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Phase 12.0: Dynamic Boards System Implementation

We will design a flexible “boards” system in Rainbow CRM that allows users to define custom columns (fields) and store data in a dynamic, extensible schema, similar to Monday.com. This involves creating new database tables, building REST APIs to manage boards/fields/items, and updating the frontend for an editable grid interface. Below are detailed steps and code examples for each part of the implementation.

Database Schema

We add four core tables: **boards**, **fields**, **items**, and **field_values**. This replaces the fixed Contact/Lead/Event tables with a dynamic schema. For example, using a SQL migration or ORM definitions:

```
-- Boards table: stores each board (e.g. "Contacts", "Leads")
CREATE TABLE boards (
  board_id   SERIAL PRIMARY KEY,
  name       VARCHAR(255) NOT NULL,
  owner_id   INTEGER NOT NULL,            -- references users table
  created_at TIMESTAMP DEFAULT NOW(),
  updated_at TIMESTAMP DEFAULT NOW()
);

-- Fields table: defines columns for each board
CREATE TABLE fields (
  field_id   SERIAL PRIMARY KEY,
  board_id   INTEGER NOT NULL REFERENCES boards(board_id) ON DELETE CASCADE,
  name       VARCHAR(255) NOT NULL,       -- column label
  type       VARCHAR(50) NOT NULL,        -- e.g. 'text', 'number', 'status',
'date'
  order_idx  INTEGER NOT NULL DEFAULT 0, -- position of column in the board
  config     JSONB,                       -- JSON for type-specific settings
(e.g. options)
  created_at TIMESTAMP DEFAULT NOW(),
  updated_at TIMESTAMP DEFAULT NOW()
);

-- Items table: represents each row/item on a board
CREATE TABLE items (
  item_id    SERIAL PRIMARY KEY,
  board_id   INTEGER NOT NULL REFERENCES boards(board_id) ON DELETE CASCADE,
  name       VARCHAR(255) NOT NULL,       -- primary label or title of the item
  created_by INTEGER NOT NULL,           -- creator user ID
  created_at TIMESTAMP DEFAULT NOW(),
  updated_at TIMESTAMP DEFAULT NOW()
);

-- Field_values table: stores each cell value for an item/field
CREATE TABLE field_values (
  value_id   SERIAL PRIMARY KEY,
  item_id    INTEGER NOT NULL REFERENCES items(item_id) ON DELETE CASCADE,
  field_id   INTEGER NOT NULL REFERENCES fields(field_id) ON DELETE CASCADE,
  value      TEXT,                       -- store all values as text, parse per
type
  -- Alternatively, use separate columns or JSON for different types.
  updated_at TIMESTAMP DEFAULT NOW()
);
```

- **Field types:** The `fields.type` column indicates how to interpret `field_values.value`. For example, type `"number"` means the value should parse as a numeric. For `"status"` or `"select"`, the `config` JSON might contain an `"options"` array of allowed values.
- **Ordering and visibility:** We include `order_idx` to save column order. If user-specific visibility is needed, we can extend the `config` JSON or have a separate `user_board_prefs` table.
- **Indexes & relations:** Add indexes on foreign keys (`board_id` in fields/items, `field_id,item_id` in field_values) for performance. Ensure cascading deletes to keep data consistent when boards/fields are removed.

Backend API

We create RESTful endpoints for managing boards, fields, items, and field values. For example, using Node.js with Express and a SQL/ORM layer:

- **Board Routes (`/api/boards`):** CRUD operations for boards.
- **Field Routes (`/api/boards/:boardId/fields`):** CRUD for fields on a board.
- **Item Routes (`/api/boards/:boardId/items`):** CRUD for items (rows).
- **Field-Value Routes (`/api/items/:itemId/values`):** GET/PUT for field values in an item.

Here is a scaffold of Express routes and controller stubs:

```
// boards.js (Express router)
const express = require('express');
const router = express.Router();

// GET /api/boards
router.get('/', async (req, res) => {
  const boards = await Board.findAll();
  res.json(boards);
});
```

```
// POST /api/boards
router.post('/', async (req, res) => {
  const { name, owner_id } = req.body;
  const newBoard = await Board.create({ name, owner_id });
  res.status(201).json(newBoard);
});

// GET /api/boards/:id
router.get('/:id', async (req, res) => {
  const board = await Board.findByPk(req.params.id);
  res.json(board);
});

// PUT /api/boards/:id
router.put('/:id', async (req, res) => {
  const { name } = req.body;
  await Board.update({ name }, { where: { board_id: req.params.id } });
  res.sendStatus(204);
});

// DELETE /api/boards/:id
router.delete('/:id', async (req, res) => {
  await Board.destroy({ where: { board_id: req.params.id } });
  res.sendStatus(204);
});

module.exports = router;
```

```
// fields.js (Express router nested under a board)
const router = require('express').Router({ mergeParams: true });

// GET /api/boards/:boardId/fields
router.get('/', async (req, res) => {
  const fields = await Field.findAll({ where: { board_id: req.params.boardId },
order: ['order_idx'] });
  res.json(fields);
});

// POST /api/boards/:boardId/fields
router.post('/', async (req, res) => {
  const { name, type, order_idx, config } = req.body;
  const field = await Field.create({
    board_id: req.params.boardId,
    name, type, order_idx,
    config: JSON.stringify(config || {})
  });
  res.status(201).json(field);
});

// PUT /api/boards/:boardId/fields/:fieldId
router.put('/:fieldId', async (req, res) => {
  const { name, type, order_idx, config } = req.body;
  await Field.update(
    { name, type, order_idx, config: JSON.stringify(config || {}) },
    { where: { field_id: req.params.fieldId } }
  );
  res.sendStatus(204);
});

// DELETE /api/boards/:boardId/fields/:fieldId
router.delete('/:fieldId', async (req, res) => {
  await Field.destroy({ where: { field_id: req.params.fieldId } });
  res.sendStatus(204);
});

module.exports = router;
```

```
// items.js (items under a board)
const router = require('express').Router({ mergeParams: true });

// GET /api/boards/:boardId/items
router.get('/', async (req, res) => {
  const items = await Item.findAll({ where: { board_id: req.params.boardId } });
  res.json(items);
});

// POST /api/boards/:boardId/items
router.post('/', async (req, res) => {
  const { name, created_by } = req.body;
  const item = await Item.create({ board_id: req.params.boardId, name,
created_by });
  res.status(201).json(item);
});

// ... other item routes (update, delete)
module.exports = router;
```

```
// field-values.js (values for a given item)
const router = require('express').Router({ mergeParams: true });
```

```
// GET /api/items/:itemId/values
router.get('/', async (req, res) => {
  const values = await FieldValue.findAll({ where: { item_id:
req.params.itemId } });
  res.json(values);
});

// PUT /api/items/:itemId/values/:fieldId
router.put('/:fieldId', async (req, res) => {
  const { value } = req.body;
  // Validate type-safety based on field type
  const field = await Field.findByPk(req.params.fieldId);
  if (field.type === 'number' && isNaN(Number(value))) {
    return res.status(400).json({ error: 'Value must be a number.' });
  }
  // Update or create the field value
  const [fv, created] = await FieldValue.findOrCreate({
    where: { item_id: req.params.itemId, field_id: req.params.fieldId },
    defaults: { value: String(value) }
  });
  if (!created) {
    await fv.update({ value: String(value) });
  }
  res.sendStatus(204);
});

// DELETE value if needed
router.delete('/:fieldId', async (req, res) => {
  await FieldValue.destroy({ where: { item_id: req.params.itemId, field_id:
req.params.fieldId } });
  res.sendStatus(204);
});

module.exports = router;
```

Type-Safe Validation

In the above code, we perform basic validation in the `PUT /values/:fieldId` route. In a full implementation, use a library or TypeScript types to ensure values match the field's type. For example:

```
function validateFieldValue(field, value) {
  switch (field.type) {
    case 'number':
      return !isNaN(Number(value));
    case 'date':
      return !isNaN(Date.parse(value));
    case 'status':
      return field.config.options.includes(value); // config.options =
['Open','Closed',...]
    default:
      return true; // text, etc.
  }
}
```

Call this validation before saving the value and return HTTP 400 on failure. This ensures data integrity (e.g. only numbers go into number fields).

Frontend Components

We build a dynamic board view in React. Key components include:

- **BoardView:** Fetches board metadata, fields, and items. Renders an editable table.
- **EditableGrid (or BoardTable):** Renders items in rows, fields as columns.
- **ColumnHeader:** Shows column name, type icon, and menus (rename, delete).
- **EditableCell:** Allows inline editing of a cell's value.
- **AddColumnModal:** Modal dialog to add a new field (column) to the board.

Below are simplified React component examples using hooks:

```
// BoardView.jsx
import React, { useEffect, useState } from 'react';
import BoardTable from './BoardTable';
import AddColumnModal from './AddColumnModal';
import api from '../api';

function BoardView({ boardId }) {
  const [board, setBoard] = useState(null);
  const [fields, setFields] = useState([]);
  const [items, setItems] = useState([]);
  const [showAddColumn, setShowAddColumn] = useState(false);

  useEffect(() => {
    // Fetch board info, fields, and items
    async function fetchData() {
      const b = await api.get(`/boards/${boardId}`);
      const f = await api.get(`/boards/${boardId}/fields`);
      const i = await api.get(`/boards/${boardId}/items`);
      setBoard(b);
      setFields(f);
      setItems(i);
    }
    fetchData();
  }, [boardId]);

  const addField = async (fieldData) => {
    const newField = await api.post(`/boards/${boardId}/fields`, fieldData);
    setFields([...fields, newField]);
  };

  const updateFieldOrder = async (fieldId, newOrder) => {
    await api.put(`/boards/${boardId}/fields/${fieldId}`, { order_idx:
newOrder });
    // You would reorder locally as well.
  };

  return (
    <div>
      <h2>{board?.name}</h2>
      <BoardTable
        fields={fields}
        items={items}
        onCellChange={async (itemId, fieldId, newValue) => {
          await api.put(`/items/${itemId}/values/${fieldId}`, { value:
newValue });
          // Optimistically update UI
          setItems(items.map(item =>
            item.item_id === itemId ? { ...item, values: { ...item.values,
[fieldId]: newValue } } : item
          ));
        }}
        onColumnReorder={updateFieldOrder}
      />
      <button onClick={() => setShowAddColumn(true)}>Add Column</button>
      {showAddColumn && (
        <AddColumnModal
          onSubmit={(fieldData) => { addField(fieldData);
setShowAddColumn(false); }}
          onClose={() => setShowAddColumn(false)}
        />
      )}
    </div>
  );
}
export default BoardView;
```

```
// BoardTable.jsx
import React from 'react';
import { DragDropContext, Droppable, Draggable } from 'react-beautiful-dnd';
import EditableCell from './EditableCell';
import ColumnHeader from './ColumnHeader';

function BoardTable({ fields, items, onCellChange, onColumnReorder }) {
  // Sort fields by order_idx
  const sortedFields = [...fields].sort((a, b) => a.order_idx - b.order_idx);

  const handleDragEnd = (result) => {
    if (!result.destination) return;
    const src = result.source.index;
    const dest = result.destination.index;
    if (src !== dest) {
      // Swap order of dragged fields and call API
      const movedField = sortedFields[src];
      onColumnReorder(movedField.field_id, dest);
    }
  };

  return (
    <DragDropContext onDragEnd={handleDragEnd}>
      <table>
        <thead>
          <Droppable droppableId="columns" direction="horizontal">
            {(provided) => (
              <tr ref={provided.innerRef} {...provided.droppableProps}>
                {sortedFields.map((field, index) => (
                  <Draggable key={field.field_id}
draggableId={String(field.field_id)} index={index}>
                    {(provided) => (
                      <th ref={provided.innerRef} {...provided.draggableProps}>
                        <ColumnHeader
                          field={field}
                          dragHandleProps={provided.dragHandleProps}
                          // add props for rename/delete actions
                        />
                      </th>
                    )}
                  </Draggable>
                ))}
                {provided.placeholder}
              </tr>
            )}
          </Droppable>
        </thead>
        <tbody>
          {items.map(item => (
            <tr key={item.item_id}>
              {sortedFields.map(field => (
                <EditableCell
                  key={field.field_id}
                  itemId={item.item_id}
                  field={field}
                  value={item.values?.[field.field_id] || ''}
                  onChange={onCellChange}
                />
              ))}
            </tr>
          ))}
        </tbody>
      </table>
    </DragDropContext>
  );
}
export default BoardTable;
```

```
// ColumnHeader.jsx
import React, { useState } from 'react';
import { FaFont, FaHashtag, FaCalendarAlt, FaTag } from 'react-icons/fa';

const typeIcon = {
  text: <FaFont />, number: <FaHashtag />,
  date: <FaCalendarAlt />, status: <FaTag />,
};

function ColumnHeader({ field, dragHandleProps }) {
  const [editingName, setEditingName] = useState(false);
  const [name, setName] = useState(field.name);

  const saveName = async () => {
    // Call API to update field name
    await api.put(`/boards/${field.board_id}/fields/${field.field_id}`, {
name });
    setEditingName(false);
  };

  return (
    <div className="column-header">
      <span {...dragHandleProps} className="drag-handle">::</span>
      {typeIcon[field.type]}
      {editingName ? (
        <input
          type="text"
          value={name}
          onChange={e => setName(e.target.value)}
          onBlur={saveName}
        />
      ) : (
        <span onDoubleClick={() => setEditingName(true)}>
          {field.name}
        </span>
      )}
      {/* You can add a dropdown menu here for delete or settings */}
    </div>
  );
}
export default ColumnHeader;
```

```
// EditableCell.jsx
import React, { useState } from 'react';

function EditableCell({ itemId, field, value, onChange }) {
  const [editing, setEditing] = useState(false);
  const [draft, setDraft] = useState(value);

  const save = () => {
    onChange(itemId, field.field_id, draft);
    setEditing(false);
  };

  if (editing) {
    // Choose input type based on field.type
    if (field.type === 'date') {
      return (
        <input
          type="date"
          value={draft}
          onChange={e => setDraft(e.target.value)}
          onBlur={save}
        />
      );
    }
    return (
      <input
        type="text"
        value={draft}
        onChange={e => setDraft(e.target.value)}
        onBlur={save}
      />
    );
  }
  return (
    <td onClick={() => setEditing(true)}>
      {value}
    </td>
  );
}
export default EditableCell;
```

```
// AddColumnModal.jsx
import React, { useState } from 'react';

function AddColumnModal({ onSubmit, onClose }) {
  const [name, setName] = useState('');
  const [type, setType] = useState('text');

  const handleSubmit = () => {
    onSubmit({ name, type, order_idx: 0, config: {} });
  };

  return (
    <div className="modal">
      <h3>Add New Column</h3>
      <label>
        Name:
        <input value={name} onChange={e => setName(e.target.value)} />
      </label>
      <label>
        Type:
        <select value={type} onChange={e => setType(e.target.value)}>
          <option value="text">Text</option>
          <option value="number">Number</option>
          <option value="date">Date</option>
          <option value="status">Status</option>
        </select>
      </label>
      <button onClick={handleSubmit}>Add Column</button>
      <button onClick={onClose}>Cancel</button>
    </div>
  );
}
export default AddColumnModal;
```

These components show how the board UI can render dynamic columns. We use `react-beautiful-dnd` for drag-reordering columns (`BoardTable`), and simple inline editing for cell values. The `AddColumnModal` allows picking a type; this would update the `config` if needed (e.g. for status we might allow selecting default statuses).

Data Migration

We need to migrate existing static data (Contacts, Leads, Events) into the new board structure. A one-time script can do this:

1. **Create default boards:** For example, insert rows into `boards` for Contacts, Leads, Events.
2. **Define fields:** For each board, create `fields` entries corresponding to old columns. E.g., for Contacts board: Name (text), Email (text), Phone (text), etc. Set `order_idx` to preserve sensible ordering.
3. **Transfer records to items:** For each existing contact, create an `item` in the Contacts board. Use the contact's name for `items.name`.
4. **Populate field_values:** For each field of an item, insert into `field_values`. Example pseudo-code:

```
async function migrateContacts() {
  // 1. Create Contacts board
  const contactsBoard = await Board.create({ name: 'Contacts', owner_id: 1 });
  // 2. Define fields (e.g. from old schema)
  const fieldName = await Field.create({ board_id: contactsBoard.id, name: 'Name', type: 'text', order_idx: 0 });
  const fieldEmail = await Field.create({ board_id: contactsBoard.id, name: 'Email', type: 'text', order_idx: 1 });
  const fieldPhone = await Field.create({ board_id: contactsBoard.id, name: 'Phone', type: 'text', order_idx: 2 });

  // 3. Fetch old contacts data
  const oldContacts = await db.query('SELECT * FROM contacts_old');
  for (const c of oldContacts) {
    // 4. Create an item for each contact
    const item = await Item.create({ board_id: contactsBoard.id, name: c.name, created_by: c.owner_id });
    // 5. Insert field values
    await FieldValue.create({ item_id: item.item_id, field_id: fieldName.field_id, value: c.name });
    await FieldValue.create({ item_id: item.item_id, field_id: fieldEmail.field_id, value: c.email });
    await FieldValue.create({ item_id: item.item_id, field_id: fieldPhone.field_id, value: c.phone });
  }
}
```

Repeat similar logic for Leads and Events (or any other CRM entities). This ensures all existing records are visible in the new dynamic boards. After migration, the old tables (`contacts_old`, etc.) can be deprecated or kept for archival.

UX Enhancements

To polish the user experience:

- **Type Icons in Headers:** Show a small icon next to the column name indicating its type. For instance, use a font icon library (e.g. Font Awesome or React Icons) and map types to icons:

```
// In ColumnHeader.jsx (example icons usage)
const typeIconMap = {
  text: <FaFont />,    // icon for text
  number: <FaHashtag />,
  date: <FaCalendarAlt />,
  status: <FaTag />
};
// ... then in header: {typeIconMap[field.type]} {field.name}
```

- **Column Summaries:** For numeric fields or currency, display a footer row with totals or averages. In the table footer, you can compute and render sums. Example:

```
// In BoardTable.jsx, below tbody:
<tfoot>
  <tr>
    {sortedFields.map(field => {
      if (field.type === 'number') {
        const total = items.reduce((sum, item) => sum +
(Number(item.values[field.field_id]) || 0), 0);
        return <td key={field.field_id}>{total}</td>;
      }
      return <td key={field.field_id}></td>;
    })}
  </tr>
</tfoot>
```

- **Save Column Order/Visibility:** The `fields.order_idx` we defined already saves the global order. When the user drags columns, we update `order_idx` in the database (see `onColumnReorder`). For **visibility**, you might add a boolean column like `fields.visible` or have a JSON preference in `config` to hide/show columns. This can be user-specific: create a table `user_field_preferences(user_id, field_id, visible)` if needed. When rendering, filter out fields marked hidden.

- **Responsive Inline Editing:** Ensure that clicking or double-clicking on a cell puts it into an edit mode. We showed a simple example. For better UX, you could use a richer input component (date picker for dates, a dropdown for status types, etc.). For status fields, for example, use a `<select>` populated from `field.config.options`.

Summary

By adding the **boards**, **fields**, **items**, and **field_values** tables, and corresponding API and UI layers, we enable fully dynamic boards. Users can create custom columns of various types, reorder them, and edit values inline. Existing CRM data will be migrated into this new structure. This replaces rigid schemas with a flexible, user-configurable board system.

The above schema definitions, API scaffolding, and React component examples provide a foundation. You would extend them with authentication, error handling, and styling as needed. The final system will allow an arbitrary number of boards, each with custom columns, and let users view and edit data in a familiar spreadsheet-like interface.
