

Oracle® Retail Item Planning

Release Notes

Release 13.0.3

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Oracle Retail Item Planning is part of an overall planning process that involves planning at multiple levels of the product hierarchy. The planning process is an ongoing process whereby the manner in which each step is completed affects the following step, and prior performance influences plans for future performance. Planning takes input from multiple parties, and good communication enhances the process so that it can help drive a financial roadmap for success. Multiple versions of the plan are created to benchmark success as well as provide insight to opportunities and risk for the in season period.

This continual process can be defined as two main steps: Pre Season planning and In Season planning. The Pre Season planning objective is to create the benchmark against which to measure in season performance. This plan benchmark is the Original Plan (OP). This plan version should not be adjusted once the planning season has begun.

The Pre Season planning process begins with the creation of a baseline with which to plan. This baseline can be derived from last year history, or adjusted last year history. Once the baseline is set, the balance set of measures is planned. This planning occurs at multiple levels of the product hierarchy. The role of Item Planning is to break out the Merchandise Financial Plan at the Subclass, or lowest, hierarchy level to more definable plans at the style or style/color level. This lower level of detail assists in providing insight for the Item Planner when in season on areas of opportunity and risk.

Once in season, the process of planning switches over to In Season planning. Now the Item Planner focuses on in season management. The Item Planner uses the OP plan as a benchmark against which to measure opportunity and risk. The plan version that the Item Planner uses is the Working Plan (WP). When the Item Planner is ready to self-approve the WP plans, the Planner approves to the Current Plan (CP) version.

Hardware and Software Requirements

The following table provides information about the current release.

Table 1 Hardware and Software Requirements

Release Information	Details
Code Cut-Off Date	January 30, 2009

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Supported OS, Server, and Compilers	Sun Solaris 9: gcc 4.1.1 Sun Solaris 10: gcc 4.2.3 AIX 5.3 (TL5 or greater): gcc 4.1.1 HP-UX 11.23 (Itanium): aCC 6.15 Oracle Enterprise Linux 4, Update 5: gcc 4.1.1
Supported OS, Client	Windows NT, 2000, XP, Vista
Required 3rd Party Software	JRE 1.5 (installed on client and server machines). Note that this patch of RPAS is also certified with JRE 1.6, but it is not necessary to upgrade to JRE 1.6 to take this patch.

Assumptions

The following are assumptions associated with the current release.

Common Hierarchy Files

The common hierarchy files for Product, Location, and Calendar are shared among Item Planning, Assortment Planning, Merchandise Financial Planning, and Size Profile Optimization. The common hierarchy is not available for Item Planning Configured for COE.

For more information, see the "Build Scripts" chapter in the most recent version of the *Item Planning Operations Guide*, the *Merchandise Financial Planning Operations Guide*, the *Size Profile Optimization Implementation Guide*, or the *Assortment Planning Implementation Guide*.

Functional Enhancements

Item Planning 13.0.3 includes the following functional enhancements.

Image Display

Image display has been added to the Item Planning workbook. Note that images cannot be assigned to Style-Colors, Styles, or SubClasses.

Fixed Issues/Defects

The following table contains issues or defects that have been fixed for the current release.

Table 2 Fixed Issues and Defects

Fixed Issue/Defect	Defect Number
The base level of the Calendar wizard has been brought down from Quarter to Week.	8214468

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The logic between Regular and Promotional Sales has been changed to allow for Promotional Sales Units when there are no Regular Sales Units. Previously, Promotional Sales would be set to zero if Regular Sales were set to zero.	8210409
The Enabled Flags worksheet has been removed from the Dashboard Tab. The measures that were previously on this worksheet are not automatically populated in the calculation rule group.	7822945
The Internal Measures worksheet has been removed from the Dashboard Tab. This tab was intended for internal testing only and was removed for general use.	7815533

Related Documentation

For more information, see the following documents in the Oracle Retail Item Planning 13.0.3 documentation set:

- *Oracle Retail Item Planning User Guide*
- Oracle Retail Item Planning Configured for COE documentation
- Oracle Retail Predictive Application Server documentation

Previous Releases

For additional information on previous Oracle Retail Item Planning release enhancements and additional information, refer to the release notes and documentation that accompany the previous release.

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