

# Oracle® Retail Merchandise Financial Planning

Release Notes

Release 13.0.3

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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

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.

## Hardware and Software Requirements

The following table provides information about the current release.

**Table 1** *Hardware and Software Requirements*

Release Information	Details
Code Cut-Off Date	January 30, 2009

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Release Information	Details
Supported OS, Server, and Compilers	Sun Solaris 9: gcc 4.1.1 Sun Solaris 10: gcc 4.2.3 AIX 5.3 (TL5 or greater): gcc 4.1.1 HP-UX 11.23 (Itanium): aCC 6.15 Oracle Enterprise Linux 4, Update 5: gcc 4.1.1
Supported OS, Client	Windows NT, 2000, XP, Vista
Required 3rd Party Software	JRE 1.5 (installed on client and server machines). Note that this patch of RPAS is also certified with JRE 1.6, but it is not necessary to upgrade to JRE 1.6 to take this patch.

## Assumptions

The following are assumptions associated with the current release.

## Common Hierarchy Files

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 most recent version of the *Item Planning Operations Guide*, the *Merchandise Financial Planning Operations Guide*, the *Size Profile Optimization Implementation Guide*, or the *Assortment Planning Implementation Guide*.

## Fixed Issues/Defects

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

**Table 2 Fixed Issues and Defects**

Fixed Issue/Defect	Defect Number
The loading of Item Plan data into MFP was failing due to a missing line in the control file. A new line has been added to the file to resolve the issue.	8247880
In the MFP Cost Configuration, the Op Sales Cost and Cp Sales Cost measures were not being correctly updated in the Bottom Up workbook. Thus, these measures have been added to the refresh rule group. This issue has now been corrected.	8198212
In the MFP Retail Configuration, the measures in the Mapping Setup workbook are read-only and as a result, the Commit option in the workbook was disabled. This issue has been corrected.	7705473, 7690240

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In the MFP Retail Configuration, the VAT % measure in the VAT Admin workbook was set as read-only. The measure has been updated to be writeable so that a user can now enter a VAT % directly in this workbook.	7705467, 7690249
<p>The following changes were made to the MFP Cost and MFP Retail Configurations to make them more consistent:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The Top Down Product wizard screen in both configurations is now called "Company".</li> <li>■ The Middle Out Product wizard screen in both configurations is now called "Division".</li> <li>■ The Planning custom menu in the Retail configuration is now also called "Planning Actions".</li> <li>■ The custom menu option Seed from LY in the Retail configuration is now also called "Seed".</li> </ul> <p>To reflect these user interface changes, the <i>Merchandise Financial Planning Retail User Guide</i> is being released for 13.0.3.</p>	7693313
In the Data Validation Workbook, the Misc Measures Worksheet was missing the Product and Location hierarchies. This issue has been corrected.	7690254

## Related Documentation

For more information, see the following documents in the Oracle Retail Merchandise Financial Planning 13.0.3 documentation set:

- *Oracle Retail Merchandise Financial Planning Retail User Guide*
- Oracle Retail Predictive Application Server documentation

## Previous Releases

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

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