Phase 7: Integration & External Access – Student Management System

Goal of This Phase

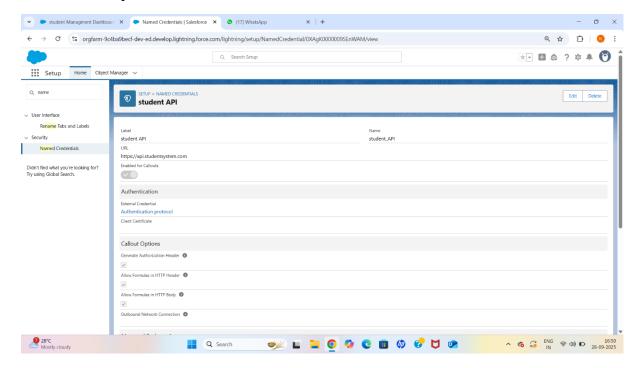
The primary goal of this phase was to enable **seamless data exchange and interaction** between Salesforce and external systems.

This ensures that the Student Management System can:

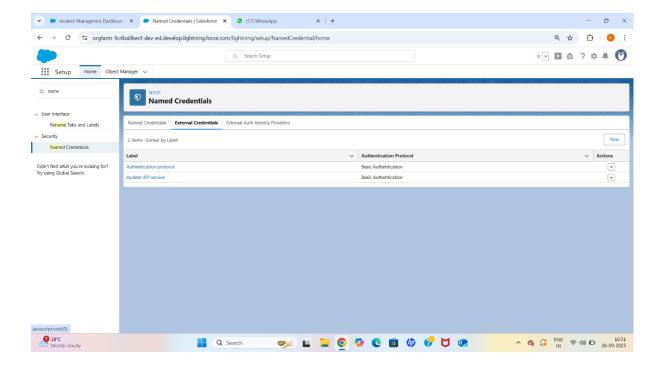
- Synchronize student data with other platforms (ERP, Learning Systems, etc.)
- Trigger real-time updates when changes happen inside Salesforce.
- Provide secure and reliable API endpoints for external applications.
- Enforce best practices for authentication, callouts, and integration limits.

1. Named Credentials

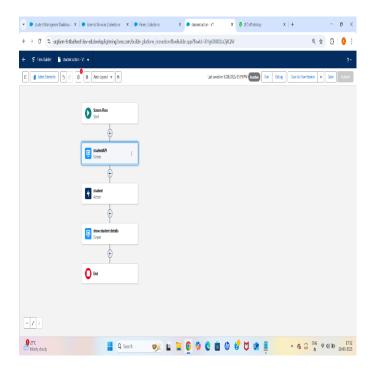
- Created Named Credential: Student API Named Credential
- Configured with:
 - o Base URL of the external Student API.
 - Authentication type (if required basic or OAuth).
- Purpose: Simplified authentication and callout management without exposing credentials in Apex code.



2. External Services

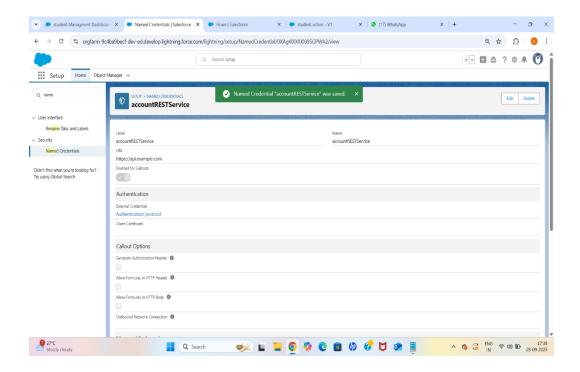


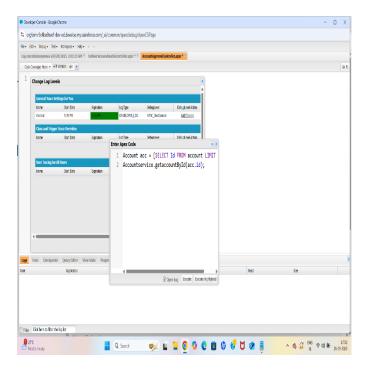
- **Registered External Schema:** Connected to the external Student REST API using the schema definition.
- Auto-generated Apex classes for:
 - o Fetching student details.
 - o Creating or updating student records externally.
- Purpose: Allow declarative integration (Flow & Apex) without manually writing callout code.



3. Web Services (REST/SOAP)

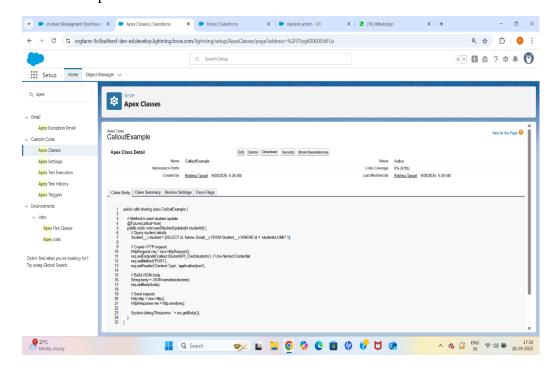
- Developed REST Apex Class: StudentRESTService
- Exposed endpoints:
 - o /students → Create or update student records.
 - o /students/{id} → Fetch student details by Student_ID_c.
- Added proper authentication and exception handling.
- Purpose: Allow external systems to push and pull student data securely.

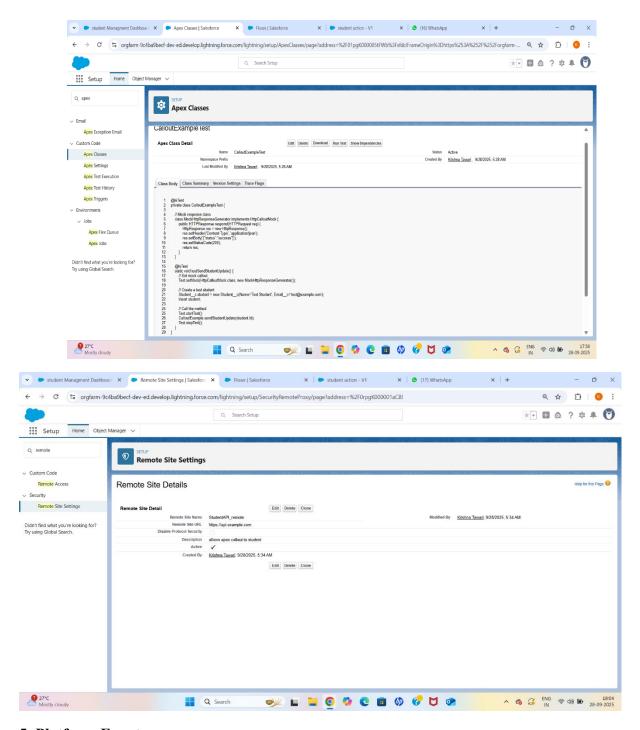




4. Callouts

- Created Apex Callout Class: CalloutExample
- Added test class with HttpCalloutMock to enable test coverage.
- Verified callout works with Remote Site Settings and Named Credentials.
- Purpose: Send student updates from Salesforce to external systems when a record is created or updated.

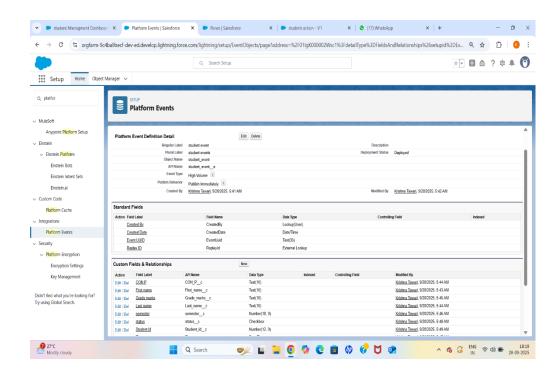




5. Platform Events

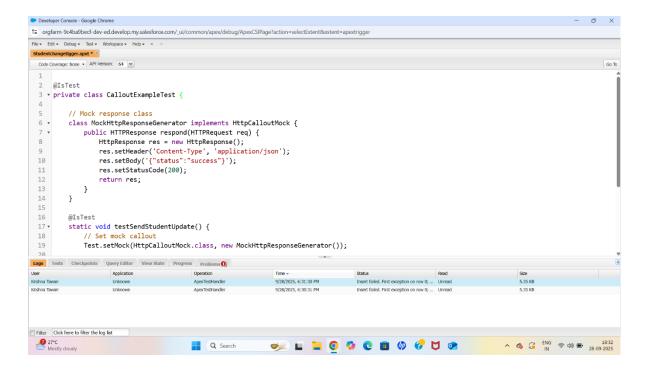
- Created Platform Event: Student Event e
- Custom Fields:
 - o Student ID c (Text)
 - o First Name c (Text)
 - Last Name c (Text)
 - Course_Program_c (Text)

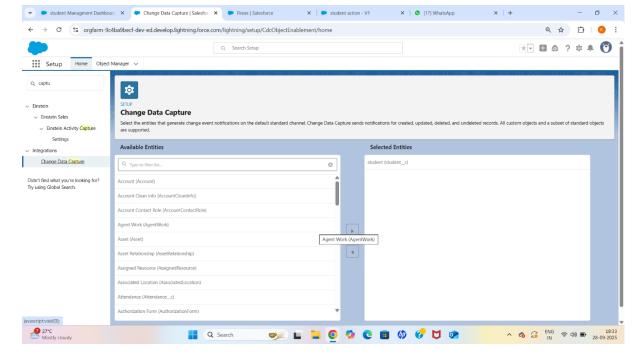
- Grade_Marks_c (Text)
- Semester c (Number)
- Status c (Checkbox)
- Timestamp_c (Date/Time)
- Purpose: Publish student data changes to subscribers (internal or external) in real time.



6. Change Data Capture (CDC)

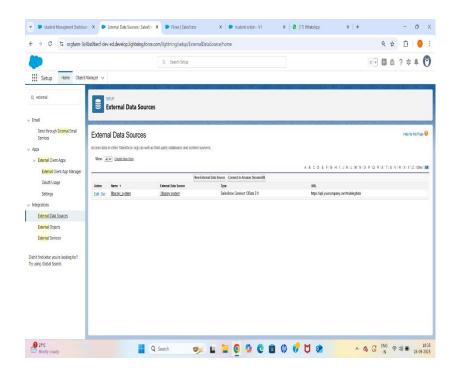
- Enabled CDC for Student c object
- Created Apex Trigger: StudentChangeTrigger
 - o Logs change type, changed fields, and commit timestamp.
 - o Takes action when Grade Marks c is updated.
- Purpose: Monitor and respond to changes in real time without writing complex logic.





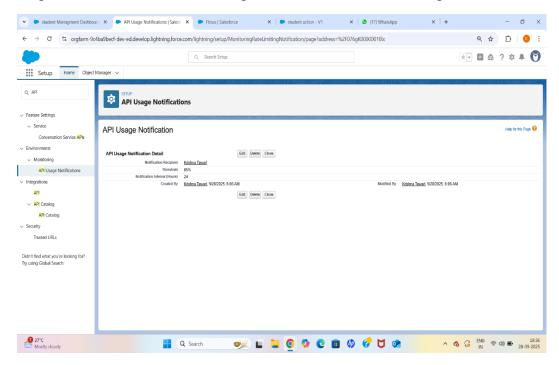
7. Salesforce Connect

- Configured **External Object** (Student_External__x) to display external student data within Salesforce.
- Verified CRUD operations (read-only or writable depending on requirement).
- Purpose: Provide a unified view of external student records directly in Salesforce UI.



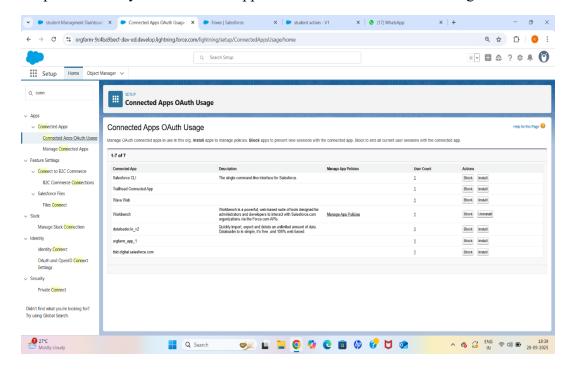
8. API Limits

- Enabled **API Usage Notifications** to alert when API usage reaches 75% and 90%.
- Monitored API calls through **System Overview** and **Reports**.
- Purpose: Prevent API over-consumption and avoid service interruptions.



9. OAuth & Authentication

- Created Connected App: StudentManagementIntegration
- Configured OAuth scopes:
 - o Full Access (full)
 - o Perform requests on your behalf at any time (refresh token, offline access)
- Assigned profiles/permission sets.
- Tested authentication using Postman and verified in Connected Apps OAuth Usage.
- Purpose: Securely allow external applications to authenticate and integrate.



10. Remote Site Settings

- Created Remote Site: Student API Remote Site
- Added base URL of external API to allow callouts.
- Purpose: Ensure Salesforce can make HTTPS callouts to the external Student API.

