

Evaluate and Implement Dynamic Dashboard Layout Configuration with Forge Support for Charts

Objective

Enable customizable dashboards in OutSystems with support for drag-and-drop tile arrangement, user-specific layout persistence, and integration of chart components. The layout must be dynamic, persistable, and reloadable with real-time configuration options.

Step-by-Step Implementation Guide (Beginner-Friendly)

Step 1: Install Required Forge Components

- Open Service Studio.
- Go to the Forge tab.
- Search and install these components:

Drag and Drop

Layout Grid

OutSystems Charts or HighCharts Plugin

Step 2: Create the Entity to Store Layout

- Create an entity named DashboardLayout with:

Id, UserId, LayoutJson, Version, UpdatedAt

Step 3: Define the Layout Model (JSON)

- Use structured JSON with tileId, title, position, visibility, chart type, and chart config.

Step 4: Build the Dashboard Settings UI

- Use Layout Grid and Containers

- Add Chart and Text Widgets
- Enable Drag and Drop
- Add Save Button to persist layout

Step 5: Create Persistence Logic

- Create GetDashboardLayoutByUserId and SaveDashboardLayout actions

Step 6: Render the Dashboard Dynamically

- Use OnReady to load layout
- Iterate over tiles to show charts dynamically

AFS Example Tiles

- Loan Origination Volume (Bar)
- Delinquency Rate (Line)
- Customer Satisfaction (Gauge)
- Active Cases by Analyst (Bar)
- Task Completion Rate (Donut)

Deliverables Checklist

- UI, JSON Model, APIs, Renderer, Chart Integration, Documentation

Forge Plugin Evaluation

- Drag and Drop, Layout Grid, OutSystems Charts, HighCharts Plugin

Limitations

- No resizing, performance impact, chart format variations

Optional Enhancements

- Resizing, versioning, role-based dashboards, JSON export/import

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