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# 50-Point Salesforce Audit Checklist

Your complete guide to a healthy Salesforce org

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This checklist covers 50 critical audit points across five key areas:  
Security, Data Quality, Performance, Architecture, and Business Process.

Each item goes beyond what Salesforce's built-in Health Check covers —  
these are the checks a senior consultant runs on every engagement.

Security

Data Quality

Performance

Architecture

Business Process

## SECURITY & ACCESS

10 ITEMS

*Protect your org from unauthorized access and data exposure*

- 01 Session Timeout Settings**

Verify idle session timeout is 15-30 min. The built-in Health Check flags this but doesn't catch per-profile overrides that leave admin sessions open indefinitely.
- 02 Password Policy Configuration**

Review complexity, minimum 12+ chars, and 90-day rotation. Go beyond defaults: check for shared service account passwords that never expire.
- 03 Login IP Range Restrictions**

Enforce IP restrictions on admin and API profiles. Standard Health Check misses Connected App IP relaxation settings that bypass these controls.
- 04 API User Permission Audit**

Review all integration users. Flag any with 'Modify All Data' that should use scoped permission sets instead — a blind spot in the built-in check.
- 05 Permission Set Group Sprawl**

Count active permission set groups and identify assignment conflicts. The built-in tool doesn't analyze cumulative permission escalation across stacked sets.
- 06 MFA Enforcement Gaps**

Verify MFA on all admin and API profiles. Check for SSO bypass paths and U2F vs TOTP coverage — the standard check only confirms MFA is 'enabled', not enforced everywhere.
- 07 Named Credential vs Hardcoded Secrets**

Search Apex, Flows, and Custom Metadata for hardcoded API keys, tokens, or passwords. This is never flagged by the built-in Health Check.
- 08 Shield Event Monitoring Configuration**

Audit Event Monitoring setup: are Login, API, and Report Export events being captured? Most orgs pay for Shield but don't configure the event types that matter.
- 09 Guest User & Community Permissions**

Review all guest user profiles and Community sharing sets. Post-2020 Salesforce tightened defaults, but legacy orgs often have over-permissioned guest access.
- 10 Sharing Rule & OWD Review**

Audit org-wide defaults and criteria-based sharing rules. Look for 'Public Read/Write' on sensitive objects — the Health Check flags OWDs but not the sharing rule exceptions that undermine them.

## DATA QUALITY

10 ITEMS

Ensure your data is accurate, complete, and trustworthy

- 11 Duplicate Record Detection & Rules**

Run duplicate analysis across Accounts, Contacts, and Leads. Check if duplicate rules are active or just logging — most orgs have them in 'Alert' mode, not 'Block'.
- 12 Required Field Coverage**

Verify required fields on Account, Contact, Opportunity, and Case. Calculate data completeness score: aim for 90%+ on critical fields like email, phone, and industry.
- 13 Validation Rule Audit**

Review all validation rules for relevance and performance impact. Deactivate rules on objects with >50 active rules — they compound to slow save transactions.
- 14 Orphaned Record Cleanup**

Find Contacts without Accounts, Opportunities with inactive owners, and Cases with deleted queues. These create reporting blind spots the standard tools miss.
- 15 Picklist Value Hygiene**

Audit picklist values for duplicates, typos, and retired options. Check for unrestricted picklists on fields used in reports — free-text entries destroy filter accuracy.
- 16 Email Deliverability Health**

Analyze bounce rates on Contact/Lead email fields. Flag records with known-invalid domains. Orgs with >5% bounce rates get throttled by Salesforce email services.
- 17 Record Ownership Distribution**

Map record ownership across active vs. inactive users. Reassign records from deactivated users — they break approval processes and escalation rules silently.
- 18 Data Classification & Compliance Labels**

Check if Salesforce Data Classification is applied to PII fields. Critical for GDPR/CCPA — the built-in Health Check doesn't verify classification coverage.
- 19 Field-Level Encryption Coverage**

If using Shield Platform Encryption, audit which fields are encrypted vs. which should be. Check for deterministic vs. probabilistic encryption on searchable fields.
- 20 Historical Data Archival Strategy**

Document data retention policies. Identify objects exceeding 10M records that need Big Objects or external archival to maintain query performance.

## PERFORMANCE

10 ITEMS

*Eliminate bottlenecks and hit sub-3-second page loads*

- 21 SOQL in Loops (Apex Anti-Pattern)**  
Search all Apex triggers and classes for SOQL/DML inside for-loops. This is the #1 cause of governor limit failures and the built-in optimizer doesn't scan custom Apex.
- 22 Flow Execution Profiling**  
Audit all record-triggered flows for loop count, subflow depth, and DML operations. Flows with >5 Get/Update elements per execution path need refactoring.
- 23 Lightning Page Component Load Times**  
Profile Lightning pages for slow-loading components. Identify custom LWCs making synchronous Apex calls or loading >500KB of data on render.
- 24 Governor Limit Consumption Monitoring**  
Track CPU time, query rows, and DML statements per transaction. Set up debug logs to identify transactions consistently above 70% of limits.
- 25 Batch & Scheduled Apex Health**  
Review all scheduled jobs for success rates and execution duration. Flag jobs running >10 minutes or with >1% failure rates — these indicate data or code issues.
- 26 Record-Triggered Flow Recursion Guards**  
Verify all record-triggered flows have entry conditions preventing re-fire. Check for trigger-flow-trigger chains that compound execution and hit limits.
- 27 Custom Index Coverage**  
Identify SOQL WHERE clauses on non-indexed fields in objects with >100K records. Request custom indexes from Salesforce Support for critical query patterns.
- 28 API Call Consumption Analysis**  
Track daily API call usage by connected app. Identify integrations making redundant calls or polling unnecessarily. Most orgs use <20% of their API limit inefficiently.
- 29 Async Apex Queue Depth**  
Monitor queueable, batch, and future method queue depths. Queue depths >50 during business hours indicate resource contention needing architectural review.
- 30 Platform Cache Utilization**  
Check if Platform Cache (Session/Org) is configured for frequently-accessed data. Most orgs pay for it but never implement it — can reduce SOQL usage by 40-60%.

## ARCHITECTURE

10 ITEMS

*Reduce tech debt and build on a solid foundation*

- 31 Unused Custom Field Inventory**  
Count custom fields per object; flag fields with 0% population rate. Orgs average 340+ unused fields — each one adds metadata bloat and confuses new team members.
- 32 Custom Object Sprawl Assessment**  
Map custom objects to business processes. Identify objects with <100 records or no automation — they're likely abandoned experiments that should be archived.
- 33 Process Builder → Flow Migration Status**  
Count remaining Process Builders; prioritize migration. Salesforce has deprecated PB and will enforce migration — check for PB+Flow conflicts on the same object.
- 34 Workflow Rule → Flow Migration**  
Identify remaining Workflow Rules. These are the most common source of 'mystery automation' because they don't appear in the Flow list and are easy to forget.
- 35 Hard-Coded IDs in Apex & Flows**  
Search code for 15/18-character IDs. These break in sandbox refreshes and org migrations. Replace with Custom Metadata Types or Custom Labels.
- 36 Test Class Quality Assessment**  
Go beyond coverage %: audit test classes for meaningful assertions. Orgs with 80% coverage but no assertions have zero regression protection. Check for SeeAllData=true anti-pattern.
- 37 Managed Package Audit**  
Review all installed packages for license utilization and API version. Uninstall unused packages — each one consumes governor limits and adds deployment complexity.
- 38 DevOps & Deployment Pipeline Health**  
Document source control, CI/CD, and deployment practices. Verify sandbox refresh cadence (monthly minimum) and check for 'deploy from production' anti-patterns.
- 39 Custom Metadata Type Adoption**  
Audit use of Custom Metadata Types vs. Custom Settings vs. hardcoded values. CMDTs are deployable and testable — if you're still using List Custom Settings, it's time to migrate.
- 40 Technical Debt Backlog**  
Document known workarounds, TODO comments in code, and deferred cleanup items. Calculate hours-to-remediate and prioritize by risk. Allocate 20% of sprint capacity to paydown.

## BUSINESS PROCESS

10 ITEMS

Align Salesforce with how your business actually operates

- 41 Lead-to-Opportunity Conversion Funnel**  
Calculate conversion rate and average time-to-convert. Rates below 15% indicate qualification issues. Map the actual conversion path vs. what's configured.
- 42 Sales Stage Duration Analysis**  
Analyze average days in each Opportunity stage. Flag deals stuck >2x the average — these are pipeline padding that distorts forecasting accuracy.
- 43 Assignment Rule Effectiveness**  
Review lead and case assignment rules against current org structure. Rules pointing to inactive users or renamed queues cause silent routing failures.
- 44 Escalation & Entitlement Process Audit**  
Verify escalation rules fire correctly and entitlement processes match current SLAs. Test with edge cases — most orgs discover broken escalations only during a crisis.
- 45 Email Template & Messaging Audit**  
Review all active email templates for outdated branding, broken merge fields, and stale product references. Flag templates last modified >12 months ago.
- 46 Report & Dashboard Adoption Analytics**  
Pull usage data on reports and dashboards. Orgs average 300+ reports with <20% regular usage. Consolidate duplicates and archive unused ones.
- 47 Automation Conflict Detection**  
Map all automations (Flows, Apex, PB, WFR) per object to detect conflicts. Look for competing field updates, recursive triggers, and order-of-execution issues.
- 48 Agentforce & AI Readiness Assessment**  
Evaluate data quality, field consistency, and process documentation readiness for Salesforce AI features. Agentforce requires clean, well-structured data to be effective.
- 49 Integration & Connected App Health**  
Audit all connected apps and OAuth tokens. Revoke unused integrations, verify refresh token policies, and check for apps using deprecated API versions (<v55.0).
- 50 Change Management Documentation**  
Verify release notes, runbooks, and rollback procedures exist. Check if post-deployment validation steps are documented and followed — most outages stem from undocumented changes.

You just reviewed 50 audit checkpoints across 5 categories.

## Want to fully automate this Health Check?

Buildforce monitors these areas + 200 more — continuously.

### Automated Scanning

Run all 50 checks (and 200+ more) automatically on your Salesforce org. No manual work.

### Continuous Monitoring

Get alerted when security, performance, or data quality issues emerge — not quarterly.

### Actionable Fixes

Every finding includes a specific remediation step with priority and effort estimate.

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