

Oracle® Retail Merchandise Financial Planning Cloud Service

Release Notes

Release 18.0

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This document highlights the major changes for Oracle Retail Merchandise Financial Planning Cloud Service 18.0.

Note: Although this release has been branded as 18.0, it is based on the 18.0.002 service patch.

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) 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 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+
 - Microsoft Edge 44+

Functional Enhancement

The functional enhancement described below is included in this release.

Extensibility

MFP CS can now support your business process in a flexible manner while enabling your solution to stay on a template path. Extensibility enables you to always take advantage of the latest advances in Oracle Retail's financial planning capabilities while providing the business with the agility to augment the key performance indicators, workflows, and underlying operational processes. This includes support for the following:

- Creating and expanding end-user processes such as exceptions, workflows, views, and metrics.
- Leveraging the full capabilities of the RPAS configuration and process orchestration tools.

For more information, see the *Oracle Retail Merchandise Financial Planning Cloud Service Implementation Guide*.

Noteworthy Defect Fix

The following noteworthy defect fix is included in this release:

Affected Component	Fixed Issue/Defect	Defect Number
MFP CS	When a translated picklist value was committed, the value committed was in English. The English value did not show up in the workbook. This has been fixed.	29167225

Related Documentation

For more information, see the following documents in the Oracle Retail Merchandise Financial Planning Cloud Service Release 18.0 documentation set:

- *Oracle Retail Merchandise Financial Planning Cloud Service and Oracle Retail Merchandise Financial Planning Enterprise Edition 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*

Also, see the Oracle Retail Predictive Application Server Cloud Edition documentation set.

Supplemental Documentation on My Oracle Support

The following document is available through My Oracle Support using Doc ID 2492295.1. Access My Oracle Support at the following URL:

<https://support.oracle.com>

Oracle Retail Predictive Application Server (RPAS) Cloud for Planning and Optimization / Supply Chain Cloud Services Documents (Doc ID 2492295.1)

The following types of documents are available:

- Release Value Proposition identifies major enhancements, and articulates expected business benefits in an upcoming release.
- Advance Release Notification provides a summary of the enhancements that are planned and defects that are scheduled to be fixed in the specified service patch.
- Release Notes provide a summary of the enhancements and fixed defects in the specified service patch.
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Supplemental Training

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