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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 13.0.2 documentation set:

- *Oracle Retail Merchandise Financial Planning Retail Installation Guide*
- *Oracle Retail Merchandise Financial Planning Cost Installation Guide*
- *Oracle Retail Merchandise Financial Planning Cost User Guide*
- *Oracle Retail Merchandise Financial Planning Retail User Guide*
- *Oracle Retail Merchandise Financial Planning Operations Guide*

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

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

Review Patch Documentation

If you are installing the application for the first time, you install either a base release (for example, 13.0) or a later patch release (for example, 13.0.2). If you are installing a software version other than the base release, be sure to read the documentation for each patch release (since the base release) before you begin installation. Patch documentation can contain critical information related to the base release 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

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.”

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

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

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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

MFP Planning Process

The MFP Planning Process can be separated into two sub processes: pre-season planning and in-season planning. Pre-season planning focuses on creating the original plan against which to benchmark in-season progress. In the pre-season process, the plan is initialized by being seeded from either last year or adjusted last year. This seeding provides the user a curve of demand against which to spread the new plan. The user then plans sales, markdowns, receipts inventory, turn, and gross margin measures. The targets are passed to subsequent roles; Top Down passes to Middle Out, and Middle Out passes to Bottom Up. As targets are approved by superior levels, they are published to the subsequent level.

Once the plan period has begun, the process of in-season planning begins. The objective of in-season planning is to identify opportunity and risk for the original plan. This is accomplished by comparing the current plan to the original plan.

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.

Release Information

13.0.2 is a new release of Merchandise Financial Planning, which was not built upon the previous solution or design. This release of MFP will provide planners with an enhanced planning experience. The new configuration offers streamlined pre-season and in-season planning within one workbook template, planning down to the channel level within the location hierarchy and an improved approval process.

Note: Because this solution is new, there are no Fixed Issues.

Hardware and Software Requirements

Please refer to the *Merchandise Financial Planning Installation Guide* for information about the following:

- Hardware and software requirements
- Oracle Retail application software compatibility

Assumptions

The following table contains assumptions associated with the current release.

Assumption
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 <i>Item Planning Operations Guide</i> , the <i>MFP Operations Guide</i> , the <i>Size Profile Optimization Implementation Guide</i> , or the <i>Assortment Planning Implementation Guide</i> .
The location template known as ChannelPlan is not available in this 13.0.2 release. This removal reflects an Oracle Retail strategic decision and is not reflective of any issues.

Previous Releases

For additional information on previous Merchandise Financial Planning release enhancements and additional information, refer to the release notes and documentation that accompany the previous release.