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- <https://trailhead.salesforce.com/content/learn/modules/winter-26-release-highlights>



Security



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OAuth 2.0 Device Flow Authentication Removed from Data Loader

- Update your version of DL

Expiring Password Reset Links (Demo)

- For new users, account setup link good for 7 days and can be re-clicked
- Similar to Spring 25 setting, where you could remove the expired link check in Identity Verification

New usernames Can't Contain Zero-Width Space Characters (Demo)

- spacehere@example.com
- <https://unicode-explorer.com/c/200B>

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IPv6

- Support for IPv6 allowlist ranges on profiles are coming
- Start thinking about adding Salesforce IPs to your firewalls

Shorter Certificate Timelines for TLS

- Industry standards are decreasing max supported lifetimes from 398 days to 200 in March 2026
- Decrease to 100 days in March 2027
- Decrease to 47 days in March 2029

Security Questions

- New & changed password reset security questions now must be 5 characters long

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Formulas in Exported Reports (Demo)

- Disable Formulas in Exported Reports setting in Reports and Dashboards Settings
- Inserts a ' if field starts with a particular set of characters
- These are spreadsheet formulas, nothing to do with Salesforce Formula Fields
- Save yourself from excel doing bad things I guess

Full tenant encryption

- Encrypt entire org on Hyperforce with Database Encryption
- Requires Salesforce Shield

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Admins

Setup UI Changes

- New setup domain salesforce-setup.com
- New setup home page
- Time-Based Workflows renamed to Time-Based Automations in setup search

Salesforce Optimizer Is Dead

- Retired in Winter 26 for Hyperforce orgs
- Retires in Spring 26 for non-Hyperforce orgs
- Salesforce says most of you are on lightning so you don't need it anymore

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More activity fields

- Up to 300 custom fields on Tasks/Events if you have less than 700 million activities
- Enterprise, Performance and Unlimited editions only
- Still shared with managed packages

Data Export Download Limits

- Affects the download of multiple zip files when using Data Export
- One download at a time, 60 second cooldown between downloads

Faster Sandbox Creation

- Allegedly 2x-3x faster create, clone and full-copy sandbox creation on Hyperforce



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Flows

Compare Flow Versions (Demo)

- See what changed between two flow versions
- Compare across multiple versions
- Can't compare one flow vs another flow

Find Resources Faster (Demo)

- Flow resources list looks for location in flow and data type
- Prevents you from assigning resources that show up later in the flow

Can't Delete Data Table Fields

- Attempting to delete a field referenced in a data table column will throw an error

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Flow Transactions (Demo)

- When invoking a custom action, determine if a new transaction is needed
- Set to current transaction, always start a new transaction or let the flow decide
- New transactions may impact your ability to rollback on error

Screen Flow Branding Previews (Demo)

- See how the screen flow looks in the builder across themes and sizes

Use Static Resource In Screens (Demo)

- Insert a static resource to a screen flow instead of using a file upload
- Can package up static resources

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Development

Standardize Apex Documentation with ApexDoc Comment Format

- `/** Please use our doc format so our AI can figure out what to do */`
- https://developer.salesforce.com/docs/atlas.en-us.apexcode.meta/apexcode/apex_doc_format.htm

SOAP API Deprecation

- SOAP API login() call 31.0 to 64.0 will be retired in Summer 2027

Larger Uploads/Downloads with External Services callouts

- External services can now upload binary files up to 16MB
- Use ContentDocument IDs instead of loading data into the heap

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