

# Oracle® Retail Item Planning

Release Notes

Release 13.3.1

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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.

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**Note:** Because IP uses the Oracle Retail Predictive Application Server (RPAS) platform, Oracle Retail recommends that you review the *Oracle Retail Predictive Application Server Release Notes* for fixed and known issues that may affect IP.

In addition, RPAS 13.3 and later releases have significant technical enhancements related to hierarchy management (such as integer indexing) that have an effect on the configuration and maintenance of IP. You must upgrade to key RPAS versions and complete the upgrade process as described in the chapter, "Patch Installation," in the *Oracle Retail Item Planning Installation Guide* before upgrading to a 13.3.1 IP domain.

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## Overview of the Fashion Planning Bundle

The Fashion Planning Bundle is the integration of Item Planning (IP), Item Planning configured for Clearance Optimization Engine (IP-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

## Upgrade Note

While not directly related to Item Planning, the release 13.3.1 of Oracle Retail Predictive Application Server (RPAS) has undergone a major change to simplify hierarchy administration. Full details of these changes are outlined in the 13.3 *Oracle Retail Predictive Application Server Release Notes*. Due to these changes, configuration updates have been made to Item Planning, and you will need to perform additional steps to upgrade your Item Planning domain, such as setting dimension sizes. The upgrade to RPAS 13.3 or later for this application includes a conversion process in addition to the normal upgrade process. Details are provided in the chapter, "Patch Installation," in the *Oracle Retail Item Planning Installation Guide*.

## Noteworthy Defect Fix

The following noteworthy defect fix is included in IP 13.3.1:

Fixed Issue/Defect	Defect Number
The script updatePositionsStatus.ksh called a utility that no longer exists in RPAS 13.3.0 and beyond. As a result, this script is removed and is no longer part of the Item Planning package.	13592368
An illegal option message showed up while building domains on some platforms (like AIX). The build process called the uname command with the -o option. This option is not valid on all platforms. The build process is updated to be independent of that option.	12836589
For the GA release of IP and IP-COE, several messages were produced while loading GA measure data. The GA data sets for COE and RPAS based IP and IP-COE were not exactly the same. While there are common intersections and products in both, neither of them was a subset of each other. There were some positions present in the latest COE data that did not exist in the IP and IP-COE product files. The product file is updated to include these missing positions.	10134663
There were issues with measures not being populated after running flat file integration from Assortment Planning to Item Planning. These issues are resolved and the data is now updated correctly.	13578617

## Related Documentation

For more information, see the following documents in the Oracle Retail Item Planning Release 13.3.1 documentation set:

- *Oracle Retail Item Planning Installation Guide*
- *Oracle Retail Item Planning Operations Guide*

For more information about the Fashion Planning Bundle applications see the following documentation sets:

- Oracle Retail Item Planning Configured for COE documentation
- Oracle Retail Clearance Optimization Engine documentation
- Oracle Retail Assortment Planning documentation
- Oracle Retail Merchandise Financial Planning documentation
- Oracle Retail Size Profile Optimization documentation

For more information about the RPAS Fusion Client, see the documents in the Oracle Retail Predictive Application Server documentation set.

For more information about RPAS and the ODI Enabled Integration, see the following documentation sets:

- Oracle Retail ODI Enabled Integration documentation
- Oracle Data Integrator documentation
- Oracle Retail Predictive Application Server documentation

## Previous Releases

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