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Preface

A Release Notes document can include some or all of the following sections, depending upon the release:

- Overview of the release
- Functional, technical, integration, or performance enhancements
- Assumptions
- Fixed defects
- Known issues

Audience

Release Notes are a critical communication link between Oracle Retail and its retailer clients. There are four general audiences in general for whom a Release Notes document is written:

- Retail clients who want to understand the contents of this release.
- Integrators and implementation staff who have the overall responsibility for implementing the Oracle Retail Demand Forecasting (RDF) in their enterprise.
- Business analysts who want high-level functional information about this release.
- System analysts and system operation personnel who want high-level functional and technical content related to this release.

Related Documents

For more information, see the following documents in the Oracle Retail Demand Forecasting documentation set:

- Oracle Retail Predictive Application Server Release Notes

Customer Support

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When contacting Customer Support, please provide the following:

- Product version and program/module name
- Functional and technical description of the problem (include business impact)
- Detailed step-by-step instructions to recreate
- Exact error message received
- Screen shots of each step you take.

Review Patch Documentation

For a base release ("0" release, such as 12.0), Oracle Retail strongly recommends that you read all patch documentation before you begin installation procedures. Patch documentation can contain critical information related to the base release, based on new information and code changes that have been made since the base release.

Oracle Retail Documentation on the Oracle Technology Network

In addition to being packaged with each product release (on the base or patch level), all Oracle Retail documentation is available on the following Web site:

http://www.oracle.com/technology/documentation/oracle_retail.html

Documentation should be available on this Web site within a month after a product release. Note that documentation is always available with the packaged code on the release date.

Conventions

Navigate: This is a navigate statement. It tells you how to get to the start of the procedure and ends with a screen shot of the starting point and the statement “the Window Name window opens.”

Note: This is a note. It is used to call out information that is important, but not necessarily part of the procedure.

This is a code sample
It is used to display examples of code

A [hyperlink](#) appears like this.

Release Notes

The following sections describe the RDF 11.1.15 patch. The content includes issues that have been addressed in this patch, enhancements and new functionality, changes to existing functionality, and known issues.

RPAS Operating System Certification Strategy

Oracle Retail Product Strategy has provided clear direction on operating system certifications in order to better support our customers' operating system upgrade plans. As of this release, the following operating system certifications are completed:

- Sun Solaris 8
- Sun Solaris 9
- AIX 5.1
- AIX 5.3 (TL5 or greater)
- HP-UX 11.11 (PA-RISC)
- HP-UX 11.23 (PA-RISC)

See the "Release Information" section below for more information.

Previous versions of these operating systems will no longer be certified; however, the release may be backwardly compatible. Backward compatibility verification is not included in Oracle's operating system certification methodology. The RPAS Server will no longer be certified or packaged for Windows NT; however, operating system support will continue for the RPAS Client and RPAS Configuration Tools on Windows NT, Windows XP, and Windows2000.

For any questions or concerns about Oracle Retail's operating system certification strategy, please contact your Oracle Retail customer support representative.

Current Patch – RPAS 11.1.15

Release Information

The following table provides information about the current release.

Release Information	Release Details
Solutions	Oracle Retail Demand Forecasting (RDF), Curve, and Promote Note: The package may not include all solutions depending upon the licensing agreement.
Version Number:	11.1.15
Code Cut Off Date:	07-06-2007
Release Date:	08-01-2007
Type of Release:	Patch
RPAS Client Version	11.1.15
RPAS Server Version	11.1.15
Supported OS, Server and Compilers	Sun Solaris 8 – gcc 3.3.6 Sun Solaris 9 - gcc 4.1.1 AIX 5.1 – gcc 3.2.2 AIX 5.3 (TL5 or greater) - gcc 4.1.1 HP-UX 11.11 (PA-RISC) - aCC 03.67 HP-UX 11.23 (PA-RISC) - aCC 03.70
Related Documentation:	RDF, Curve, Promote 11.1.8 Administration Guide RDF 11.1.13.2 User Guide RDF 11.1.8 Installation Guide RPAS 11.1 Administration Guide RPAS 11.1 Installation Guide RPAS 11.1 User Guide RPAS 11.1 Configuration Guide RPAS 11.1 Rule Functions Reference Guide

Compatible 11.1.x Versions of RDF/Promote/Curve and RPAS

The following table provides a summary of the RPAS version that may be used with each release of RDF, Promote, or Curve.

Release Date	RDF, Promote, Curve	RPAS Client, Server, Configuration Tools
April 15, 2005	11.1.6	11.1.6
May 18, 2005	11.1.7	11.1.7
August 8, 2005	11.1.8	11.1.8
September 13, 2005	11.1.9	11.1.9
September 19, 2005	11.1.9.1	11.1.9
October 11, 2005	11.1.9.2	11.1.9
November 14, 2005	11.1.9.3	11.1.9
November 29, 2005	11.1.10	11.1.10
January 13, 2006	11.1.10.2	11.1.10.2
February 24, 2006	11.1.11	11.1.11
June 23, 2006	11.1.12	11.1.12
September 29, 2006	11.1.12.1	11.1.12
October 13, 2006	11.1.13	11.1.13
November 30, 2006	11.1.13.2	11.1.13
January 26, 2007	11.1.14	11.1.14
August 1, 2007	11.1.15	11.1.15

RDF 11.1.15 Resolved Issues

The following table provides information about issues that have been resolved.

Resolved Issue	Defect Number
Resolved contention issues during Causal forecasting in parallel.	6127863
In the Forecast Maintenance WB, the "ApprovalMethod Override" now defaults to "No Override" instead of blanks.	6111428
While patching domains in a large environment, rpaInstall was failing under some conditions with regmeasattr running for a significant time and then failing. This issue has been fixed.	6087339
Added a new parameter called "causal baseline minimum winters history" in the Forecast Admin workbook. This parameter will now drive the minimum number of weeks of history needed by a Winters model while calculating baseline forecasts within Causal. Earlier this value defaulted to 52 weeks.	6059501
reshapeArrays, when run after a forecast delete, was trying to access Arrays that no longer existed in the database. This issue has been fixed.	6052098
Grade plugin was failing with no information, when a workbook that the plugin was trying to create already existed in a different solution. Grade plugin will now give a descriptive message and then fail.	6036486
Default forecast administrative parameters, set in the configuration, were not being applied to new local domains. This issue has been fixed.	6028800
RDF PatchInstall was failing when trying to add Curve to an existing RDF domain. This issue has been fixed.	5916135
RDF integration scripts have been updated to handle 3 digit domain IDs from RMS.	5885788
Promotion effectiveness workbook was displaying overlapping promotional effects as product of individual effects, when it should have been sum of individual effects multiplied by baseline. This issue has been fixed.	5849255

Known Issues/Defects

The following table provides information about the known issues and defects for the current release.

Outstanding Issue	Expected Resolution
5988603: Some Workbooks fail to build when building multiple FAP workbooks in parallel under wbbatch.	Significant enhancements have been made so that more workbooks can be built in parallel than in previous releases. However, because these workbooks are tracked in a common database (namely, the fmain database), the contention could not be completely eliminated. Further work is in progress to determine whether the design can be changed to provide complete functionality.

Previous Enhancements and Additional Information

For information on previous RDF release enhancements and additional information, refer to the release notes and documentation that accompany the previous release.