

Oracle® Retail Central Office

Release Notes

Release 8.0

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This document highlights the major changes for Release 8.0 of Oracle Retail Central Office.

Overview

Oracle Retail Central Office is a web based application used at the corporate office to manage data movement and access real-time information across the enterprise. Data management capabilities provide the ability to control the distribution of information updates between the corporate office and stores to help ensure timely updates and consistent store policies. The use of a centralized corporate database provides enterprise-wide accumulation of transaction, electronic journal, and signature data with the ability to query based on business needs and to monitor for potential fraud.

Functional Enhancements

The following functional enhancements are included in this release:

- [Rebranding](#)
- [Password Policy](#)
- [Dashboard](#)

Rebranding

The 360Commerce brand is replaced with the Oracle Retail name, logos, and copyright.

The following changes are made to the application screens:

- References to 360Commerce are rebranded to Oracle Retail.
- The external navigation links are removed.
- An About tab is added for viewing copyright and version information about Oracle Retail Central Office.

The following changes are made to the documentation set:

- References to 360Commerce are rebranded to Oracle Retail.
- The 360Commerce Central Office Administrator Guide is replaced by the Oracle Retail Central Office Installation Guide. The installation guide covers the steps needed to install and deploy the application.

- The 360Commerce Central Office Developer Guide is replaced by the Oracle Retail Central Office Operations Guide. The Operations Guide includes the content from the Developer Guide plus the information concerning configuration of the application previously found in the 360Commerce Central Office Administrator Guide.
- The Oracle Retail Strategic Store Solutions Configuration Guide is new in this release. The purpose of this guide is to provide information on the parameters used for configuring the Strategic Store Solutions products.
- The Oracle Retail Strategic Store Solutions Licensing Information document is new in this release. This document contains the licenses for all third-party open-source applications used by the Strategic Store Solutions products.

Password Policy

A password policy is added to manage user access to the application. The policy defines password requirements. The values for the policy are managed through system settings.

- The following requirements can be enforced for passwords. N represents a configurable number.
 - Force user to change password after N days.
 - Warn user of password expiration N days before password expires.
 - Lockout user N days after password expires.
 - Lockout user after N consecutive invalid login attempts.
 - Password must be at least N characters in length.
 - Password must not exceed N characters in length.
 - Password must not match any of the N previous passwords.
 - Password must include at least N alphabetic characters.
 - Password must include at least N numeric characters.
- A Change Password link is added to the Dashboard to enable users to change passwords.
- Entering a password on the User Details screen is removed. A Reset Password button is added to reset the password for the user. The new password is randomly generated and displayed.
- When a new user is added, a password is randomly generated and displayed.

Dashboard

The following changes are made to the Dashboard:

- The Dashboard is now a welcome screen that provides access to the functionality of Oracle Retail Central Office.
- The Tasks functionality is moved to the Admin tab. It is available through the Tasks subtab.

Functionality Restricted or Removed

The following functionality is changed or removed in this release:

- Reports are no longer available. The Reports tab is removed.
- Flash sales and executed reports are no longer displayed on the dashboard.
- Deployment on IBM WebSphere has not been tested and is not supported for this release.
- Deployment on JBoss is no longer supported.
- The png image format is not supported for viewing captured signatures.

Technical Enhancements

The following technical enhancements are included in this release.

Oracle Middleware

Deployment on Oracle Middleware is now supported. This release of Oracle Retail Central Office was tested with the following software:

- Oracle Application Server 10g 10.1.3 (32-bit)
- 64-bit Red Hat Enterprise Linux AS/ES 4
- Oracle RDBMS 10g Release 2 Enterprise Edition (minimum 10.2.0.2.0 patchset required)

Unified Data Model

The same database schema is now used by Oracle Retail Point-of-Service, Oracle Retail Central Office, and Oracle Retail Back Office. This improves maintenance and data sharing between the products.

Application Installer

A new installer is provided which improves the installation process and decreases the time required to install the application. In addition to the GUI and text interfaces, a silent input mode is available. The settings in the ant.install.properties file are used for input to the installer in silent mode. This mode can be used to repeat an installation without reentering the settings provided in a previous installation.

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