Oracle® Retail Merchandise Financial Planning

Release Notes

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Oracle Retail Merchandise Financial Planning (MFP) provides strategic and financial product planning functions. These functions support industry planning standards for preseason and in-season processes. MFP facilitates the creation of financial plans in a structured method through the following processes:

- Setting and passing targets to lower levels
- Plan reconciliation among top down, middle out, and bottom up levels
- Approval of bottom up plans
- Plan monitoring and maintenance at all levels
- Re-planning at all levels

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 *MFP Cost Installation Guide* and *MFP Retail Installation Guide* for information about the following:

- Hardware and software requirements
- Oracle Retail application software compatibility information

> **Note:** After the 13.2.2.x release, MKS Toolkit will no longer be supported as a requirement for operating the RPAS Server on all versions of Windows operating systems. Use of Cygwin is in development as a replacement.

Upgrade Note

If using the standard integration between RMS and MFP, you must perform an additional location hierarchy conversion process if upgrading from MFP 13.2.1.10 or prior versions. See the "RMS Integration Update" section in the *MFP Retail Installation Guide* and the *MFP Cost Installation Guide* for more details.

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Integration Enhancement

The following integration enhancement is included in MFP 13.2.2.4.

Integration with Oracle Retail Analytics

Oracle Retail Analytics is a business intelligence solution for the retail industry. Retail Analytics offers an integrated view of retail data from various source systems, and it allows users to create analytical reports for areas such as merchandising and marketing, supply chain management, and corporate planning and performance management. Retail Analytics supports as-is, as-was, and point in time analysis methods and reporting.

Retail Analytics extracts data from the source systems and then transforms and loads the data into the Oracle Business Intelligence Repository to support reporting and analysis. MFP is an application from which Retail Analytics extracts data. Retail Analytics uses Oracle Data Integrator (ODI) for extraction, transformation, and loading. ODI programs that extract information from MFP are packaged with the Oracle Retail Analytics application. At the time of Retail Analytics installation, these ODI programs are deployed to the MFP instance. For more information about Oracle Retail Analytics and the ODI extraction programs, see the following guides:

- *Oracle Retail Analytics Implementation Guide*
- *Oracle Retail Analytics Installation Guide*
- *Oracle Retail Analytics Operations Guide*

> **Note:** Retail Analytics hot fix 12326472 establishes integration with the Merchandise Financial Planning Cost and Retail applications. Separate extracts for MFP Cost and MFP Retail are provided, both of which extract current and original plan data for use by Retail Analytics.

Configuring RPAS JDBC for ODI To Facilitate RA Integration

Customers who use RPAS JDBC with Oracle Data Integrator (ODI) must perform the following steps:

1. Install the RPAS JDBC drivers on the ODI server:

    a. Extract the file jdbcclient.tar.gz to create the jdbcclient directory:

    ```
    cd "$RPAS_HOME"
    unzip -q jdbcclient.tar.zip
    tar xf jdbcclient.tar
    ```

    b. Copy the following four files to the ODI server under the directory $ODI_HOME/drivers:

    ```
    jdbcclient/driver/lib/ORjc.jar
    jdbcclient/driver/lib/ORssl14.jar
    jdbcclient/driver/lib/iaik_jce_full.jar
    jdbcclient/spy/lib/ORy.jar
    ```

c. If the jdbcclient directory is on the same machine as the ODI server, execute the following commands:

```
cd  "$RPAS_HOME/jdbcclient/driver/lib"
cp -p ORjc.jar  ORssl14.jar  iaik_jce_full.jar  "$ODI_HOME/drivers"
cp -p ../../spy/lib/ORy.jar  "$ODI_HOME/drivers"
```

2. From $ODI_HOME/bin directory, stop and restart the ODI agent.

```
agentstop.sh -port=xxxx
agent.sh -port=1055 -name=<agent_name>
```

> **Note:** The startup scripts are set to automatically add all *.jar files in the ODI_HOME/drivers directory to the agent CLASSPATH.

3. Retrieve the TECH_RPASJDBC.xml file from $RPAS_HOME/ODI directory and import the file to ODI work repository. For importing instructions, see the *Oracle Retail Analytics Installation Guide.*

Noteworthy Defect Fixes

The following noteworthy defect fixes are included in MFP 13.2.2.4.

Fixed Issue/Defect	Defect Number
RPAS EXPORTDATA measures have been changed to dynamic character array instead of a character array of 1000 characters. This will ensure that the file does not get truncated at 1000 characters.	10399397
Wizard labels are now updated to be consistent with the correct labels used in MFP. These wizard labels are used in the Fusion Client and if they are not defined, the Fusion Client shows the internal wizard name.	10355498
The measure for VAT Percentage for the Top Down and Middle Out roles of MFP have now been updated to be purely loaded/calculated measures. These will not be seeded anymore. This will ensure that the calculation for Wp VAT R (Retail value of VAT) will now use the correct VAT percentage. This was earlier incorrectly using 0% as the VAT percentage.	10118732

Known Issue

The following table contains an issue that has been identified for the current release.

Known Issue/Defect	Defect Number
The build domain functionality fails in the MFP Windows installer.	NA

Related Documentation

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

- *Oracle Retail Merchandise Financial Planning Retail Installation Guide*

- *Oracle Retail Merchandise Financial Planning Cost Installation Guide*

- *Oracle Retail Merchandise Financial Planning Operations Guide*

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

- Oracle Retail Item Planning documentation

- Oracle Retail Item Planning Configured for COE documentation

- Oracle Retail Clearance Optimization Engine documentation

- Oracle Retail Assortment Planning documentation

- Oracle Retail Size Profile Optimization documentation

- Oracle Retail Merchandise Financial Planning 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

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