# Oracle® Retail Merchandise Financial Planning Enterprise Edition Cloud Service and Oracle® Retail Assortment & Item Planning Enterprise Edition Cloud Service

Release Notes

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> **Note:** With release 17.1.003, Oracle Retail offers a common assortment and item planning process. Details can be found in the documentation for Oracle Retail Assortment and Item Planning Enterprise Edition Cloud Service.

This document highlights the major changes for Oracle Retail Merchandise Financial Planning Enterprise Edition Cloud Service and Oracle Retail Assortment & Item Planning Enterprise Edition Cloud Service 17.1.

## Overview

#### Merchandise Financial Planning

Oracle Retail MFP Enterprise Edition Cloud Service empowers retailers to deliver the user experience their associates expect and their customers demand. Through it, retailers are better able to anticipate demand, simplify their operations, and introduce meaningful innovation.

MFP Enterprise Edition Cloud Service exposes the Oracle Retail Predictive Application Server (RPAS) capabilities needed to deliver on the scope of the solution. Here is a list of the capabilities that MFP Enterprise Edition Cloud Service provides.

- All core RPAS configuration capabilities, as defined in the RPAS Configuration Guide
- Embedded forecasting procedure as used in the GA MFP configuration

Where standard RPAS capabilities for on-premise solutions offers unrestricted abilities to author or reference custom shell scripts, custom code, libraries, or .jar files these are *not* supported in Cloud Service (including Configurable SaaS) solutions to ensure security and performance of all solutions.

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

#### Assortment & Item Planning

Oracle Retail A&IP Enterprise Edition Cloud Service empowers retailers to deliver the user experience their associates expect and their customers demand. Through it, retailers are better able to anticipate demand, simplify their operations, and introduce meaningful innovation.

A&IP Enterprise Edition Cloud Service exposes the RPAS capabilities needed to deliver on the scope of the solution. Here is a list of the capabilities that A&IP Enterprise Edition Cloud Service provides.

- All core RPAS configuration capabilities, as defined in the RPAS Configuration Guide
- Embedded forecasting procedure
- Store clustering
- Assortment wedge builder
- Visual planning using images
- Additional A&IP-tuned procedures, as used in the GA A&IP configuration

Where standard RPAS capabilities for on-premise solutions offers unrestricted abilities to author or reference custom shell scripts, custom compiled code, libraries, or .jar files, these are not supported in Cloud Service (including Configurable SaaS) solutions to ensure the security and performance of all solutions.

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

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## Oracle Retail Cloud Services and Business Agility

Oracle Retail Merchandise Financial Planning Enterprise Edition Cloud Service and Oracle Retail Assortment & Item Planning Enterprise Edition Cloud Service are 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 process and innovation.

Oracle Retail 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+

## Related Documentation

For more information, see the following documents in the Oracle Retail Merchandise Financial Planning Enterprise Edition Cloud Service 17.1 documentation set:

- *Oracle Retail Merchandise Financial Planning Enterprise Edition Cloud Service and Assortment & Item Planning Enterprise Edition Cloud Service Implementation Guide*
- *Oracle Retail Merchandise Financial Planning Enterprise Edition Cloud Service Starter Kit Guide*
- Oracle Retail Merchandise Financial Planning Cloud Service documentation set
- Oracle Retail Predictive Application Server Cloud Edition documentation set

For more information, see the following documents in the Oracle Retail Assortment & Item Planning Enterprise Edition Cloud Service 17.1 documentation set:

- *Oracle Retail Merchandise Financial Planning Enterprise Edition Cloud Service and Assortment & Item Planning Enterprise Edition Cloud Service Implementation Guide*
- *Oracle Retail Assortment & Item Planning Enterprise Edition Cloud Service Starter Kit Guide*
- Oracle Retail Predictive Application Server Cloud Edition documentation set

## Supplemental Training

The following training is available.

### Oracle Retail Learning Subscriptions at Oracle University

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- 12 months of 24/7 access to a comprehensive set of high quality videos delivered by Oracle experts.

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