

Oracle® Retail Replenishment Optimization

Release Notes

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Note: The Oracle Retail Replenishment Optimization 13.4.1 release is a repackaging of the previous release. There are no changes made to the code.

Replenishment Optimization Overview

The primary goal of Replenishment Optimization (RO) is to harness the replenishment methods available in the client's replenishment system. To make best use of the available replenishment capabilities, RO recommends optimized replenishment parameters at the item/location level. The recommendations take into account sales volume, volatility, availability of forecast data, seasonality, client business rules and constraints, and financial objectives to determine the optimized values.

RO automatically monitors item/location demand and supply chain variables to determine optimal inventory for greatest return. It recommends replenishment settings, either automatically approving the changes or raising alerts; for example, alerting higher impact items. The optimal replenishment settings recommended by RO may be used to update Oracle Retail Advanced Inventory Planning (AIP) replenishment parameters or the retailer's legacy replenishment system.

The automated management of replenishment settings based on item/location selling characteristics ensures accurate replenishment and allows the user to focus on maximizing profit rather than the time consuming business of managing individual item/location level replenishment.

RO can help you address the following, which vary for every client:

- Improve service levels
- Reduce inventory
- Increase turns
- Maximize stock profitability

Note: Because RO 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 RO. In addition, RPAS 13.3 has significant technical enhancements related to hierarchy management (such as integer indexing) that have an effect on the configuration and maintenance of RO. You should closely review enhancements listed in the *Oracle Retail Predictive Application Server Release Notes*.

Overview of Integrated Inventory Planning Suite

The Integrated Inventory Planning Suite consists of Demand Forecasting (RDF), Advanced Inventory Planning (AIP), Replenishment Optimization (RO), and Analytic Parameter Calculator Replenishment Optimization (APC RO) as a full-suite inventory management solution for retailers.

Upgrade Note

While not directly related to RO, the Oracle Retail Predictive Application Server (RPAS) has undergone a major change to simplify hierarchy administration. Full details of these changes are outlined in the *Oracle Retail Predictive Application Server Release Notes*. Due to these changes, configuration updates have been made to RO, and you will need to perform additional steps to upgrade your RO domain, such as setting dimension sizes. The upgrade to RPAS 13.3 for this application includes a conversion process in addition to the normal upgrade process. For instructions about upgrading RO, see the following sections in these Oracle Retail Guides:

Section	Guide
"Converting a Domain"	<i>Oracle Retail Replenishment Optimization Implementation Guide</i>
"Upgrade Process"	<i>Oracle Retail Replenishment Optimization Installation Guide</i>
"Upgrading and Patching Domains"	<i>Oracle Retail Predictive Application Server Administration Guide for the Classic Client</i> or the <i>Oracle Retail Predictive Application Server Administration Guide for the Fusion Client</i>

Hardware and Software Requirements

See the *Oracle Retail Replenishment Optimization Installation Guide* for information about the following:

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

Known Issues

The following table contains issues that have been identified for the current release.

Known Issue/Defect	Defect Number
The Fusion Client taskflow steps provided with the GA configuration are missing the associated workbooks. If you wish to use the GA Fusion Client taskflow, then before building a domain or generating a taskflow report from the Configuration Tools, click Gen Default from the Taskflow Manager. This is also necessary after running the plug-in automation. After generating the default taskflow, you can also optionally adjust the custom menu settings for the steps in the taskflow to only appear in the appropriate steps.	Not Applicable

Related Documentation

For more information, see the following documents in the Oracle Retail Replenishment Optimization 13.4.1 documentation set:

- *Oracle Retail Replenishment Optimization Installation Guide*
- Oracle Retail Predictive Application Server documentation

For more information about the RPAS Fusion Client, see the 13.4.1 Oracle Retail Predictive Application Server documentation set.

For more information about RPAS and the ODI Enabled Integration, see the following documentation sets:

- Oracle Retail Enabled ODI Integration documentation
- Oracle Data Integrator documentation
- Oracle Retail Predictive Application Server documentation

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