# 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

> **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.
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> 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 14.0 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*.

## Functional Enhancements

MFP Release 14.0 includes the following functional enhancement:

### Purchase Order View

A new way of communicating with the RPAS Platform, called the RPAS Extension Framework, is introduced in Release 14.0. This framework enables the RPAS Platform and Fusion Client to access data from RPAS or non-RPAS data sources in real-time by developing Solution Plug-ins. The Purchase Order (PO) View is a Solution Plug-in for MFP. It provides users with an interface to look up the currently open or partially received purchase orders in Oracle Retail Merchandising System (RMS) based on the product, location, and time intersection of the selection. The selection contexts for PO View are configurable through the manifest file. With this knowledge, an MFP user can better plan their Open to Buy (OTB) budgeting and enhance their merchandise plans.

For more information, see the *Oracle Retail Merchandise Financial Planning Cost User Guide for the RPAS Fusion Client* and *Oracle Retail Merchandise Financial Planning Retail User Guide for the RPAS Fusion Client*.

## Noteworthy Defect Fixes

The following noteworthy defect fixes are included in MFP 14.0:

| Fixed Issue/Defect | Defect Number |
|---|---|
| In the Top Down and Middle Out workbooks, Wp VAT R was not being recalculated after changing WP Sales R. This is resolved. | 10118732 |
| Measure modyappopnewb was not getting cleared in the export process (script resetExportFlags.ksh) in both MFP Cost and MFP Retail. This was due to a typo in the script. The resetExportFlags.ksh script is fixed. It now clears the measure. | 14618130 |
| The conversion of files from RMS format to MFP Cost or MFP Retail format using the RMS to MFP integration scripts would, under certain conditions, include non-escaped double quotes. This would cause an error when the loading the file. This is resolved by properly escaping the double quotes. | 16948507 |

| Fixed Issue/Defect | Defect Number |
|---|---|
| In the Planning Workbook, the user ID (such as, uid1) was shown instead of the user label if the user name contained an invalid special character such as a period. This is resolved by displaying the user name rather than the user ID in these measures. This applies to both MFP Cost and MFP Retail. | 17375282, 17423937, 17436914 |
| Importing data from IP into MFP Cost using loadactuals.ksh and the IP_MFP_transferList.txt would fail due to a blank line in the text file. This is resolved by removing the blank line. | 17444643 |
| When running the MFP to IP transfer using the exportToIP.ksh script, errors were seen. The MFP to IP transfer list file contained measures that are not in the configuration. This is resolved by removing the invalid measure names. This applies to both MFP Cost and MFP Retail. | 17457496, 17549188 |

## Related Documentation

For more information, see the following documents in the Oracle Retail Merchandise Financial Planning Release 14.0 documentation set:

- *Oracle Retail Batch Script Architecture Implementation Guide*
- *Oracle Retail Merchandise Financial Planning Cost Installation Guide*
- *Oracle Retail Merchandise Financial Planning Cost User Guide for the RPAS Classic Client*
- *Oracle Retail Merchandise Financial Planning Cost User Guide for the RPAS Fusion Client*
- *Oracle Retail Merchandise Financial Planning Operations Guide*
- *Oracle Retail Merchandise Financial Planning Retail Installation Guide*
- *Oracle Retail Merchandise Financial Planning Retail User Guide for the RPAS Classic Client*
- *Oracle Retail Merchandise Financial Planning Retail 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 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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