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 15.0 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*.

Noteworthy Defect Fixes

The following noteworthy defect fixes are included in this release:

Affected Component	Fixed Issue/Defect	Defect Number
Task Flow	The completed missing description and instruction information are added into the taskflow for the Develop Inventory and Receipt Targets and Review and Adjust Gross Margin Targets steps under the Develop and Publish Department Targets task under the Create Merchandise Financial Plan activity.	10354758
Batch Scripts	The GA batch script refresh.sh did not refresh bottom-up and middle-out workbooks due to a case issue in the script. The code expected workbook types to be in uppercase and did not perform the refresh if they were in lowercase or mixed case.	21436739

Related Documentation

For more information, see the following documents in the Oracle Retail Merchandise Financial Planning Release 15.0 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 Assortment Planning documentation
- Oracle Retail Item Planning documentation
- Oracle Retail Item Planning Configured for COE documentation
- Oracle Retail Merchandise Financial Planning documentation
- Oracle Retail Size Profile Optimization 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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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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