Brandon, Cory, and John going over the custom label builder

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The notes below are kind of in random order. We were just playing with the adilas label builder and taking notes as we see them. We will need to reorganize these notes before they become official. Just brainstorming.

* What does it do?
  + After playing around with it for over an hour, we got labels to work for each section. Some of them where harder then others but we were able to view labels for customers, PO’s, invoices, and parts. That means that there is a path… it just needs to be refined.
* What would we like it to do?
  + The top header doesn’t look like the rest of the app. Maybe check the images and top link.
  + I like step 1 (name it or pick an existing label). I like step 2 (pick a size – single or sheet).
  + On step 3 expand the verbiage – what does static or dynamic mean – soften this step a bit… maybe some examples.
  + On step 3, the dynamic drop-down has hard coded words like customer, part, etc. Maybe pull in corp-wide settings for custom verbiage.
  + On step 3, we only have options of Invoice, PO, Customer, and Parts. This is where the labels will be accessed from. Maybe help with verbiage and samples. What about carts, recipes, cultivation stuff, harvest stuff, other processes, and even mixed sources.
  + On step 3, if we choose dynamic and part, it then shows an option to enter a part id and a sub inventory id. Check some spelling. It requires an id (one or more). Maybe put in a predictive drop-down or some easier way to get the information into the form. Also, there are no instruction.
  + On step 3, in parts, we need both parents and subs. Not everything has both. Be able to do just parents, parents and subs, make it flexible. I think that he is looking for an id number or numbers so that he can look up possible sub attributes. As a note, currently, sub attributes are tied to a specific part category. I could totally envision our users wanting to make a parts label that could bridge multiple part categories. That may require us to take certain fields and tie it to multiple possible values, based on the part category. For example: Let’s say that we put in a field called batch number (top left as a dynamic field). If we tie it to batch number, currently it is only tied to that part category. What if we wanted to use the same label for 10 different part categories and wanted 8 of those categories to map to the batch number (different id or mapping for 8 of the categories but all to the same field or place holder)? What would that look like. Also, what do the labels look like on the 2 part categories that don’t have a mapping? Think about numerous possible scenarios.
  + When going through the parts label, it required id numbers but then the preview wasn’t showing real data.
* The old label builder used to be a Window’s app. Now it is a web based app.
* I think that it would be really good to make a number of use cases or user stories – for each section. For example: I’m a new user using this for the first time. I would really like to see a demo video or some training to help me know what I’m getting into. Or I’m a user and my manager has already setup a number of custom labels. How do I get to them? Where do they show up? What can I do if I need to edit something?
  + We need user stories from beginner to advanced.
  + New customer label, edit customer label, view customer label (preview), use customer label. We need every user story.
  + We have PO’s, invoices, parts, customers – we need stories for each section.
* The actual code resides on the content server. Can we get to it? Can we modify it? Is it part of a code repo? Is there a fee or license that needs to be held or kept up to date? Does adilas own it or does Calvin own it?
* Notes from Cory
  + we may want the preview label to open in a new tab. No navigation other than the back arrow.
  + We got some dumps while testing – static labels
  + For static labels, the dynamic has to be set to (None)
  + Cory noticed that she was able to flip flop on the app, but it doesn’t hold the correct label. We have to be careful. If a label is already setup, it may have older data and settings that may not be able to be flipped. For example: Say the original label was setup as a PO label, then for testing we flipped it to a parts label. That shouldn’t be able to happen. It needs to be locked based on the label type. It’s too open.
  + As we were testing, it was failing in multiple spots.
  + She was having issues saving images to the labels.
  + If the grid was on the page where you add the label asset (text field or barcode or whatever).
  + When moving things, we can drag and drop but it might be nice to use arrow keys and nudge.
  + There are some notes on EOT # 1455 inside of adilas.
  + The fields don’t rename after deleting – say field 5 gets put on the screen. Then when we delete it, the next one skips 5 and goes right to 6. This is not that big of a deal but it may through off our users.
  + We would like to see the grid right off the bat. Currently, you have to check a checkbox.
  + When the field are shown… There is no samples of what they are holding. They are just pink with a number. Also, the tips may need to show actual instructions vs tips.
  + When the setting up the fields, the box sizes are all greyed out. It might be nice to be able to edit them. Not sure about this.
  + The word “merge fields” is too technical, we need to change that.
  + We need to work on the header, look and feel, and css.
  + We need the label name to show up at the top so we remember what we are working on.
  + Lots of scrolling and tons of white space. We need that, but it needs to be looked at. I saw certain buttons way down from the end of the forms, etc.
  + There are pages called “top\_secret/secure/alb\_send\_customer.cfm”, “top\_secret/secure/alb\_send.cfm”, “top\_secret/secure/alb\_send\_customer\_process.cfm”, “top\_secret/secure/alb\_send\_process.cfm”, and eventually on the content server “https://www.adilascontent.biz/labels/alb\_show\_label\_pdf.cfm”. As a note, alb is short for adilas label builder (alb).
  + We found some old info on the adilas label builder – see this URL - https://data0.adilas.biz/MyEasySoftware/adilas\_label\_builder\_app.cfm
  + When sizing things… it might be nice to be able to zoom in/out, it is really small to deal with.
  + In the grid mode, they are just pink boxes, you have no idea what was what field. They need a name or value or something.
  + In grid mode, you can’t add anything else.
  + We would love to mix and blend steps 4 and 5 together. Make it more of an all in one builder vs step by step forms.
  + We were curious if we could add formatting to certain number fields. For example: plain, dollar format, decimal formatted, etc.
  + From Brandon – Cory had to keep clicking “update” and then “save” and if you didn’t go in the correct order, you would potentially lose that button. Just some finicky clicking and JavaScript.
  + When doing sub inventory, we could get it to work, with sub attributes but it was very particular. We will need to open it up quite a bit and make it more user friendly.