Oracle® Retail Plan

Release Notes

Release 12.3.2

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Welcome to Oracle® Retail Plan Release 12.3.2.

This document highlights the enhancements and fixed defects included in this release. It also describes how you can upgrade to this release. It includes the following sections:

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Hardware and Software Requirements

For more information on the hardware and software requirements for Plan Release 12.3.2, refer to the section *Supported Configurations* in the chapter *Planning Your Installation* of the *Oracle Retail Plan Installation Guide*.

Upgrading to Plan Release 12.3.2

For more information on upgrading to Plan Release 12.3.2, refer to the section *Upgrading to the Latest Release of Plan* in the chapter *Installing Plan* of the *Oracle Retail Plan Installation Guide*.

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Functional Enhancements

The following functional enhancements are included in this release:

Table 1   Functional Enhancements in this Release

Reference Number	Description
8948	The ability to navigate from the Buy Parameters screen to the Item View screen was identified as a significant addition to the workflow. It would eliminate the need to go back to the Plan Worklist and navigate to the item in order to view it in the Item View screen. A *View Item Plan* link has been added to the left navigation pane of the Buy Parameters screen. After setting up the Buy Parameters, users may now use this link to navigate directly to the Item View screen of a particular item.
9424	The ability to navigate from Assortment View screen to the Buy Parameters screen was identified as a significant addition to the workflow. A *Define Buy Parameters* link has been added to the left navigation pane of the Assortment View screen. To view and edit the Buy Parameters for a specific item in the Assortment View screen, users may now select the item using the Item-selector check box, and then click this link to navigate directly to the Buy Parameters screen.
13677	To facilitate ease in operations, users requested the ability to change the item status for the particular plan or the entire life cycle of the item. The Change Status window has been updated to now include options that enable users to change the item status for the particular plan of the item life cycle.

Performance Enhancements

The following performance enhancements are included in this release:

Table 2   Performance Enhancements in this Release

Reference Number	Description
17189/10104400	A performance issue was reported where the constrained forecast took around 15 minutes to complete. The performance of the constrained forecast has been improved and it now takes around 2 minutes to complete.
17256	A performance issue was reported where the forecast operation in the PlanUpdater process took around 3 hours to complete. The performance of the forecast operation has been improved and it now takes 15 minutes to complete.

Noteworthy Fixed Issues

The following functional issues are fixed in this release:

Table 3   Issues Fixed in this Release

Reference Number	Description
8907	The Sell-Thru% calculation for in-season items is now updated. For future periods, it is now enhanced to include planned Beginning On-Hand (BOP) Inventory along with Planned Receipts. Earlier versions of Plan were over-estimating Sell-Thru% since BOP was being excluded. This also solves a related issue (Reference Number 12800) where the Sell-Thru% value was observed to be more than 100%. This impacts both the Sell-thru% used for batch processes as well as the value being displayed in the Plan application.
10625	When the "Validate Items" action is selected, it will now be applied across all plan periods in the life cycle of the item. When the user selects "Use Product Master", the validated values will be updated into each of the plan periods and each of them will be marked as Validated. This will only impact current and future plans; elapsed plans will not be altered. However, the effect of this validation is only persisted upon saving the plan, as with most other planning actions. This eliminates the need to validate items once separately within each planning period.
10630	The forecasting feature in earlier versions of Plan returned a zero forecast for stores that were not eligible for the first month of the forecast. In such cases, it was not possible to get a forecast for the item. Moreover, store receipts had to be added using AP Override which also led to errors. The forecasting feature has now been updated to consider the store opening & closing dates. If the store is not open for the entire life cycle of an item being forecasted, the start-sell-date and out-of-stock dates for that item are now altered. For stores that are not yet open for the first month of the plan, the start-sell-date for that store only is set same as the store-open-date. Likewise, stores getting closed midway during the life cycle of an item will get an out of stock date same as the store close date. This will ensure that such stores will now get a forecast similar to other stores but for a shorter duration. **Note:** The store open and close dates must be accurately interfaced from the relevant external solutions.
13079	An option to delete an item or color for a particular plan or for entire life cycle was required. The confirmation window for the delete operation has been updated to now include options that enable users to delete an item or color for a particular plan or for the item life cycle.
13321	For carry over plans, the Store Ending On Hand (EOH) calculations were incorrect. When OH quantities were available, the EOH was calculated as OH - Future Sales + Receipts. Where as, when OH was not available (applies to future plan periods), the EOH was calculated as BOH - Future Sales + Receipts. The EOH calculations have been updated as follows: ■ For past or current plans, EOH is calculated as OH + Future Receipts - Future Sales. ■ For future plans, EOH is calculated as BOH + Total Receipts - Total Sales.

Table 3   (Cont.) Issues Fixed in this Release

Reference Number	Description
14198	For planners that were using the *View Other Storeset* feature, previous versions of Plan did not provide the ability to remove these store sets automatically when the user who create the store sets deleted them.
	This feature has been enhanced in such a manner that when store sets are deleted, all other users will no longer be able to view these store sets for the purpose of creating new plans. However, plans already created using those store sets will not be affected.
	Note: Store sets are cached for each user upon login. In case some store sets were deleted after a planner logged in to the application, the deleted store sets will still be visible. The planners must exercise caution to not use the store sets that are likely to be deleted. It is recommended that a business process be created to notify all concerned planners about the store sets that are about to be deleted.
15454	The purge script (delivered in Release 12.3.0) caused a foreign key constraint error during the pack hierarchy load in the daily/weekly load.
	This issue has been fixed.
16059	The OH information in the Assortment View for carryover items has now been updated. It will now be based on the plan start and end dates of the plan period being viewed. For the current period, the last actual loaded OH is displayed without any further calculation. For future periods, the Planned BOP is used to calculate the OH information.
16608/9863412	Need segment appeared blank when the store base was set to AP. This occurred because the OH and Actual sales units information were not considered when setting a store as an AP store.
	This issue has been fixed and the application now considers the OH and Actual sales units information when a store is set as an AP store.
16938	The forecasting feature in previous versions of Plan did not consider the store opening and closing dates. This prevented the store from getting the Need values, which led to stores not receiving AP sales or receipts when users did a Copy Need to AP action.
	The forecasting feature has now been updated to consider the store opening & closing dates. If the store is not open for the entire life cycle of an item being forecasted, the start-sell-date and out-of-stock dates for that item are now altered. For stores that are not yet open for the first month of the plan, the start-sell-date for that store only is set same as the store-open-date. Likewise, stores getting closed midway during the lifestyle of an item will get an out of stock date same as the store close date.
	This will ensure that such stores will now get a forecast similar to other stores but for a shorter duration.
	Note: The store open and close dates must be accurately interfaced from the relevant Merchandising solutions.
17542	Since the validation of items is done using the Validate Items action in the Plan Worklist screen, there is no longer a need for the *Validated* status to appear in the *Change Status* window.
	The ability to set the *Validated* status has been removed from the *Change Status* window. This ability has been removed to leverage the validations and consistency that is enforced when performing this action using the *Validate Items* menu action.

Known Issues

The following known issues are identified in this release:

Table 4   Known Issues in this Release

Reference Number	Description
16672/9874890	Although the *log4j.category.common* parameter in the *plan.log4j.properties* file was set to *WARN*, the application log files contained unnecessary messages that caused the log file size to be larger than expected.
	To avoid too many messages in the application log files, ensure that the *log4j.rootlogger* parameter in the *sit-log4j.properties* file is also set to *ERROR*. The *sit-log4j.properties* file is available under `<Plan_Installation>/SIT/config/`.
17174	A user may see duplicate store sets when the store sets that were created by users other than *root* exist and the *root* user has set the *View Other Storesets* option. In this case, the user who created the store sets will see duplicates in the list of store sets (one that represents the actual store set created and one that is the copy made by *root*).
	It is unlikely that the *root* user will use store sets created by application users. It is recommended that the *root* user manages and creates all store set

Related Documents

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■   *Oracle Retail Plan Installation Guide*

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If you are installing the application for the first time, you install either a base release (for example, 12.3) or a later patch release (for example, 12.3.2). If you are installing a software version other than the base release, be sure to read the documentation for each patch release (since the base release) before you begin installation. Patch documentation can contain critical information related to the base release and code changes that have been made since the base release.

Oracle Retail Documentation on the Oracle Technology Network

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