

Oracle® Retail Merchandise Financial Planning

Release Notes

Release 13.3

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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

Note: Because MFP uses the Oracle Retail Predictive Application Server (RPAS) platform, Oracle Retail recommends that you review the *RPAS Release Notes* for fixed and known issues that may affect MFP. In addition, RPAS 13.3 has significant technical enhancements related to hierarchy management (such as integer indexing) that have an effect on the configuration and maintenance of MFP. You should closely review enhancements listed in the *RPAS Release Notes*.

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

Upgrade Note

While not directly related to Merchandise Financial Planning, the Oracle Retail Predictive Application Server (RPAS) has undergone a major change to simplify hierarchy administration. Full details of these changes are outlined in the Oracle Retail Predictive Application Server Release Notes. Due to these changes, configuration updates have been made to Merchandise Financial Planning, and you will need to perform additional steps to upgrade your Merchandise Financial Planning domain, such as setting dimension sizes. The upgrade to RPAS 13.3 for this application includes a conversion process in addition to the normal upgrade process. See the details provided in the "Patch Installation" chapter of the *Oracle Retail Merchandise Financial Planning Installation Guide* and the "Upgrading and Patching Domains" section of the *Oracle Retail Predictive Application Server Administration Guide for the Classic Client* or the *Oracle Retail Predictive Application Server Administration Guide for the Fusion Client*.

Noteworthy Defect Fixes

The following noteworthy defect fixes are included in MFP Release 13.3:

Fixed Issue/Defect	Defect Number
<p>MFP integration scripts RETL schema files had hard-coded English labels for user defined dimensions. There was no internationalization planned for the MFP transformation scripts.</p> <p>Resolution for the Product and Location transformations scripts is as follows: A new script <i>update_schema_nullvalues.ksh</i> has been written to support the translation. Based on the language defined in the environment variable <i>PREFERRED_LANG</i>, the script will update the undefined English string to the corresponding string in the schema files.</p> <p>Complete the following steps:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Use the following commands to set up new environment variables: <pre>export UPGRADE_BACKUP_DIR=\$MFP_SCHEMA_DIR/bkup export RESOURCE_DIR=\$MFP_HOME/rfx/resource/ export PREFERRED_LANG=_en</pre> <p>For a list of supported languages, refer to the <i>SupportedLanguages.txt</i> file in the rfx/resource directory.</p> Run the <i>update_schema_nullvalues.ksh</i> script in the rfx/src directory. This script will keep the schema files backup in the <i>\$UPGRADE_BACKUP_DIR</i> directory and update the schema files mentioned below. The <i>Undefined</i> label string based on the <i>PREFERRED_LANG</i> selection. The following schema files will be modified by the script: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ <i>mfp_lochier_store.schema</i> ■ <i>mfp_lochier_wh.schema</i> ■ <i>mfp_prodhier.schema</i> <p>The calendar hierarchy file had a different resolution. The <i>clndhier.awk</i> file has been moved from RMS to MFP. This script has been modified to support the internationalization in Calendar (CLND) hierarchy.</p> <p>Complete the following step for the Calendar hierarchy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Set up the <i>PREFERRED_LANG</i> environment variable. 	<p>9497829</p>

Fixed Issue/Defect	Defect Number
For the Middle Out and Top Down users, the VAT R% measure was not being loaded. The value in that measure was 0 even after it was set and committed from the VAT Admin workbook.	10118732
The COGS measures that were being passed to Item Planning were not being exported correctly. The interface did not have the correct COGS measures included. The interface (both Enabled ODI Integration and script based) has been updated to include the correct measures (BUOpiCOGSC/BUOpCOGSC and BUCpiCOGSC/BUCpCOGSC).	10194113
The wizard labels used in the RPAS Fusion Client were either not set or not set correctly for all workbook templates in MFP Retail. The labels are now consistent with the ones that are used in MFP Cost.	10355498
The throttle function found in the common.ksh script has been updated. It was waiting 10 seconds between every parallel process that was executed. When running processes that take very little time, this caused performance issues. The throttle function is updated to perform a small sleep (5 seconds) only when a maximum number of threads has been met.	12397921

Known Issues

The following table contains issues that have been identified for the current release:

Known Issue/Defect	Defect Number
When using the installer in text mode and installing the Fusion Client configuration, stdout may be hidden during the installation progress output phase after reaching the [sshexec] step. The installer appears to fail to respond for a period of time, but returns to prompt upon completion. To see the full output of the installation process, view the installation log file. The graphical user interface (GUI) mode is not affected.	12732394

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*
- *Oracle Retail Merchandise Financial Planning Retail User Guide for the RPAS Fusion Client*
- *Oracle Retail Merchandise Financial Planning Cost User Guide for the RPAS Fusion Client*

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

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 releases.

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