Oracle Retail Allocation Cloud Service

Release Notes

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This document highlights the major changes for Release 16.0.030 of Oracle Retail Allocation Cloud Service.

Note: The non-sequential version number of this Oracle Retail application is intentional.

Overview

A retailer's most important asset is its inventory. Oracle Retail Allocation Cloud Service helps retailers determine the inventory requirements at the item, store, and week level using real time inventory information. The system calculates individual store need based on parameters you set - whether it's the characteristics of the product, the store, or the category. The result is an allocation tailored to each store's unique need.

Oracle Retail Allocation Cloud Service allows you to allocate either in advance of the order's arrival or at the last minute to leverage real-time sales and inventory information. And when you do allocate, the system provides you the flexibility of basing your allocation on different methods such as: merchandise plans, sales history, corporate rule, or a demand forecast.

Oracle Retail Cloud Services and Business Agility

Oracle Retail Allocation 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 Systems
  - Microsoft Windows 7
  - Microsoft Windows 10

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

- Browser Support
  - Mozilla Firefox ESR 60+
  - Internet Explorer 11.0
  - Google Chrome (Desktop) 73+

Technical Enhancements

The technical enhancements below are included in this release.

Platform Enhancements

The platform enhancements below are included in this release.

Security Policies Differences View

An enhancement has been made to the feature in the application that is used for managing application security policies. This enhancement allows you to more easily see the differences in application security policies between patches, which will aid you in merging the base policies back to custom policies after a patch is applied to your environment.

Base & Custom Models View

An enhancement has been made to the feature in the application that supports customization of the sidebar, tasks, reports, dashboards and contextual reports. With this release, you can view the differences between the base functionality and any customizations you have made, to help in re-applying customizations after a patch is applied to your environment.

Arabic Translations

In the previous release, the ability to support Arabic was added, but the solution itself was not available in Arabic. In this release, the translated strings for the solution were also added, extending the number of languages fully supported in the application to 18.

Query Access to Production Database

In this release, a new option in the task list will be made available to users with the right privileges to support query-only access to the database. Accessing a task in the RMFCS task list will take the user to a workspace that has been configured for this purpose and is available as part of the Oracle database via Application Express (APEX). The intent of this access to allow your application support team to have real time access to the data in the database to troubleshoot issues or answer end-user questions.

Oracle Identity Management Cloud Service

With this version, Allocation Cloud Service adds integration with Oracle Identity Cloud Service (Oracle IDCS) for new customers. IDCS is a cloud-native, identity and security, multi-tenant platform designed to provide a full set of Identity Access Management and Governance capabilities. IDCS provides a powerful set of hybrid identity features to maintain a single identity for each user across their on premise and in the cloud services. IDCS also includes a set of rich access control policies to allow or grant access to applications.

Documentation Enhancement

The Merchandising Cloud Services documentation libraries have been enhanced functionally and technically. Their new look and feel and navigational structure provides better content usability. The new architecture also better supports ongoing modernization. Changes include easy-to-access links for important user tasks and a unified look and feel that is consistent with content produced by other Oracle lines of business.

Related Documentation

For more information, see the following documents in the Oracle Retail Allocation Cloud Service documentation set:

- Merchandising Cloud Services Administration Guide
- Merchandising Cloud Services Implementation Guide
- Merchandising Cloud Services Batch Schedule
- Allocation Cloud Service Do the Basics User Guide
- Foundation Data User Guide
- Scheduled Allocations User Guide
- What If Allocations User Guide
- Standard Allocations User Guide
- Manage Allocations User Guide

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For training opportunities, see the following web site:

http://www.oracle.com/education

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