

# Oracle® Retail Data Warehouse

Release Notes

Release 13.1

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This document highlights the major changes for Oracle Retail Data Warehouse (RDW) Release 13.1. RDW 13.1 includes significant technical enhancements.

## Product Overview

Oracle Retail Data Warehouse (RDW) is a decision support solution built specifically for retail. RDW melds massive amounts of data from different systems into user-friendly reporting that provides a single version of accurate information to all users. With its flexible and scalable foundation, RDW provides a place for efficiently storing and analyzing information.

The applications and components that make up the data warehouse perform these functions:

- Organize and standardize data so that it can be stored in a consistent format in the data warehouse.
- Load data to a relational database management system that is specially constructed for decision support.
- Provide analytical tools and interfaces necessary to deliver information throughout the retail organization.

## Hardware and Software Requirements

See the *Oracle Retail Data Warehouse Installation Guide* for information about the following:

- Hardware and software requirements
- Oracle Retail application software compatibility

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**Note:** Some RDW extract, transform, and load (ETL) modules may contain references to DB2 and Teradata databases; however, RDW no longer supports these databases.

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## Technical Enhancements

For Release 13.1, RDW adds the following technical enhancements.

### Upgrading to RDW Release 13.1

For new customers, RDW 13.1 is a base release (a full product installation). Current customers who have installed RDW 13.0.2 also have the option to upgrade to Release 13.1. For information about upgrading, see the following document at My Oracle Support (formerly MetaLink) at the following URL:

<https://metalink.oracle.com>

#### **Oracle Retail Upgrade Guide (Doc ID 837368.1)**

Because the upgrade process varies among Oracle Retail applications, the *Oracle Retail Upgrade Guide* describes the approach that each Oracle Retail application takes for the upgrading process, as well as product-specific upgrade assumptions and considerations. Actual procedures for the upgrade may be included in the application's Installation Guide.

### Added Software Compatibility

For Release 13.1, RDW adds support for the following software, in addition to the software supported in Release 13.0.2:

- Oracle Database 11g Enterprise Edition (11.1.0.7)
- Oracle Enterprise Linux 5 Update 2 on x86-64, IBM AIX 6.1 TL1
- Oracle Business Intelligence (Oracle BI) Standard Edition One

The previous version of RDW was certified only with Oracle BI Enterprise Edition.

- Oracle BI Enterprise Edition and Oracle BI Standard Edition One certification on the Windows Server 2003 platform

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**Note:** RDW 13.1 can be used with these versions of Oracle Business Intelligence:

- Oracle Business Intelligence Enterprise Edition (EE) 10.1.3.4
- Oracle Business Intelligence Standard Edition One (SE One) 10.1.3.4

All references to Oracle BI in RDW documentation refer only to these supported versions.

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## Known Issues

### Upgrading

Customers who upgrade from RDW 13.0.2 to RDW 13.1 should note that, if the RDW 13.0.2 installation included any customizations to the RDW language files, those customizations will be overwritten during the upgrade.

### Integration

For Release 13.1, RDW does not integrate with Oracle Retail Merchandise Financial Planning (MFP).

## Related Documentation

For more information, see the following documents in the Oracle Retail Data Warehouse Release 13.1 documentation set:

- *Oracle Retail Data Warehouse Data Model*
- *Oracle Retail Data Warehouse Implementation Guide*
- *Oracle Retail Data Warehouse Installation Guide*
- *Oracle Retail Data Warehouse Operations Guide*
- *Oracle Retail Data Warehouse User Guide*

See also:

- *Oracle Retail Merchandising Batch Schedule*
- Oracle Business Intelligence documentation
- Oracle Retail Extract, Transform, and Load (RETL) documentation

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