Oracle® Retail Markdown Optimization

Release Notes

Release 13.1.5

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Welcome to Oracle Retail Markdown Optimization (MDO) Release 13.1.5.

This document highlights the enhancements, fixed defects, and known issues in this release. Starting with Release 13.1.5, each MDO patch release will contain defect reports. For more information, see Defect Fixes and Documentation section.

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> **Note:** Installation media files for an Enterprise release (13.x) are available on the *Oracle Electronic Delivery* Web site (`http://edelivery.oracle.com`) and Patch releases (13.1.x) and Hot Fixes (13.1.x.y) are available on the *My Oracle Support* Web site (`https://support.oracle.com`).

Overview

The timing and depth of markdowns are important levers for managing the optimal balance of profitability and returns. To help you manage these levers, Markdown Optimization makes recommendations for markdowns within the constraints of your company's particular business requirements.

The markdowns that Markdown Optimization recommends:

- Bring inventory to the desired level, not only during the full-price selling period, but also during price-break sales.
- Maximize total gross margin dollars over the entire product lifecycle.

In addition to markdown recommendations, Markdown Optimization provides data about sales, gross margin, and inventory. This information can help you understand in-season performance as well as assess the impact of markdown decisions prior to execution.

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About Patch Releases

Oracle Retail patch releases are periodic releases that can include the following:

- New defect fixes and product enhancements

- All of the defect fixes and enhancements that have been released through bundled hot fix releases since the last patch release.

Documentation for patch releases includes the following:

- New and updated guides (for example, operations and install guides) that apply to the patch release level. These documents include all updates made since the last patch release. See Related Documentation for a list of the documents published for Markdown Optimization 13.1.5.

- Defect reports for new fixes and enhancements for the patch release.

- Defect reports for all bundled hot fix releases since the last patch release.

- All document versions that were released with bundled hot fix releases.

> **Note:** Documentation is separated into folders that are identified by release numbers. Documents for bundled hot fix releases are provided again as a historical record of the changes made since the last patch release. Always refer to the most recent document versions that apply to the release level you have installed.

See the *Oracle Retail Markdown Optimization Installation Guide* for Release *13.1.5* for instructions about how to apply the defect fixes and enhancements that you have not already applied.

MDO 13.1.5 Build Identifiers

Table 1   Package Matrix Build Identifiers

Component Name	Version Number
MDO-13.1.5	Price-13.1.5-363-201111251700-266057
Framework-3.1.4	Framework-3.1.4-133-201108250900-264746
Installer-3.1.4	Installer-3.1.4-135-201108251000-264746
Suite-3.1.4	Suite-3.1.4-134-201108250930-264746
Enginepkg-5.4.3	Enginepkg-5.4.3-219-201101191130-259705
APC_MDO-13.1.2	APC_MDO-13.1.2-152-200912220200-247175

Technical Enhancements

This release of Markdown Optimization includes the following technical enhancements:

Microsoft Internet Explorer Certification

Oracle Retail Markdown Optimization is now also supported on Microsoft Internet Explorer 8 running on Microsoft Windows XP.

Database Support Functionality

Include the following parameter in the list of parameters in the Initialization Parameter (init.ora) file described on page 3-2 of the *Oracle Retail Markdown Optimization Installation Guide* for Release 13.1.5, as a part of the 11.2 database support funtionality:

```
recyclebin = off
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Database and Platform Support

Markdown Optimization is now also supported on Oracle Enterprise Linux 5 Update 5 and Oracle Database 11g Release 2 (11.2.0.1) Enterprise Edition, RAC or Single Instance.

For more information on the existing hardware and software requirements, refer to the *Oracle Retail Markdown Optimization Installation Guide* for Release 13.1.5.

Defect Fixes and Documentation

A defect fix is a modification to the base Oracle Retail code (for example, a bug fix, a performance enhancement, or a functional enhancement). Each defect fix that is included in this patch has a corresponding Defect document in the doc folder titled <Defect#>.doc, such as "123456.doc".

In the same folder, the file named DEFECT MODULE XREF MDO 13.1.5.XLS lists every defect number and the modules and scripts that are included in the patch. Review each defect report carefully before this patch is implemented. Please note that scripts do not preserve data. Make sure that all data is backed up before you run any script.

Noteworthy Defect Fixes

The following topics highlight:

- Noteworthy defect fixes and enhancements that are new for Release 13.1.5.

- Noteworthy defect fixes and enhancements for bundled hot fix releases 13.1.4.2

All defect fixes for release 13.1.4.2 are also included in Release 13.1.5 and can be applied through the installation of this patch release. See the *Oracle Retail Markdown Optimization Installation Guide* for Release 13.1.5 for instructions to apply the defect fixes and enhancements that you have not already applied.

See DEFECT MODULE XREF MDO 13.1.5.XLS for a complete list of defect fixes and enhancements included in this patch release and in all bundled hot fix releases since the last patch release.

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The following noteworthy fixes were made in this release:

Defect	Description
8426245	A validation has been added to the "No Touch Between business" rule to ensure that the value set is always in a range between 1 through 100.

Defect	Description
12709464	In MPO reports, percent column precission now displays upto 2 decimal places.
11694869	Issue related to expanding hierarchies in business rule manager is fixed.
12886973	Fixed issues with Approver Details when Approved by 2 different users.
11869797	When weeks within the same fiscal month fall into both December and January calendar months, the Recommended Forecast, and What-if screens display all months sequentially.
12990260	The decimal separator (.) and thousands separator (,) in Croatian are now displayed correctly.
11792671	New items belonging to a new location cluster, added after creating pricing group, are added to pricing group during auto collection.
11820327	Fixed issues related to duplication of same item in 2 pricing groups when users implement changes or additions to pricing groups via the application.
11935662	In the Merchandise Maintenance screen, when users without the right privileges click the Remove Exit Date option from the Action drop-down list, the error message now appears in the pop-up window.
12862370	Added an additional argument to the PriceAdmin function that disables logins.
12749006	Issue ID now fixed to upgrade without any failures.
12356062	The parameter value in the price.install.properties file has been updated to reflect the correct value of ${dbms.oracle.pass}.

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The following noteworthy fixes were made in the 13.1.4.2 release, and also included in MDO 13.1.5:

Defect	Description
11869797	What-If screens display inconsistent data columns, as compared to the Show Recommended Forecast screen. The code is fixed to show consistent data in the What-If screen.
11935662	A blank pop-up message appears on the Merchandise Maintenance screen when trying to remove Exit Date. This is fixed to display the proper error message.
12862370	When login is disabled, a standard message is displayed to the end user. Two standard messages are provided, which can be customized during implementation.
12709464	MPO Reports Percent columns now displays 2 decimal places, instead of 1.

Related Documentation

For more information, see the following documents in the Oracle Retail Markdown Optimization Release 13.1.5 documentation set:

- *Oracle Retail Markdown Optimization Installation Guide*
- *Oracle Retail Markdown Optimization Operations Guide*

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