

Oracle® Retail Merchandise Financial Planning Cloud Service

Release Notes

Release 19.0

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This document highlights the major changes for Oracle Retail Merchandise Financial Planning Cloud Service 19.0.

Note: Although this release has been branded as 19.0, it is based on the 19.0.002 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

Note: With this release, Microsoft Windows 7 is no longer supported for the Oracle Retail Merchandise Planning & Optimization/Supply Chain Cloud Services. Microsoft Windows 10 is the only supported operating system.

The following technology is supported:

- Operating system:
 - Microsoft 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 10:
 - Mozilla Firefox 68+ ESR
 - Google Chrome (Desktop) 79+
 - Microsoft Edge 44+

Functional Enhancements

The functional enhancements described below are included in this release:

Planning Data Store

The Oracle Retail Predictive Application Server Cloud Edition (RPAS CE) platform has been extended to include the Planning Data Store (PDS). The PDS provides a common reference point for shared measures across all RPAS CE-based solutions. This enables RPAS CE-based solutions to share updates in real time and to interact with external systems via consolidated integrations. For instance, the MFP plan is available immediately to A&IP. The PDS also supports modern integration patterns, including support for database-to-database bulk data integration and on-demand web-services. These integration patterns are the foundation of native integrations with Oracle Retail SaaS solutions (such as Merchandising Cloud Services). These also simplify the integration processes of retailers as they integrate with RPAS CE-based SaaS solutions.

To set up PDS with an existing cloud service, the system administrator must follow a series of setup steps and change the integration destination to load PDS. For more information, see the *Oracle Retail Merchandise Financial Planning Cloud Service Implementation Guide*.

Each application has settings necessary to enable the use of the Planning Data Store. See the Manage Batch Step section in the MFP Setup Task chapter in the *Oracle Retail Merchandise Financial Planning Cost Cloud Service User Guide* and *Oracle Retail Merchandise Financial Planning Retail Cloud Service User Guide*.

Retail Home

From the forecaster to planner to buyer, many retail roles involve navigating through a wealth of operational and analytical applications, drilling into KPIs, and more. Oracle Retail Home is a single access point by which retailers gain insights from their data and take actions in their applications. It consolidates access to data and applications in a role-specific manner to simplify the users' interactions with the data and applications that are most relevant to their roles. Retail Home is now pre-integrated with metrics from the MFP CS application.

Related Documentation

For more information, see the following documents in the Oracle Retail Merchandise Financial Planning Cloud Service Release 19.0 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.
- White Papers provide additional information to supplement the official documentation published for the specified releases.

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