Residential Maintenance Request Portal

Phase 1: Problem Understanding & Industry Analysis

1. Requirement Gathering

- Track all maintenance requests with priority status
- Allow residents to submit repair requests
- Prevent overlapping work orders for same unit
- Generate cost and performance reports

2. Stakeholder Analysis

- Admin (you, managing system setup)
- Maintenance Technicians (create/manage work orders, complete repairs)
- Property Manager (approves high-cost repairs, monitors building reports)
- Residents (submit requests, track repair progress)

3. Business Process Mapping

• Draw a flow:

Resident submits request \rightarrow Supervisor checks priority \rightarrow Request assigned \rightarrow Resolution (if high cost, get approval) \rightarrow Email sent to resident

4. Industry-specific Use Case Analysis

- In the property management industry, requests have urgency levels, response times vary, vendor management matters
- So, we need to track requests + automate assignments + notify residents

5. AppExchange Exploration

• Look for "Property Management" apps. Some exist, but we'll build a simpler custom solution to learn