

Oracle® Retail Item Planning

Release Notes

Release 13.4

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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.

Note: Because IP 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 IP.

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 IP. You must upgrade to key RPAS versions and complete the upgrade process as described in the chapter, "Patch Installation," in the *Oracle Retail Item Planning Installation Guide* before upgrading to a 13.4 IP 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 *Oracle Retail Item Planning Installation Guide* for information about the following:

- Hardware and software requirements
- Oracle Retail application software compatibility information

Upgrade Note

While not directly related to Item Planning, the release 13.3.1 of Oracle Retail Predictive Application Server (RPAS) had 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 Item Planning, and you will need to perform additional steps to upgrade your Item 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 Item Planning Installation Guide*.

Technical Enhancements

IP 13.4 includes the following technical enhancement.

Batch Script Architecture

All batch scripts that are developed and delivered as part of this application have been rewritten using the Batch Script Architecture. The Batch Script Architecture (BSA) is designed to provide a robust, enterprise-ready architecture for parallel process control, restart control, log consolidation, and dependency checks.

Functionally, the batch operability is enhanced by making it easier to diagnose and correct problems. Errors and exceptions are isolated (contained) within the domains in which they occur. Processing is designed to easily restart and proceed with execution. Parallel tasks are managed, logged, and checked for errors, to the same standard as non-parallel tasks.

Oracle Retail Batch Script Architecture Implementation Guide

The *Oracle Retail Batch Script Architecture Implementation Guide* is new for this release. It documents the features and configuration details for implementing the Batch Script Architecture.

Known Issues

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

Known Issue/Defect	Defect Number
The taskflow generated from the Item Planning configuration is not correct. It contains empty tags and incorrect order numbers. This was due to tasks within the Item Planning configuration not having a workbook template assigned. This is a by-product of the generation of the configuration based on the global configuration that contains both Item Planning and Item Planning with COE components. The tasks that have no workbook template assignment are IP-COE tasks and should have been deleted from the Item Planning configuration when it was created. In order to create a valid taskflow, the tasks "Set Initial COE Parameters" and "Review and Accept Price Plans" can be removed in the taskflow configuration. Once removed, a new set of taskflow files can be created either using the Configuration Tools or using the install/patch process.	15929364

Related Documentation

For more information, see the following documents in the Oracle Retail Item Planning Release 13.4 documentation set:

- *Oracle Retail Batch Script Architecture Implementation Guide*
- *Oracle Retail Item Planning Installation Guide*
- *Oracle Retail Item Planning Operations Guide*
- *Oracle Retail Item Planning User Guide for the RPAS Classic Client*
- *Oracle Retail Item Planning 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 Configured for COE documentation
- Oracle Retail Clearance Optimization Engine documentation
- Oracle Retail Assortment Planning 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.

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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