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A Release Notes document can include some or all of the following sections, depending upon the release:

- Overview of the release
- Functional, technical, integration, and/or performance enhancements
- Assumptions
- Fixed and/or known issues/defects

Because of their brevity, Release Notes do not include chapters, appendices, or a table of contents.

## Audience

Release Notes are a critical communication link between Oracle Retail and its retailer clients. There are four general audiences in general for whom a Release Notes document is written:

- Retail clients who want to understand the contents of this release
- Staff who have the overall responsibility for implementing Oracle Retail Item Planning in their enterprise
- Business analysts who want high-level functional information about this release
- System analysts and system operation personnel who want high-level functional and technical content related to this release

## Related Documents

For more information, see the following documents in the Oracle Retail Item Planning Release 13.0.2 documentation set:

- *Item Planning Installation Guide*
- *Item Planning User Guide*
- *Item Planning Operations Guide*
- Oracle Retail Predictive Application Server (RPAS) Documentation

For more information on the Fashion Planning Bundle applications, see the following documents:

- Oracle Retail Assortment Planning documentation
- Oracle Retail Item Planning Configured for COE documentation
- Oracle Retail Clearance Optimization Engine documentation
- Oracle Retail Merchandise Financial Planning documentation
- Oracle Retail Size Profile Optimization documentation

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## Oracle Retail Documentation on the Oracle Technology Network

In addition to being packaged with each product release (on the base or patch level), all Oracle Retail documentation is available on the following Web site:

[http://www.oracle.com/technology/documentation/oracle\\_retail.html](http://www.oracle.com/technology/documentation/oracle_retail.html)

Documentation should be available on this Web site within a month after a product release. Note that documentation is always available with the packaged code on the release date.

## Conventions

**Navigate:** This is a navigate statement. It tells you how to get to the start of the procedure and ends with a screen shot of the starting point and the statement “the Window Name window opens.”

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**Note:** This is a note. It is used to call out information that is important, but not necessarily part of the procedure.

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This is a code sample  
It is used to display examples of code

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# Release Notes

## Overview

Oracle Retail Item Planning is part of an overall planning process that involves planning at multiple levels of the product hierarchy. The planning process is an ongoing process whereby the manner in which each step is completed affects the following step, and prior performance influences plans for future performance. Planning takes input from multiple parties, and good communication enhances the process so that it can help drive a financial roadmap for success. Multiple versions of the plan are created to benchmark success as well as provide insight to opportunities and risk for the in season period.

This continual process can be defined as two main steps: Pre Season planning and In Season planning. The Pre Season planning objective is to create the benchmark against which to measure in season performance. This plan benchmark is the Original Plan (OP). This plan version should not be adjusted once the planning season has begun.

The Pre Season planning process begins with the creation of a baseline with which to plan. This baseline can be derived from last year history, or adjusted last year history. Once the baseline is set, the balance set of measures is planned. This planning occurs at multiple levels of the product hierarchy. The role of Item Planning is to break out the Merchandise Financial Plan at the Subclass, or lowest, hierarchy level to more definable plans at the style or style/color level. This lower level of detail assists in providing insight for the Item Planner when in season on areas of opportunity and risk.

Once in season, the process of planning switches over to In Season planning. Now the Item Planner focuses on in season management. The Item Planner uses the OP plan as a benchmark against which to measure opportunity and risk. The plan version that the Item Planner uses is the Working Plan (WP). When the Item Planner is ready to self-approve the WP plans, the Planner approves to the Current Plan (CP) version.

## Overview of the Fashion Planning Bundle

The Fashion Planning Bundle is the integration of Item Planning (IP), Clearance Optimization Engine (COE), Assortment Planning (AP), Merchandise Financial Planning (MFP), and Size Profile Optimization (SPO) as a full-suite planning solution for fashion retailers.

## Release Information

13.0.2 is a new release of Item Planning, which was not built upon the previous solution or design. This release of Item Planning will provide planners with an enhanced planning experience. The new configuration offers streamlined pre-season and in-season planning within one workbook template, planning down to the channel level within the location hierarchy and an improved approval process.

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**Note:** Because this solution is new, there are no Fixed Issues.

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### Hardware and Software Requirements

Please refer to the *Item Planning Installation Guide* for information about the following:

- Hardware and software requirements
- Oracle Retail application software compatibility

## Assumptions

The following table contains assumptions associated with the current release.

Assumption
The common hierarchy files for Product, Location, and Calendar are shared among Item Planning, Assortment Planning, Merchandise Financial Planning, and Size Profile Optimization. The common hierarchy is not available for Item Planning Configured for COE. For more information, see the “Build Scripts” chapter in the <i>Item Planning Operations Guide</i> , the <i>MFP Operations Guide</i> , the <i>Size Profile Optimization Implementation Guide</i> , or the <i>Assortment Planning Implementation Guide</i> .

## Previous Releases

For additional information on previous Item Planning release enhancements and additional information, refer to the release notes and documentation that accompany the previous release.