

Oracle® Retail Category Management

Release Notes

Release 14.0.2

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Effective category management (also sometimes referred to as merchandising) is the cornerstone of a successful retail business because it determines the variety and presentation of merchandise, which defines the customer's in-store experience. It involves managing individual product or merchandise categories, such as independent business units, which play a specific role in the retailer's scheme of things to achieve the set business objectives. Broadly, this practice facilitates determination of merchandise-mix, space-allocation, roles, strategies, and tactics assignment to individual merchandise categories, pricing, promotion, and inventory-related decisions across the retail chain. In recent years, retailers have experienced increased difficulty in achieving desired levels of same store sales growth, gross margin, and inventory productivity. This is partly due to smaller buying staffs, shorter product life cycles, increasingly savvy and demanding customers, and cutthroat competition.

Note: Due to changes since the 13.4.0 release, it is not possible to upgrade a domain from 13.4.0 to this release. It is required that a new domain be built.

Hardware and Software Requirements

See the *Oracle Retail Category Management Installation Guide* for the hardware and software requirements.

Noteworthy Defect Fixes

The following noteworthy defect fixes are included in this release:

Fixed Issue/Defect	Defect Number
Purchase Frequency formatting is changed to a number in views where it was incorrectly showing as a percentage due to front-end formatting configuration. The two views are Identify Cash Generators and Identify Image Enhancers in the Assign Strategies step under the Category Planning task. Chart formatting is also updated in the Identify Image Enhancers view by assigning the WP Sales by Consumer Seg measure to the Y-Axis and WP Promo Sales to Sales by Consumer Seg R measure to the Z-Axis in the form of bubble-size.	17930079

Fixed Issue/Defect	Defect Number
Assortment Planning tasks at the cluster and store level, as part of an assortment space optimization request to ASO, now export sales figures in the form of either WP Assort Sales U/R or WP DT Assort Sales U/R instead of Forecast Sales U/R.	18419822
The Korn shell script, called by Export to ASO @ Cluster and Export to ASO @ Store, is fixed to correct an error in logic that only affected certain operating systems, which prevented the export from completing without notification of error to the user.	18638658
When parsing SKUs through a CDT, either through the Accept XML custom menu in the CDT Editor workbook or command-line execution of the processcdts.ksh script, the parser may write out Dynamic Hierarchy Dimension (DHD) load files that contain a null string instead of an attribute position. This occurred only in the case where a SKU-attribute mapping was set up in such a way that a SKU mapped to an attribute name through an attribute value that was not in the CDT. In this case, the default behavior when mapping the SKU through the CDT is to use the matching parent node's attribute name and value, but there was an error in the look up of the parent node match resulting in "null" being written to DHD files. This lookup is fixed.	19174004
WP Gross Profit % measure values were showing in thousands in the Gross Profit and Inventory Turns view in the Performance Quadrant Analysis tab/ Performance Analysis step/ Assortment Planning Analysis task. This occurred as axes assignment for WP Gross Profit % and WP Turns had been swapped, which resulted in the swap of front-end formats attached to these two measures. The WP Gross Profit % measure is brought to the X-Axis and WP Turn to the Y-Axis in the view to address this issue.	19614212

Known Issue

The following table contains a known issue that has been identified for the current release:

Known Issue/Defect	Defect Number
Private Label Sales are planned separately and do not interact with Total Sales (WP Sales). In effect, total sales which consist of national brand sales and private label sales, do not add up to total sales. This has been corrected in the 14.1 release.	18238998

Related Documentation

For more information, see the following document in the Oracle Retail Category Management 14.0.2 documentation set:

- *Oracle Retail Category Management Installation Guide*
- *Oracle Retail Category Management User Guide for the Fusion Client*

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