

Oracle® Retail Merchandise Financial Planning

Release Notes

Release 14.1.1

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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 14.1.1 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 Fix

The following noteworthy defect fix is included in MFP 14.1.1:

Fixed Issue/Defect	Defect Number
<p>Some MFP Retail batch scripts were not transitioned to use Batch Script Architecture (BSA). These scripts now utilize BSA for logging, parallelization, and error handling.</p> <p>Configuration file localdomainlist.cfg used by MFP Retail and MFP Cost solutions is deprecated. Batch scripts requiring local domain paths now use the RPAS utility domaininfo. In addition, some batch scripts utilized negative return codes which can be misinterpreted by the operating system. All negative return codes are changed to use positive return codes.</p> <p>The <i>Oracle Retail Merchandise Financial Planning Implementation Guide</i> will be updated in a future release.</p>	20586629

Known Issue

The following table contains a known issue that has been identified for the current release:

Known Issue/Defect	Defect Number
<p>In MFP Retail, after a plan has been submitted to the Cp and Op measures in the Bottom Up workbook and approved in the Middle Out workbook using the Approve/Reject custom menu, the Cp and Op measures are not committed to the domain.</p>	20361211

Related Documentation

For more information, see the following documents in the Oracle Retail Merchandise Financial Planning Release 14.1.1 documentation set:

- *Oracle Retail Merchandise Financial Planning Cost Installation Guide*
- *Oracle Retail Merchandise Financial Planning Retail Installation Guide*
- *Oracle Retail Merchandise Financial Planning Cost User Guide for the RPAS Fusion 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 Assortment Planning documentation
- Oracle Retail Item Planning documentation
- Oracle Retail Item Planning Configured for COE 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.

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