Oracle® Retail Merchandising System

Release Notes

Release 13.0.1 Patch

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This document highlights functional and technical enhancements and known issues for the Oracle Retail Merchandising System (RMS) Release 13.0.1 Patch.

Functional Enhancements

The following functional enhancements are included in Oracle Retail Merchandising System Release 13.0.1 Patch.

Special Item Types for Wholesale and Franchise

The Wholesale functionality in RMS was enhanced to handle the following special item types:

- Buyer packs
- Deposit items
    - Container (indirect)
    - Crate
    - Contents
- Catch weight items (sellable)
    - Purchase in fixed weight simple packs: Sell by variable weights
    - Purchase in variable weight simple packs: Sell by variable weights
    - Purchase in fixed weight simple packs containing a fixed number of eaches: Sell by variable weight eaches
    - Purchase in variable weight simple packs containing a fixed number of eaches: Sell by variable weight eaches
- Transformable (break-to-sell) items
    - Transform sellable

Replenishment

The replenishment setup process was enhanced to allow replenishment attributes to be created at merchandise levels other than item.

New functionality was added to allow allocation size curves to be used for setting up replenishment quantities for merchandise groupings above the transaction level. Optionally, updates made to the replenishment attributes can be tracked.

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Here are the key changes to the replenishment setup process:

- The Replenishment Maintenance screen was modified to allow users to set up replenishment attributes at the department, class, subclass, or item parent–diff aggregate levels, in addition to item and item list.

- Optionally, size profiles can be applied to item groupings above the transaction level, such as item parent and subclass. When size profiles are applied, the values entered on the quantity fields are distributed to the child items.

- Size profiles can be applied to the min/max, terminal, and presentation stock quantities.

- Optionally, size profiles or size curves can be replicated from the Allocations application to be used to distribute the quantities entered to the items, if the replenishment is set up at levels above the transaction level.

- Size profiles can assume percentages or ratios. Size profiles set up as ratios are refactored to percentages that total 100%.

- A system option was modified to allow the new size profile functionality in RMS, particularly in the setup of replenishment attributes.

- A system option was modified to allow tracking of replenishment changes in RMS. A new field in System Options indicates how many weeks the history data will be kept in RMS.

- A new screen was added for viewing the replenishment attribute change history.

- The scheduled replenishment process was modified to handle replenishments created at levels above the transaction level.

Technical Enhancements

The following technical enhancements are included in Oracle Retail Merchandising System Release 13.0.1 Patch.

Operating System Certification

In addition to the support of Linux introduced in RMS 13.0, the RMS 13.0.1 patch release introduces certification with the following operating systems:

- IBM AIX 5.3

- HP-UX Itanium 11.23

- Sun Solaris 10

Integration Enhancements

The following are integration enhancements for Oracle Retail Merchandising System Release 13.0.1 Patch.

Integration with Advanced Inventory Planning (AIP)

For this release, RMS supports integration with the Oracle Retail Advanced Inventory Planning application.

Integration with Strategic Store Solutions

For this release, RMS supports integration with the Oracle Retail Strategic Store Solutions suite of applications.

Shipping and Receiving Enhancements

Online shipping and receiving functionality was introduced in RMS 13.0, to allow clients to set up their systems so that shipping and receiving can be done within RMS if a separate store or warehouse application is not used. In RMS 13.0.1, shipments created in RMS are published as ASNOut messages to either Oracle Retail Store Inventory Management (SIM) or Oracle Retail Warehouse Management System (RWMS), so that receiving can be performed.

In addition, when a wholesale/franchise return-to-warehouse is shipped from RMS 13.0.1, RMS publishes an ASNOut message to RWMS so that RWMS has an ASN shipment number to receive against.

Known Issues

The following are known issues for Oracle Retail Merchandising System Release 13.0.1 Patch:

- Integration

  Integration of Oracle Retail applications with Oracle E-Business Suite is not supported in this release.

- Pro*C build problems on AIX5L

  This issue applies only to AIX5L 64-bit systems with precompiler versions 9.2.0.0 through 11.1.0.6. The Pro*C build has been observed to fail with error PC-02014 on file /usr/include/standards.h.

  For more information about this issue, see Metalink Note 451413.1.

- Performance of costcalc function

  Retailers may experience unsatisfactory costcalc performance. A fix for this issue is in development.

- Data conversion

  Data conversion tools for this release do not support multiple sets of books.

Related Documentation

For more information, see the following documents in the Merchandising System Release 13.0.1 Patch documentation set:

- *Oracle Retail Merchandising System Data Model*
- *Oracle Retail Merchandising System Installation Guide*
- *Oracle Retail Merchandising System Online Help*
- *Oracle Retail Merchandising System Operations Guide*
- *Oracle Retail Merchandising System User Guide*

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