

**Oracle® Retail Merchandise Financial Planning**  
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# Preface

A Release Notes document can include some or all of the following sections, depending upon the release:

- Overview of the release
- Functional, technical, integration, and/or performance enhancements
- Assumptions
- Fixed and/or known issues/defects

Because of their brevity, Release Notes do not include chapters, appendices, or a table of contents.

## Audience

Release Notes are a critical communication link between Oracle Retail and its retailer clients. There are four audiences in general for whom a Release Notes document is written:

- Retail clients who wish to understand the contents of this release.
- Integrators and implementation staff who have the overall responsibility for implementing Oracle Retail Merchandise Financial Planning into their enterprise.
- Business analysts who are looking for high-level functional information about this release.
- System analysts and system operation personnel who are looking for high-level functional and technical content related to this release.

## Related Documents

For more information, see the following documents in the Oracle Retail Merchandise Financial Planning Release 13.0 documentation set:

- *Oracle Retail Merchandise Financial Planning Installation Guide*
- *Oracle Retail Merchandise Financial Planning Cost User Guide*
- *Oracle Retail Merchandise Financial Planning Retail User Guide*
- *Oracle Retail Merchandise Financial Planning ChannelPlan User Guide*
- Oracle Retail Predictive Application Server (RPAS) Documentation

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When contacting Customer Support, please provide the following:

- Product version and program/module name
- Functional and technical description of the problem (include business impact)
- Detailed step-by-step instructions to re-create
- Exact error message received
- Screen shots of each step you take

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## Review Patch Documentation

For a base release (".0" release, such as 13.0), Oracle Retail strongly recommends that you read all patch documentation before you begin installation procedures. Patch documentation can contain critical information related to the base release, based on new information and code changes that have been made since the base release.

## Oracle Retail Documentation on the Oracle Technology Network

In addition to being packaged with each product release (on the base or patch level), all Oracle Retail documentation is available on the following Web site:

[http://www.oracle.com/technology/documentation/oracle\\_retail.html](http://www.oracle.com/technology/documentation/oracle_retail.html)

Documentation should be available on this Web site within a month after a product release. Note that documentation is always available with the packaged code on the release date.

## Conventions

**Navigate:** This is a navigate statement. It tells you how to get to the start of the procedure and ends with a screen shot of the starting point and the statement "the Window Name window opens."

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**Note:** This is a note. It is used to call out information that is important, but not necessarily part of the procedure.

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This is a code sample  
It is used to display examples of code

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# Release Notes

## Overview

Oracle Retail Merchandise Financial Planning (MFP) is part of the Oracle Retail Predictive Planning Suite. MFP provides strategic and financial product planning functions. These functions support industry planning standards for pre-season and in-season processes. Functions and processes that are a part of the MFP solution include:

- Setting and passing targets
- Creating a financial plan in a structured method
- Plan reconciliation
- Plan approval
- Plan maintenance
- Re-planning
- Plan monitoring

## Merchandise Financial Planning 13.0

The 13.0 release of Oracle Retail Merchandise Financial Planning ports the application to the 13.0 release of RPAS. For more information on RPAS enhancements for the 13.0 release, please see the *RPAS Release Notes*.

## Upgrading to Merchandise Financial Planning 13.0

Retailers can upgrade from a base MFP implementation in version 11.1 and beyond to this release of MFP. For more details on how to upgrade and patch, please refer to the *RPAS 13.0 Installation Guide*.

## Release Information

The following table provides information about the current release.

Release Information	Details Regarding This Release
Code Cut Off Date	January 31, 2008
Supported OS, Server and Compilers	Sun Solaris 9: gcc 4.1.1 AIX 5.3 (TL5 or greater): gcc 4.1.1 HP-UX 11.23 (Itanium): aCC 6.15 Oracle Enterprise Linux 5: gcc3.4.6
Supported OS, Client	Windows NT, XP, 2000
Required 3rd Party Software	JRE 1.5 (installed on client and server machines)

## Functional Enhancements

### Oracle User Interface Standards

The “Swan” user interface is a set of user interface definitions designed by Oracle. These interface definitions create a consistent interface for Oracle products and an improved user interface for application users. The Oracle Retail Predictive Application Server client has been updated to use the “Swan” color palette and fonts. In Oracle Retail Merchandise Financial Planning, the following changes were made:

- The default read-only grid background color has changed from gray to white.
- The default writable grid background color changed from white to light blue.

This is a visible change to default read/write field colors for retailers upgrading from versions of RPAS prior to 13.0.