

Oracle® Retail Merchandise Financial Planning Cloud Service

Release Notes

Release 17.0

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This document highlights the major changes for Oracle Retail Merchandise Financial Planning Cloud Service 17.0.

Overview

Oracle Retail Merchandise Financial Planning (MFP) Cloud Service provides strategic and financial product planning functions. These functions support industry planning standards for preseason and in-season processes. MFP Cloud Service facilitates the creation of financial plans in a structured method through the following processes:

- Setting and passing targets to lower levels
- Plan reconciliation among Merch Targets, Merch Plan, Location Targets, and Location Plan levels
- Approval of Merch Plan and Location Plan
- Plan monitoring and maintenance at all levels
- Replanning at all levels

Note: Because MFP Cloud Service uses the Oracle Retail Predictive Application Server (RPAS) platform, Oracle Retail recommends that you review the *Oracle Retail Predictive Application Server Cloud Service Release Notes* for fixed and known issues that may affect the MFP Cloud Service.

Oracle Retail Cloud Services and Business Agility

Oracle Retail Merchandise Financial Planning (MFP) Cloud Service is hosted in the Oracle Cloud with the security features inherent to Oracle technology and a robust data center classification, providing significant uptime. The Oracle Cloud team is responsible for installing, monitoring, patching, and upgrading retail software.

Included in the service is continuous technical support, access to software feature enhancements, hardware upgrades, and disaster recovery. The Cloud Service model helps to free customer IT resources from the need to perform these tasks, giving retailers greater business agility to respond to changing technologies and to perform more value-added tasks focused on business processes and innovation.

Oracle Retail Software Cloud Service is acquired exclusively through a subscription service (SaaS) model. This shifts funding from a capital investment in software to an operational expense. Subscription-based pricing for retail applications offers flexibility and cost effectiveness.

Client System Requirements

The following technology is supported:

- Operating system:
 - Microsoft Windows 7 Professional and Windows 10 with Microsoft Office 2013

Note: Oracle Retail assumes that the retailer has ensured its Operating System has been patched with all applicable Windows updates.

- Web browsers supported on Microsoft Windows 7 and 10:
 - Mozilla Firefox 52+ ESR
 - Google Chrome 52+

Functional Enhancement

The functional enhancement described below is included in this release:

MFP Cloud Service on RPAS Cloud Edition

The 17.0 Release takes the MFP Cloud Service best-practice templates to new heights on the reinvented Oracle Retail Predictive Application Server Cloud Edition (RPAS CE) platform. Besides the highly visual, intuitive workflow introduced by RPAS Cloud Edition, MFP Cloud Service takes advantage of key RPAS Cloud Edition features to expand adoption of exception-based planning and introduce What-if scenario analysis.

Planner Dashboard

The planner dashboard reports key performance indicators (KPIs) to the user in their primary view. The dashboard is personalized by each user to arrange and add KPIs. The filters available on Location, Calendar, and Product let planners dynamically roll up or drill in to hone in on exceptions.

Related Documentation

For more information, see the following documents in the Oracle Retail Merchandise Financial Planning Cloud Service Release 17.0 documentation set:

- *Oracle Retail Merchandise Financial Planning Cloud Service Administration Guide*
- *Oracle Retail Merchandise Financial Planning Cloud Service Implementation Guide*
- *Oracle Retail Merchandise Financial Planning Cost Cloud Service User Guide*
- *Oracle Retail Merchandise Financial Planning Retail Cloud Service User Guide*
- *Oracle Retail Merchandise Financial Planning Cloud Service Starter Kit Guide*
- Oracle Retail Predictive Application Server Cloud Edition documentation set

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