



PausePlay — Automation Control Center

User Guide (MVP)

Audience: Salesforce Admins, Developers, and Architects

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1. What PausePlay Does

PausePlay helps you pause and resume Salesforce automations—Triggers, Flows, and Validation Rules—so you can safely run data work (like sandbox seeding) without unexpected side effects.

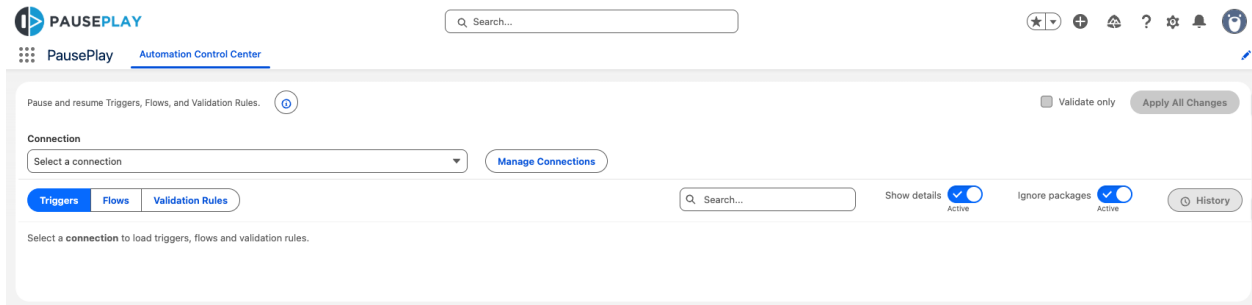


Figure 1 — PausePlay Automation Control Center

2. Connections

PausePlay connects to the target org using a Named Credential. Admins can manage multiple connections (e.g., DEV, UAT, Prod) and switch between them from the Connection dropdown.

2.1 Select or Create a Connection

Use **Manage Connections** to create or update a connection record:

- **Connection Key (Named Credential):** The API name of the Named Credential (for example, PausePlayDemoOrg1Credentials).
- **Label:** Friendly name shown in the Connection dropdown.
- **Description:** Optional note for admins.

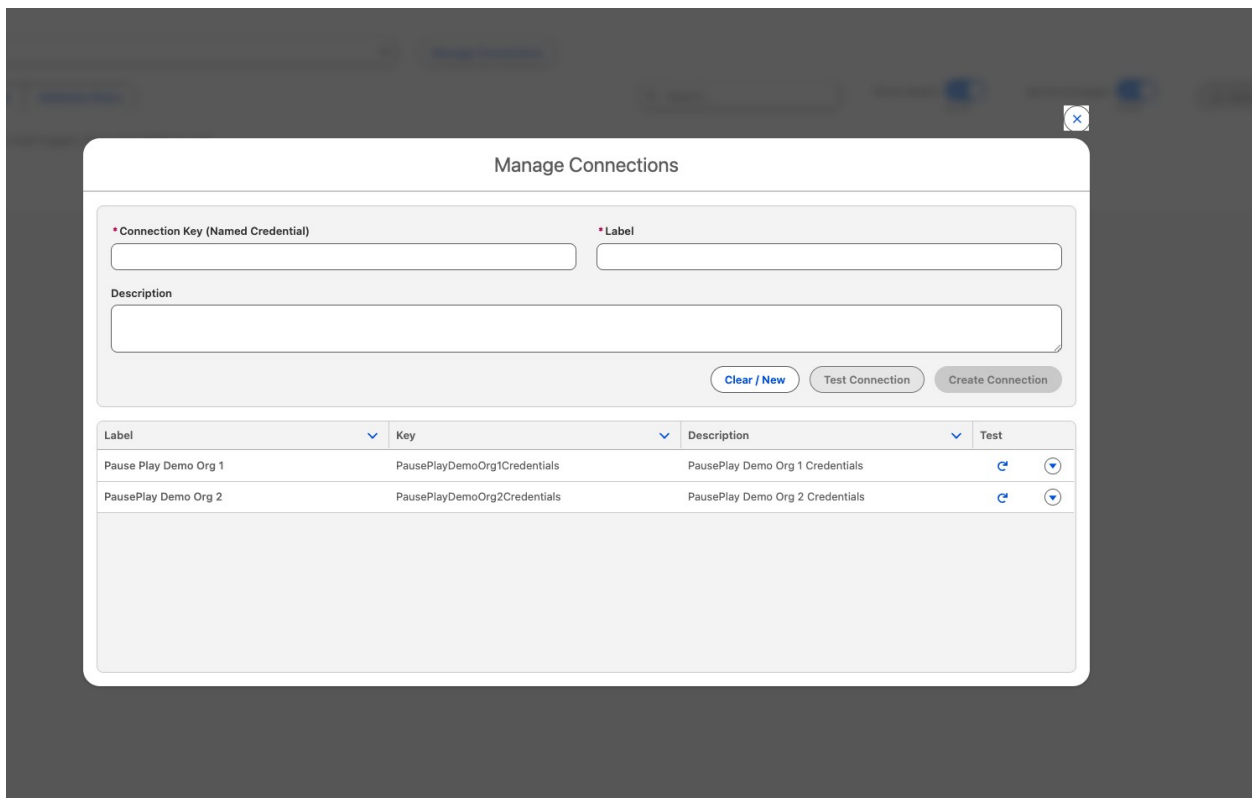


Figure 2 — Manage Connections list and form

3. Access and Permissions

For MVP, PausePlay uses a single permission set: **PausePlay Admin**.

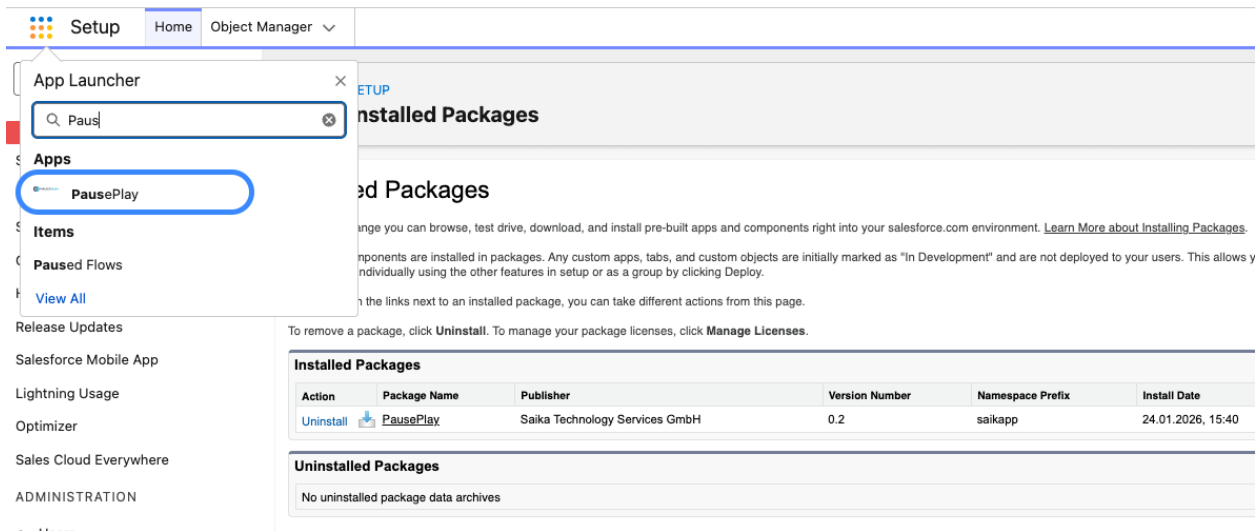


Figure 3 — Open PausePlay from the App Launcher

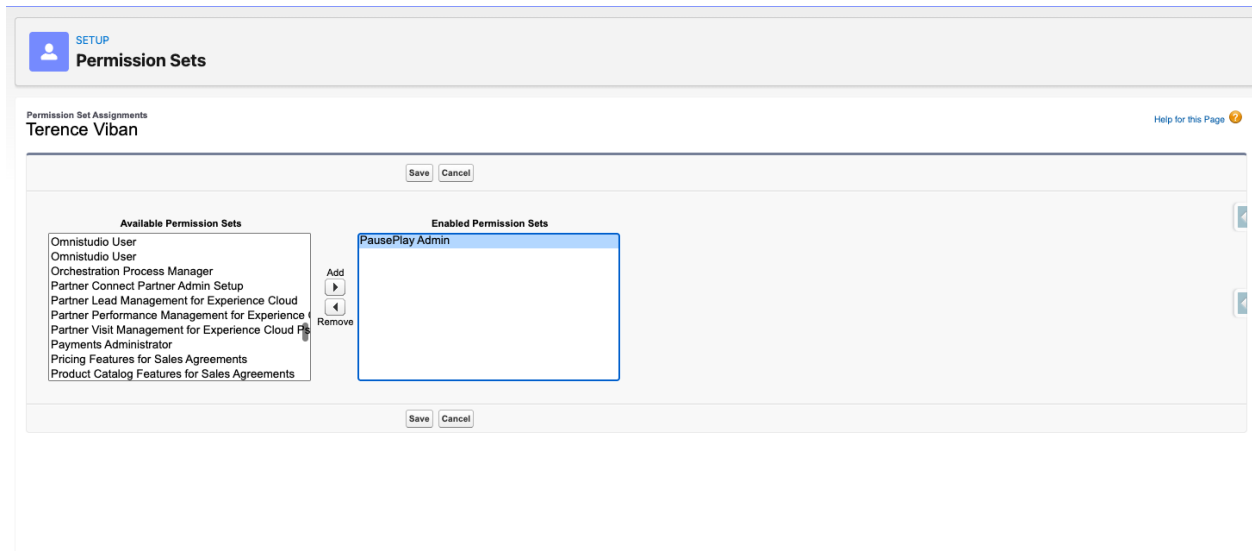


Figure 4 — Assign the PausePlay Admin permission set

4. Understanding the UI

PausePlay works across three automation types. Use the tabs to switch between Triggers, Flows, and Validation Rules.

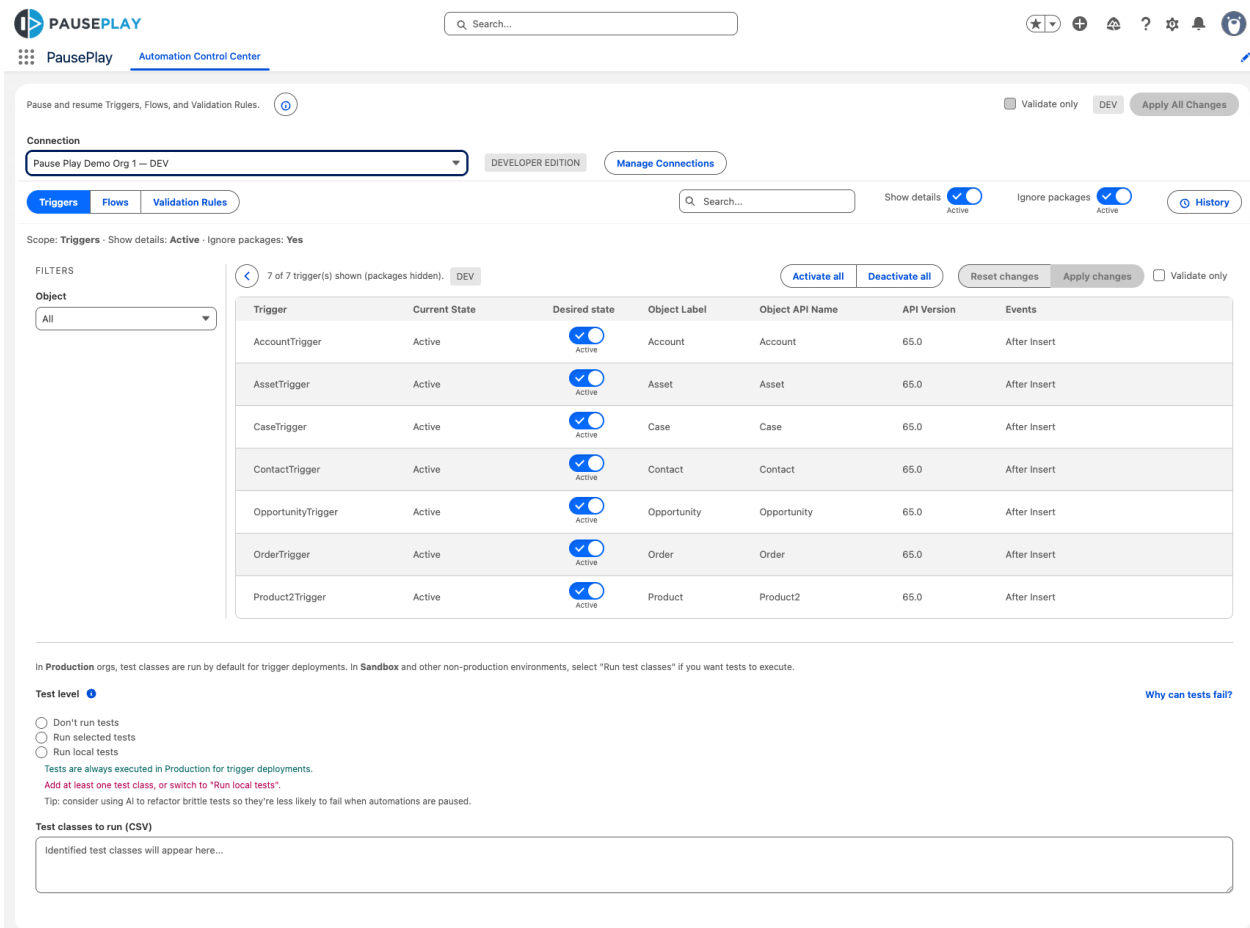


Figure 5 — Automation tabs and automatic snapshots

Key UI concepts:

- Use the **Desired state** toggles to queue changes for individual automations.
- Use **Activate all / Deactivate all** to queue changes for all items currently in scope (for example, within a tab and filters).
- Use **Apply changes** (local) to apply changes for the current tab, or **Apply All Changes** (global) to apply across all tabs sequentially.
- Use **Validate only** (local or global) to check what would happen without making any changes.

5. Typical Workflow

5.1 Step 1 — Create or Select a Connection

Select a connection from the dropdown. If you don't have one yet, create it via **Manage Connections**.

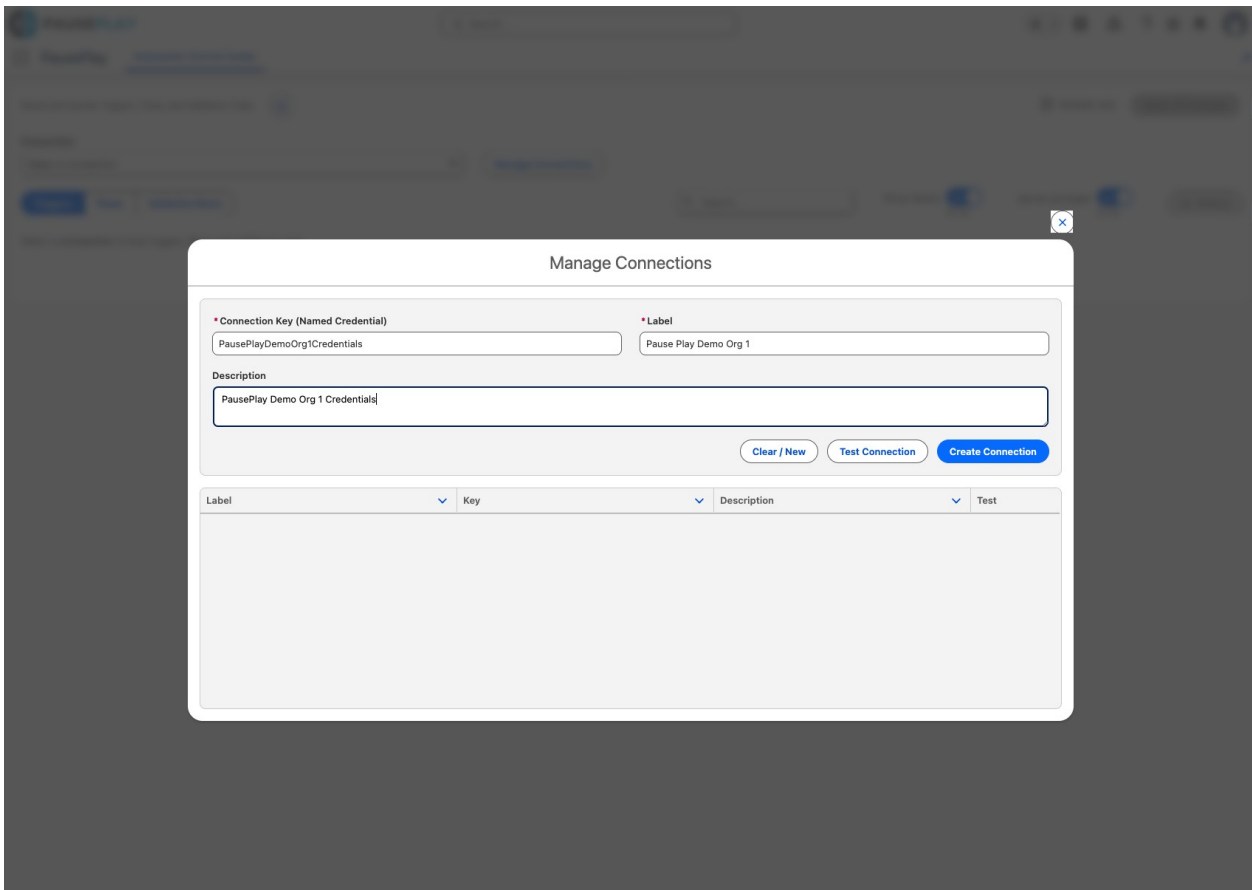


Figure 6 — Create a new connection in PausePlay

5.2 Step 2 — Review Automations

PausePlay loads automations from the target org based on your connection and filters (Object, Flow Type, etc.).

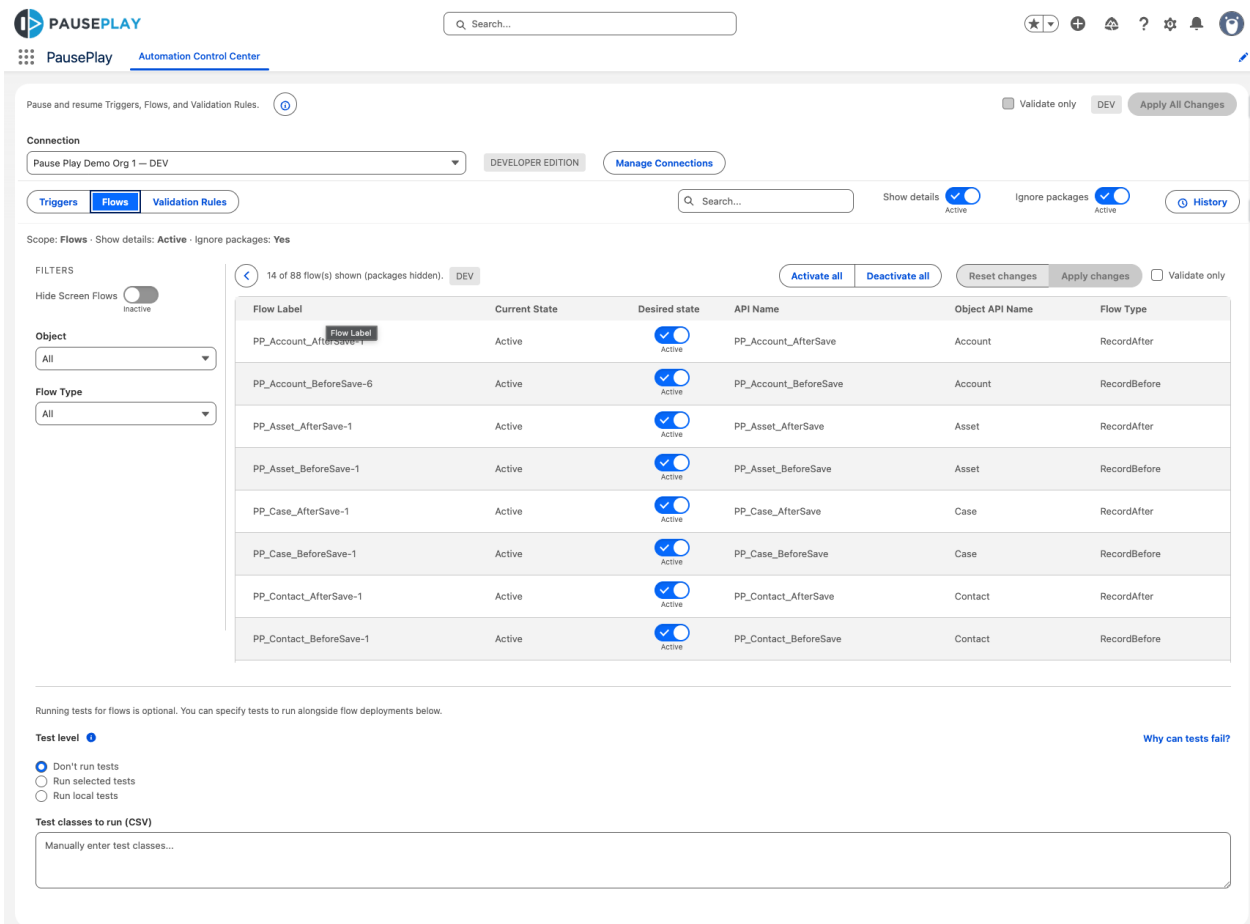


Figure 7 — Review automations with filters and search

5.3 Step 3 — Select Automations to Pause (or Resume)

You can pause a single automation, a filtered set, or everything in the current scope:

- Toggle one or more items in the **Desired state** column.
- Optionally use **Activate all / Deactivate all** to queue changes in bulk.
- Queued changes are highlighted, and action buttons become enabled.

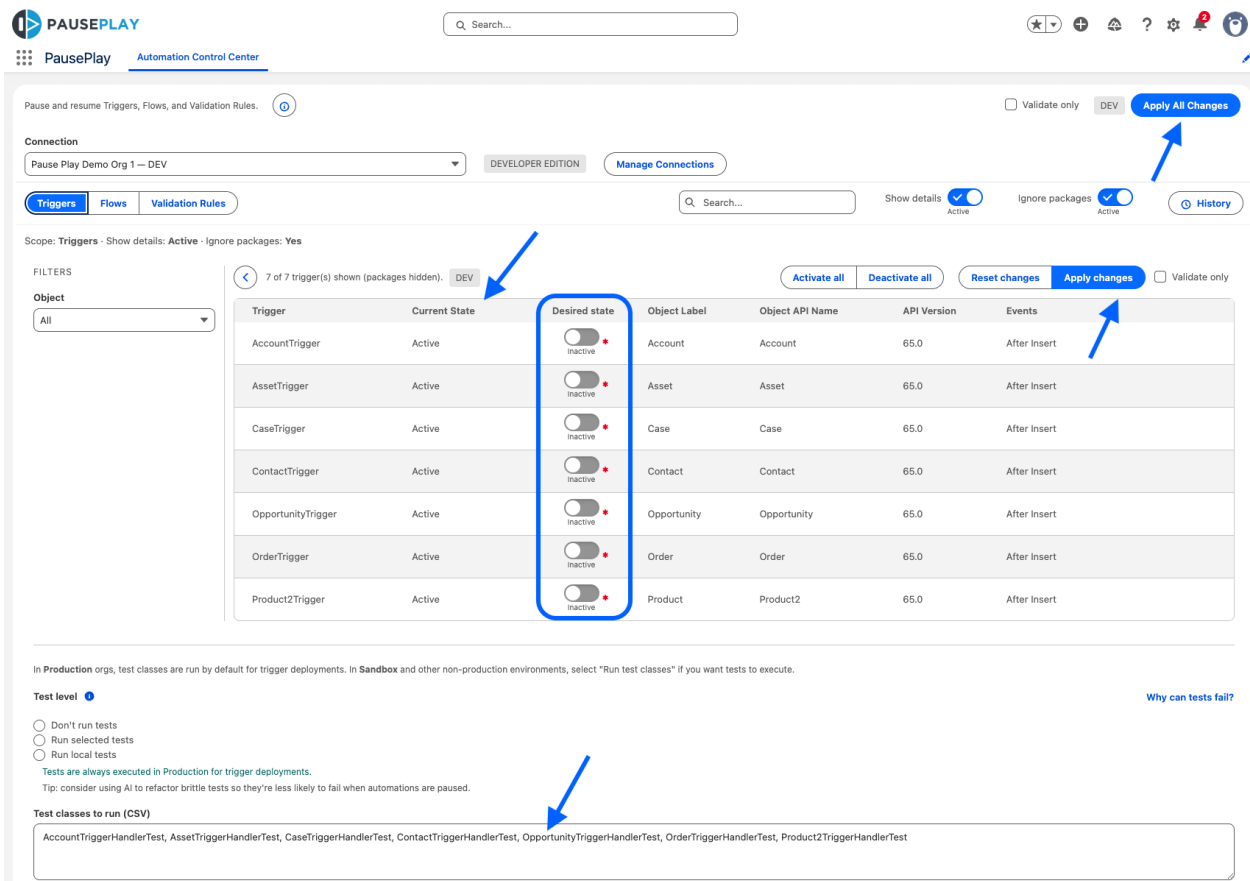


Figure 8 — Select automations using Desired state

5.4 Step 4 — Apply or Validate Changes

When you apply changes, PausePlay automatically creates a snapshot ****right before**** the deployment starts. There is no separate snapshot modal—snapshots happen automatically.

Choose one of these options:

- **Apply changes:** applies queued changes for the current tab (Triggers OR Flows OR Validation Rules).
- **Apply All Changes:** applies all queued changes across all tabs sequentially.
- **Validate only:** runs the same process but does not change anything.

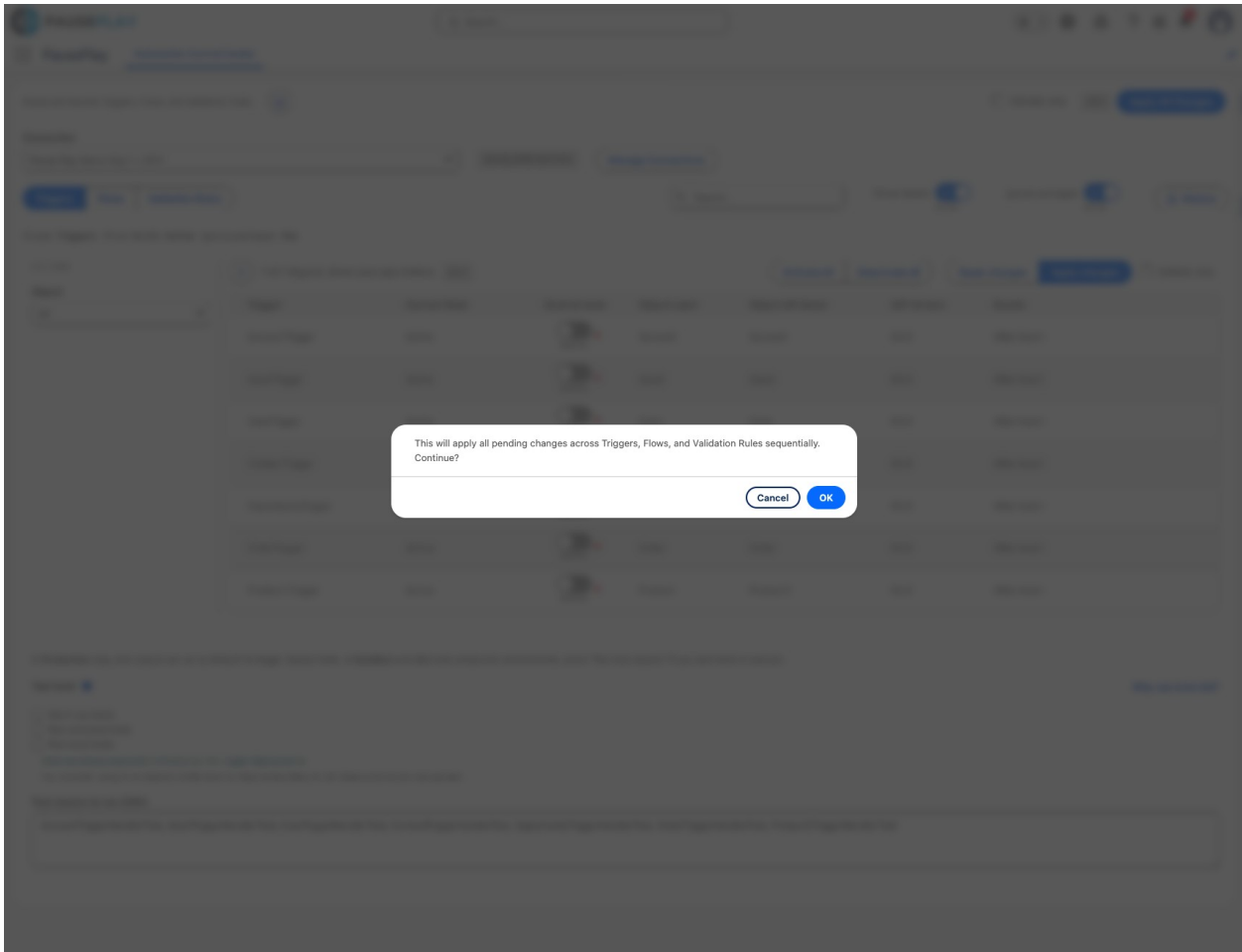


Figure 9 — Confirm applying global changes

Progress is shown at the top of the page. PausePlay applies changes sequentially to reduce risk and improve traceability.

Pause and resume Triggers, Flows, and Validation Rules.

Validate only **DEV**

TRIGGERS FLOWS VALIDATION RULES



Connection

Pause Play Demo Org 1 — DEV DEVELOPER EDITION

Triggers Flows Validation Rules Q Search... Show details Active Ignore packages Active

Scope: Triggers - Show details: Active - Ignore packages: Yes

FILTERS

Object: All

7 of 7 trigger(s) shown (packages hidden). **DEV** Validate only

Trigger	Current State	Desired state	Object Label	Object API Name	API Version	Events
AccountTrigger	Inactive	<input type="checkbox"/>	Account	Account	65.0	After Insert
AssetTrigger	Inactive	<input type="checkbox"/>	Asset	Asset	65.0	After Insert
CaseTrigger	Inactive	<input type="checkbox"/>	Case	Case	65.0	After Insert
ContactTrigger	Inactive	<input type="checkbox"/>	Contact	Contact	65.0	After Insert
OpportunityTrigger	Inactive	<input type="checkbox"/>	Opportunity	Opportunity	65.0	After Insert
OrderTrigger	Inactive	<input type="checkbox"/>	Order	Order	65.0	After Insert
Product2Trigger	Inactive	<input type="checkbox"/>	Product	Product2	65.0	After Insert

In Production orgs, test classes are run by default for trigger deployments. In Sandbox and other non-production environments, select "Run test classes" if you want tests to execute.

Test level

- Don't run tests
- Run selected tests
- Run local tests

[Why can tests fail?](#)

Figure 10 — Deployment in progress

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Success Apply All completed.

TRIGGERS FLOWS VALIDATION RULES

100% Deployment Complete (7/7) 100% Deployment Complete (14/14) 100% Deployment Complete (14/14)

Connection: Pause Play Demo Org 1 – DEV DEVELOPER EDITION Manage Connections

Triggers Flows Validation Rules Show details Active Ignore packages Active History

Scope: Triggers · Show details: Active · ignore packages: Yes

FILTERS Object: All

7 of 7 trigger(s) shown (packages hidden). DEV Activate all Deactivate all Reset changes Apply changes Revert to snapshot Validate only

Trigger	Current State	Desired state	Object Label	Object API Name	API Version	Events
AccountTrigger	Inactive	<input type="checkbox"/>	Account	Account	65.0	After Insert
AssetTrigger	Inactive	<input type="checkbox"/>	Asset	Asset	65.0	After insert
CaseTrigger	Inactive	<input type="checkbox"/>	Case	Case	65.0	After Insert
ContactTrigger	Inactive	<input type="checkbox"/>	Contact	Contact	65.0	After Insert
OpportunityTrigger	Inactive	<input type="checkbox"/>	Opportunity	Opportunity	65.0	After Insert
OrderTrigger	Inactive	<input type="checkbox"/>	Order	Order	65.0	After Insert
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Test level Run selected tests

Why can tests fail?

Figure 11 — Deployment complete

5.5 Suggested Tests (Triggers and Flows)

When you pause or resume Triggers or Flows, PausePlay can suggest test classes to run. Choose a test level and optionally provide a CSV list of tests.

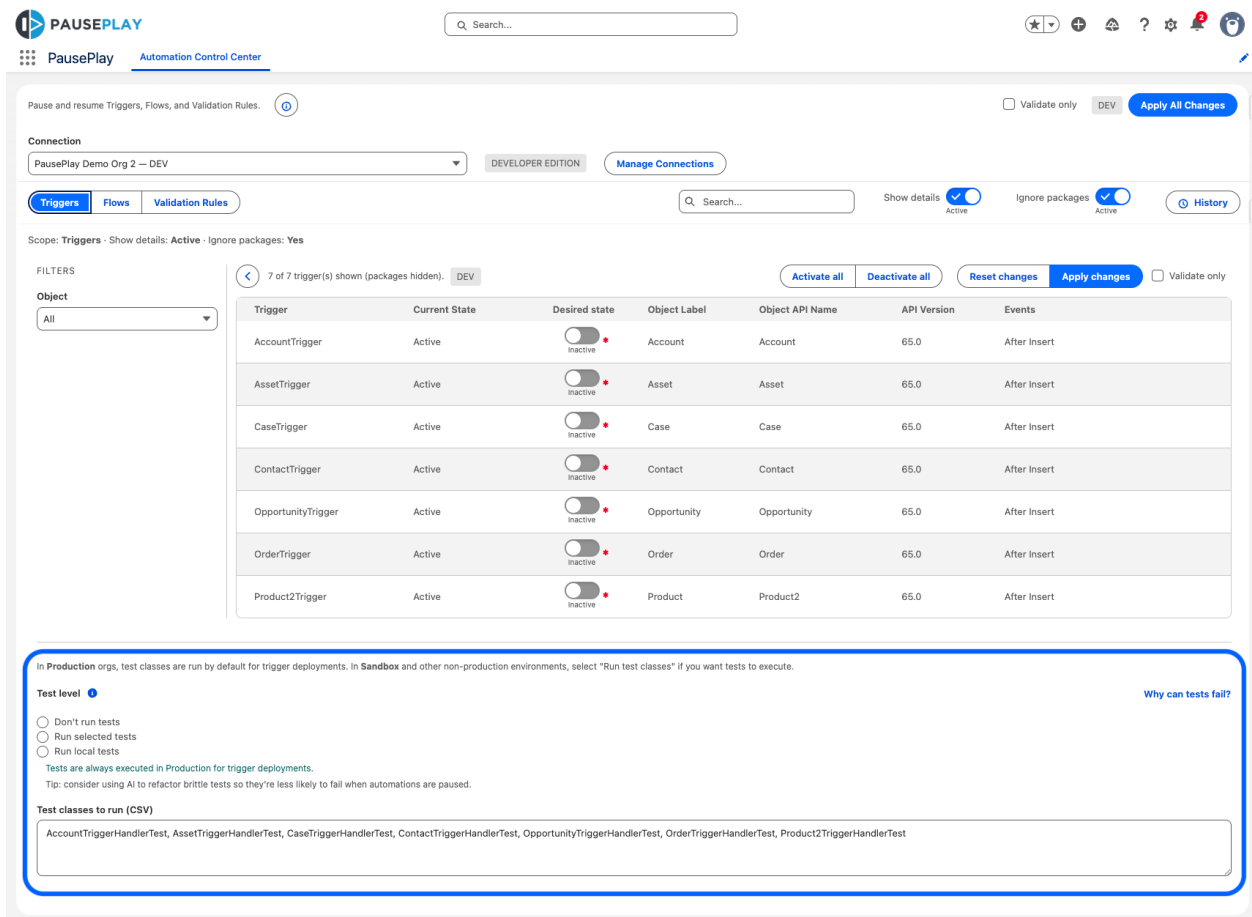


Figure 12 — Suggested test classes and test level controls

6. Step 5 — Perform Your Work

After pausing the relevant automations, perform your planned work (for example: ****sandbox data load (seeding)****, data migration tests, configuration changes, or deployments). This work is external to PausePlay.

7. Resume Automations

When you're done, you can restore automations to their previous state using the snapshot-based revert options.

- **Revert to snapshot:** reverts changes for the current tab to the last snapshot.
- **Revert All:** reverts the last global deployment (Validation Rules → Flows → Triggers in reverse order).

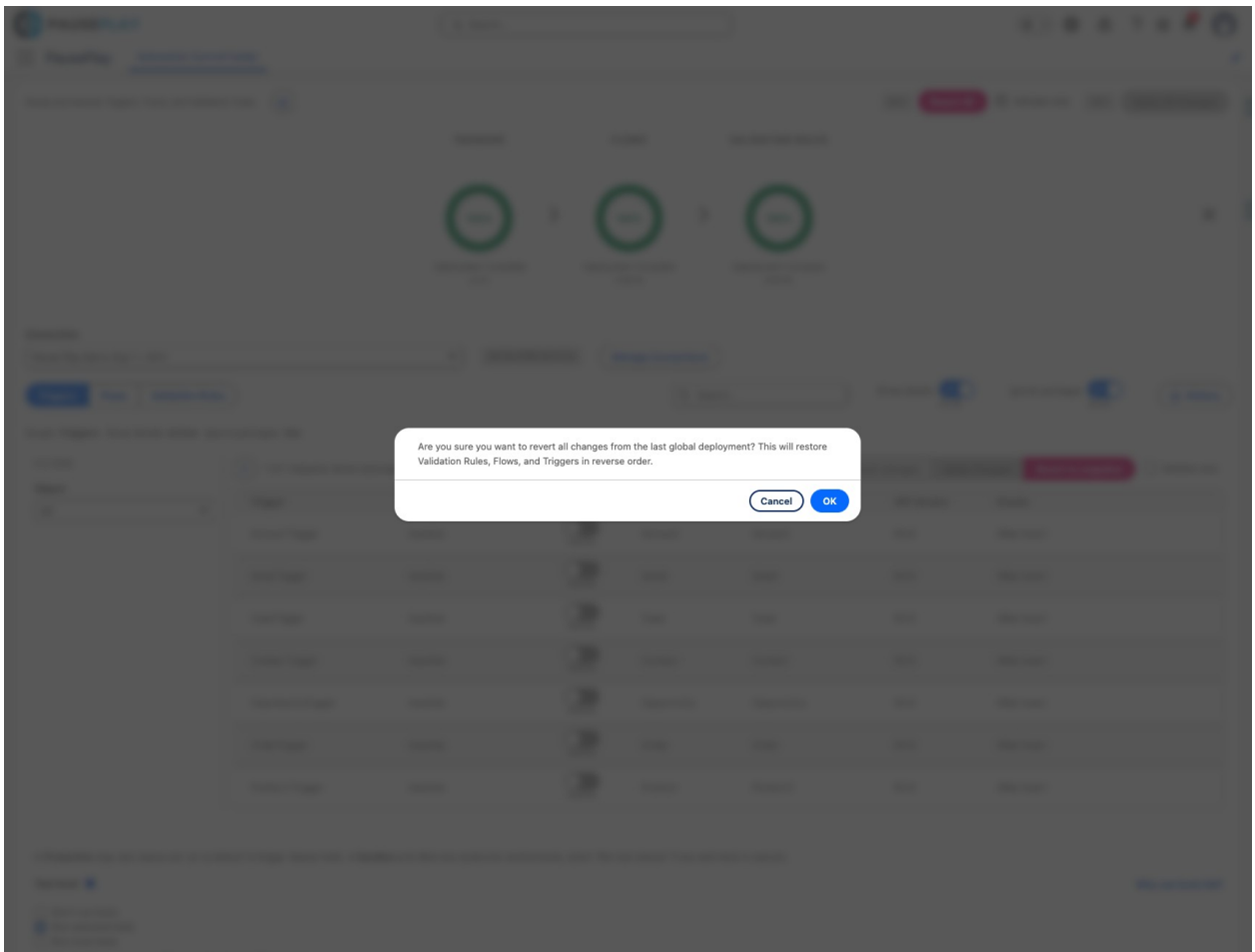


Figure 13 — Confirm a global revert (Revert All)

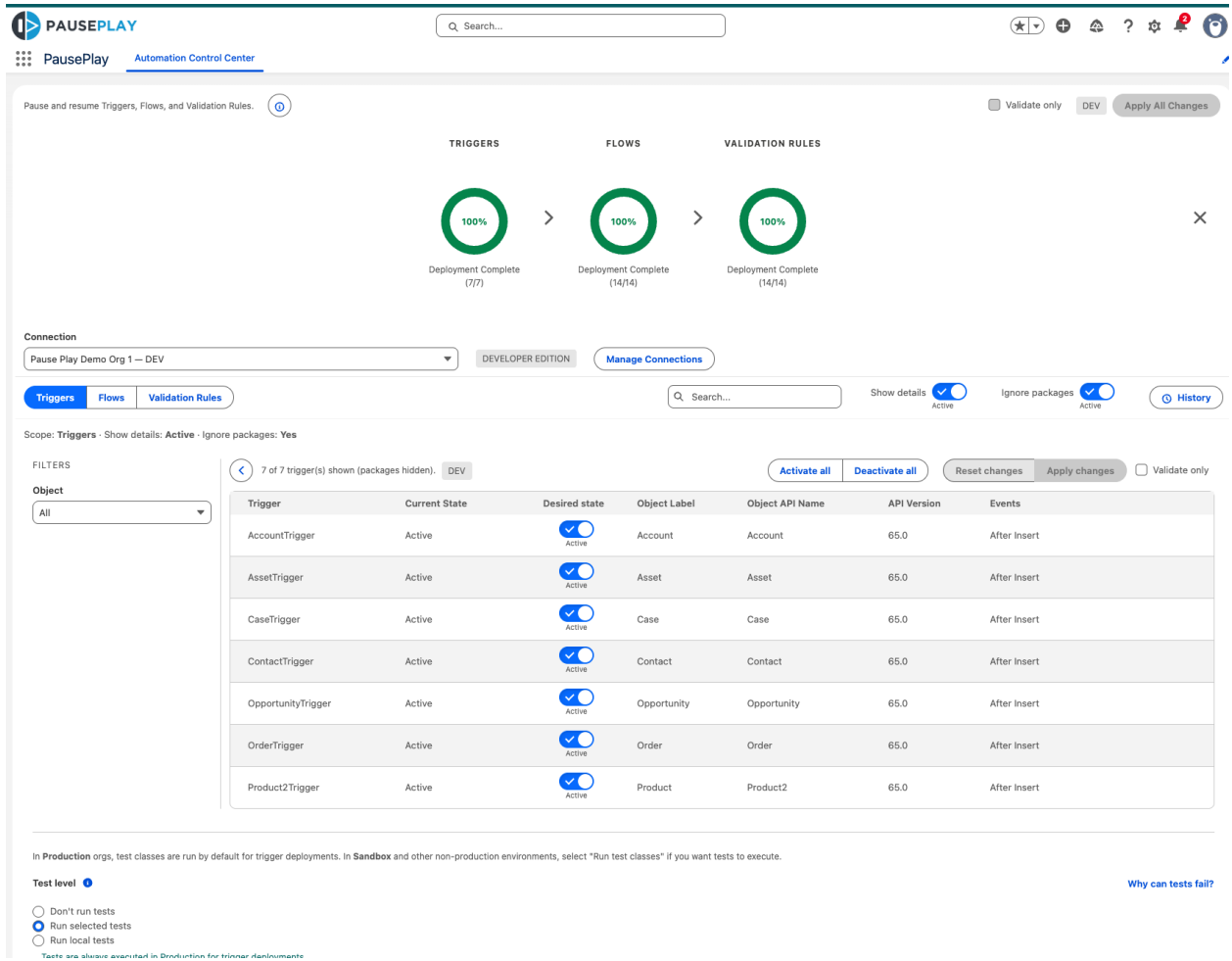


Figure 14 — Revert complete; automations restored

8. History and Audit Trail

Use **History** to review past deployments and validations. History shows the affected automations and any errors that occurred during apply or revert.

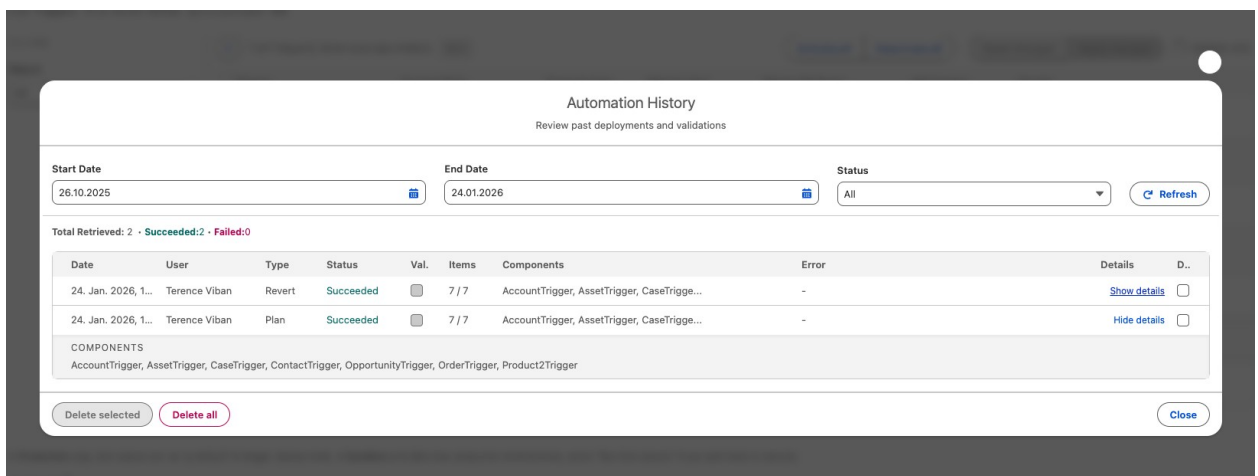
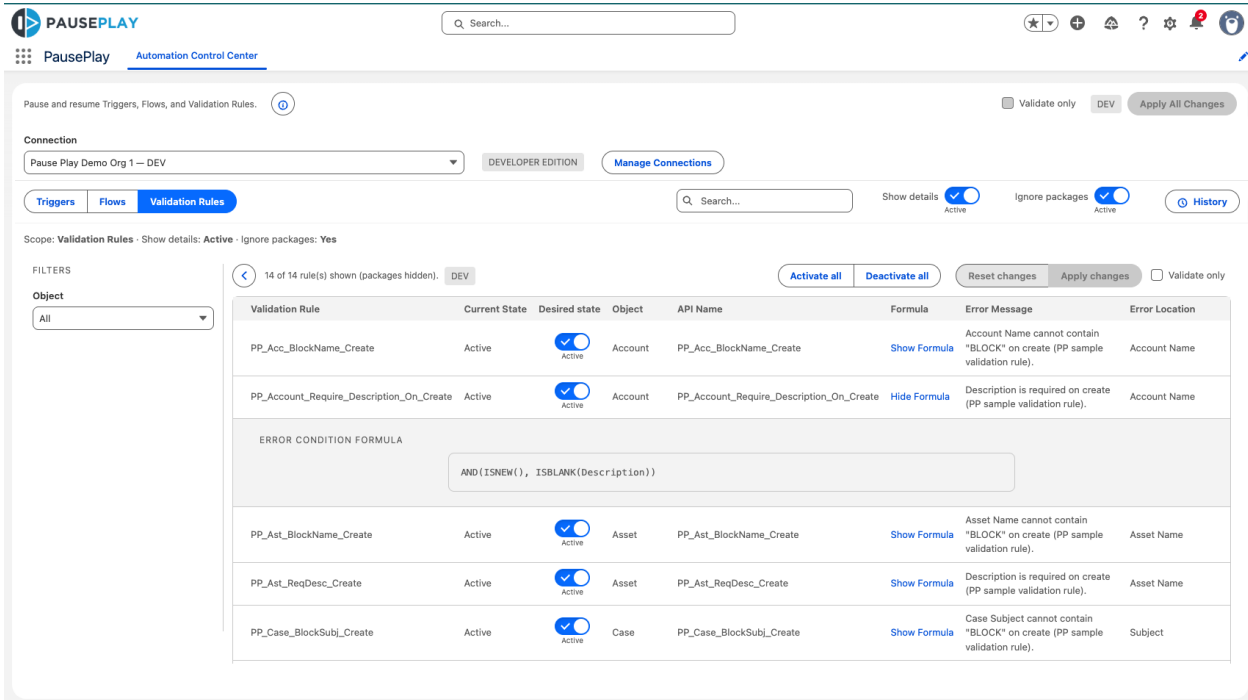


Figure 15 — Automation History modal

9. Validation Rules Details

The Validation Rules tab provides additional context such as the error message and the error condition formula. Use **Show Formula** to expand the formula inline.



Pause and resume Triggers, Flows, and Validation Rules. Validate only DEV [Apply All Changes](#)

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Triggers Flows **Validation Rules** Show details Active Ignore packages Active [History](#)

Scope: Validation Rules - Show details: Active - Ignore packages: Yes

FILTERS: Object: All

14 of 14 rule(s) shown (packages hidden). DEV [Activate all](#) [Deactivate all](#) [Reset changes](#) [Apply changes](#) Validate only

Validation Rule	Current State	Desired state	Object	API Name	Formula	Error Message	Error Location
PP_Acc_BlockName_Create	Active	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Active	Account	PP_Acc_BlockName_Create	Show Formula	Account Name cannot contain "BLOCK" on create (PP sample validation rule).	Account Name
PP_Account_Require_Description_On_Create	Active	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Active	Account	PP_Account_Require_Description_On_Create	Hide Formula	Description is required on create (PP sample validation rule).	Account Name
ERROR CONDITION FORMULA							
<input type="text" value="AND (ISNEW(), ISBLANK(Description))"/>							
PP_Ast_BlockName_Create	Active	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Active	Asset	PP_Ast_BlockName_Create	Show Formula	Asset Name cannot contain "BLOCK" on create (PP sample validation rule).	Asset Name
PP_Ast_ReqDesc_Create	Active	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Active	Asset	PP_Ast_ReqDesc_Create	Show Formula	Description is required on create (PP sample validation rule).	Asset Name
PP_Case_BlockSubj_Create	Active	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Active	Case	PP_Case_BlockSubj_Create	Show Formula	Case Subject cannot contain "BLOCK" on create (PP sample validation rule).	Subject

Figure 16 — Validation Rules table with error messages and formulas

10. Best Practices

- Pause only what you need: use filters (Object, Flow Type) to narrow scope.
- Use **Validate only** first in sensitive environments to confirm what will happen.
- Run appropriate tests when changing Triggers and Flows, especially in Production.
- Use **Ignore packages** if you want to focus on your org's custom automations.

11. Troubleshooting (Non-technical)

Common questions:

- **“I’m not sure what I paused.”** If automations were paused previously, **Revert All** or **Revert to snapshot** becomes available. You can also open **History** to review past actions and impacted components.
- **“Buttons are disabled.”** Apply/Revert buttons activate only when there are queued changes or an available snapshot to revert to.
- **“I need to pause in steps.”** You can pause a single automation and use **Apply changes**, or group multiple automations and use **Apply All Changes** for a single global deployment.

12. Support

For questions, onboarding help, or troubleshooting assistance, contact our support team via the PausePlay Contact page:

<https://www.pauseplay.app/contact>

Tip: Include your org type (Sandbox/Production), the connection label, and a screenshot of any error message.

The screenshot displays the PausePlay contact page. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the PausePlay logo on the left, and links for 'Features', 'Blog', and 'Contact' in the center. A 'Book a Demo' button is located on the right side of the navigation bar. The main heading is 'Get in Touch', followed by the subtext 'Have questions about PausePlay? We'd love to hear from you.' Below this, there are two main sections: 'Send us a message' and 'Other ways to connect'. The 'Send us a message' section contains a form with fields for 'First Name' (containing 'John'), 'Last Name' (containing 'Doe'), 'Email' (containing 'john@company.com'), and 'Company' (containing 'Your Company'). There is also a 'Message' text area with the placeholder text 'How can we help you?' and a 'Send Message' button. The 'Other ways to connect' section lists 'Email' (support@pauseplay.app), 'Location' (Hamburg, Germany), and 'Phone' (+49 176 24231762). Below this, there is a 'Prefer a live demo?' section with a 'Book a Demo' button. At the bottom, there is a footer with the PausePlay logo and tagline 'Pause automations with ease, play again when you're ready.', and four columns of links: 'Product' (Features, Book a Demo), 'Company' (Blog, Contact), and 'Legal' (Privacy Policy, Terms of Service).

Figure 17 — PausePlay Contact page (Support)