

Oracle® Retail Merchandise Financial Planning

Release Notes

Release 13.3.1

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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 *Oracle Retail Predictive Application Server Release Notes* for fixed and known issues that may affect MFP.

In addition, RPAS 13.3. and later releases have significant technical enhancements related to hierarchy management (such as integer indexing) that have an effect on the configuration and maintenance of MFP. You must upgrade to key RPAS versions and complete the upgrade process as described in the chapter, "Patch Installation," in the *Oracle Retail Merchandising Financial Planning Installation Guide* before upgrading to a 13.3.1 MFP domain.

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 13.3 release of Oracle Retail Predictive Application Server (RPAS) has undergone a major change to simplify hierarchy administration. Full details of these changes are outlined in the 13.3 *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 or later for this application includes a conversion process in addition to the normal upgrade process. Details are provided in the chapter, "Patch Installation," in the *Oracle Retail Merchandise Financial Planning Installation Guide*.

Noteworthy Defect Fixes

The following noteworthy defect fixes are included in MFP Release 13.3.1:

Fixed Issue/Defect	Defect Number
Users could not view the Item Planning Op and Cp COGS and Gross Margin measures in the All Measure worksheet. These are internal measures and there was no specific need to display them. They are added to the All Measures worksheet.	13732955
The user was not able to open workbooks from the Fusion Client. RPAS 13.3.0 cannot handle mixed case in worksheet names in the taskflow files. These were not regenerated in 13.3.0, but are regenerated now so the worksheet names are lowercase. Workbooks should open as usual.	13600377
The script that updates null values in the schema file (update_schema_nullvalue.ksh) did not work in some cases. There were two problems. The first was that the target language "Unassigned" value was the same as the default (English) value. In this case, it appeared to not be working but actually was. The second issue was multiple entries for a language in the SupportedLanguages.txt file. This caused the language to always go to the default (English). This duplicate line is deleted.	9497829
Edited values for promotional units were not getting refreshed in the Bottom Up workbook. The Working Plan version of promotional units in that workbook was not being committed. The commit rule is added for the Bottom Up promotional units measure.	13713885

Related Documentation

For more information, see the following documents in the Oracle Retail Merchandise Financial Planning Release 13.3.1 documentation set:

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

Previous Releases

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