**Oracle Password file**

* The password file stores a list of usernames and passwords that are allowed to remotely authenticate as SYSDBA over the network.
* Oracle must use this file to authenticate them, not the normal list of passwords stored in the database.
* And for this authentication to use password file, the value of **REMOTE\_LOGIN\_PASSWORDFILE** should be EXCLUSIVE or SHARED.
* orapwd tool is used to create and manage password files.
* DEFAULT LOCATION FOR PWD FILE – **$ORACLE\_HOME/dbs**

**To create password file in linux**

* orapwd file=orapw(sid) password=welcome force=y

(orapwd file=orapwabc password=oracle force=y)

**To create password file in windows**

* Orapwd file=E:\product\11.2.0\dbhome\_1\database\PWDBKKJMSPR.ora password=oracle force=y