

Oracle® Retail Item Planning

Release Notes

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Oracle Retail Item Planning (IP) 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 15.0 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 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 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*.

Noteworthy Defect Fixes

The following noteworthy defect fixes are included in this release:

Affected Component	Fixed Issue/Defect	Defect Number
Task Flow	The taskflow is updated to include descriptions for all steps.	10359862
Performance	The performance of IP batch calculations is improved through parallelization. Additionally, some rules are moved to run at the master domain level (rather than local) to avoid possible data contention.	16424043
Batch Scripts	A rule group called by processactuals.ksh was found to have contention errors when run in parallel across local domains. Those contention issues are addressed so that the rule group is again able to be run in parallel.	16809514
Batch Scripts	localdomainlist.cfg is deprecated in all scripts. Improvements in RPAS provide for a simpler approach using the -shellsubdomains option for domaininfo.	19355819
Batch Scripts	An issue is addressed wherein a data contention could occur when loading measures through loadactuals.ksh. This is done by separating measures out into their own databases, rather than including more than one measure in a single database.	20188706

Related Documentation

For more information, see the following documents in the Oracle Retail Item Planning Release 15.0 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 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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