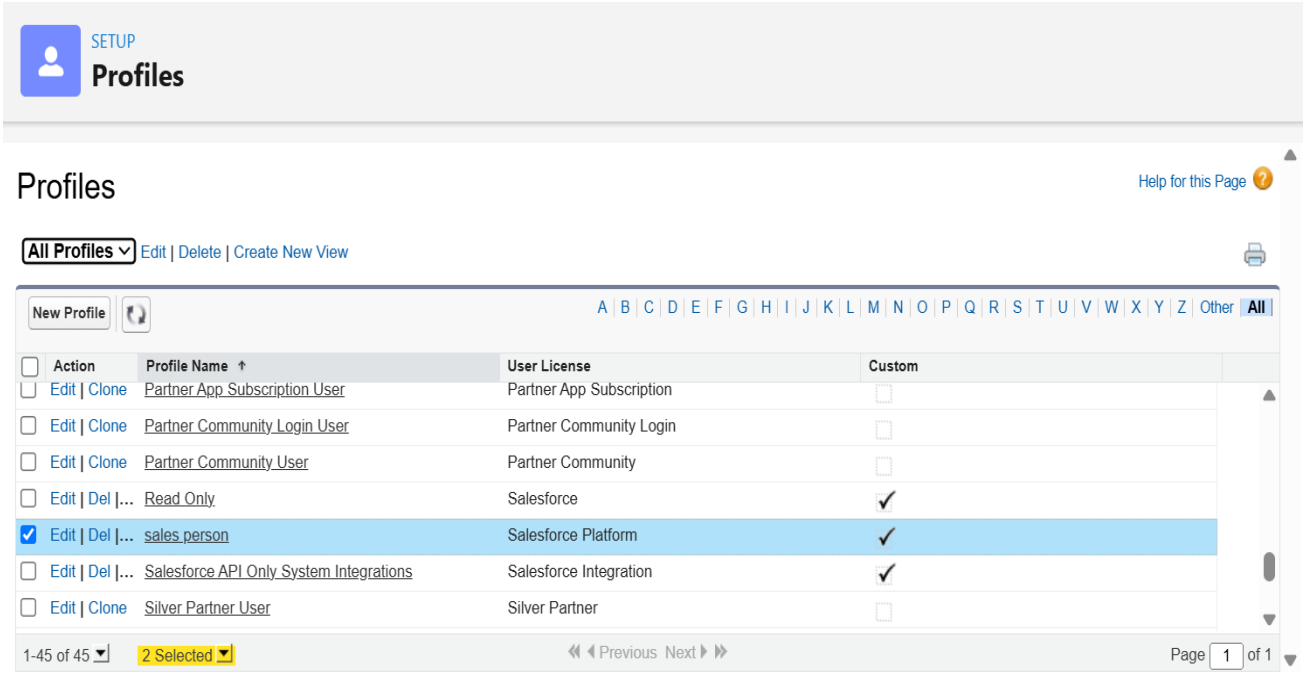

Fig :9.2 Salesperson Profile

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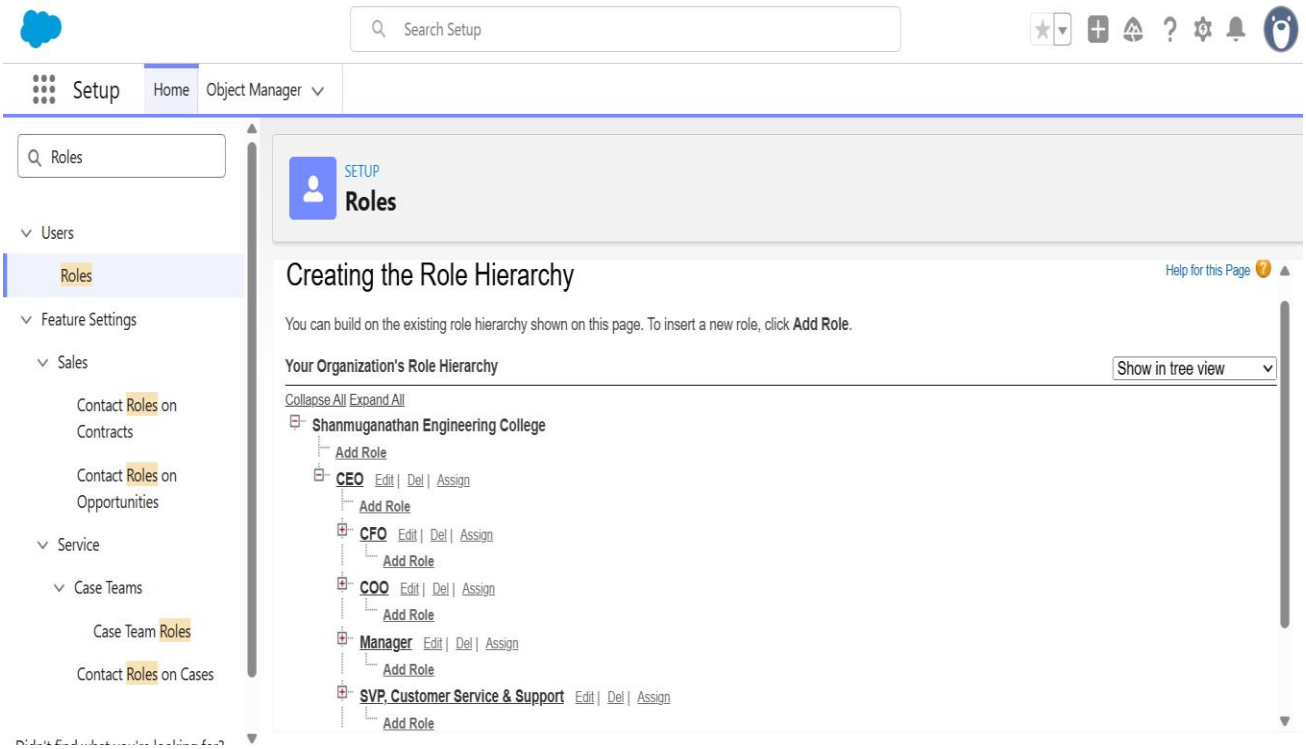

Fig :10.1 Manager Role

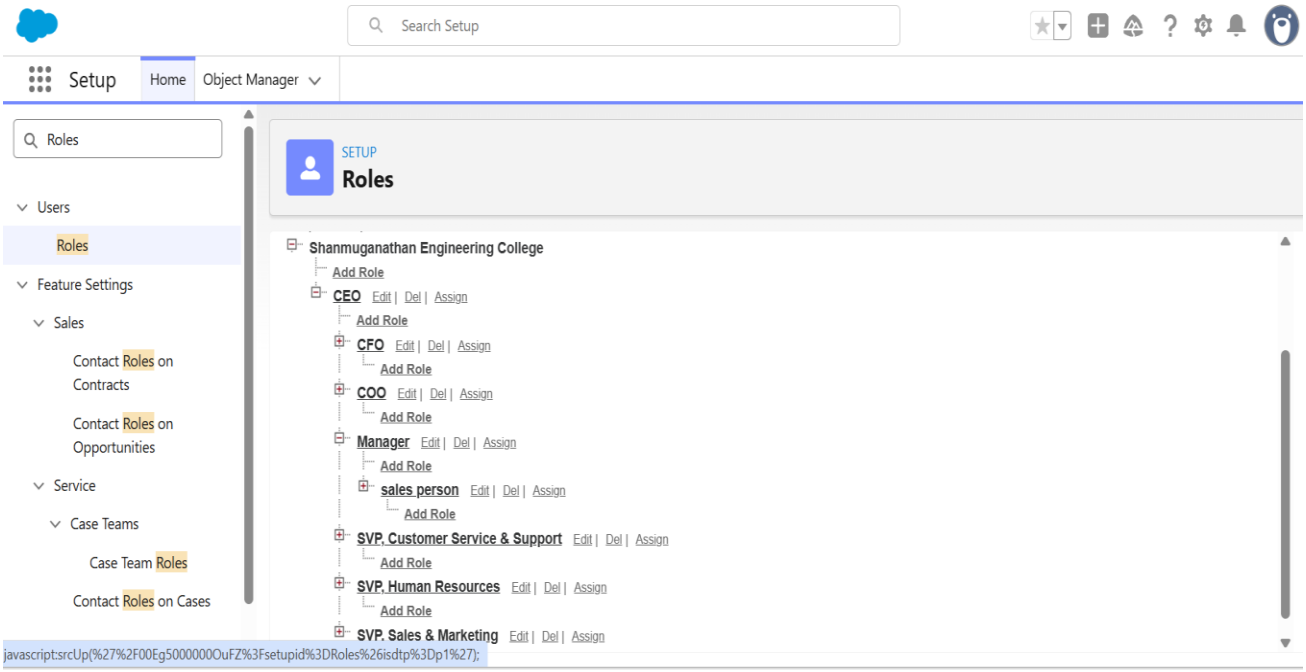

Fig :10.2 Salesperson Role

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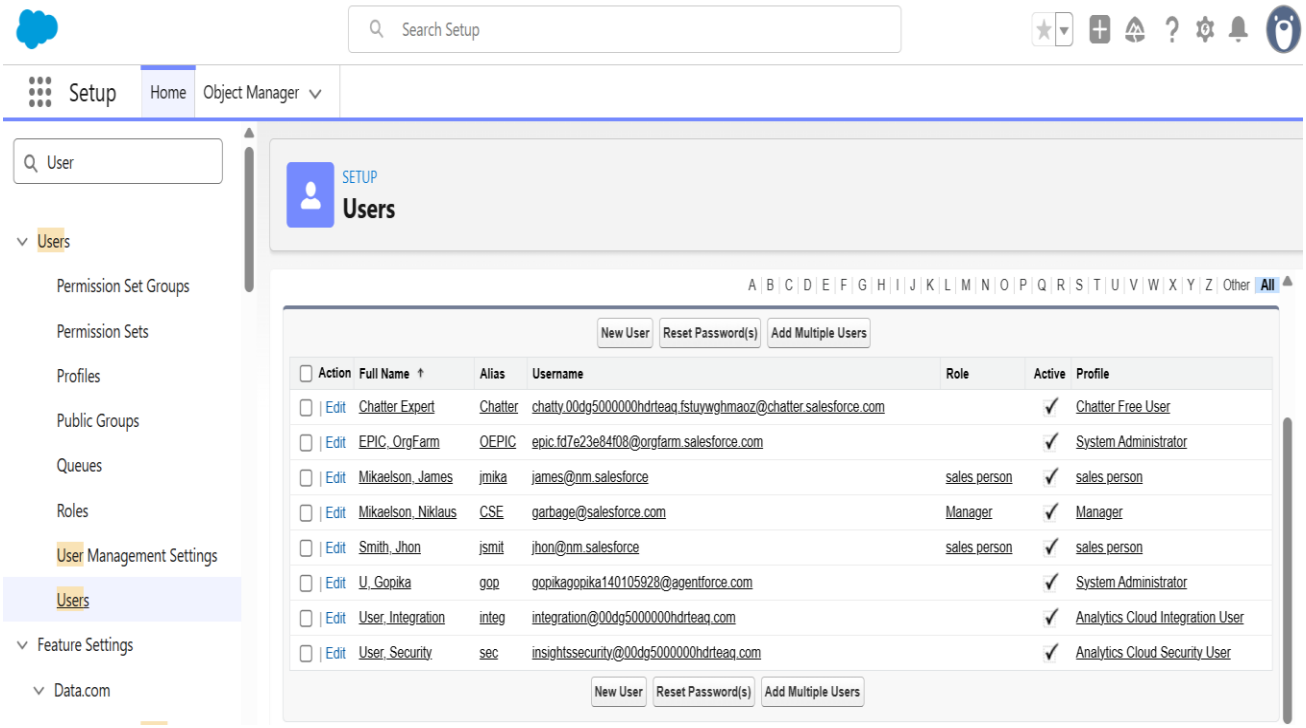

Fig :11.1 Creating Users

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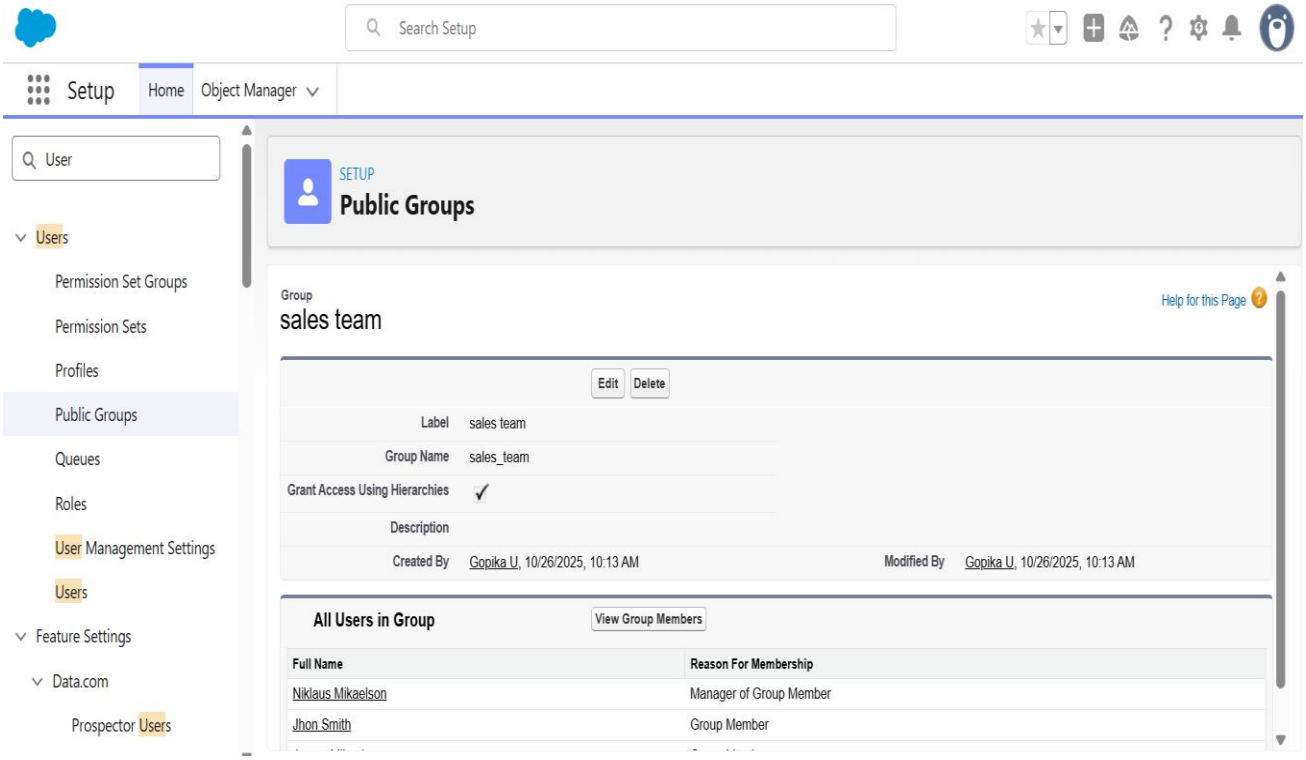

Fig:12.1 New Public Group

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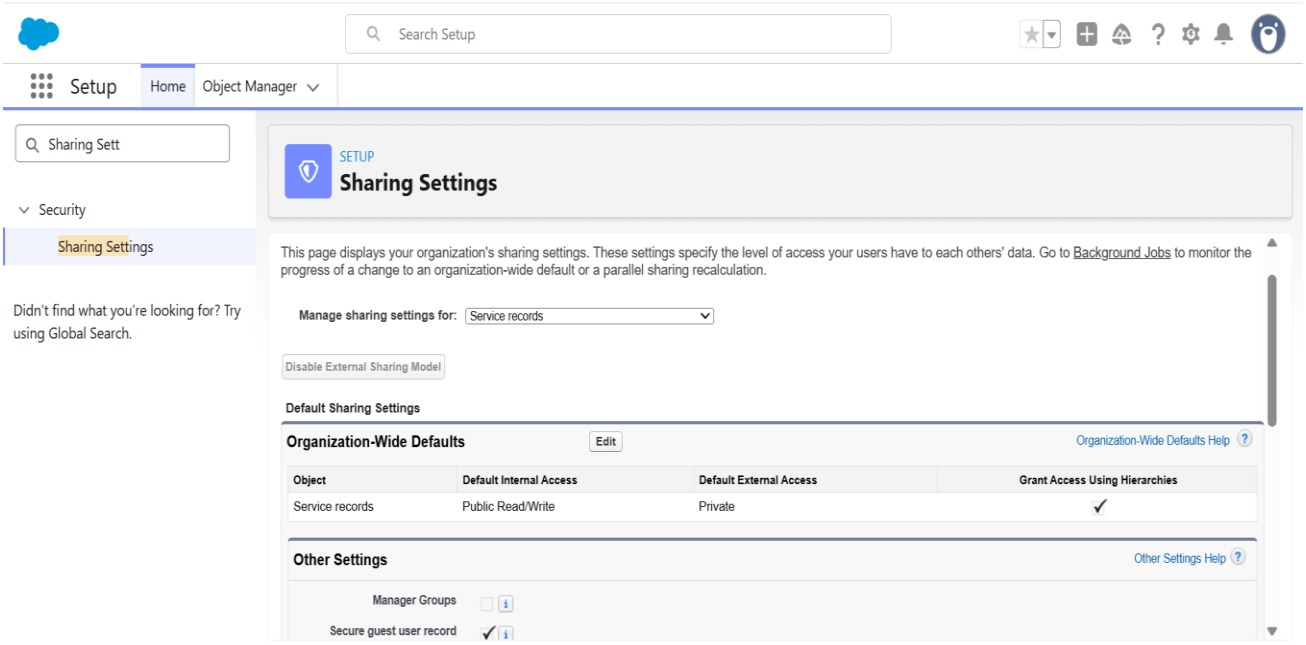

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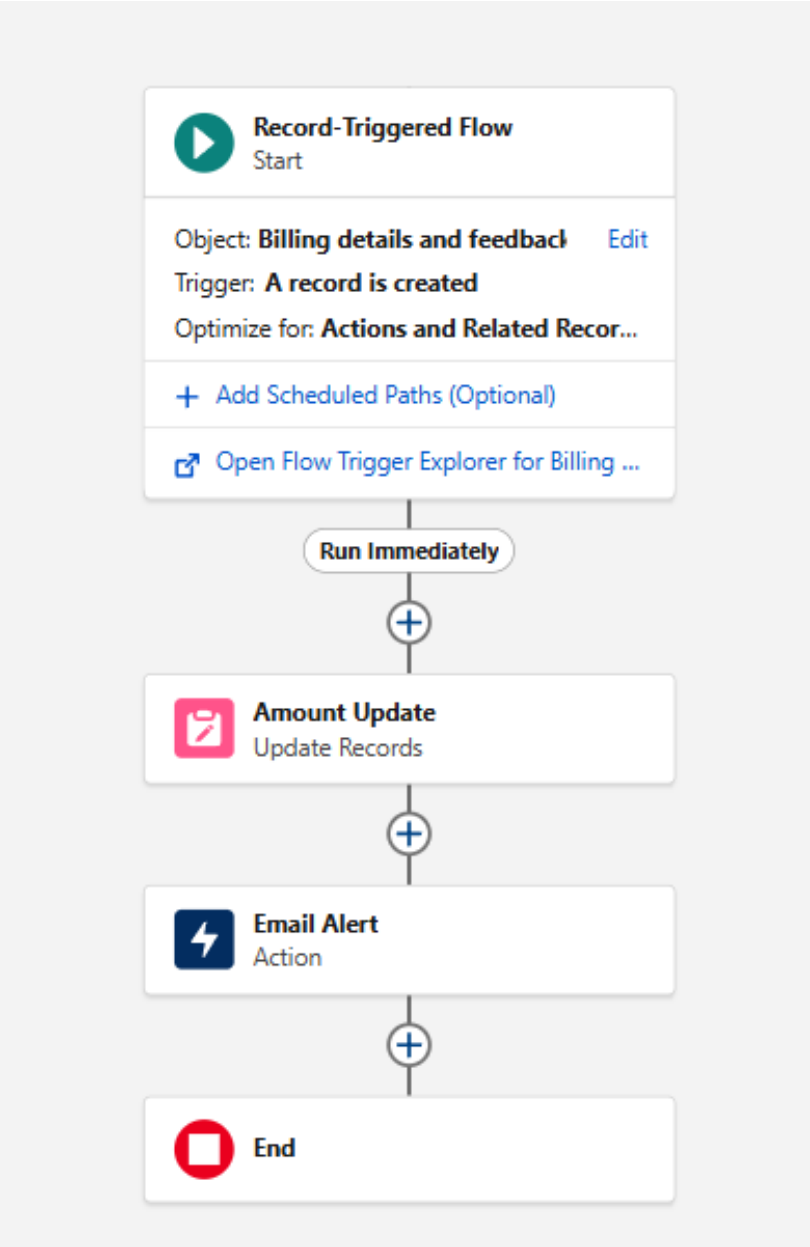

Fig:14.1 Creating a flow

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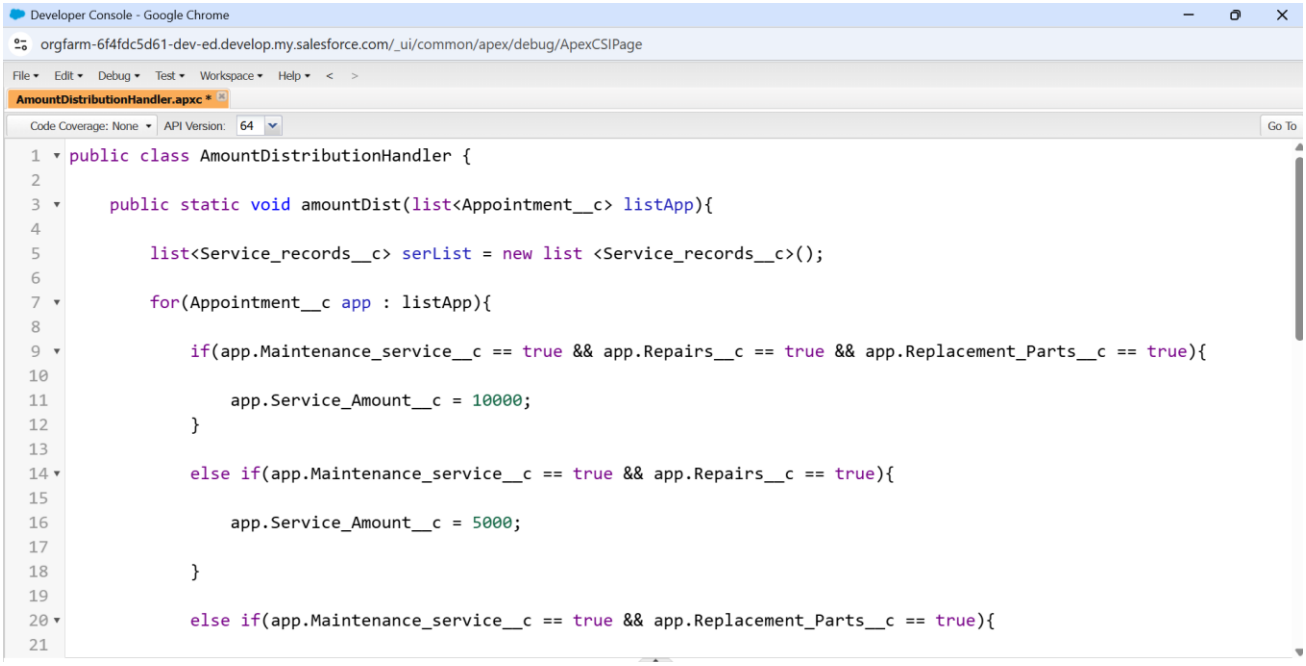

Fig:15.1 Apex Handler

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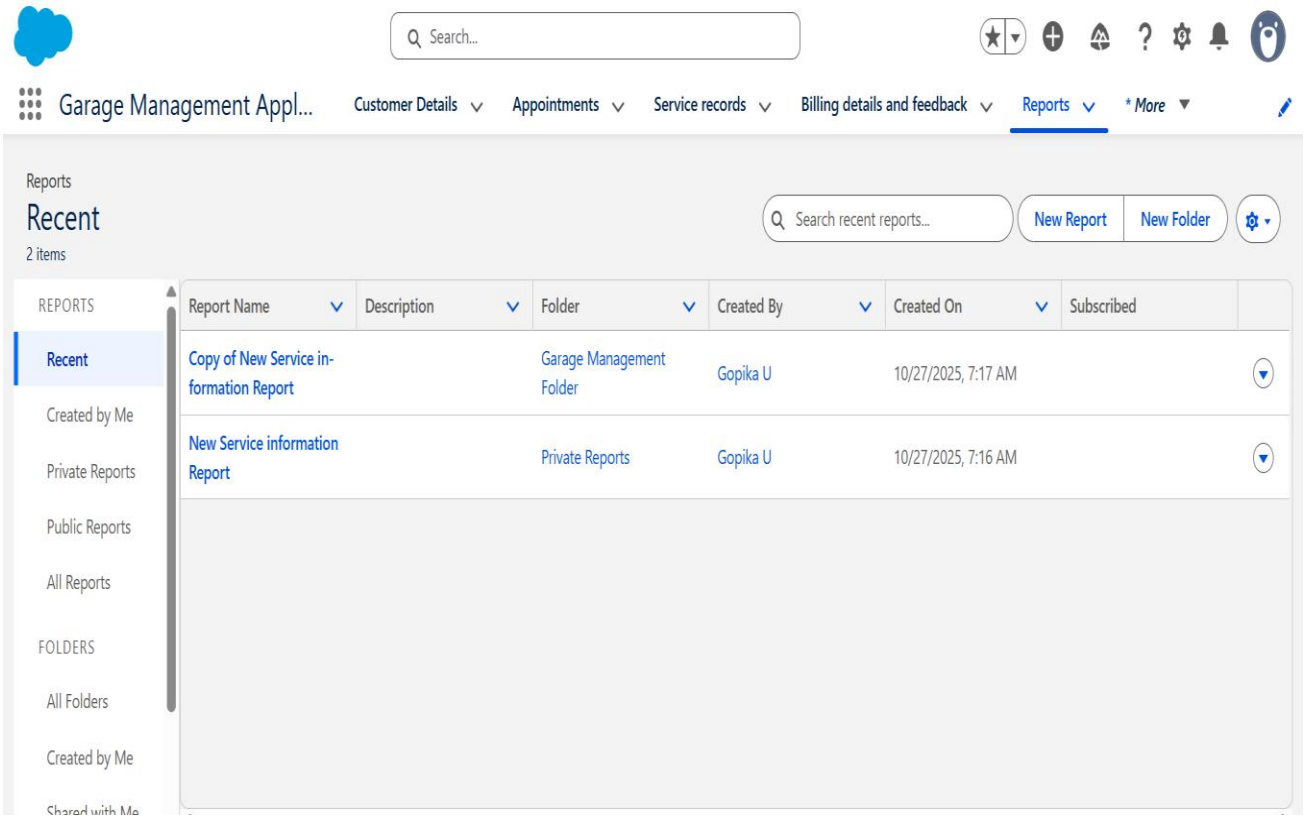

Fig:16.1 Report Folder

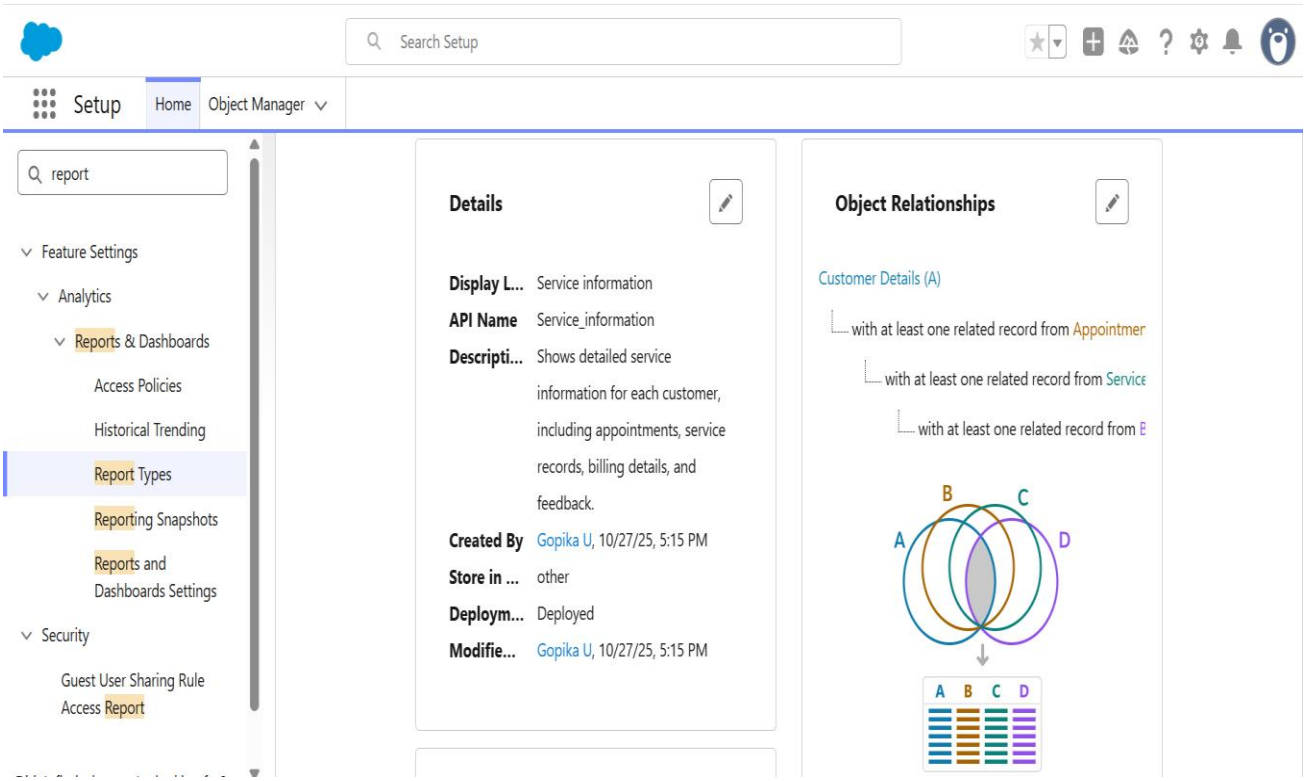

Fig:16.2 Report Types

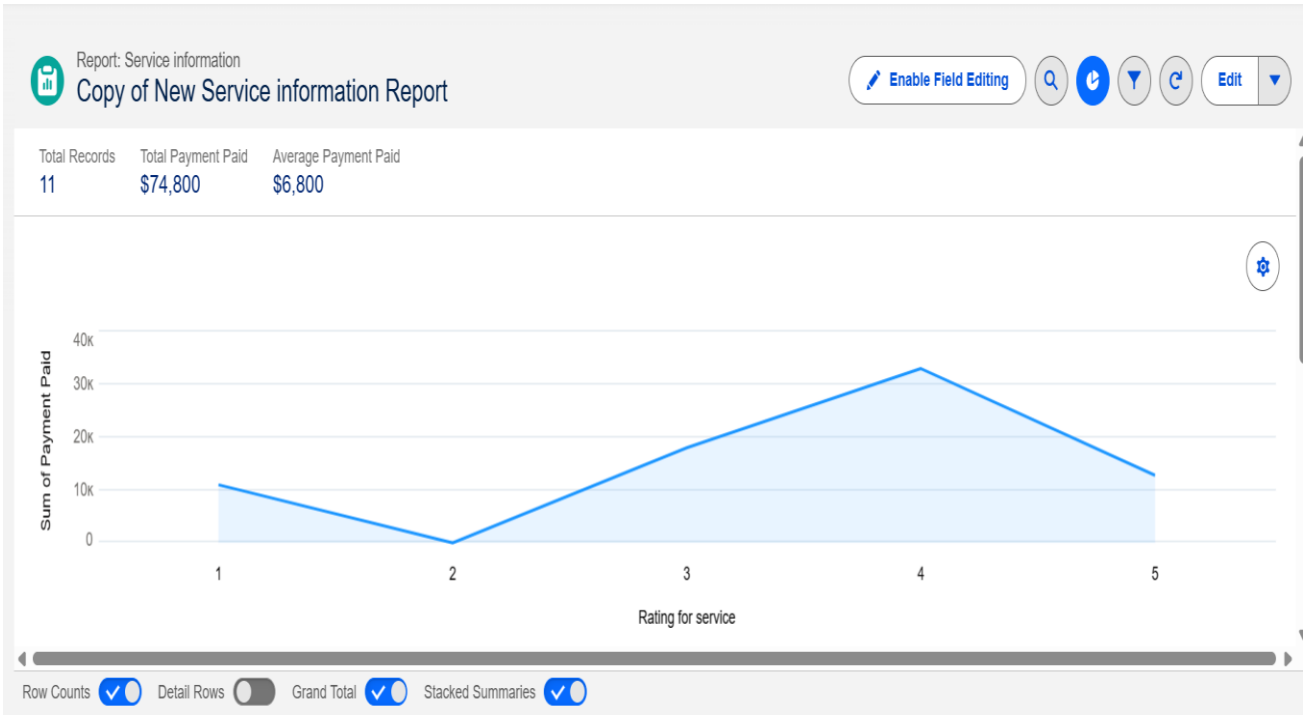

Fig:16.3 Creation of Report

17.Dashboard:

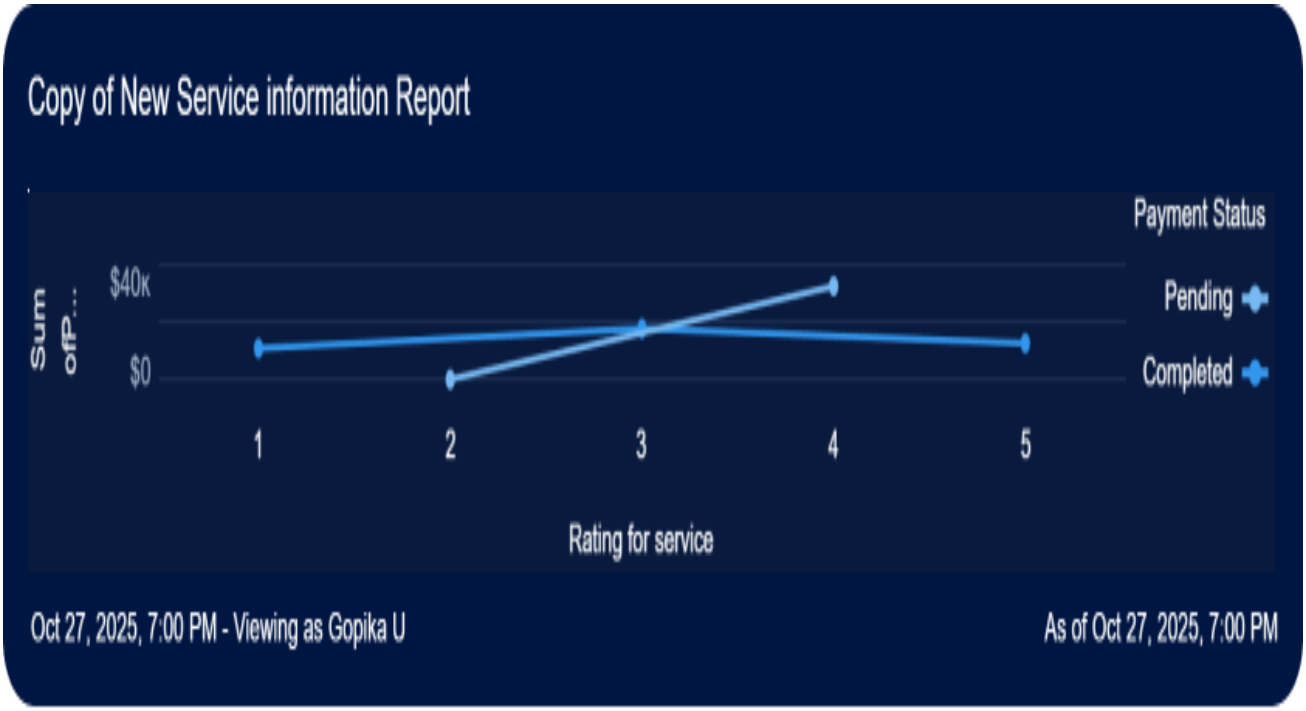

Fig:17.1 Creation of Dashboard

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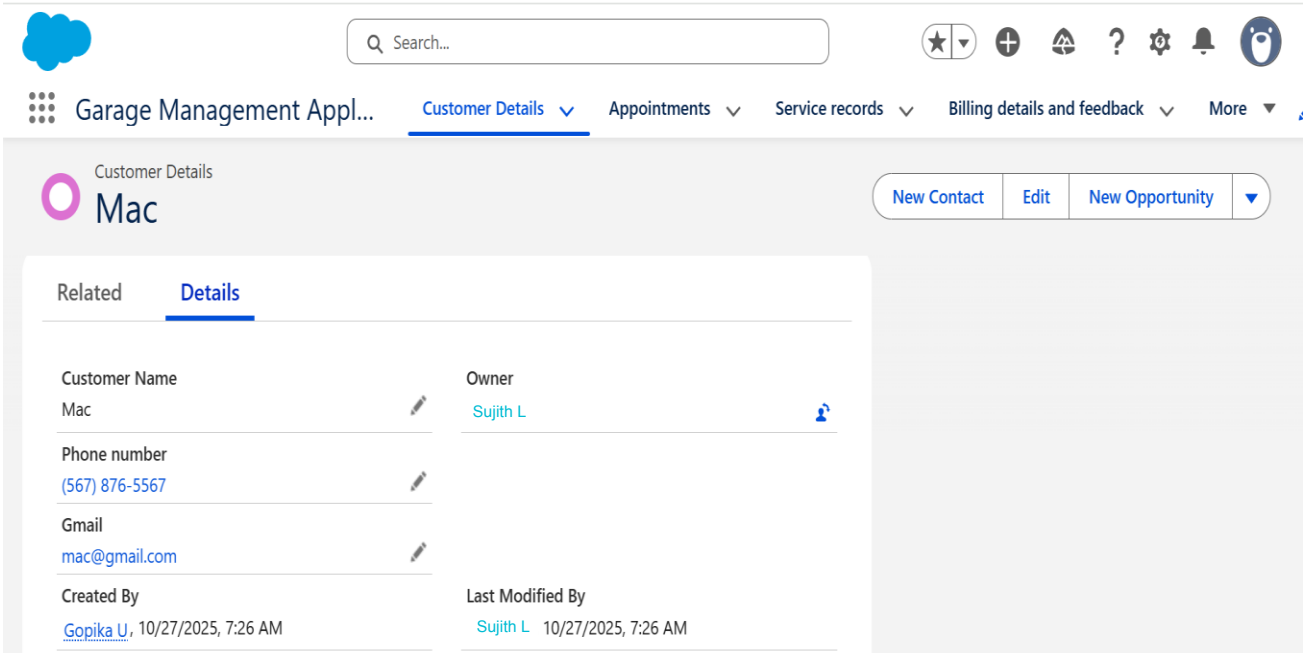

Fig:18.1 Creating Records

8. EXPECTED OUTCOMES

The **Garage Management System (GMS)** developed using Salesforce is expected to deliver a range of outcomes that enhance the overall efficiency and customer experience within automotive service centers. By integrating automation, cloud technology, and CRM features, the system transforms traditional manual workflows into a digital, intelligent, and reliable process.

The first major outcome is the **automation of garage operations**. Through Salesforce Flows, Apex Triggers, and Validation Rules, all major processes — including customer registration, appointment scheduling, service tracking, billing, and feedback — are automated. This reduces manual effort, ensures faster execution, and minimizes human error across the workflow.

The second expected outcome is **improved data accuracy and transparency**. Salesforce's in-built validation and duplicate management features ensure that every piece of data stored in the system is verified and consistent. Managers can monitor service records, payments, and customer feedback in real time, promoting accountability and trust between staff and customers.

A third key result is **simplified management and faster billing**. The system automatically calculates the total service amount based on the selected services, generates invoices instantly, and updates payment records upon completion. This automation significantly reduces billing time, providing a smooth experience for both customers and garage staff.

The project also ensures **high scalability and reliability** through Salesforce's cloud infrastructure. As the business grows, new users, branches, or services can be easily integrated without additional system reconfiguration. The multi-tenant cloud model ensures secure data handling, automatic backups, and uninterrupted access from anywhere.

Finally, the system enhances **customer engagement and satisfaction** through automated notifications and feedback collection. Customers receive instant email alerts regarding appointment confirmations, service completion, and payment updates, ensuring transparency and consistent communication.

Overall, the expected outcomes of the project include improved operational efficiency, better decision-making through analytics, and an enhanced customer relationship experience. The Garage Management System thus serves as a complete, scalable, and future-ready solution for modern automotive service centers.

10. ADVANTAGES

The **Garage Management System (GMS)** built on the **Salesforce platform** provides several advantages that make it a powerful, efficient, and modern solution for managing automotive service operations. Its cloud-based nature, automation capabilities, and integrated analytics ensure improved productivity and customer satisfaction.

One of the primary advantages is that the system is **cloud-based and accessible from anywhere**. Since Salesforce operates entirely on the cloud, authorized users can access garage data securely from any device with an internet connection. This allows managers, staff, and customers to stay connected at all times, ensuring flexibility and continuity of operations without the need for physical infrastructure or local installations.

Another key advantage is **high security and data protection**. Salesforce provides multiple layers of security, including role-based access control, data encryption, and secure authentication. Each user has a defined level of access, which

prevents unauthorized data manipulation. This ensures that sensitive customer and billing information is always protected.

The system also offers **extensive automation**, which significantly reduces manual work. Tasks such as calculating service charges, updating payment status, generating invoices, and sending email alerts are handled automatically through Salesforce Flows and Apex Triggers. This leads to faster service delivery, fewer human errors, and more accurate records.

A further advantage is the **ease of customization and scalability**. The system can be easily modified to meet specific business requirements—new services, fields, or workflows can be added without extensive coding. Salesforce's flexible architecture allows the same system to scale from a single small garage to a multi-branch enterprise with minimal effort.

The **reporting and dashboard features** are another major benefit. Managers can generate analytical reports and visualize real-time performance metrics such as total revenue, service ratings, and completed appointments. These insights help in data-driven decision-making and continuous process improvement.

The system also contributes to **enhanced customer engagement**. Automated notifications, timely service updates, and post-service feedback collection build strong communication between the garage and its customers. This not only improves transparency but also strengthens trust and long-term relationships.

Lastly, the system supports **environmental sustainability** by minimizing the need for paper-based records and manual documentation. All data is stored digitally in the Salesforce cloud, promoting an eco-friendly and organized working environment.

11. FUTURE ENHANCEMENT

While the **Garage Management System (GMS)** developed using Salesforce successfully automates the core operations of automotive service centers, there remains ample scope for further enhancement to make the system more intelligent, user-friendly, and connected to emerging technologies. The following future improvements can extend the project's functionality and make it even more impactful in real-world scenarios.

A key enhancement would be the **integration of online payment gateways** such as PayPal, Razorpay, or UPI-based systems. This would allow customers to make secure digital payments directly from the system, enabling real-time billing and reducing the dependency on manual cash handling. Automatic receipts and payment confirmations could also be generated and sent via email or SMS.

Another valuable improvement is the **development of a dedicated mobile application** using Salesforce Mobile or Experience Cloud. This would allow customers to book appointments, check service status, and provide feedback conveniently from their smartphones. Service advisors and mechanics could also use the mobile app to update records instantly, improving communication and workflow efficiency on the go.

The system can further evolve through **integration with Internet of Things (IoT)** devices. Modern vehicles are equipped with sensors that can transmit data about fuel levels, engine health, and maintenance requirements. Connecting these IoT signals to Salesforce could enable automatic service scheduling or alerts for preventive maintenance, thereby reducing breakdowns and enhancing customer trust.

Another major future direction is the **use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Predictive Analytics** through Salesforce Einstein. By analyzing service patterns, customer feedback, and vehicle history, the AI module could predict future service

needs, identify potential issues before they occur, and recommend personalized offers or maintenance schedules to customers. This would add an intelligent decision-making layer to the system.

Expanding the project to include **inventory and spare parts management** would further strengthen its capabilities. Tracking parts availability, ordering new stock automatically, and linking inventory data with service records can help garages operate more efficiently while reducing downtime due to unavailable components.

In addition, **multi-language and regional support** can make the application more inclusive, allowing users from different locations and linguistic backgrounds to use the system comfortably. Salesforce's localization features can easily support this enhancement, improving accessibility for diverse customer bases.

Finally, the system could be extended to support **franchise or multi-branch operations**, where multiple garages under the same brand are managed through a centralized Salesforce org. This would enable unified reporting, performance monitoring, and customer tracking across different service centers.

In conclusion, these enhancements — including digital payment integration, mobile accessibility, AI-based predictions, IoT connectivity, and multi-branch scalability — will elevate the **Garage Management System** from a functional automation platform to a **smart, intelligent, and future-ready enterprise solution**. Implementing these features will help garages adopt a truly digital and data-driven approach, aligning with the vision of next-generation cloud-based business transformation.

12. CONCLUSION

The **Garage Management System (GMS)** developed using **Salesforce** successfully demonstrates how cloud-based technologies can transform traditional garage operations into an automated, efficient, and customer-centric process. The project integrates key Salesforce features such as **custom objects, validation rules, flows, triggers, reports, and dashboards**, enabling a complete digital solution for managing customers, appointments, services, and billing.

Through the implementation of automation tools, the system eliminates manual errors, reduces operational time, and ensures seamless coordination between different functional modules. Managers can easily monitor ongoing services, generate analytical reports, and make data-driven decisions, while customers benefit from transparency, timely updates, and accurate billing.

The project also highlights the potential of **Salesforce as a low-code platform**, showcasing its adaptability beyond conventional CRM functions. It serves as a practical example of how industry-relevant technologies can be used in real-world applications to improve productivity and service quality.

Overall, the Garage Management System stands as an innovative and scalable solution that not only simplifies business processes but also strengthens customer relationships. This project experience has enhanced technical knowledge in Salesforce development and provided valuable insights into the importance of automation and data management in modern business environments.

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