Oracle® Retail Item Planning

Release Notes

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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 will focus 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.

Overview of the Fashion Planning Bundle

The Fashion Planning Bundle is the integration of Item Planning (IP), Clearance Optimization Engine (COE), Assortment Planning (AP), Merchandise Financial Planning (MFP), and Size Profile Optimization (SPO) as a full-suite planning solution for fashion retailers.

Hardware and Software Requirements

See the *Oracle Retail Item Planning Installation Guide* for information about the following:

- Hardware and software requirements
- Oracle Retail application software compatibility information

> **Note:** The RPAS Client will not be supported on Windows 2000 after the 13.0.4 release. The RPAS Server will not be supported on Sun Solaris 9 after the 13.0.4 release.

Fixed Issues/Defects

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

Fixed Issue/Defect	Defect Number
The What-if Price Type and the What-if Price Ladder were defaulting to 0. This issue has been resolved, and they now default to blank.	7704955

Related Documentation

For more information, see the following documents in the Oracle Retail Item Planning 13.0.4 documentation set:

- *Oracle Retail Item Planning Installation Guide*
- *Oracle Retail Item Planning Operations Guide*
- Oracle Retail Item Planning Configured for COE documentation

For more information on the Fashion Planning Bundle applications, see the following documents:

- Oracle Retail Assortment Planning documentation
- Oracle Retail Clearance Optimization Engine documentation
- Oracle Retail Merchandise Financial Planning documentation
- Oracle Retail Size Profile Optimization 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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