

Ahsay Online Backup Manager v8

Oracle Database Backup and Restore Guide for Windows

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1 Overview

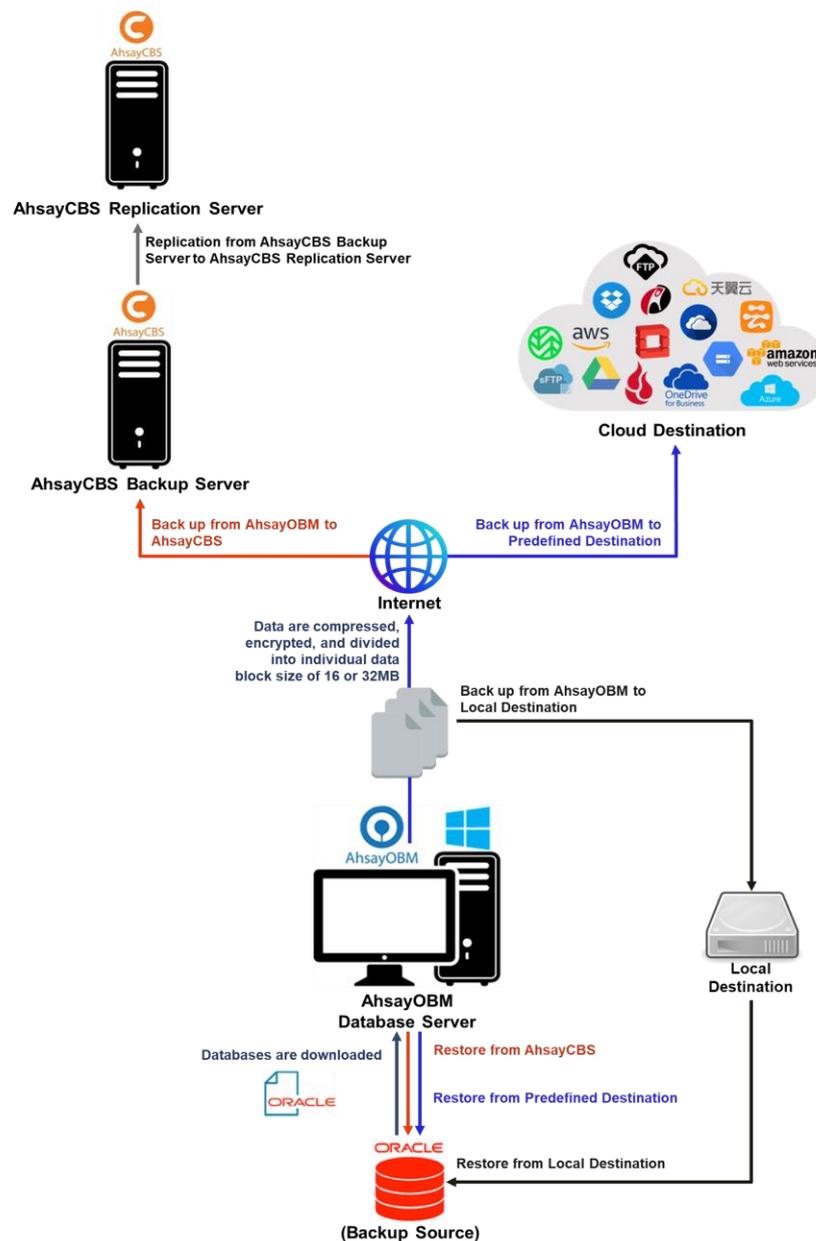
1.1 What is this software?

Ahsay brings you specialized client backup software, namely AhsayOBM, to provide a comprehensive backup solution for your Oracle Database Server. The Oracle Database Server module of AhsayOBM provides you with a set of tools to protect your Oracle Server with both full database and archived log backups while your database is online.

1.2 System Architecture

Below is the system architecture diagram illustrating the major elements involved in the backup process among the Oracle Server, AhsayOBM and AhsayCBS.

In this user guide, we will focus on the software installation, as well as the end-to-end backup and restore process using AhsayOBM as a client backup software.

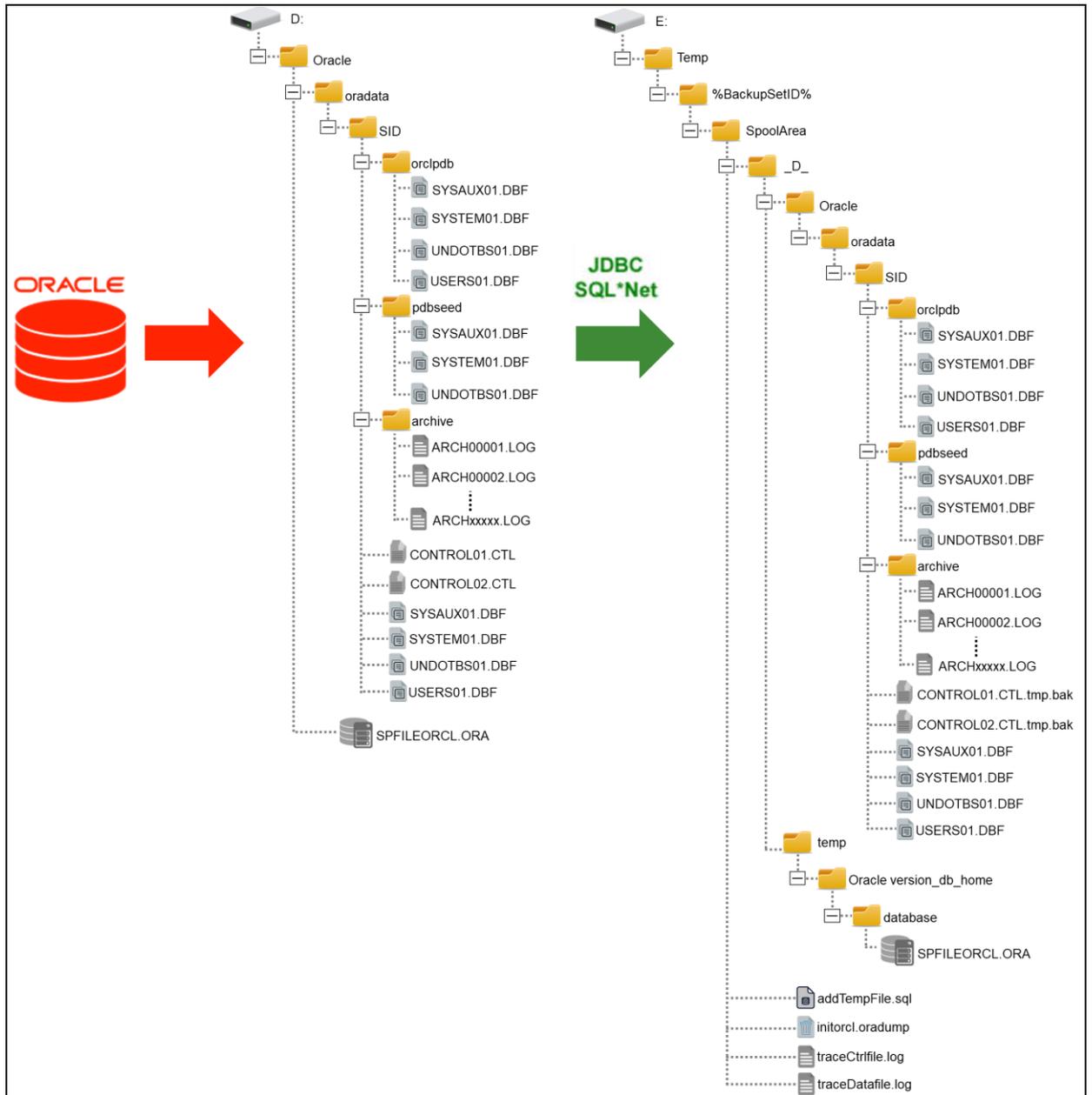


1.3 Oracle Database Backup Mode

Ahsay Oracle database and archived log backups use a spooling method to make a consistent snapshot of the database for backup.

For each database backup job, AhsayOBM will trigger Oracle to spool or make a copy of the following files to the temporary folder:

- Database files (.DBF)
- Archived Log files
- Control files (.CTL)
- Init.ora file



2 Requirements

2.1 Hardware Requirement

Refer to the following article for the list of hardware requirements for AhsayOBM:
[FAQ: Ahsay Hardware Requirement List \(HRL\) for version 8.1 or above](#)

2.2 Software Requirement

Refer to the following article for the list of supported operating systems and application versions:
[FAQ: Ahsay Software Compatibility List \(SCL\) for version 8.1 or above](#)

2.3 AhsayOBM Installation

Make sure the latest version of AhsayOBM is installed directly on the machine where the Oracle database server is hosted.

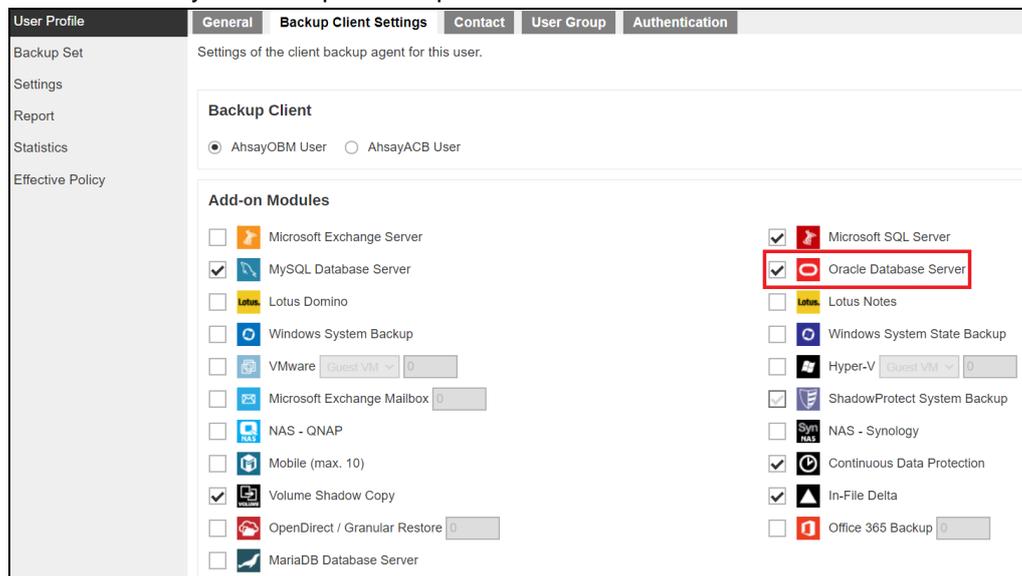
NOTE

Backup and restore of Oracle database(s) running on a remote machine is not supported.

2.4 AhsayOBM Add-On Module Configuration

Make sure the Oracle Database Server add-on module is enabled on your AhsayOBM user account.

Please contact your backup service provider for more details.



2.5 Backup Quota Requirement

Make sure that your AhsayOBM user account has enough storage quota assigned to accommodate the storage of Oracle database server backup set and retention policy.

2.6 Java Heap Size

The default Java heap size setting on AhsayOBM is 2048MB. For Oracle database backup, it is highly recommended to increase the Java heap size setting to be at least 4096MB to improve backup and restore performance. The actual heap size is dependent on the amount of free memory available on your Oracle server.

For details on how to modify the Java heap size setting of AhsayOBM/AhsayACB, refer to the following article:

https://wiki.ahsay.com/doku.php?id=public:8011_faq:how_to_modify_the_java_heap_size_of_a_hsayobc

2.7 Temporary Directory Folder

The Temporary directory folder is used by AhsayOBM during a backup job as the storage of:

- The spooled Oracle database(s) and archived log files
- Any incremental or differential delta files generated

It is strongly recommended that the temporary directory folder is located on a local drive with enough free disk space to be used by the spooled databases and archived log files. The temporary folder should **not** be located on the Windows System C:\ drive or Oracle Home drive.

NOTE

The calculation of disk space required on the drive where the temporary folder is located is as follows:

(Total Database Size * Delta Ratio) * number of backup destinations = **Minimum Free Space Required**

Example:

If the default Delta ratio is 50% for in-file delta, and if the total Oracle database size is 1TB and there is only one backup destination, the minimum free space needed on the drive where the temporary directory folder is located = 1.5TB:

1TB = Total Oracle database size

500GB = Total maximum size of incremental or differential delta files generated

To obtain the size of the data files on the Oracle database instance, use the Oracle RMAN REPORT SCHEMA feature and sum up the total "List of Permanent Datafiles" by running the following command.

NOTE: The values shown are just examples and might be different on your Oracle instance.

```
C:\Users\Administrator>set ORACLE_SID=orcl

C:\Users\Administrator>rman target /

Recovery Manager: Release 19.0.0.0.0 - Production on Thu Oct 29 18:29:44 2020
Version 19.3.0.0.0

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connected to target database: ORCL (DBID=1562659286)

RMAN> report schema;

using target database control file instead of recovery catalog
Report of database schema for database with db_unique_name ORCL

List of Permanent Datafiles
=====
File Size(MB) Tablespace          RB segs  Datafile Name
-----
1      910      SYSTEM                YES      D:\ORACLE\ORADATA\ORCL\SYSTEM01.DBF
3      920      SYSAUX                 NO       D:\ORACLE\ORADATA\ORCL\SYSAUX01.DBF
4      60       UNDOTBS1               YES      D:\ORACLE\ORADATA\ORCL\UNDOTBS01.DBF
5      260     PDB$SEED:SYSTEM        NO       D:\ORACLE\ORADATA\ORCL\PDBSEED\SYSTEM01.DBF
6      280     PDB$SEED:SYSAUX        NO       D:\ORACLE\ORADATA\ORCL\PDBSEED\SYSAUX01.DBF
7      5        USERS                  NO       D:\ORACLE\ORADATA\ORCL\USERS01.DBF
8      100     PDB$SEED:UNDOTBS1     NO       D:\ORACLE\ORADATA\ORCL\PDBSEED\UNDOTBS01.DBF
9      260     ORCLPDB:SYSTEM        NO       D:\ORACLE\ORADATA\ORCL\ORCLPDB\SYSTEM01.DBF
10     300     ORCLPDB:SYSAUX        NO       D:\ORACLE\ORADATA\ORCL\ORCLPDB\SYSAUX01.DBF
```

```

11 100 ORCLPDB:UNDOTBS1 NO D:\ORACLE\ORADATA\ORCL\ORCLPDB\UNDOTBS01.DBF
12 5 ORCLPDB:USERS NO D:\ORACLE\ORADATA\ORCL\ORCLPDB\USERS01.DBF

List of Temporary Files
=====
File Size (MB) Tablespace Maxsize (MB) Tempfile Name
-----
1 32 TEMP 32767 D:\ORACLE\ORADATA\ORCL\TEMP01.DBF
2 36 PDB$SEED:TEMP 32767 D:\ORACLE\ORADATA\ORCL\PDBSEED\TEMP012020-03-
12_18-17-27-260-PM.DBF
3 128 ORCLPDB:TEMP 32767 D:\ORACLE\ORADATA\ORCL\ORCLPDB\TEMP01.DBF

RMAN>

```

2.8 Windows Requirements

Ensure that the following Windows requirements and conditions are met.

2.8.1 Supported Windows Server Version

Oracle 19c (from v8.5.0.63 or above)

The backup of Oracle 19c is supported on the following Windows Server version:

Windows Server 2022 *	Windows Server 2016
Windows Server 2019	Windows Server 2012 R2

* Supported on AhsayOBM v8.5.4.80 or above

Oracle 18c (from v8.5.0.77 or above)

The backup of Oracle 18c is supported on the following Windows Server version:

Windows Server 2016	Windows Server 2012
Windows Server 2012 R2	

Oracle 12c

The backup of Oracle 12c is supported on the following Windows Server version:

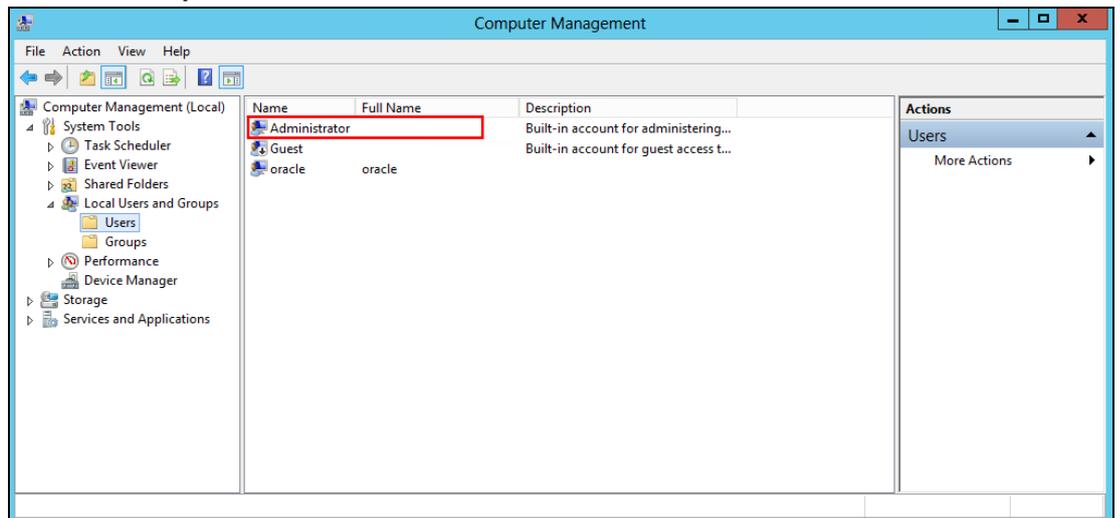
Windows Server 2012 R2	Windows Server 2008 R2
Windows Server 2012	Windows Server 2008

2.8.2 Windows User Account Permission

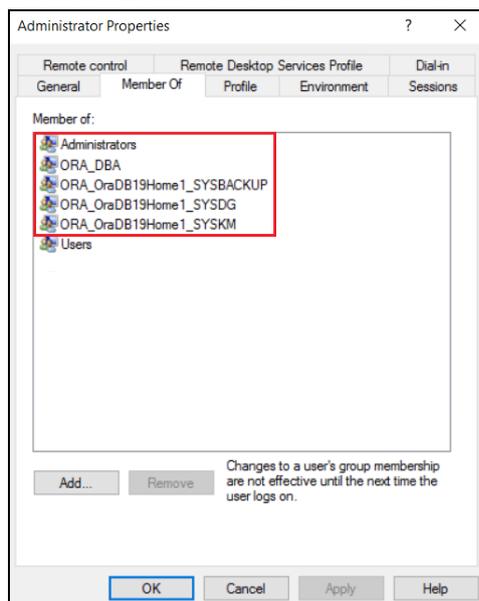
The Windows user account must be a member of the following security groups:

- Administrator
- ORA_DBA
- ORA_OraDB19Home1_SYSDG
- ORA_OraDB19Home1_SYSDG
- ORA_OraDB19Home1_SYSKM

To verify, click the start menu and search for “**Computer Management**”. Open the application. Locate the Oracle security groups through *Computer Management (Local)*>*System Tools*>*Local Users and Groups*>*Users*. Right-click the Administrator and select **Properties**.



Click the **Member Of** tab to see the list of Oracle security groups.

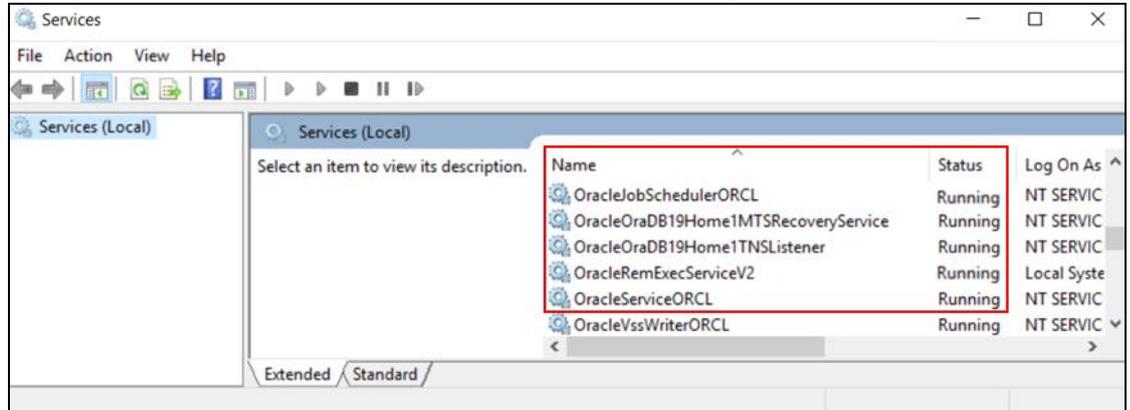


2.8.3 Oracle Database-related Windows Services

Ensure that all Oracle database-related services are started:

- OracleJobScheduler\$SID\$
- OracleOraDB19Home1MTSRecoveryService
- OracleOraDB19Home1TNSListener
- OracleRemExecServiceV2
- OracleService\$SID\$

To verify, click the start menu and search for “**Services**”. Look for the Oracle database-related services. Their statuses should be “Running”.



2.9 Oracle Backup Requirements

Ensure that the following requirements and conditions on the Oracle database server are met.

NOTE: Please consult the Oracle database administrator before making any changes.

2.9.1 Oracle Tools

Although the following tools are usually installed by default on all Oracle database installations, ensure that the following tools are installed on the Oracle database server, and they are functioning correctly.

- **RMAN (Recovery manager)** - is required by AhsayOBM for both full database and archive log backups.

To verify if RMAN is installed on the Oracle database server and is working properly, run the following command.

Example of RMAN running in Oracle 19c

```
C:\Users\Administrator>set ORACLE_SID=orcl

C:\Users\Administrator>rman target /

Recovery Manager: Release 19.0.0.0.0 - Production on Thu
Nov 12 09:36:48 2020
Version 19.3.0.0.0

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connected to target database: ORCL (DBID=1562659286)

RMAN>
```

- **SQL*Plus** – is required by AhsayOBM during Oracle Backup Set creation, backup and restore.

To verify if SQL*Plus is installed on the Oracle database server and is working properly, run the following command `sqlplus / as sysdba`.

Example of SQL*Plus running in Oracle 19c

```
C:\Users\Administrator>sqlplus / as sysdba

SQL*Plus: Release 19.0.0.0.0 - Production on Thu Nov 12
09:41:15 2020
Version 19.3.0.0.0

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Connected to:

Oracle Database 19c Enterprise Edition Release 19.0.0.0.0
- Production
Version 19.3.0.0.0

SQL>
```

2.9.2 Oracle Internal Process Checking

For the Oracle instance to run smoothly, ensure that the following internal processes are working well:

- **PMON** (Process Monitor)
- **PSP0** (Process Spawner Process)
- **MMAN** (Memory Manager Process)
- **DBW0** (Database Writer)
- **ARCO** (Archive Process (or thread on Windows))
- **LGWR** (Log Writer)
- **CKPT** (Checkpoint process (thread on Windows) that runs by default on Windows)
- **SMON** (System Monitor)
- **RECO** (Distributed Recovery Background Process)

To check this, click the start menu and search for “cmd”. Open the command prompt as administrator.

Run the SQLPlus to connect to the Oracle database server. Once connected, use the following SQL query to verify if the internal processes are running.

```
C:\Users\Administrator>sqlplus / as sysdba

SQL*Plus: Release 19.0.0.0.0 - Production on Wed Oct 14
14:07:32 2020
Version 19.3.0.0.0

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Connected to:

Oracle Database 19c Enterprise Edition Release 19.0.0.0.0 -
Production
```

Version 19.3.0.0.0

```
SQL> select name, description from v$bgprocess where PADDR <> '00';
```

NAME DESCRIPTION

PMON process cleanup

CLMN process cleanup

PSP0 process spawner 0

VKTM Virtual Keeper of Time process

GEN0 generic0

MMAN Memory Manager

W007 space management slave pool

GEN1 generic1

DIAG diagnosibility process

DBRM DataBase Resource Manager

VKRM Virtual sKeduler for Resource Manager

NAME DESCRIPTION

SVCB services background monitor

PMAN process manager

DIA0 diagnosibility process 0

DBW0 db writer process 0

LGWR Redo etc.

CKPT checkpoint

SMON System Monitor Process

LG00 Log Writer Slave

SMCO Space Manager Process

LG01 Log Writer Slave

RECO distributed recovery

NAME DESCRIPTION

W000 space management slave pool

LREG Listener Registration

W001 space management slave pool

```

PXMN  PX Monitor
FENC  IOServer fence monitor
P000  Parallel query slave
MMON  Manageability Monitor Process
MMNL  Manageability Monitor Process 2
D000  Dispatchers
S000  Shared servers
TMON  Transport Monitor

```

```

NAME  DESCRIPTION
-----

```

```

P001  Parallel query slave
M003  MMON slave class 1
P002  Parallel query slave
TT00  Redo Transport

```

ARC0 Archival Process 0

```

TT01  Redo Transport
ARC1  Archival Process 1
ARC2  Archival Process 2
ARC3  Archival Process 3
TT02  Redo Transport
W002  space management slave pool

```

```

NAME  DESCRIPTION
-----

```

```

W003  space management slave pool
AQPC  AQ Process Coord
W004  space management slave pool
P003  Parallel query slave
P004  Parallel query slave
P005  Parallel query slave
P006  Parallel query slave
P007  Parallel query slave
M005  MMON slave class 1
QM02  QMON MS
W005  space management slave pool

```

```

NAME  DESCRIPTION

```

```
-----  
M001 MMON slave class 1  
Q003 QMON MS  
M000 MMON slave class 1  
CJQ0 Job Queue Coordinator  
M002 MMON slave class 1  
W006 space management slave pool  
Q00L QMON MS  
62 rows selected.  
  
SQL>
```

2.9.3 Supported Oracle Database Server Version

AhsayOBM supports the following versions of Oracle database server:

- **Oracle 19c**
- **Oracle 18c**
- **Oracle 12c**

To verify if the Oracle database server version is supported by AhsayOBM, use the following SQL query.

Oracle 19c

```
C:\Users\Administrator>sqlplus / as sysdba  
  
SQL*Plus: Release 19.0.0.0.0 - Production on Thu Nov 12  
12:04:25 2020  
  
Version 19.3.0.0.0  
  
Copyright (c) 1982, 2019, Oracle. All rights reserved.  
  
Connected to:  
  
Oracle Database 19c Enterprise Edition Release 19.0.0.0.0 -  
Production  
  
Version 19.3.0.0.0  
  
SQL>
```

Oracle 18c

```
C:\Users\Administrator>sqlplus / as sysdba  
  
SQL*Plus: Release 18.0.0.0.0 - Production on Mon Jan 4 11:06:36  
2021  
  
Version 18.3.0.0.0
```

```
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Connected to:

Oracle Database 18c Enterprise Edition Release 18.0.0.0.0 -
Production

Version 18.3.0.0.0

SQL>
```

Oracle 12c

```
C:\Users\Administrator>sqlplus / as sysdba

SQL*Plus: Release 12.1.0.1.0 - Production on Mon May 26
15:33:44 2019

Version 12.1.0.1.0

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Connected to:

Oracle Database 12c Enterprise Edition Release 12.1.0.1.0 -
Production

Version 12.1.0.1.0

SQL>
```

2.9.4 System Identifier (SID)

Make sure the System Identifier (SID) is correct by using the following SQL query.

```
SQL> select instance from v$instance;

INSTANCE
-----
orcl

SQL>
```

NOTE: The instance shown is just an example. The SID may be different on your Oracle instance.

Another way to verify the SID is by checking the **init.ora** file. Go to the **D:\oracle\admin\orcl\pfile** directory and open the **init.ora** file using a text editor (e.g. Notepad++).

```
#####
# Database Identification
#####
db_name="orcl"
```

2.9.5 Oracle_Home Path

Oracle 19c

The Oracle_Home path can be obtained by using the following SQL query. The Oracle_Home path for Oracle 19c is “D:\app\oracle\19.0.0\dbhome_1”.

```
SQL> SELECT file_spec FROM DBA_LIBRARIES WHERE library_name =
      'DBMS_SUMADV_LIB';

FILE_SPEC
-----
D:\app\oracle\19.0.0\dbhome_1\bin\oraqsmashr.dll

SQL>
```

NOTE: The directory path shown is just an example. The Oracle_Home path may be different on your Oracle instance.

Another way to verify the Oracle_Home path is by checking the **init.ora** file. Go to the **D:\oracle\admin\orcl\pfile** directory and open the **init.ora** file using a text editor (e.g. Notepad++).

```
#####
# File Configuration
#####
control_files=( "D:\app\oracle\oradata\ORCL\control01.ctl",
"D:\app\oracle\oradata\ORCL\control02.ctl" )
#####
```

Oracle 18c

The Oracle_Home path can be obtained by using the following SQL query. The Oracle_Home path for Oracle 18c is “D:\app\oracle\18.0.0\dbhome_1”.

```
SQL> SELECT file_spec FROM DBA_LIBRARIES WHERE library_name =
      'DBMS_SUMADV_LIB';

FILE_SPEC
-----
D:\app\oracle\18.0.0\dbhome_1\bin\oraqsmashr.dll

SQL>
```

NOTE: The directory path shown is just an example. The Oracle_Home path may be different on your Oracle instance.

Another way to verify the Oracle_Home path is by checking the **init.ora** file. Go to the **D:\oracle\admin\orcl\pfile** directory and open the **init.ora** file using a text editor (e.g., Notepad++).

```
#####
# File Configuration
#####
control_files=( "D:\app\oracle\oradata\orcl18c\control01.ctl",
"D:\app\oracle\oradata\orcl18c\control02.ctl" )
#####
```

Oracle 12c

The Oracle_Home path can be obtained by using the following SQL query. The Oracle_Home path for Oracle 12c is "D:\app\oracle\product\12.1.0\dbhome_1".

```
SQL> SELECT file_spec FROM DBA_LIBRARIES WHERE library_name =
      'DBMS_SUMADV_LIB';

FILE_SPEC
-----
D:\app\oracle\product\12.1.0\dbhome_1\bin\oraqsmashr.dll

SQL>
```

NOTE: The directory shown is just an example. The Oracle_Home path may be different on your Oracle instance.

Another way to verify the Oracle_Home path is by checking the **init.ora** file. Go to the **D:\oracle\admin\orcl\pfile** directory and open the **init.ora** file using a text editor (e.g., Notepad++).

```
#####
# File Configuration
#####
control_files=("D:\app\oracle\oradata\orcl12c\control01.ctl",
"D:\app\oracle\recovery_area\orcl12c\control02.ctl")
db_recovery_file_dest="D:\app\oracle\recovery_area"
db_recovery_file_dest_size=6930m
```

WARNING

If any of the following scenario is encountered, please contact the Oracle database administrator for further assistance:

1. The value of the Oracle_Home path in **init.ora** file does not match the value obtained from the SQL query.
2. The SQL query returns an empty or null value.

Example of an SQL query return with a null value of the Oracle_Home path

```
SQL> SELECT file_spec FROM DBA_LIBRARIES WHERE library_name =
      'DBMS_SUMADV_LIB';

no rows selected

SQL>
```

2.9.6 Database Status

Ensure that the status of Oracle instance is "Open". To check, use the following query.

```
SQL> select instance_name, status from v$instance;

INSTANCE_NAME      STATUS
-----
orcl                OPEN

SQL>
```

2.9.7 Archived Log Mode

Ensure that the database instance is in Archived Log mode. To check, use the following command.

```
SQL> archive log list;
```

Database log mode	Archive Mode
Automatic archival	Enabled
Archive destination	USE_DB_RECOVERY_FILE_DEST
Oldest online log sequence	101
Next log sequence to archive	103
Current log sequence	103

```
SQL>
```

NOTE: The values shown are just examples and might be different on your Oracle instance.

2.9.8 Java Installation

Java must be installed on the Oracle Database. To check if Java is installed, use the following SQL query. The status of the **JServer JAVA Virtual Machine** and **Oracle Database Java Packages** should be "VALID".

```
SQL> select comp_name, status from dba_registry;
```

<i>COMP_NAME</i>	<i>STATUS</i>
Oracle Database Catalog Views	VALID
Oracle Database Packages and Types	VALID
Oracle Real Application Clusters	OPTION OFF

<i>COMP_NAME</i>	<i>STATUS</i>
JServer JAVA Virtual Machine	VALID
Oracle XDK	VALID
Oracle Database Java Packages	VALID

<i>COMP_NAME</i>	<i>STATUS</i>
OLAP Analytic Workspace	VALID
Oracle XML Database	VALID
Oracle Workspace Manager	VALID

<i>COMP_NAME</i>	<i>STATUS</i>
Oracle Text	VALID

```

Oracle Multimedia                VALID
Spatial                          VALID

COMP_NAME                        STATUS
-----
Oracle OLAP API                  VALID
Oracle Label Security            VALID
Oracle Database Vault            VALID

15 rows selected.

SQL>

```

WARNING

If the status of the JServer JAVA Virtual Machine and/or the Oracle Database Java Packages is **INVALID**, please contact the Oracle database administrator for further assistance.

2.9.9 JAVASYSPRIV Permission for Oracle System Account

The Oracle **system** account is used by AhsayOBM to connect to the Oracle database server to authenticate the backup and restore process. The following permission must be assigned to the system account. Use the following SQL query to assign.

```

SQL> select * from DBA_ROLE_PRIVS where
upper(grantee)='SYSTEM';

GRANTEE          GRANTED_ROLE          ADM DEL DEF COM INH
-----          -
SYSTEM           DBA                    NO  YES NO
SYSTEM           JAVASYSPRIV           NO  YES NO

GRANTEE          GRANTED_ROLE          ADM DEL DEF COM INH
-----          -
SYSTEM           DBA                    NO  YES NO
SYSTEM           AQ_ADMINISTRATOR_ROLE YES NO YES NO

SQL>

```

If not, grant javasyspriv to the system account by using the following SQL query.

```

SQL> grant javasyspriv to system;

Grant succeeded.

SQL>

```

2.9.10 SYSDBA Privileges for Oracle System Account

To check if the system account has **sysdba** privileges, use the following SQL query.

```
SQL> select * from v$pwfile_users where sysdba='TRUE';

USERNAME SYSDB SYSOP SYSAS SYSBA SYSDG SYSKM ACCOUNT_STATUS
-----
SYST      TRUE  FALSE FALSE OPEN

SQL>
```

If not, grant **sysdba** to the system account using the following SQL query.

Oracle 19c and Oracle 18c

```
SQL> grant sysdba to system container=ALL;

Grant succeeded.

SQL>
```

Oracle 12c

```
SQL> grant sysdba to system;

Grant succeeded.

SQL>
```

2.9.11 TNS Listener Service

TNS listener service must be started to allow connections to the Oracle database server. To check if the TNS listener service is running, use the `lsnrctl status` command.

If the TNS listener service is not started, use the `lsnrctl start` command to start the service.

Example: A running TNS Listener service on Oracle 19c.

```
C:\Users\Administrator>lsnrctl status

LSNRCTL for 64-bit Windows: Version 19.0.0.0.0 - Production on
14-OCT-2020 16:45:29

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Connecting to (DESCRIPTION=(ADDRESS=(PROTOCOL=TCP)(HOST=ora19c-
w2k16)(PORT=1521)))
STATUS of the LISTENER
-----
Alias                LISTENER
Version              TNSLSNR for 64-bit Windows: Version
19.0.0.0.0 - Production
Start Date           14-OCT-2020 11:11:04
Uptime               0 days 5 hr. 34 min. 27 sec
Trace Level          off
Security             ON: Local OS Authentication
```

```

SNMP                                OFF
Listener Parameter File
  D:\oracle\19.3.0\dbhome\network\admin\listener.ora
Listener Log File                    D:\oracle\diag\tnslsnr\ora19c-
  w2k16\listener>alert\log.xml
Listening Endpoints Summary...
  (DESCRIPTION=(ADDRESS=(PROTOCOL=tcp)(HOST=ora19c-
  w2k16)(PORT=1521)))

  (DESCRIPTION=(ADDRESS=(PROTOCOL=ipc)(PIPENAME=\\.\pipe\EXTPROC
  1521ipc)))
  (DESCRIPTION=(ADDRESS=(PROTOCOL=tcps)(HOST=ora19c-
  w2k16)(PORT=5500))(Security=(my_wallet_directory=D:\ORACLE\admin\orcl\xdb_wallet))(Presentation=HTTP)(Session=RAW))
Services Summary...
Service "52448234712340b69f274bcc790ecfe0" has 1 instance(s).
  Instance "orcl", status READY, has 1 handler(s) for this
  service...
Service "9400891b61bb4c4c8b3997957ffa8c8e" has 1 instance(s).
  Instance "orcl", status READY, has 1 handler(s) for this
  service...
Service "CLRExtProc" has 1 instance(s).
  Instance "CLRExtProc", status UNKNOWN, has 1 handler(s) for
  this service...
Service "orcl" has 1 instance(s).
  Instance "orcl", status READY, has 1 handler(s) for this
  service...
Service "orclXDB" has 1 instance(s).
  Instance "orcl", status READY, has 1 handler(s) for this
  service...
Service "orclpdb" has 1 instance(s).
  Instance "orcl", status READY, has 1 handler(s) for this
  service...
The command completed successfully

C:\Users\Administrator>

```

NOTE: The values shown are just examples and might be different on your Oracle instance.

2.9.12 Localhost is Resolvable

Verify if the localhost IP 127.0.0.1 on the Oracle database server is resolvable using the command **ping 127.0.0.1** as this will be the IP address that AhsayOBM will use to connect to the Oracle instance.

```

C:\Users\Administrator>ping 127.0.0.1

Pinging 127.0.0.1 with 32 bytes of data:
Reply from 127.0.0.1: bytes=32 time<1ms TTL=128

Ping statistics for 127.0.0.1:

```

```

Packets: Sent = 4, Received = 4, Lost = 0 (0% loss),
Approximate round trip times in milli-seconds:
    Minimum = 0ms, Maximum = 0ms, Average = 0ms

C:\Users\Administrator>

```

2.9.13 Oracle Port Number

The default Oracle port number is **1521**. To check, use the **netstat** and **tnsping** commands to verify the actual port number.

NETSTAT

```

C:\Users\Administrator>netstat -a|more

Active Connections

Proto  Local Address          Foreign Address        State
TCP    0.0.0.0:135             ora19c-w2k16:0        LISTENING
TCP    0.0.0.0:445             ora19c-w2k16:0        LISTENING
TCP    0.0.0.0:1521           ora19c-w2k16:0        LISTENING
TCP    0.0.0.0:2179           ora19c-w2k16:0        LISTENING
TCP    0.0.0.0:3389           ora19c-w2k16:0        LISTENING
TCP    0.0.0.0:5500           ora19c-w2k16:0        LISTENING
TCP    0.0.0.0:5985           ora19c-w2k16:0        LISTENING
TCP    0.0.0.0:47001          ora19c-w2k16:0        LISTENING
TCP    0.0.0.0:49664          ora19c-w2k16:0        LISTENING
TCP    0.0.0.0:49665          ora19c-w2k16:0        LISTENING
TCP    0.0.0.0:49666          ora19c-w2k16:0        LISTENING
TCP    0.0.0.0:49667          ora19c-w2k16:0        LISTENING
TCP    0.0.0.0:49668          ora19c-w2k16:0        LISTENING
TCP    0.0.0.0:49669          ora19c-w2k16:0        LISTENING
TCP    0.0.0.0:49670          ora19c-w2k16:0        LISTENING
TCP    0.0.0.0:49697          ora19c-w2k16:0        LISTENING
TCP    10.16.10.123:139       ora19c-w2k16:0        LISTENING
TCP    10.16.10.123:2030     ora19c-w2k16:0        LISTENING
TCP    10.16.10.123:3389     192.168.12.1:56719    ESTABLISHED
TCP    10.16.10.123:49671    40.90.189.152:https   ESTABLISHED
TCP    10.16.10.123:49690    40.90.189.152:https   ESTABLISHED
TCP    10.16.10.123:51761    ti-in-f95:https       ESTABLISHED
TCP    127.0.0.1:1521         ora19c-w2k16:51740    ESTABLISHED
TCP    127.0.0.1:51740       ora19c-w2k16:1521     ESTABLISHED
TCP    172.16.10.123:139     ora19c-w2k16:0        LISTENING
-- More --

```

NOTE: The values shown are just examples and might be different on your Oracle instance.

TNSPING

```

C:\Users\Administrator>tnsping 127.0.0.1

TNS Ping Utility for 64-bit Windows: Version 19.0.0.0.0 -
Production on 14-OCT-2020 16:54:27

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```

Used parameter files:

D:\oracle\19.3.0\dbhome\network\admin\sqlnet.ora

Used EZCONNECT adapter to resolve the alias

Attempting to contact

(DESCRIPTION=(CONNECT_DATA=(SERVICE_NAME=)) (ADDRESS=(PROTOCOL=tcp) (HOST=127.0.0.1) (PORT=1521)))

OK (10 msec)

C:\Users\Administrator>

3 Best Practices and Recommendations

1. To enable a full Oracle database instance recovery, all databases including **SYSAUX**, **SYSTEM**, **UNDOTBS1**, **USERS** and related application databases except for “TEMP” must be selected in the backup source when creating the backup set. Otherwise, without a backup of these databases, a full Oracle database instance recovery will NOT be possible.
2. Full database backup or incremental / differential database backups should be scheduled when system activity is low to achieve the best possible performance and to minimize the impact on the database server performance (for example: scheduled to run on weekends).
3. For **Archived Log backups**, the backup frequency should be dependent on the number of transactions or activity on the database. Databases with more transaction should run archived log backup more frequently (for example: instead of a daily backup, it should be run multiple times a day).
4. To provide **maximum data protection** and **flexible restore options**, it is recommended to configure:
 - At least one offsite or cloud destination
 - At least one local destination for fast recovery
5. Perform **test restores** periodically to ensure that your backup is set up and data are backed up properly.

Performing recovery tests can also help identify potential issues or gaps in your recovery plan. It is important that you do not try to make the test easier, as the objective of a successful test is not to demonstrate that everything is flawless. There might be flaws identified in the plan throughout the test and it is important to identify those flaws.

6. The **Restore Raw File** option is for advanced Oracle database administrators and should only be used if you have in-depth knowledge and understanding of Oracle database engine, Oracle database schema, knowledge of the database server and network infrastructure. Therefore, it is not recommended to use this restore option as there is need to utilize additional Oracle techniques and scripts to facilitate a manual database restore.

Please refer to the following articles of Oracle Database Backup and Recovery User's Guide for details:

Oracle 19c

<https://docs.oracle.com/en/database/oracle/oracle-database/19/bradv/index.html>

Oracle 18c

<https://docs.oracle.com/en/database/oracle/oracle-database/18/bradv/index.html>

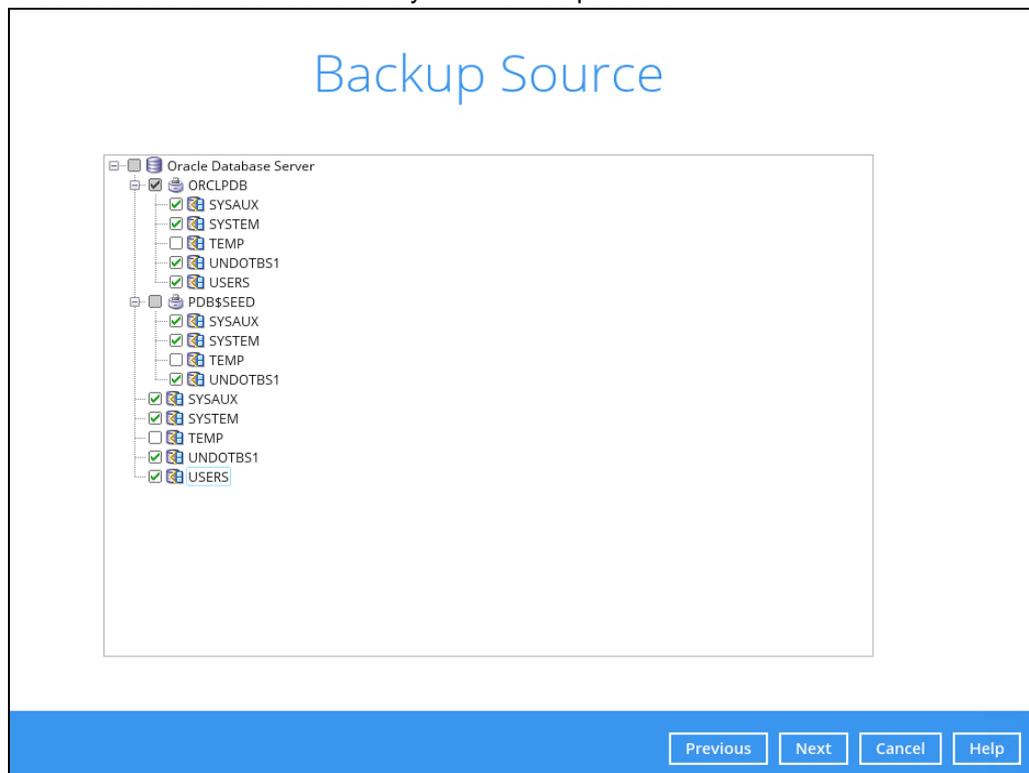
Oracle 12c

<https://docs.oracle.com/database/121/BRADV/title.htm>

7. To ensure an optimal backup/restoration performance, it is highly recommended to set the temporary directory folder to a local disk location with sufficient free disk space. It must be on another location other than Drive C: (e.g., Drive E:).

4 Limitations

1. AhsayOBM does not support Oracle Express Edition or Oracle XE.
2. Backup and restore of Oracle database(s) running on a remote machine is not supported.
3. AhsayOBM Oracle database module only supports backup and/or restore of standalone Oracle installations. The following advanced Oracle database setups are not supported:
 - Clusterware or RAC (Real Application Clusters)
 - ASM (Automatic Storage Management)
 - Data Guard etc.
4. An AhsayOBM Oracle database backup set supports the backup and restore of one Oracle instance. For Oracle database server's setup with multiple instances, a separate backup set is required for each instance.
5. To recover a full Oracle database instance, the following items must be selected in the backup source:
 - Oracle Database Server must be selected.
 - All databases including **SYSAUX**, **SYSTEM**, **UNDOTBS1**, **USERS** and related application databases except for "TEMP" must be selected in the backup source when creating the backup set. Otherwise, without a backup of these databases, a full Oracle database instance recovery will NOT be possible.



NOTE: Even if the "TEMP" is selected in the backup source, this database will be skipped during a backup job.

5 Logging in to AhsayOBM

Starting with AhsayOBM v8.5.0.0, there are several login scenarios depending on the setting of the account you are using. The different scenarios will be discussed below:

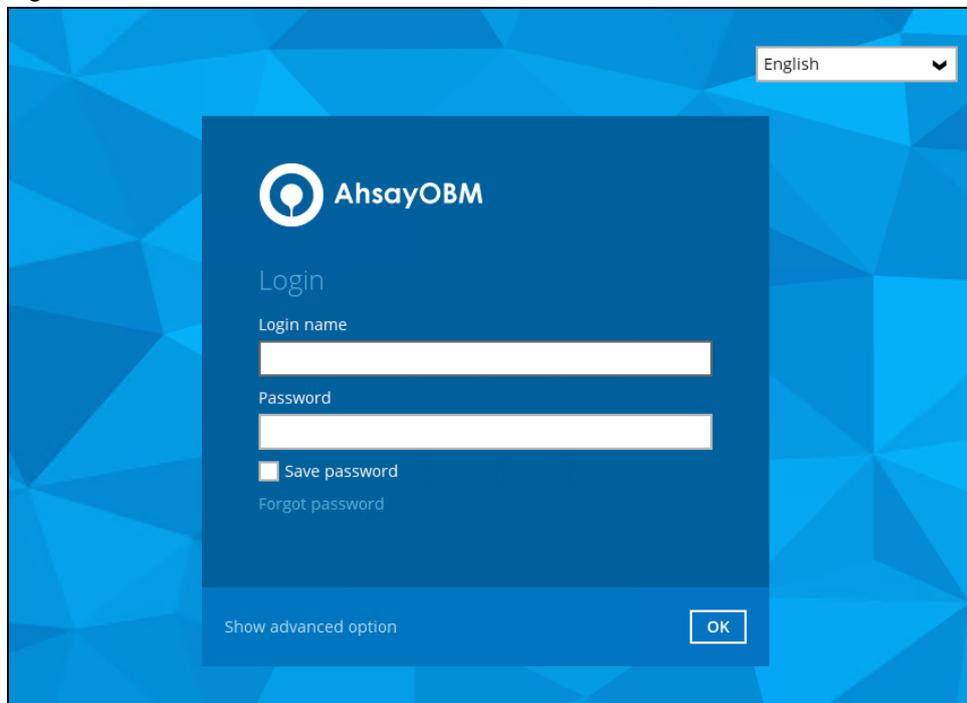
- [Login without 2FA](#)
- [Login with 2FA using authenticator app](#)
- [Login with 2FA using Twilio](#)

5.1 Login to AhsayOBM without 2FA

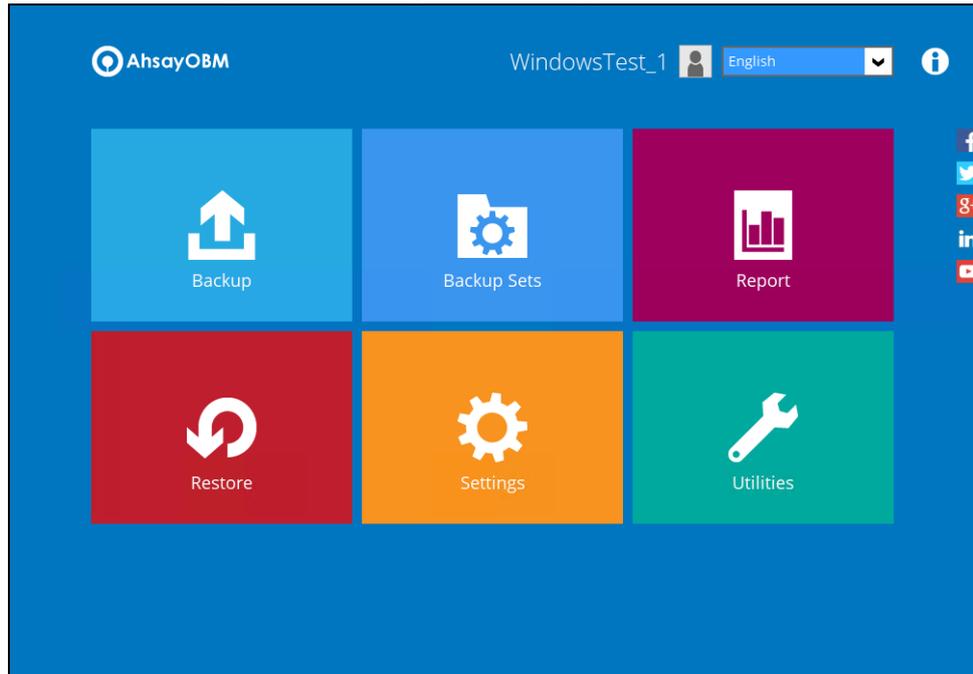
1. Log in to the AhsayOBM application user interface. Double-click the AhsayOBM desktop icon to launch the application.



2. Enter the **Login name** and **Password** of your AhsayOBM account, then click **OK** to log in.

The image shows the AhsayOBM login interface. It features a dark blue background with a white AhsayOBM logo and the text 'AhsayOBM' at the top. Below the logo, the word 'Login' is displayed. There are two input fields: 'Login name' and 'Password'. Below the 'Password' field, there is a checkbox labeled 'Save password' and a link for 'Forgot password'. At the bottom left, there is a link for 'Show advanced option', and at the bottom right, there is an 'OK' button. In the top right corner, there is a language dropdown menu set to 'English'.

3. After successful login, the following screen will appear.



5.2 Login to AhsayOBM with 2FA using authenticator app

1. Log in to the AhsayOBM application user interface. Double-click the AhsayOBM desktop icon to launch the application.



2. Enter the **Login name** and **Password** of your AhsayOBM account, then click **OK** to log in.

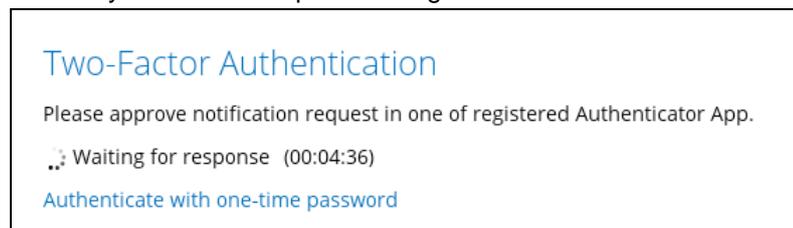
The image shows the AhsayOBM login interface. It features a dark blue background with a white AhsayOBM logo and the text 'AhsayOBM'. Below the logo, the word 'Login' is displayed. There are two input fields: 'Login name' and 'Password'. A 'Save password' checkbox is present, along with a 'Forgot password' link. At the bottom, there is a 'Show advanced option' link and an 'OK' button. A language dropdown menu in the top right corner is set to 'English'.

3. One of the two authentication methods will be displayed to continue with the login:
 - [Push Notification and TOTP when using Ahsay Mobile app](#)
 - [TOTP only](#)

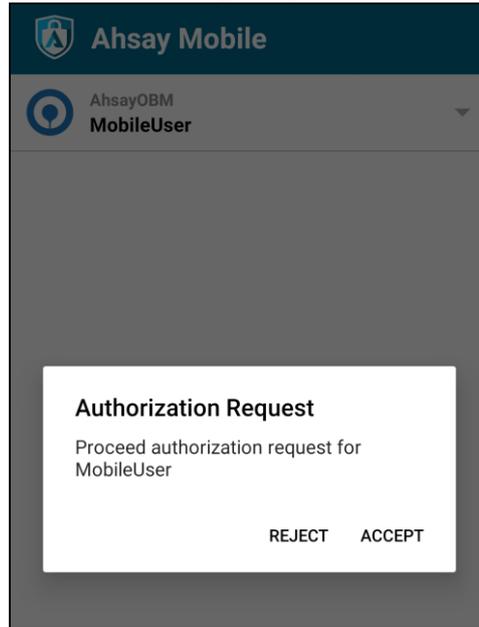
➤ If **Ahsay Mobile app** was configured to use Push Notification and TOTP, then there are two 2FA modes that can be used:

- Push Notification (default)

Push notification is the default 2FA mode. Accept the login request on Ahsay Mobile to complete the login.

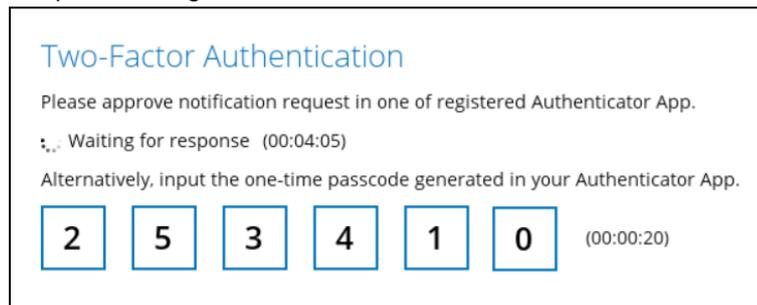


Example of the login request sent to the Ahsay Mobile app.

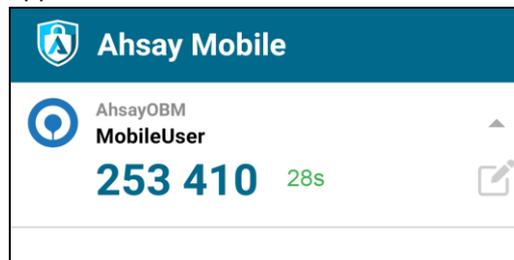


- TOTP

However, if push notification is not working or you prefer to use one-time passcode, click the [Authenticate with one-time password](#) link, then input the one-time passcode generated by Ahsay Mobile to complete the login.

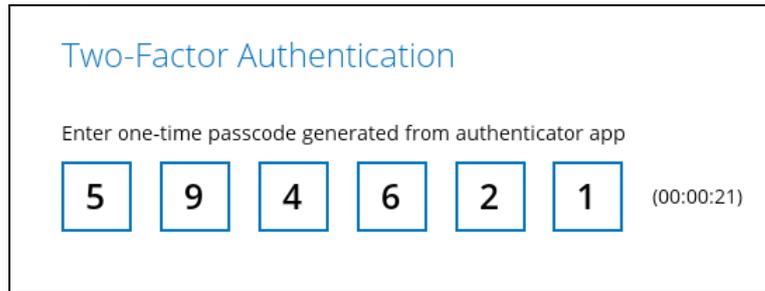


Example of the one-time passcode generated in the Ahsay Mobile app.

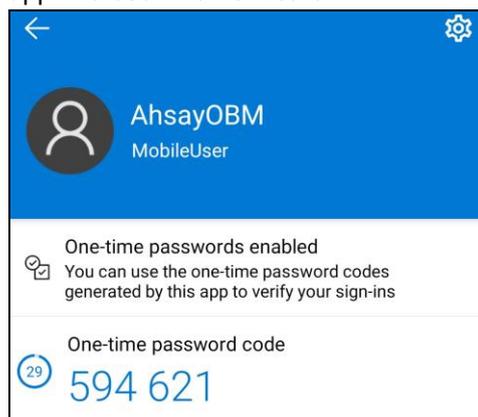


➤ TOTP only

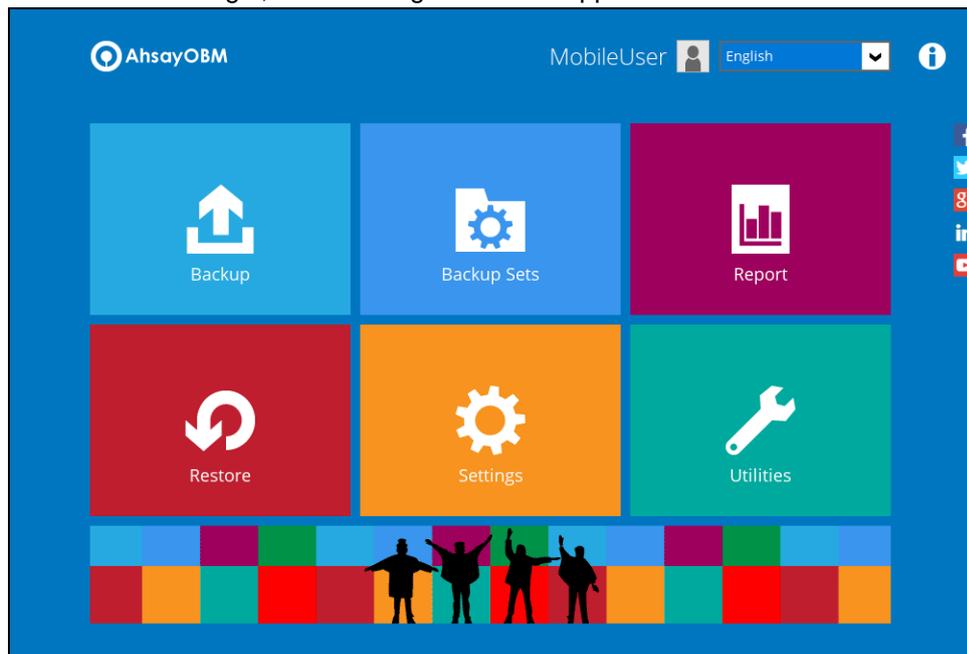
Enter the one-time passcode generated by the authenticator app to complete the login.



Example of the one-time passcode generated in the third-party authenticator app Microsoft Authenticator.



4. After successful login, the following screen will appear.



NOTE

If you have trouble logging in using the authenticator app, please refer to Chapter 9 of the [AhsayOBM Quick Start Guide for Windows](#) for more information.

5.3 Login to AhsayOBM with 2FA using Twilio

1. Log in to the AhsayOBM application user interface. Double-click the AhsayOBM desktop icon to launch the application.



2. Enter the **Login name** and **Password** of your AhsayOBM account, then click **OK** to log in.

The image shows the AhsayOBM login interface. It features a blue background with a geometric pattern. In the center, there is a dark blue login form with the AhsayOBM logo and the text 'Login'. Below the logo, there are two input fields for 'Login name' and 'Password'. There is also a checkbox for 'Save password' and a link for 'Forgot password'. At the bottom of the form, there is a 'Show advanced option' link and an 'OK' button. In the top right corner of the login area, there is a language dropdown menu set to 'English'.

3. Select your phone number.

The image shows the Two-Factor Authentication (2FA) screen. It has a white background with a blue header that says 'Two-Factor Authentication'. Below the header, there is a message: 'Please select phone number to receive passcode via SMS message to continue login.' There are three radio button options for selecting a phone number: 'Austria (+43) - *****6588', 'Philippines (+63) - *****6123', and 'Switzerland (+41) - *****4731'. At the bottom right of the screen, there are two buttons: 'Cancel' and 'Help'.

4. Enter the passcode and click **Verify** to login.

Two-Factor Authentication

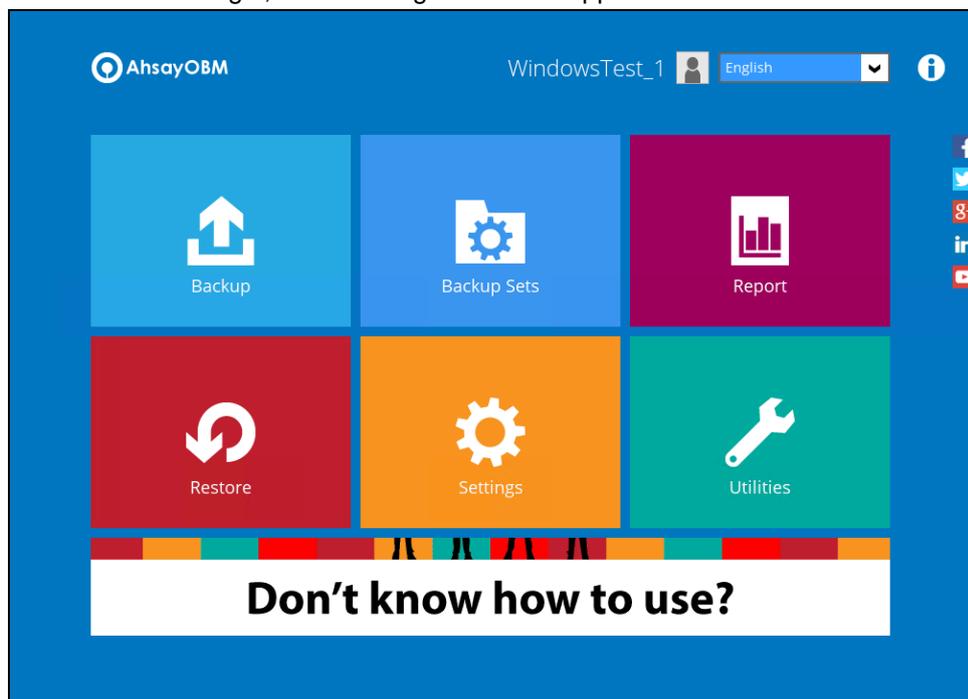
SMS message with a passcode was already sent to the phone number Philippines (+63) - *****6123
Please enter the passcode to continue login.

EUVS - (00:03:59)

Resend passcode

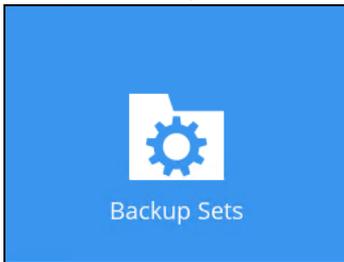
Verify Cancel Help

5. After successful login, the following screen will appear.



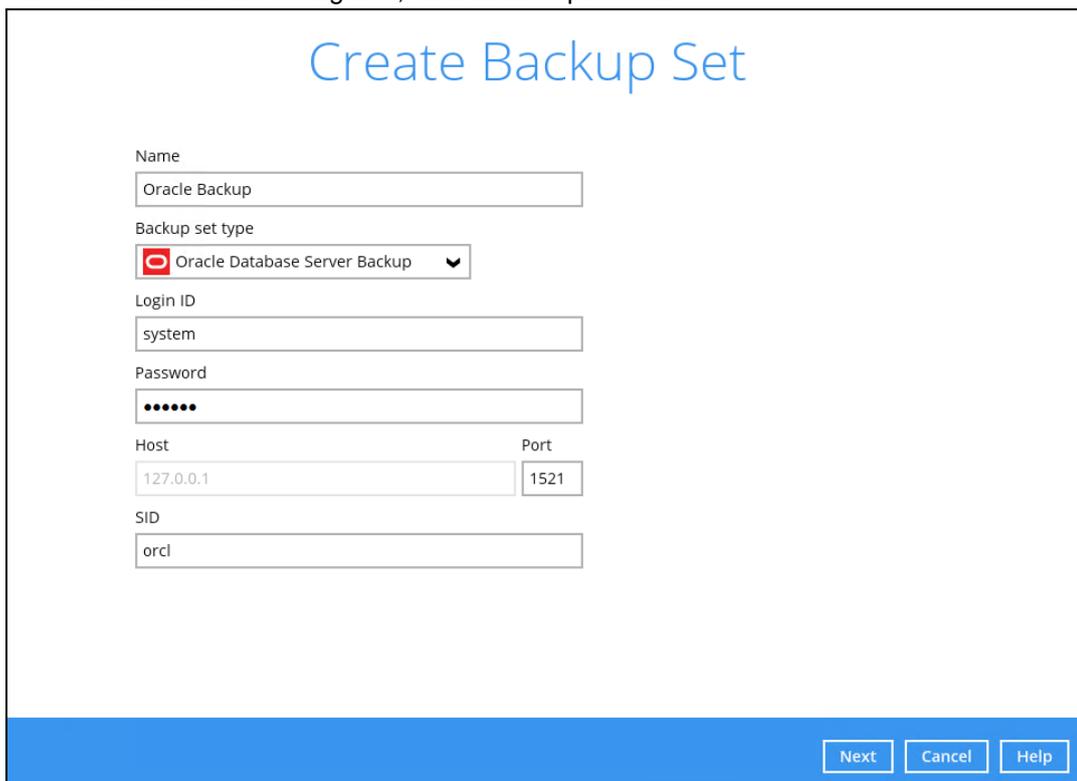
6 Creating an Oracle Database Backup Set

1. Click the Backup Sets icon on the AhsayOBM main interface.



2. Create a new backup set by clicking the **Add** button.
3. In the Create Backup Set window, select Oracle Database Server Backup as the Backup set type. Configure the following settings:
 - **Name** - the name of the backup set.
 - **Backup set type** – the type of the backup set (i.e. Oracle Database Server Backup).
 - **Login ID** – the login ID of the Oracle server. The default login ID is “system”.
 - **Password** – the password of the login account.
 - **Host** – this value is not user configurable.
 - **Port** – the port where the connections to the Oracle server is made. The default port is “1521”.
 - **SID** – the Oracle System Identifier. For more details, please [refer to Ch. 2.9.4](#).

Once all the fields are configured, click **Next** to proceed.



Create Backup Set

Name
Oracle Backup

Backup set type
Oracle Database Server Backup

Login ID
system

Password
•••••

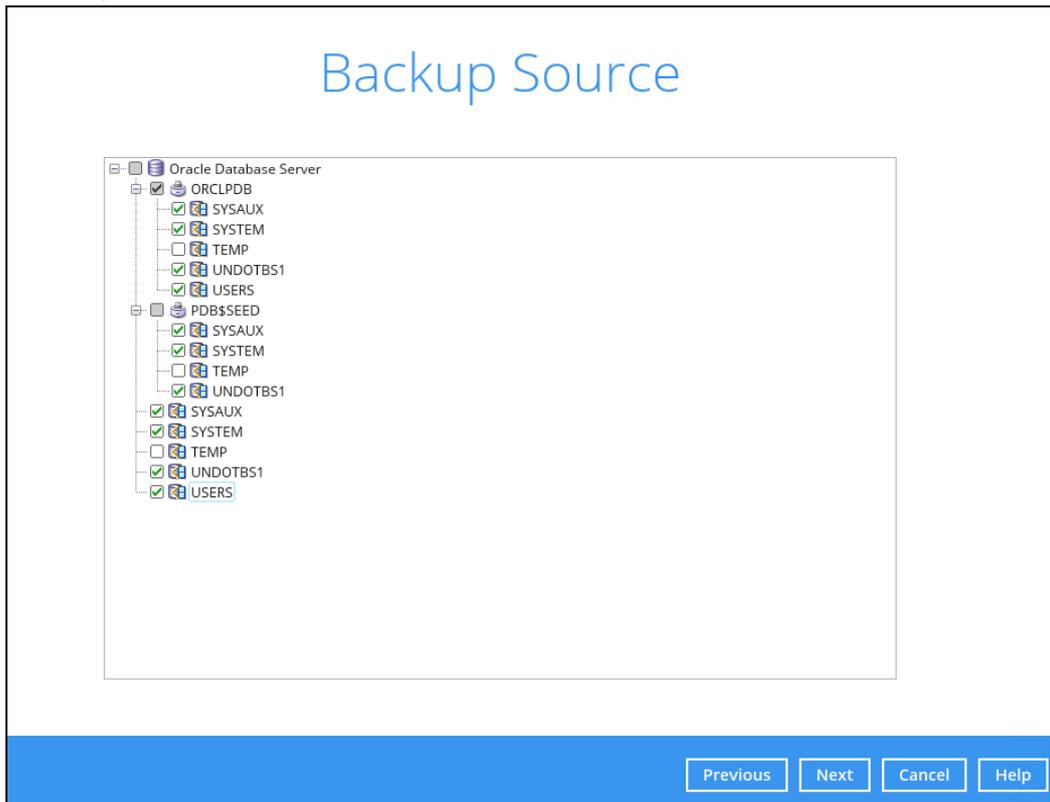
Host
127.0.0.1

Port
1521

SID
orcl

Next Cancel Help

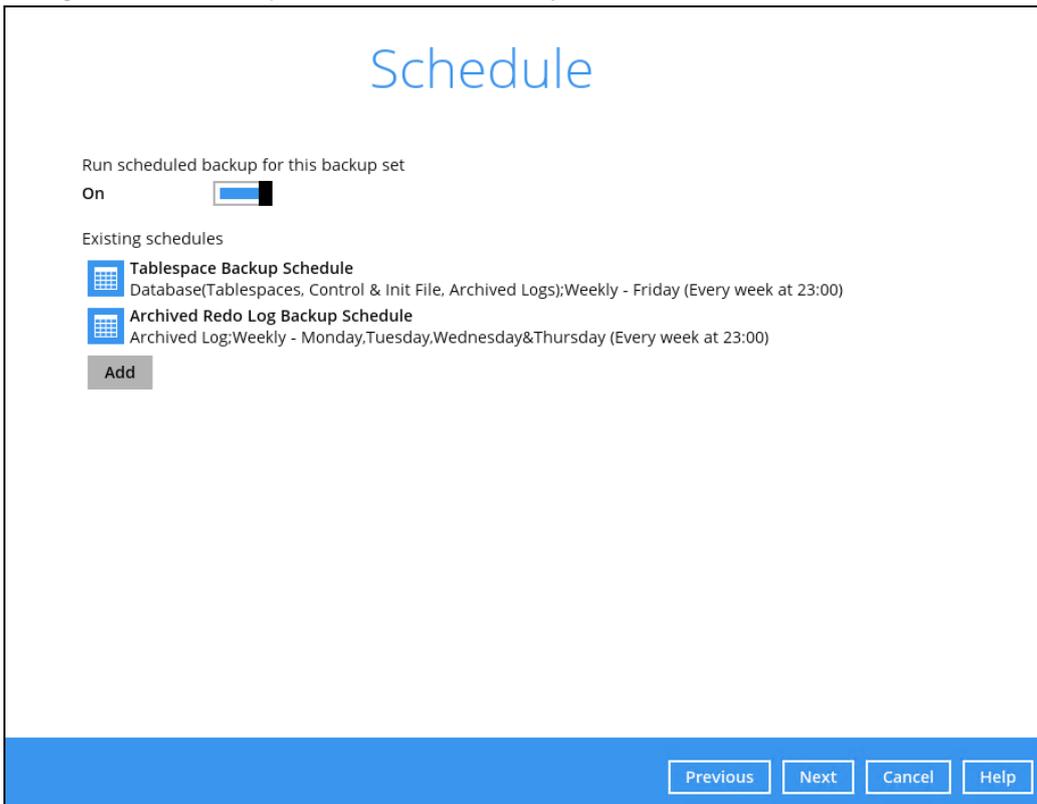
4. In the Backup Source menu, select the Oracle database(s) you would like to back up. Click **Next** to proceed.



NOTE: All databases including **SYSaux**, **SYSTEM**, **UNDOTBS1**, **USERS** and related application databases except for “TEMP” must be selected in the backup source when creating the backup set. Otherwise, without a backup of these databases, a full Oracle database instance recovery will NOT be possible.

Even if the “TEMP” is selected in the backup source, this database will be skipped during a backup job.

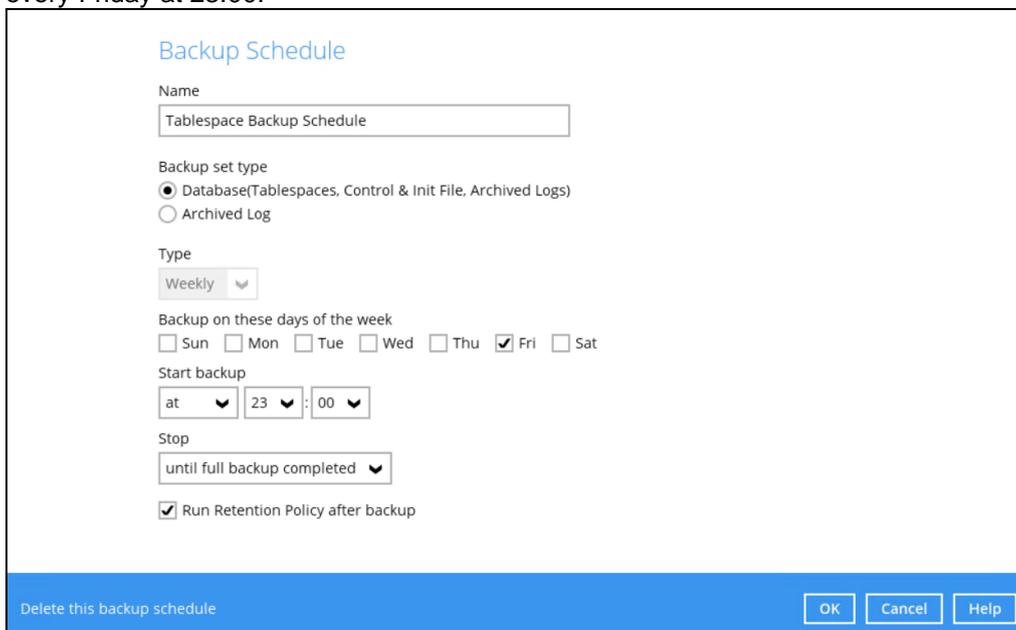
5. A backup schedule for a backup job to run automatically at your specified time interval can be configured. The backup schedule is enabled by default.



There are two types of backup schedule:

- **Tablespace Backup Schedule**
- **Archived Redo Log Backup Schedule**

Tablespace Backup Schedule – This type of backup scheduler will automatically run weekly every Friday at 23:00.



Archived Redo Log Backup Schedule – This type of backup scheduler will automatically run weekly every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 23:00.

Backup Schedule

Name

Backup set type
 Database(Tablespaces, Control & Init File, Archived Logs)
 Archived Log

Type

Backup on these days of the week
 Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

Start backup
 at :

Stop

Run Retention Policy after backup

Delete this backup schedule OK Cancel Help

To change the backup schedule settings of an existing schedule, double-click the schedule to be modified. Otherwise, click **Next** to proceed.

- In the **Destination** window, select a backup mode then click the  button to add a backup storage destination.

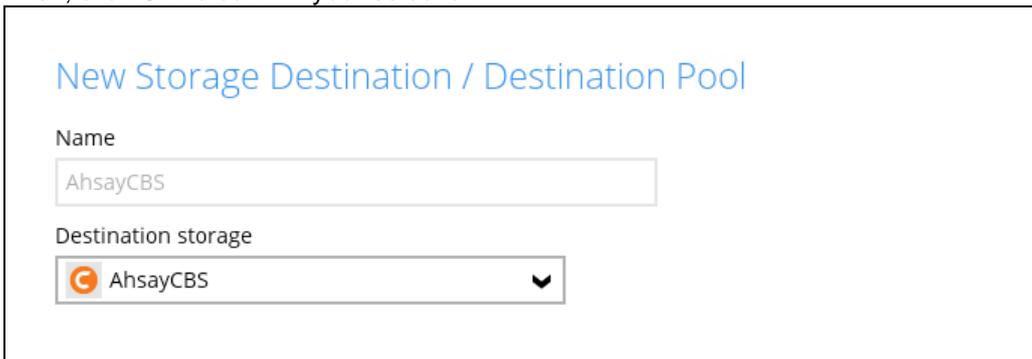
Destination

Backup mode

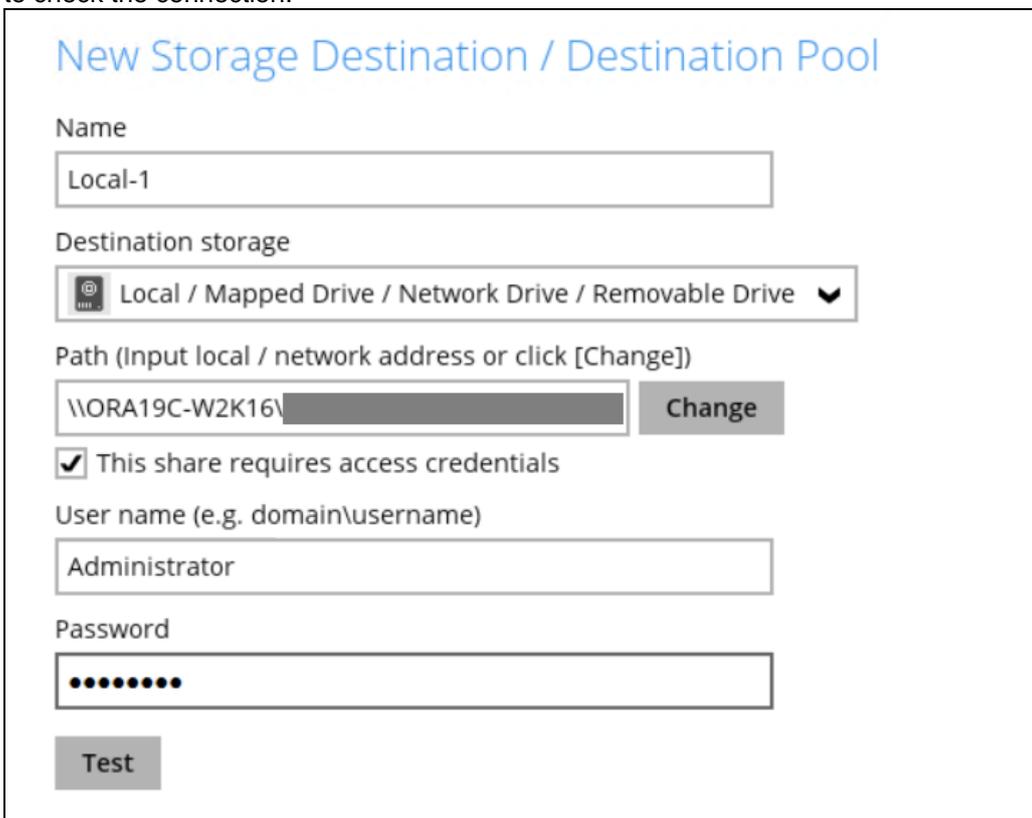
Existing storage destinations
 Add new storage destination / destination pool

Previous Next Cancel Help

In the **New Storage Destination / Destination Pool** window, select the destination storage. Then, click **OK** to confirm your selection.



If **Local / Mapped Drive / Network Drive / Removable Drive** is selected, you need to specify the path by clicking **Change** to select the path or you can manually enter it. Once a network address is entered, **This share requires access credentials** check box will be enabled. Check the box beside it if access credentials are required to connect to the destination storage then enter the User name and Password. Otherwise, leave it unchecked. Click **Test** to check the connection.



When the **Test completed successfully** message is shown, click **OK** to proceed.

New Storage Destination / Destination Pool

Name

Destination storage

Path (Input local / network address or click [Change])

This share requires access credentials

User name (e.g. domain\username)

Password

✓ Test completed successfully

7. In the **Destination** window, your selected storage destination will be shown. Click **Next** to proceed.

Destination

Backup mode

Existing storage destinations

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Host: 125.█

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8. In the Encryption window, the **Encrypt Backup Data** option is enabled by default with an encryption key preset by the system.

There are three (3) types of Encryption to choose from:

- **Default** – an encryption key with forty-four (44) alpha numeric characters will be randomly generated by the system.
- **User password** – the encryption key will be the same as the login password of your AhsayOBM at the time when this backup set is created. Please be reminded that if you change the AhsayOBM login password later, the encryption keys of the backup sets previously created with this encryption type **will remain unchanged**.
- **Custom** – the encryption key can be customized where the user can select the Algorithm, Method and Key length, and then input an Encryption key.

Click **Next** once done with the Encryption settings.

9. If the Encryption feature is enabled in the previous step, the following window will pop-up whichever encryption type is selected.

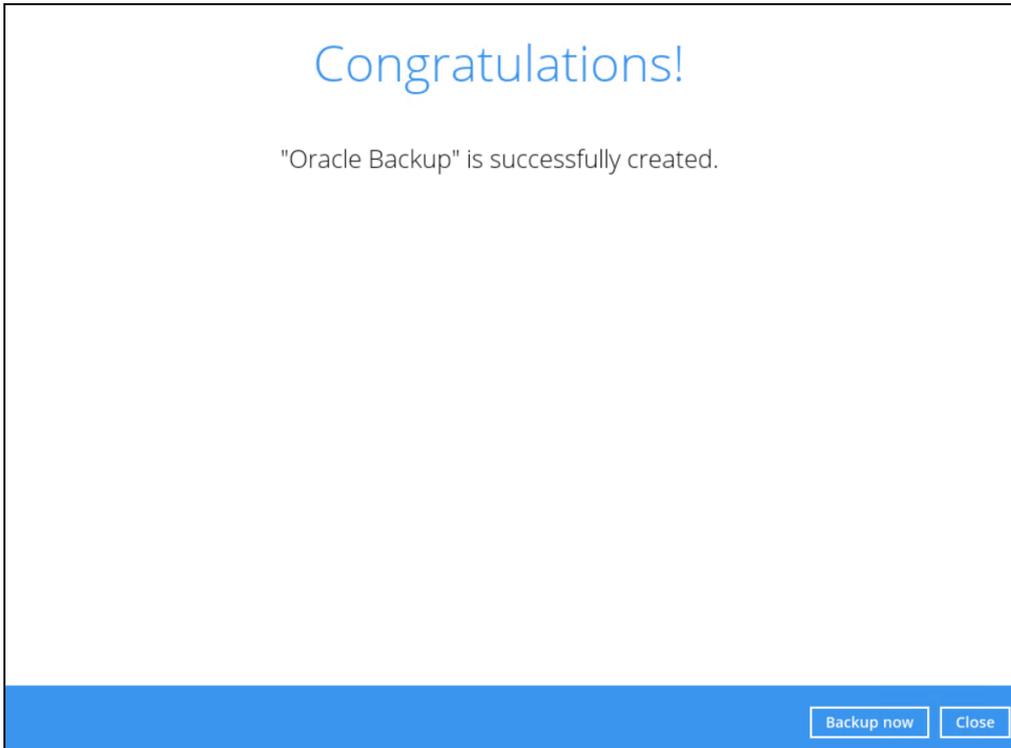
This pop-up window has three (3) options to choose from:

- **Unmask encryption key** – The encryption key is masked by default. Click this option to display the encryption key.

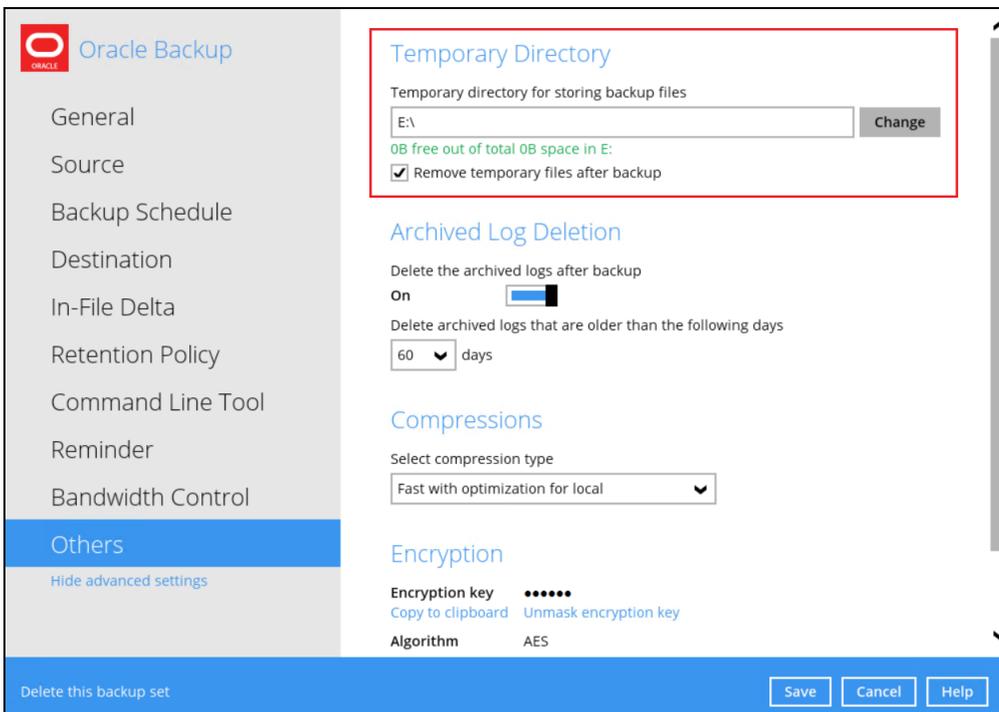
- **Copy to clipboard** – Select this option to copy the encryption key. Once copied, you can paste it to a text editor (e.g., Notepad) and save to a location.

- **Confirm** – Select this option to exit the pop-up window and proceed to the next step.

10. After completing all the configuration settings, the Oracle database server backup set will be created.



11. According to [Best Practices and Recommendations](#), it is highly recommended to set the temporary directory to another location other than Drive C: (e.g., Drive E:). To do this, click the **Backup Sets** icon on the AhsayOBM main interface, then select a backup set. Click **Show advanced settings** link. Go to Others > Temporary Directory and click the **Change** button to browse for another location.

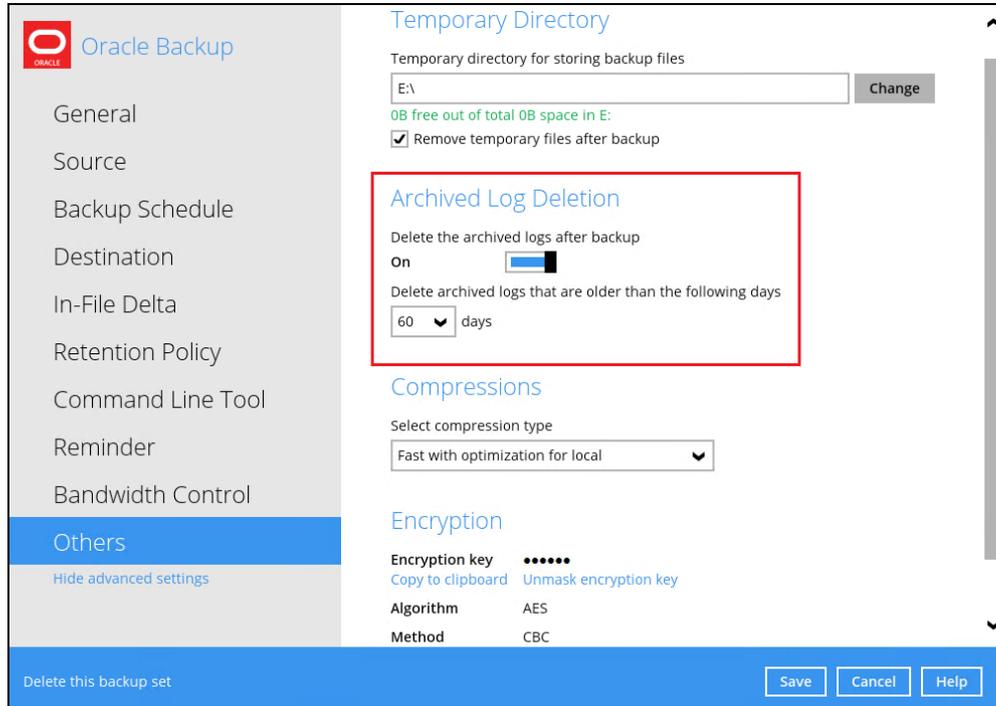


Tick the “Remove temporary files after backup” option.

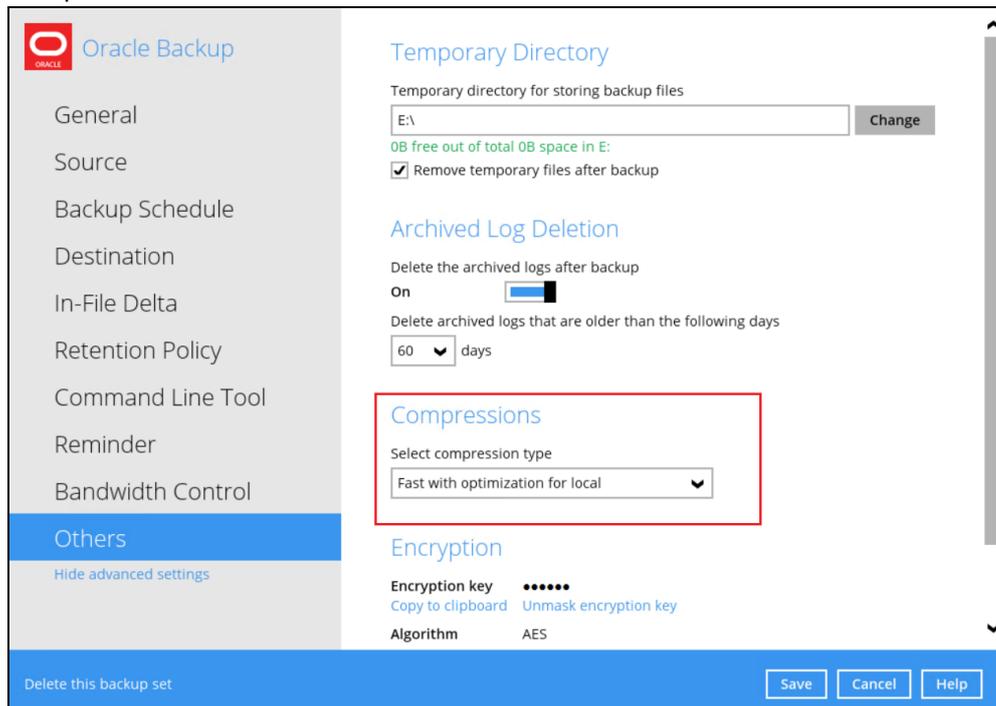
12. Optional: **Archived Log Deletion**

The deletion of the archived logs is enabled by default and archived logs more than 60 days are deleted from the Oracle database instance. This process is done after every databases and archived log backup job.

For example, if the Oracle database instance generates a lot of archived log files, you may want to reduce the number of days before they are deleted.

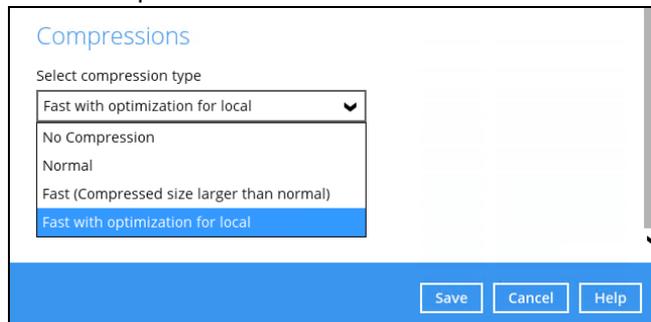


13. Optional: Select your preferred **Compression** type. The compression type is set to **Fast with optimization for local** by default. To change the compression type, go to Others > Compressions.



Select from the following:

- No Compression
- Normal
- Fast (Compressed size larger than normal)
- Fast with optimization for local



14. Click **Save** to apply the changes.

7 Overview on the Backup Process

The following steps are performed during an Oracle Server backup job in Database and Archived Log backup modes.

7.1 Database Backup

For an overview of the detailed process for Steps 3, 5, 11, and 14, please refer to the following chapters.

- [Periodic Data Integrity Check \(PDIC\) Process \(Step 3\)](#)
- [Backup Set Index Handling Process](#)
 - [Start Backup Job \(Step 5\)](#)
 - [Completed Backup Job \(Step 14\)](#)
- [Data Validation Check Process \(Step 11\)](#)



7.2 Archived Log Backup

For an overview of the detailed process for Steps 3, 5, 11, and 14, please refer to the following chapters.

- [Periodic Data Integrity Check \(PDIC\) Process \(Step 3\)](#)
- [Backup Set Index Handling Process](#)
 - [Start Backup Job \(Step 5\)](#)
 - [Completed Backup Job \(Step 14\)](#)
- [Data Validation Check Process \(Step 11\)](#)



7.3 Periodic Data Integrity Check (PDIC) Process

For AhsayOBM v8.3.6.0 (or above), the PDIC will run on the first backup job that falls on the corresponding day of the week from **Monday to Friday**.

To minimize the impact of the potential load of large number of PDIC jobs running at the same time on the AhsayCBS server, the schedule of a PDIC job for each backup set is automatically determined by the result of the following formula:

$PDIC\ schedule = \%BackupSetID\% \bmod 5$ or $\%BackupSetID\% \bmod 5$

The calculated **result** will map to the corresponding day of the week (i.e., from Monday to Friday).

0	Monday
1	Tuesday
2	Wednesday
3	Thursday
4	Friday

NOTE: The PDIC schedule cannot be changed.

Example:

Backup set ID: 1594627447932

Calculation: $1594627447932 \bmod 5 = 2$

2	Wednesday
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In this example:

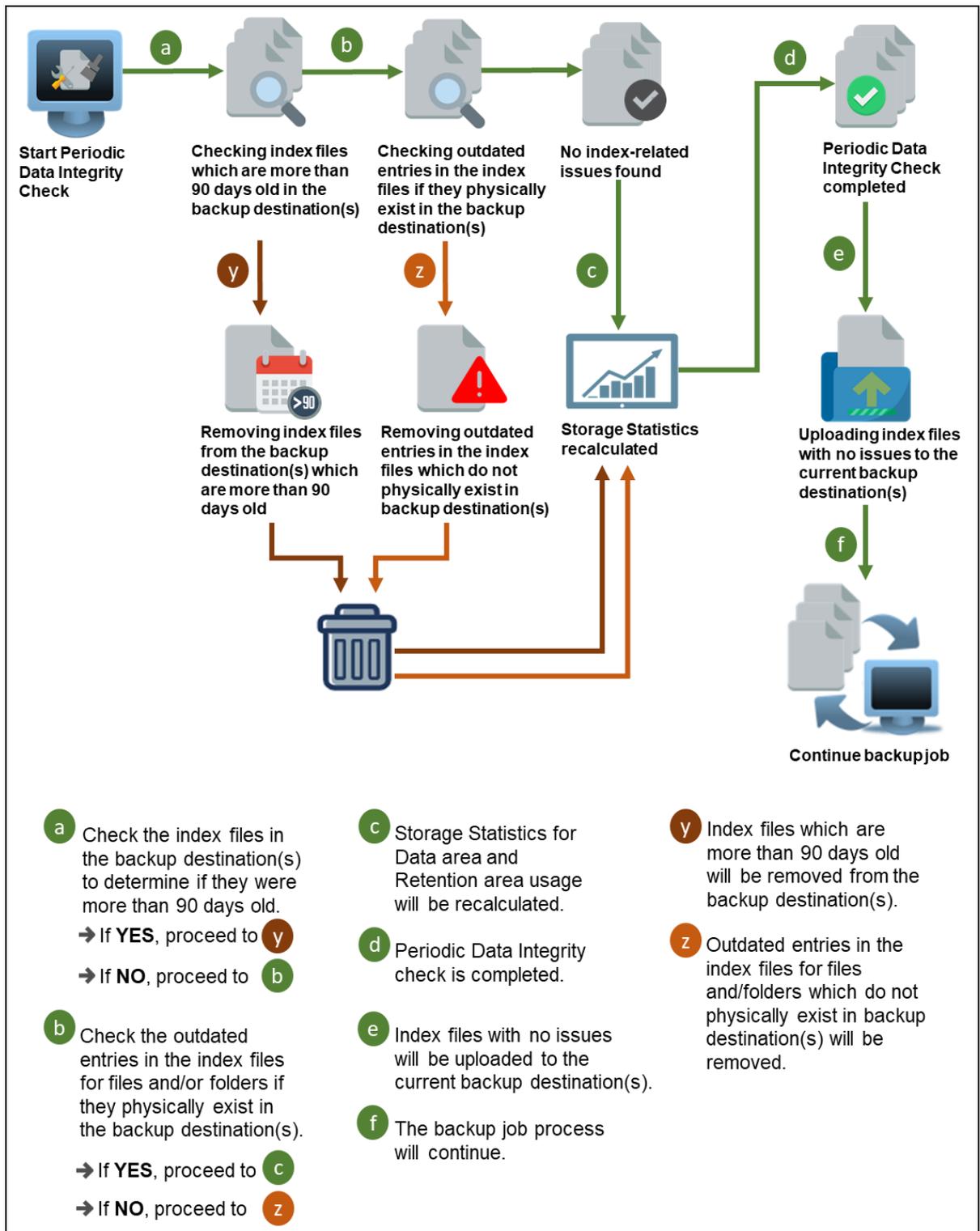
- the PDIC will run on the first backup job that falls on Wednesday; or
- if there is no active backup job(s) running from Monday to Friday, then the PDIC will run on the next available backup job.

NOTE

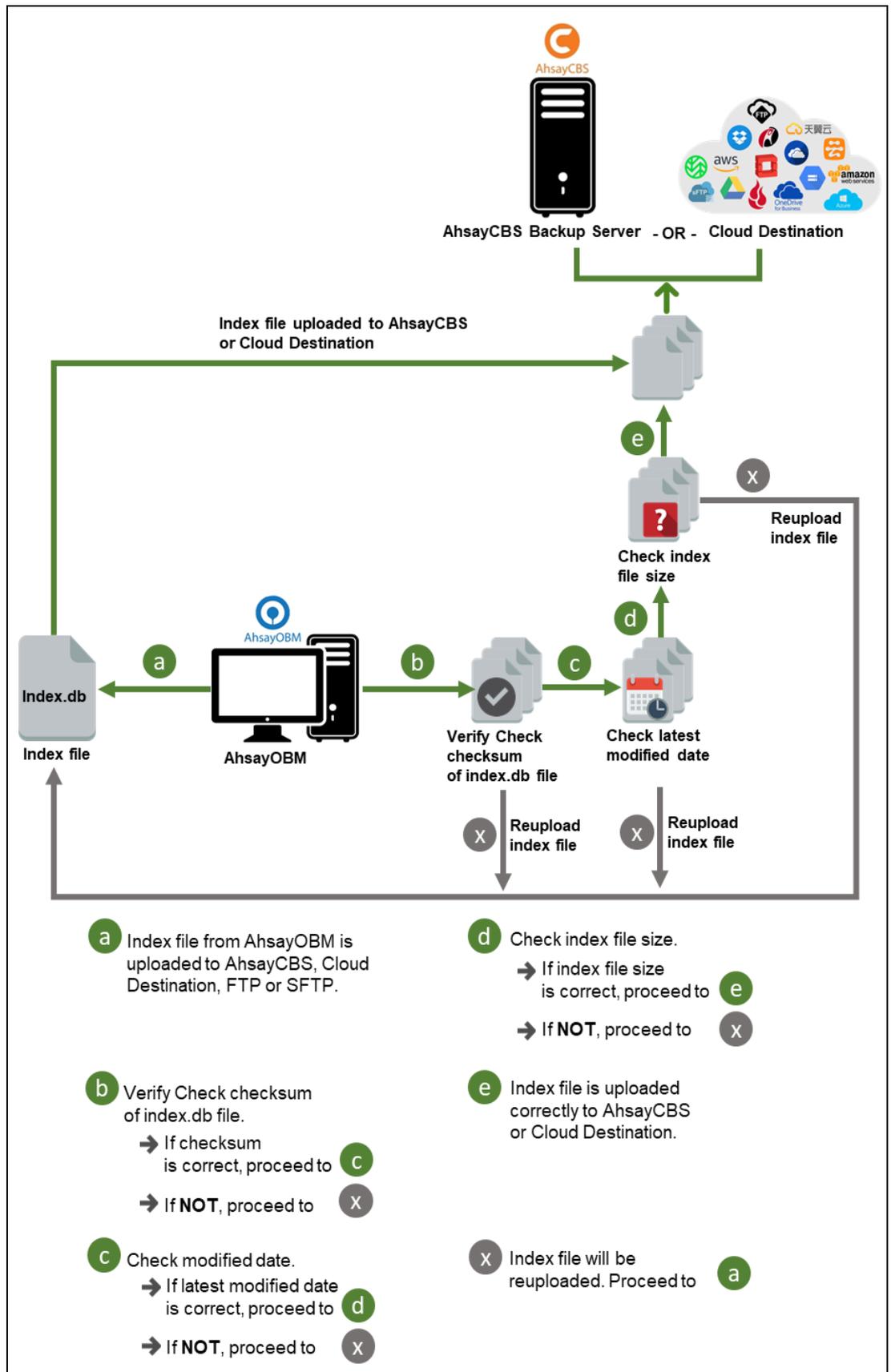
Although according to the PDIC formula for determining the schedule is $\%BackupSetID\% \bmod 5$, this schedule only applies if the previous PDIC job was actually run more than 7 days prior.

Under certain conditions, the PDIC may not run strictly according to this formula. For example:

1. If AhsayOBM was upgraded to v8.5 (or above) from an older version v6, v7, or pre-8.3.6.0 version. In this case, the PDIC job will run on the first backup job after upgrade.
2. If backup jobs for a backup set are not run on a regular daily backup schedule (for example: on a weekly or monthly schedule), then the PDIC job will run if it detects that the previous PDIC job was run more than 7 days ago.

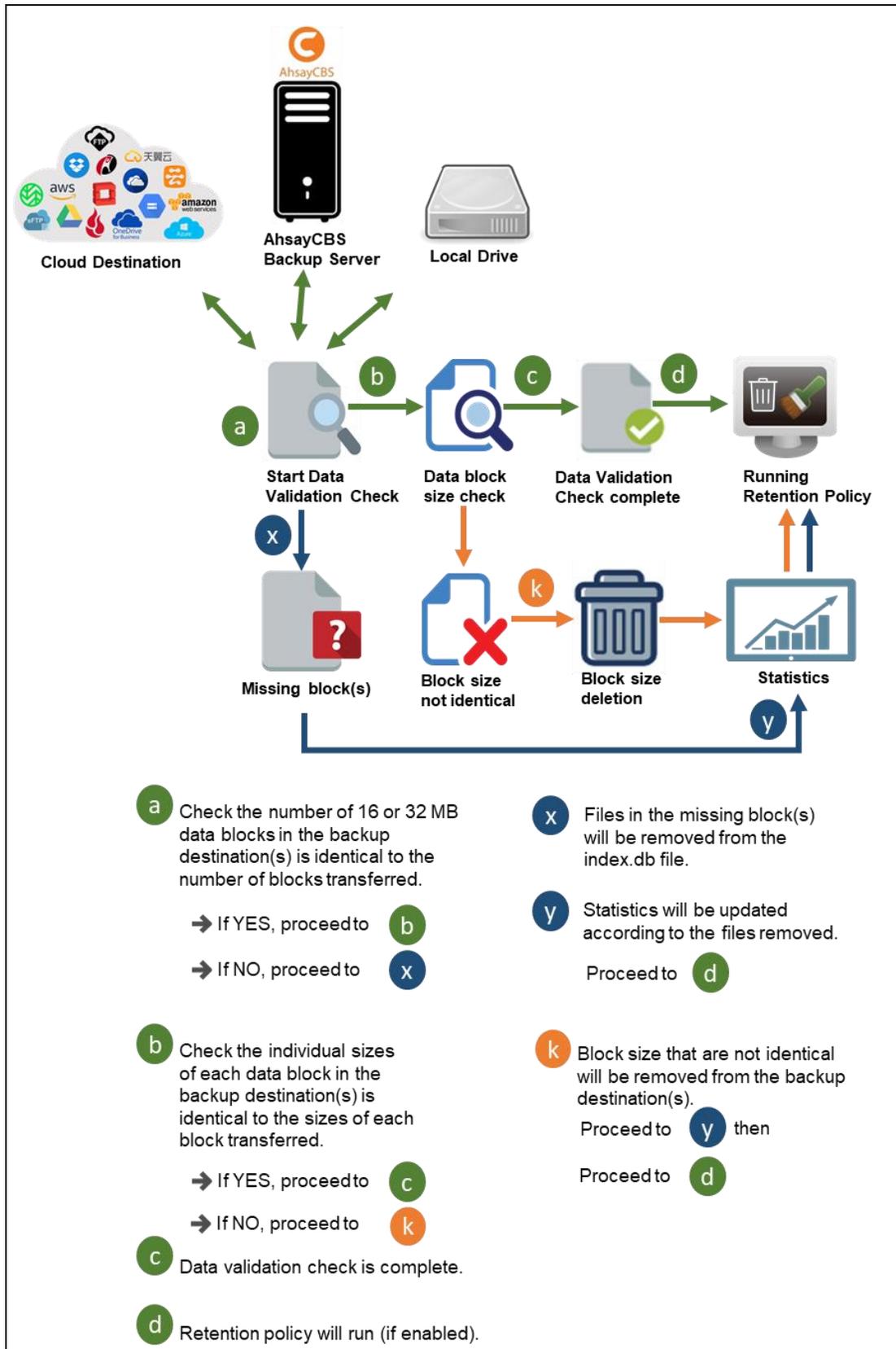


7.4.2 Completed Backup Job



7.5 Data Validation Check Process

As an additional measure to ensure that all files transferred to the backup destination(s) are received and saved correctly, both the number of 16 or 32 MB data block files and the size of each block file are checked again after the files are transferred.



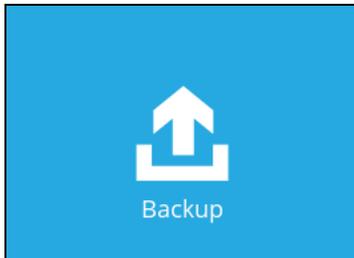
8 Running Backup Jobs

8.1 Login to AhsayOBM

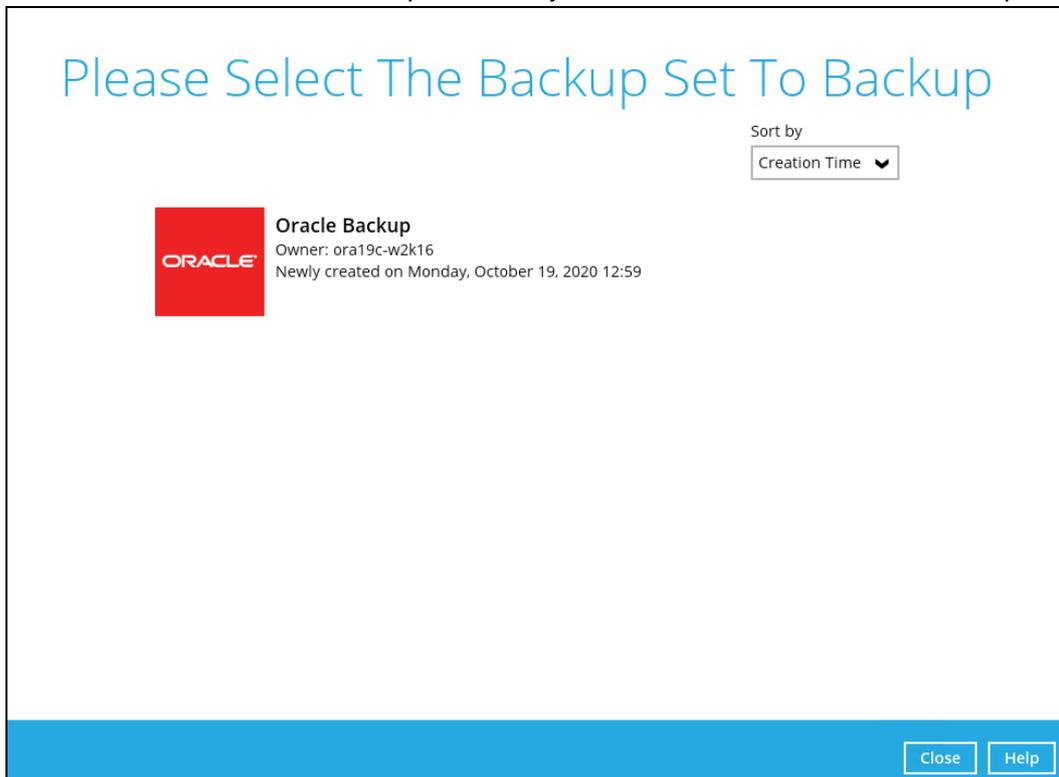
Log in to AhsayOBM according to the instructions in [Ch. 5.1 Login to AhsayOBM](#).

8.2 Start a Manual Backup

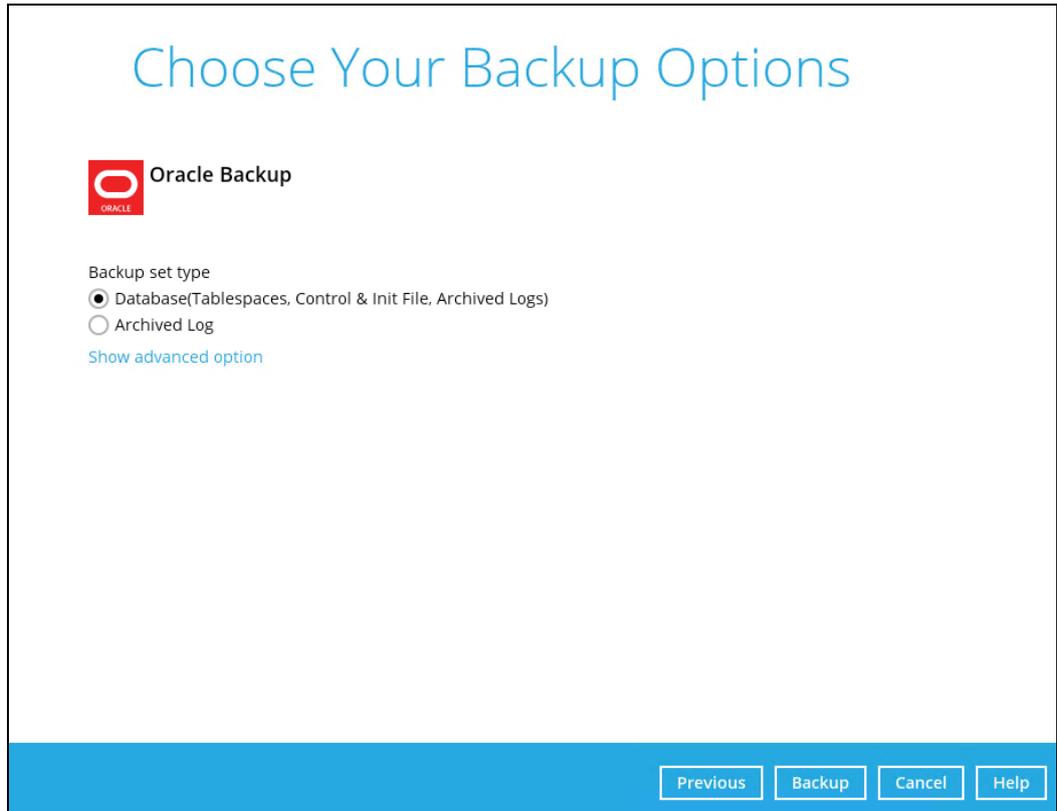
1. Click the **Backup** icon on the AhsayOBM main interface.



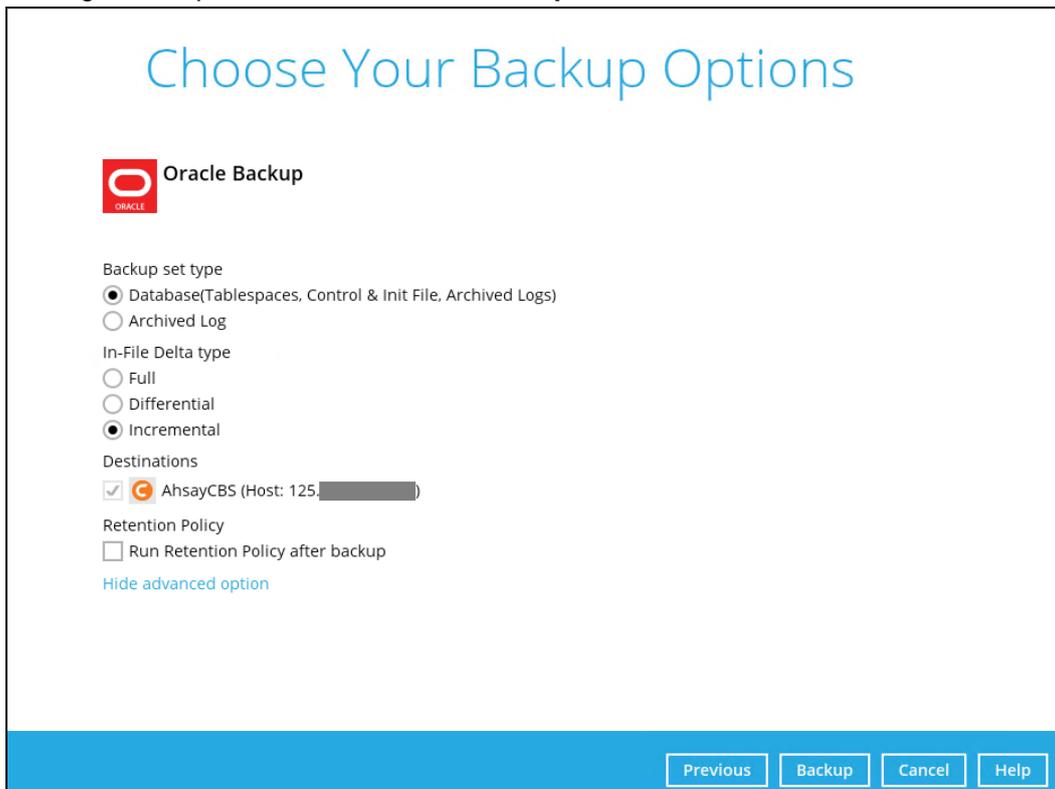
2. Select the Oracle database backup set which you would like to start a manual backup on.



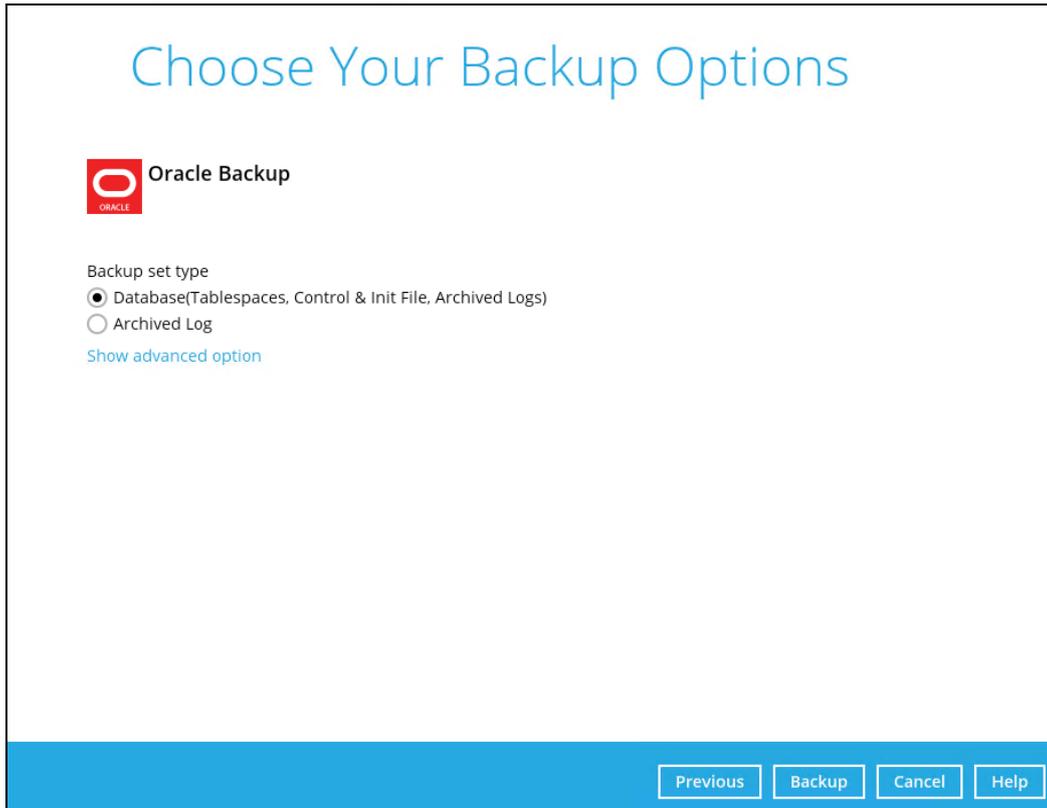
3. There are two (2) types of backup mode in an Oracle database backup set:
 - **Database** – this type of backup includes Tablespaces, Control and Init File, and Archived Log Files. To see the steps during a database backup job, please refer to [Ch. 7.1 Overview on the Database Backup Process](#).
 - **Archived Log** – this type of backup is for archived log files. To see the steps during an archived log backup job, please refer to [Ch. 7.2 Overview on the Archived Log Backup Process](#).



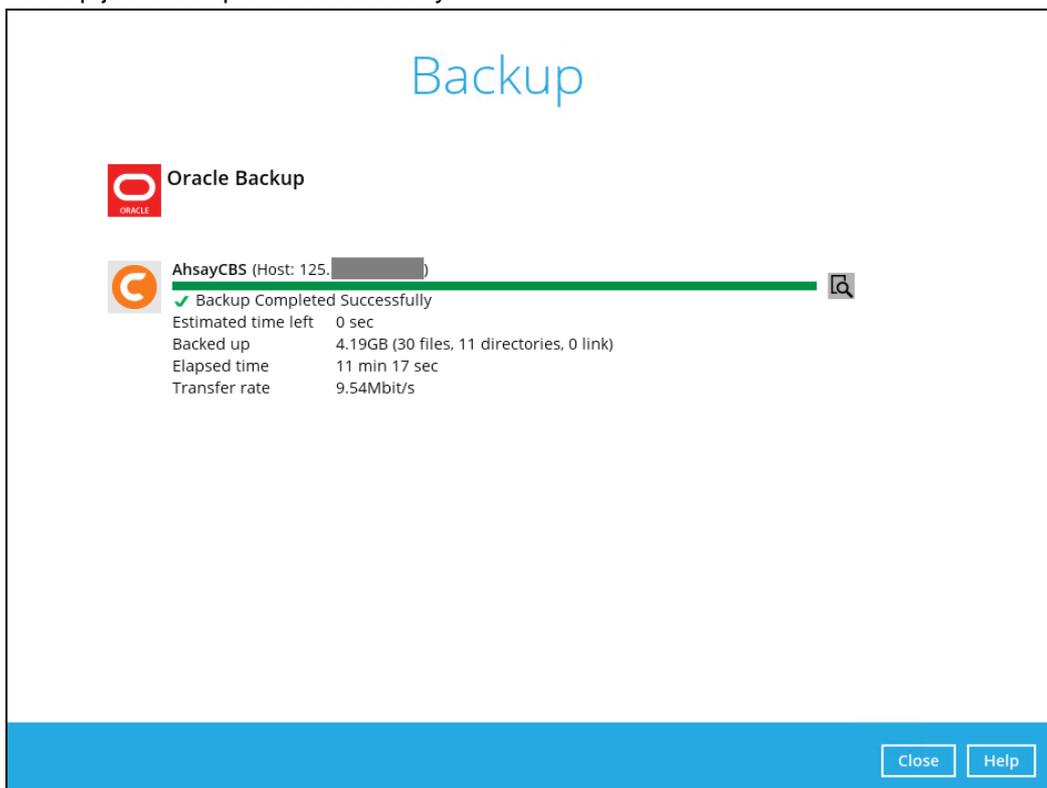
To modify the In-File Delta type, Destinations, or Run Retention Policy Settings before running a backup, click the **show advanced option** link.



4. Click **Backup** to start the backup job.

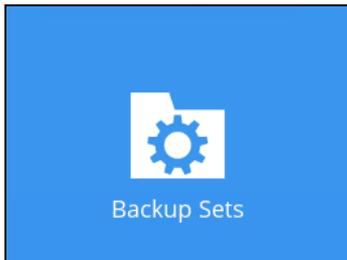


5. Backup job is completed successfully.

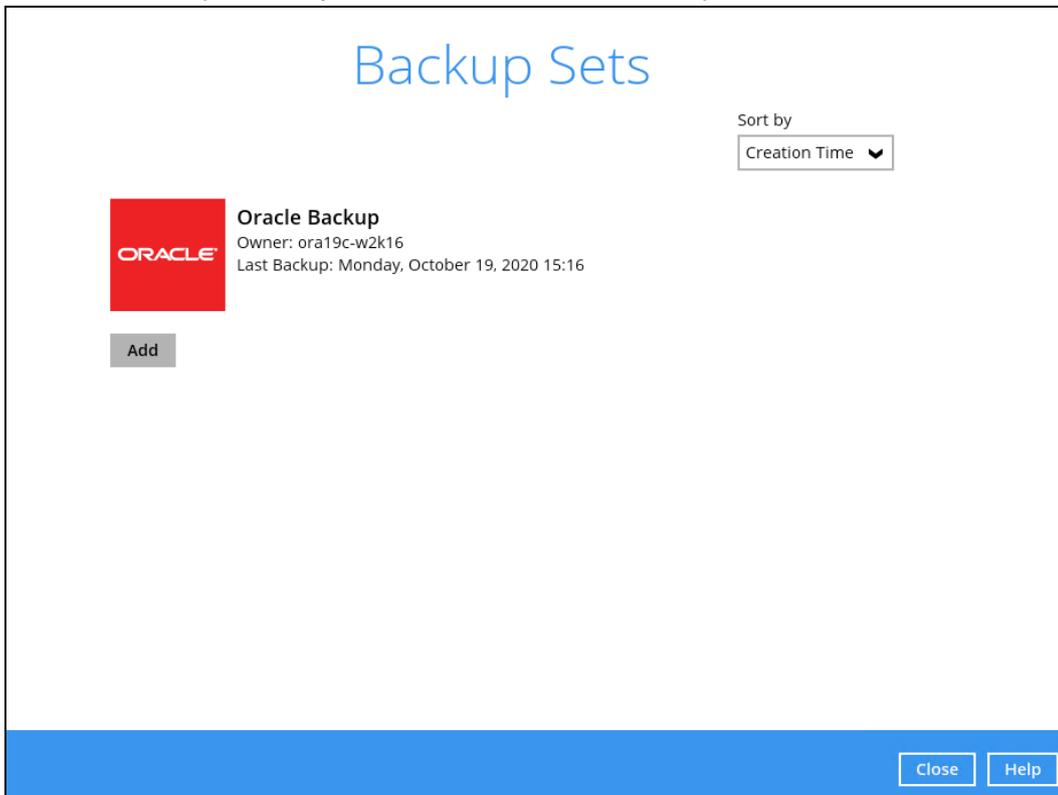


8.3 Configure Backup Schedule for Automated Backup

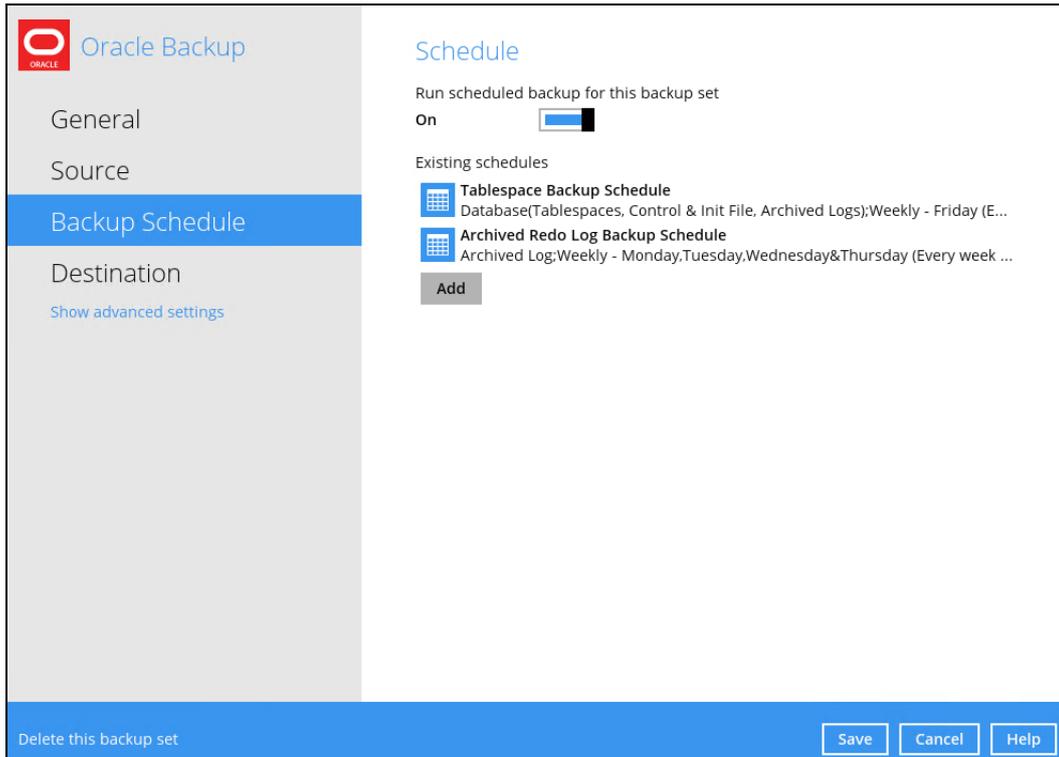
1. Click the **Backup Sets** icon on the AhsayOBM main interface.



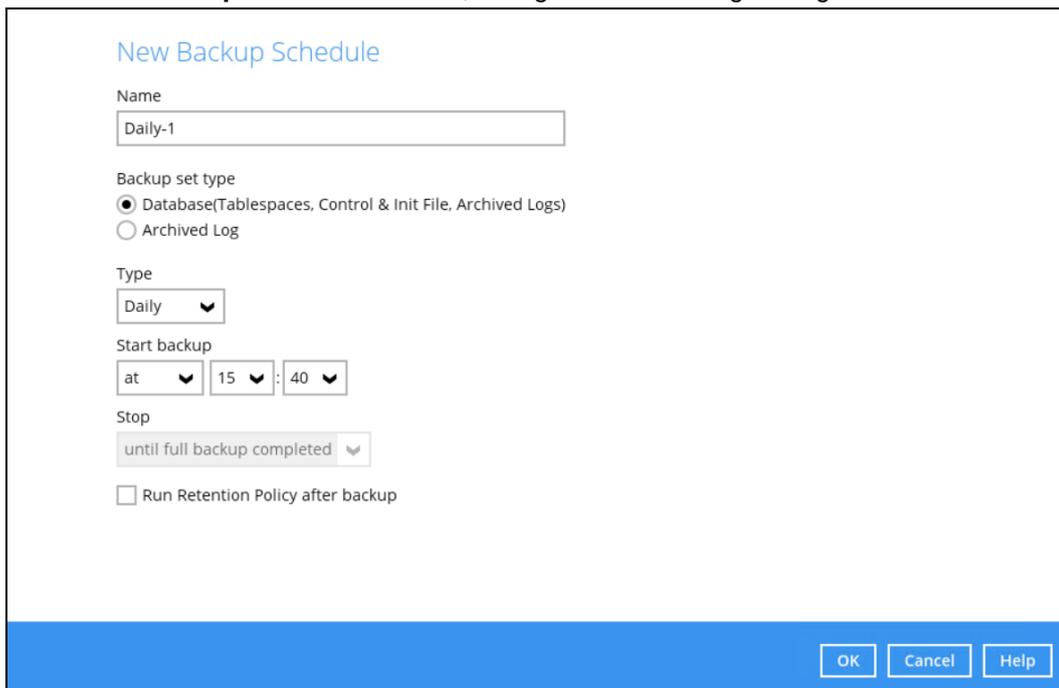
2. Select the backup set that you would like to create a backup schedule for.



- Go to the **Backup Schedule** tab.



- To modify an existing schedule, click the backup schedule to be modified. Or click the **Add** button to add a new one.
- In the **New Backup Schedule** window, configure the following settings:



- Name** – the name of the backup schedule
- Backup set type** – the type of backup mode (i.e. Database and Archived Log)
- Type** – the type of backup schedule. There are four (4) different types of backup schedule: Daily, Weekly, Monthly and Custom

- **Daily** – the time of the day or interval in minutes/hours when the backup job will run

New Backup Schedule

Name
Daily-1

Backup set type
 Database(Tablespace, Control & Init File, Archived Logs)
 Archived Log

Type
Daily

Start backup
at 15 : 40

Stop
until full backup completed

Run Retention Policy after backup

- **Weekly** – the day of the week and the time of the day or interval in minutes/hours when the backup job will run

New Backup Schedule

Name
Weekly-1

Backup set type
 Database(Tablespace, Control & Init File, Archived Logs)
 Archived Log

Type
Weekly

Backup on these days of the week
 Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

Start backup
at 15 : 40

Stop
until full backup completed

Run Retention Policy after backup

- **Monthly** – the day of the month and the time of that day which the backup job will run

New Backup Schedule

Name
Monthly-1

Backup set type
 Database(Tablespace, Control & Init File, Archived Logs)
 Archived Log

Type
Monthly

Backup on the following day every month
 Day 1
 First Sunday

Start backup at
15 : 40 on the selected days

Stop
until full backup completed

Run Retention Policy after backup

- **Custom** – a specific date and the time of that date when the backup job will run

New Backup Schedule

Name
Custom-1

Backup set type
 Database(Tablespace, Control & Init File, Archived Logs)
 Archived Log

Type
Custom

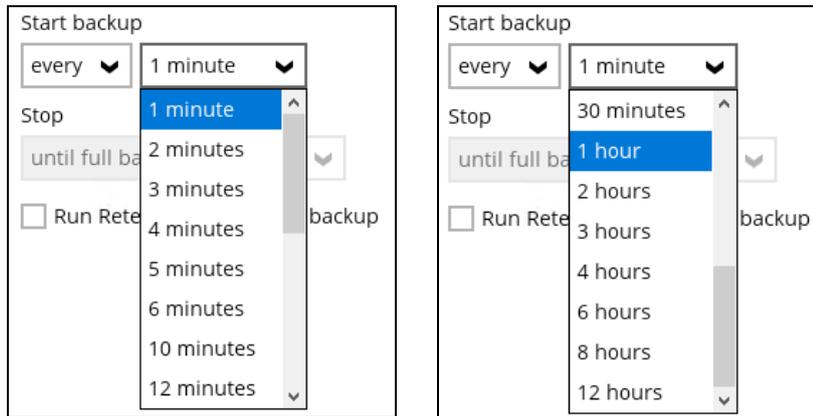
Backup on the following day once
2020 December 12

Start backup at
15 : 40

Stop
until full backup completed

Run Retention Policy after backup

- **Start backup** – the start time of the backup job
 - **at** – this option will start a backup job at a specific time
 - **every** – this option will start a backup job in intervals of minutes or hours



Here is an example of a backup set that has a periodic and normal backup schedule.

Figure 1.1

Figure 1.2

Figure 1.1 – Periodic backup schedule runs every 4 hours from Monday – Friday during business hours for Archived Log backup

Figure 1.2 – Normal backup schedule runs at 21:00 or 9:00 PM every Sunday during non-business hours for Database backup

- **Stop** – the stop time of the backup job. This only applies to schedules with start backup “at” and is not supported for periodic backup schedule (start backup “every”)
- **until full backup completed** – this option will stop a backup job once it is complete. This is the configured stop time of the backup job by default.
- **after (defined no. of hrs.)** – this option will stop a backup job after a certain number of hours regardless of whether the backup job has completed or not. This can range from 1 to 24 hrs.

The number of hours must be enough to complete a backup of all files in the backup set. For small files in a backup, if the number of hours is not enough to back up all files,

then the outstanding files will be backed up in the next backup job. However, if the backup set contains large files, this may result in partially backed up files.

For example, if a backup has 100GB file size which will take approximately 15 hours to complete on your environment, but you set the “stop” after 10 hours, the file will be partially backed up and cannot be restored. The next backup will upload the files from scratch again.

The partially backed up data will have to be removed by running the data integrity check.

As a general rule, it is recommended to review this setting regularly as the data size on the backup machine may grow over time.

- **Run Retention Policy after backup** – if enabled, the AhsayOBM will run a retention policy job to remove files from the backup destination(s) which have exceeded the retention policy after performing a backup job
6. Before closing the Backup Schedule menu, click the **Save** button to apply the backup schedule settings.

9 Restoring Backup for Oracle Database Server

9.1 Restoring Data

There are three (3) restore options to choose from:

- **Original location** – AhsayOBM will restore the database(s) from the backup destination and apply them to the original production Oracle instance.
- **Alternate location** – AhsayOBM will restore the database(s) from the backup destination and apply them to either the original Oracle instance or another Oracle instance on the production machine. This option can also be used to clone a database by changing the database name.
- **Restore raw file** – AhsayOBM will restore the Oracle database files to a location on the local machine, which then can be copied to another Oracle server on another machine for recovery.

The **Restore Raw File** option is for advanced Oracle database administrators and should only be used if you have in-depth knowledge and understanding of Oracle database engine, Oracle database schema, knowledge of the database server and network infrastructure. Therefore, it is not recommended to use this restore option as there is need to utilize additional Oracle techniques and scripts to facilitate a manual database restore.

Please refer to the following articles of Oracle Database Backup and Recovery User's Guide for details:

Oracle 19c

<https://docs.oracle.com/en/database/oracle/oracle-database/19/bradv/index.html>

Oracle 18c

<https://docs.oracle.com/en/database/oracle/oracle-database/18/bradv/index.html>

Oracle 12c

<https://docs.oracle.com/database/121/BRADV/title.htm>

9.2 Restore to Original Location

This feature is used to restore files from your backup destination and automatically apply them to the Oracle database server in the original location.

1. TNS listener service must be started to allow connections to the Oracle database server for the restore process. To check if the TNS listener service is running, use the `lsnrctl status` command. If the TNS listener service is not started, use the `lsnrctl start` command to start the service.

Example: A running TNS Listener service on Oracle 19c.

```
C:\Users\Administrator>lsnrctl status

LSNRCTL for 64-bit Windows: Version 19.0.0.0.0 - Production on
14-OCT-2020 16:45:29

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Connecting to (DESCRIPTION=(ADDRESS=(PROTOCOL=TCP)(HOST=ora19c-
w2k16)(PORT=1521)))
```

```

STATUS of the LISTENER
-----
Alias                               LISTENER
Version                             TNSLSNR for 64-bit Windows: Version
  19.0.0.0.0 - Production
Start Date                       14-OCT-2020 11:11:04
Uptime                           0 days 5 hr. 34 min. 27 sec
Trace Level                          off
Security                             ON: Local OS Authentication
SNMP                                  OFF
Listener Parameter File
  D:\oracle\19.3.0\dbhome\network\admin\listener.ora
Listener Log File                    D:\oracle\diag\tnslnr\ora19c-
  w2k16\listener>alert\log.xml
Listening Endpoints Summary...
  (DESCRIPTION=(ADDRESS=(PROTOCOL=tcp) (HOST=ora19c-
  w2k16) (PORT=1521)))

  (DESCRIPTION=(ADDRESS=(PROTOCOL=ipc) (PIPENAME=\\.\pipe\EXTPROC
  1521ipc)))
  (DESCRIPTION=(ADDRESS=(PROTOCOL=tcps) (HOST=ora19c-
  w2k16) (PORT=5500)) (Security=(my_wallet_directory=D:\ORACLE\adm
  in\orcl\xdb_wallet)) (Presentation=HTTP) (Session=RAW))
Services Summary...
Service "52448234712340b69f274bcc790ecfe0" has 1 instance(s).
  Instance "orcl", status READY, has 1 handler(s) for this
  service...
Service "9400891b61bb4c4c8b3997957ffa8c8e" has 1 instance(s).
  Instance "orcl", status READY, has 1 handler(s) for this
  service...
Service "CLRExtProc" has 1 instance(s).
  Instance "CLRExtProc", status UNKNOWN, has 1 handler(s) for
  this service...
Service "orcl" has 1 instance(s).
  Instance "orcl", status READY, has 1 handler(s) for this
  service...
Service "orclXDB" has 1 instance(s).
  Instance "orcl", status READY, has 1 handler(s) for this
  service...
Service "orclpdb" has 1 instance(s).
  Instance "orcl", status READY, has 1 handler(s) for this
  service...
The command completed successfully

C:\Users\Administrator>

```

NOTE: The values shown are just examples and might be different on your Oracle instance.

2. Run the `sqlplus / as sysdba` command to verify if the Oracle service is active.

The following is just an example after an Oracle instance failure due to corrupted data and/or configuration files. It might be different on your Oracle instance.

```
C:\Users\Administrator>sqlplus / as sysdba

SQL*Plus: Release 19.0.0.0.0 - Production on Thu Nov 12 10:31:33
2020

Version 19.3.0.0.0

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Connected to an idle instance.
```

3. On the AhsayOBM main interface, click the **Restore** icon.



4. Select the backup set that you would like to restore the Oracle database from.

Please Select The Backup Set To Restore

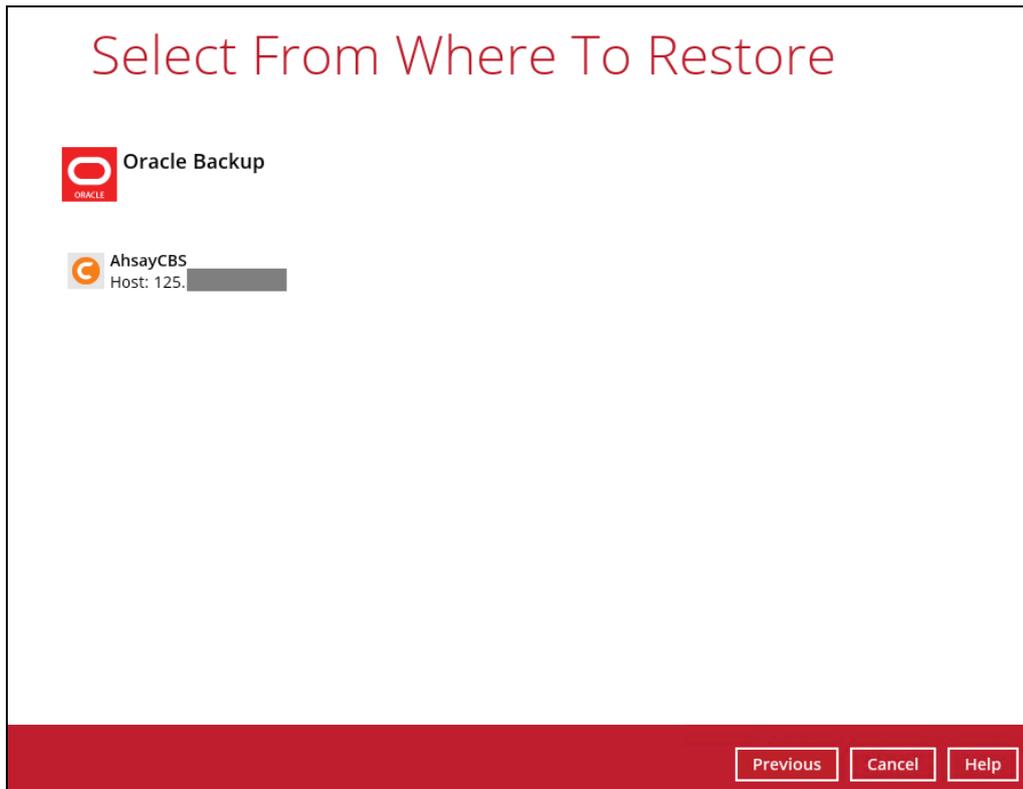
Sort by
Creation Time ▼



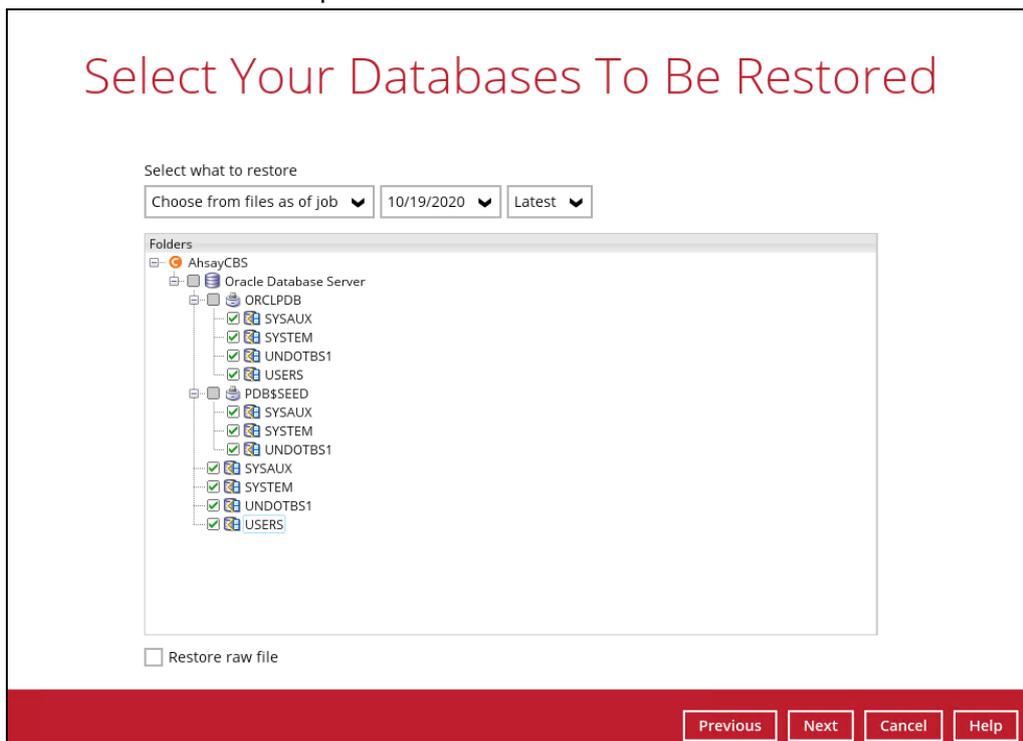
Oracle Backup
Owner: ora19c-w2k16
Last Backup: Monday, October 19, 2020 15:16

Close Help

5. Select the destination storage that contains the Oracle database(s) that you would like to restore from.



6. Select the database(s) that you would like to restore. You can also choose to restore backed up database from a specific backup job using the **Select what to restore** drop-down menu. Click **Next** to proceed.



7. Choose **Original location** as where the database(s) will be restored.

Choose Where The Databases To Be Restored

Restore databases to

Original location

Alternate location

[Show advanced option](#)

Previous Next Cancel Help

If you would like to enable the **Verify checksum of in-file delta files during restore** setting, click the **Show advanced option** link.

Choose Where The Databases To Be Restored

Restore databases to

Original location

Alternate location

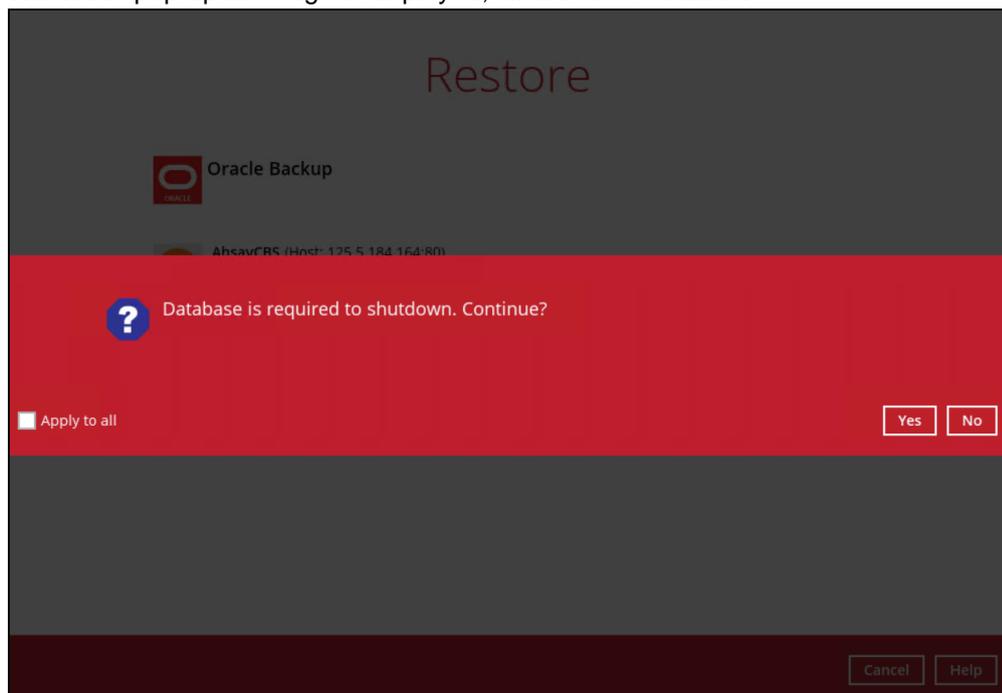
Verify checksum of in-file delta files during restore

[Hide advanced option](#)

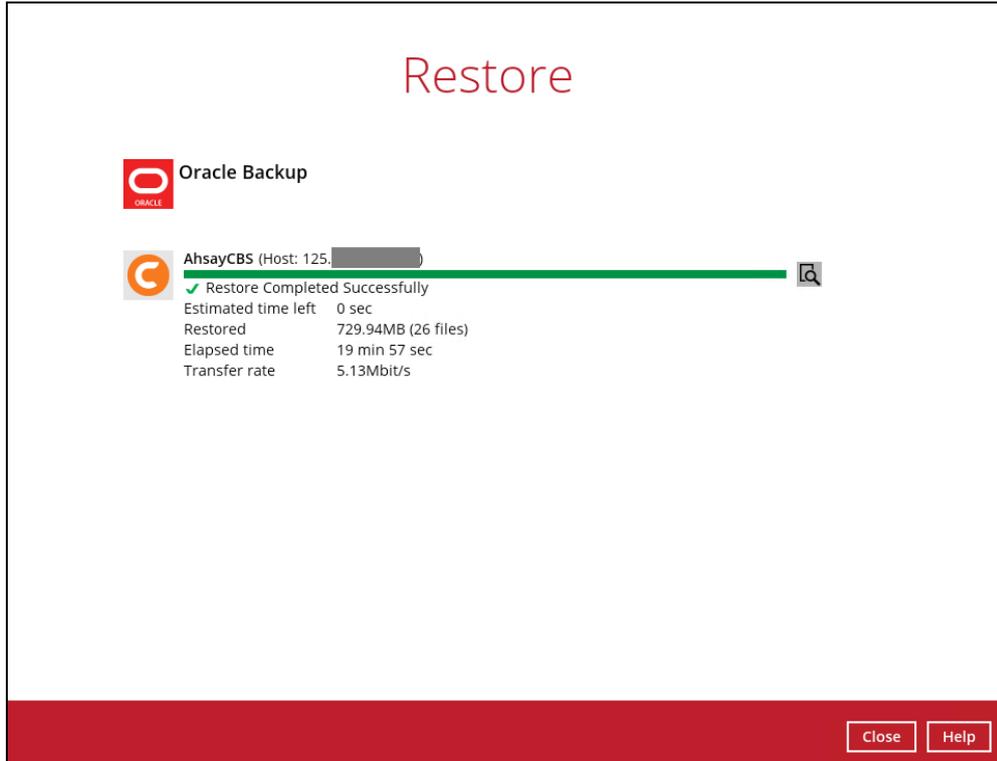
8. Make sure that the temporary directory path is correct. To change its location, click **Browse** then click **OK** to select. Click **Restore** to start the restore process.



9. When this pop-up message is displayed, click **Yes** to continue.



10. Restore job has completed successfully.



11. After the restore job is completed, verify if the Oracle database instance has been restored using the following SQL query to verify if the instance is online.

```
C:\Users\Administrator>sqlplus / as sysdba

SQL*Plus: Release 19.0.0.0.0 - Production on Wed Oct 14 14:07:32
2020

Version 19.3.0.0.0

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Connected to:

Oracle Database 19c Enterprise Edition Release 19.0.0.0.0 -
Production

Version 19.3.0.0.0

SQL> select instance from v$instance;

INSTANCE
-----
orcl

SQL>
```

9.3 Restore to Alternate Location

1. TNS listener service must be started to allow connections to the Oracle database server for the restore process. To check if the TNS listener service is running, use the `lsnrctl status` command. If the TNS listener service is not started, use the `lsnrctl start` command to start the service.

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Version                   TNSLSNR for 64-bit Windows: Version
19.0.0.0.0 - Production
Start Date              14-OCT-2020 11:11:04
Uptime                 0 days 5 hr. 34 min. 27 sec
Trace Level               off
Security                  ON: Local OS Authentication
SNMP                      OFF
Listener Parameter File
D:\oracle\19.3.0\dbhome\network\admin\listener.ora
Listener Log File         D:\oracle\diag\tnslsnr\ora19c-
w2k16\listener>alert\log.xml
Listening Endpoints Summary...
  (DESCRIPTION=(ADDRESS=(PROTOCOL=tcp)(HOST=ora19c-
w2k16)(PORT=1521)))

  (DESCRIPTION=(ADDRESS=(PROTOCOL=ipc)(PIPENAME=\\.\pipe\EXTPROC
1521ipc)))
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Services Summary...
Service "52448234712340b69f274bcc790ecfe0" has 1 instance(s).
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Service "orcl" has 1 instance(s).
  Instance "orcl", status READY, has 1 handler(s) for this
service...
Service "orclXDB" has 1 instance(s).
```

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Instance "orcl", status READY, has 1 handler(s) for this
service...
Service "orclpdb" has 1 instance(s).
Instance "orcl", status READY, has 1 handler(s) for this
service...
The command completed successfully

C:\Users\Administrator>

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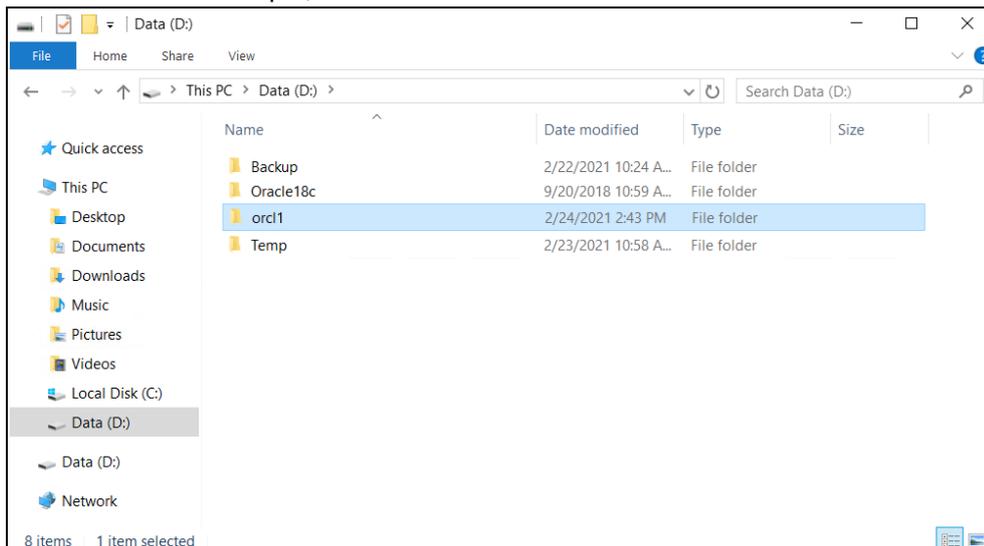
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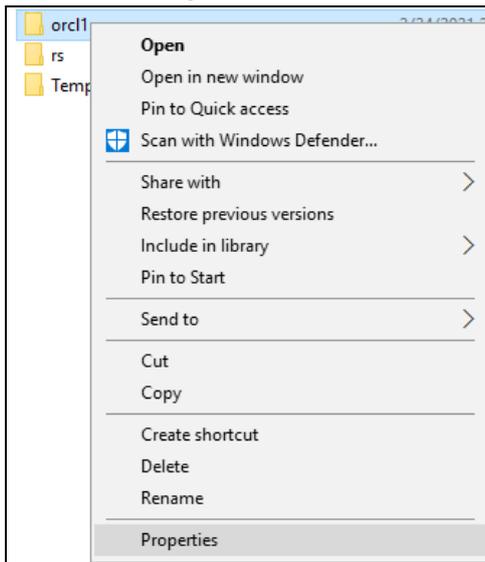
Connected to an idle instance.

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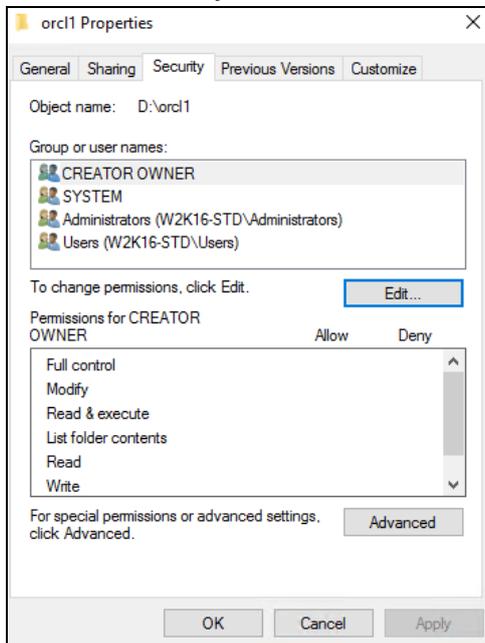
3. Create the top level folder for the Alternate Location of the database instance that will be restored. For example, `D:\orcl1`



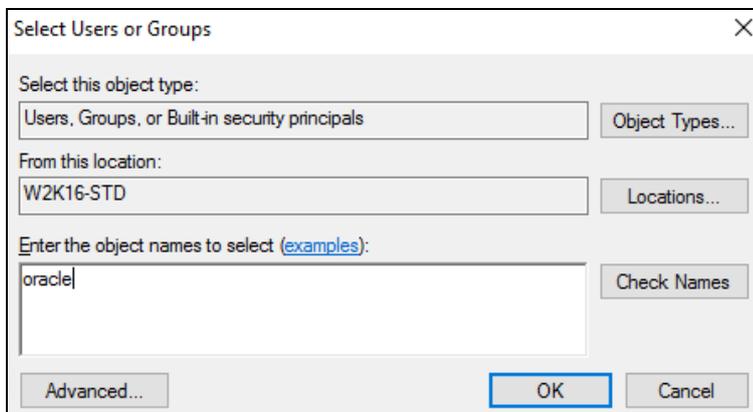
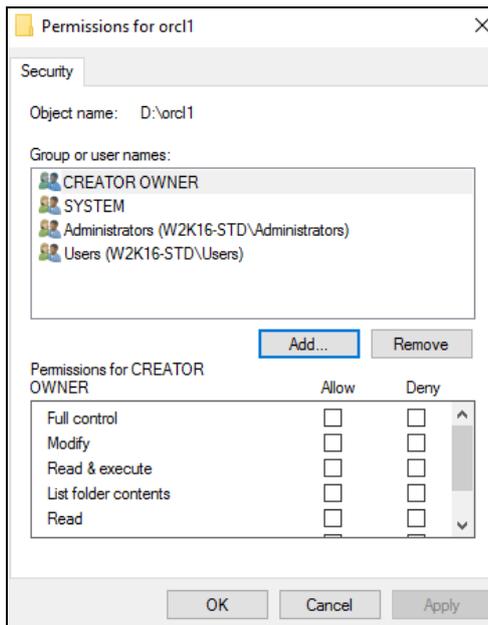
4. Assign correct permissions to the created folder. To assign, right-click on the folder then select **Properties**.



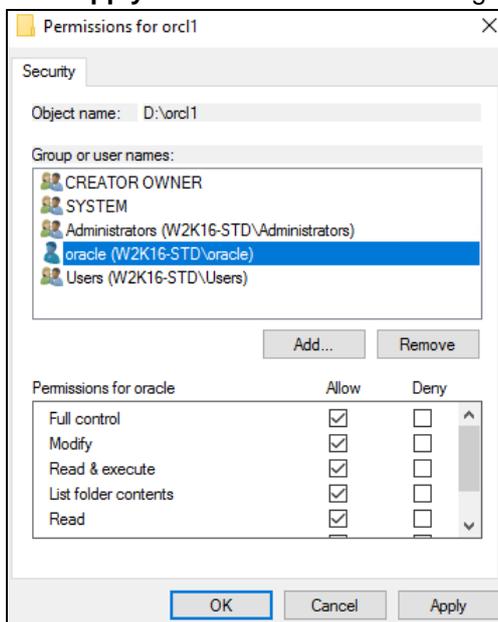
Go to the **Security** tab then click **Edit**.



Click the **Add** button then add the the **oracle** user account to the folder with **Full control**.



Click **Apply** then click **OK** to save changes.



NOTE: Please refer to [Appendix B](#) for more details.

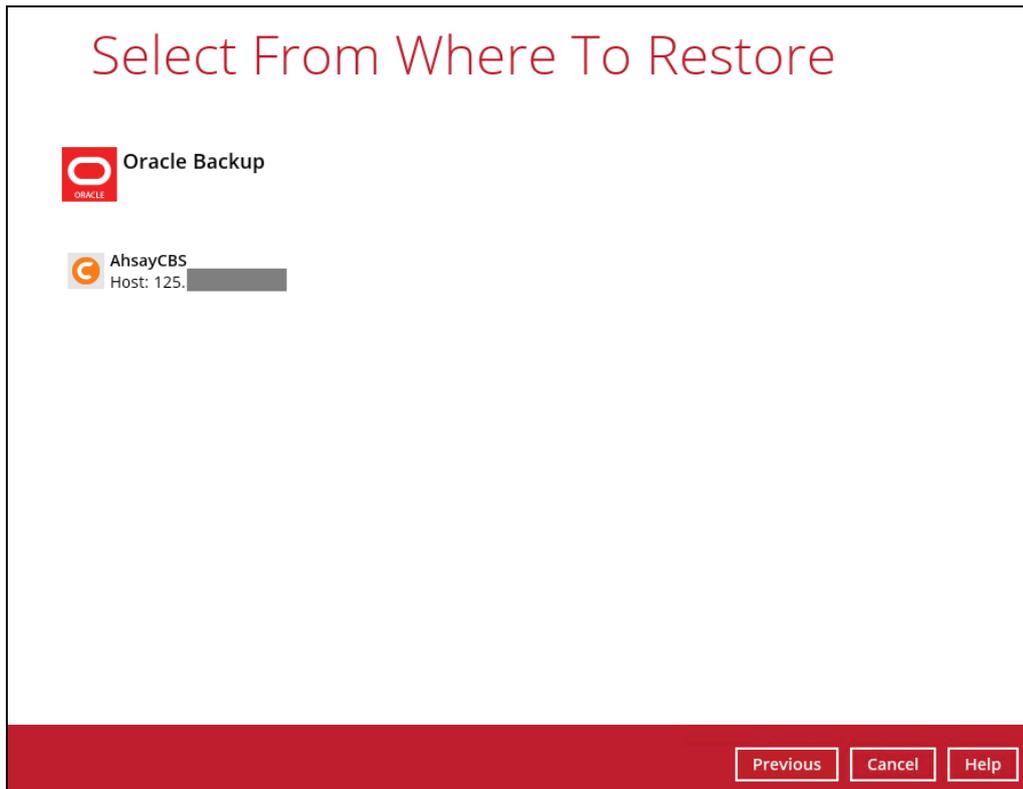
5. On the AhsayOBM main interface, click the **Restore** icon.



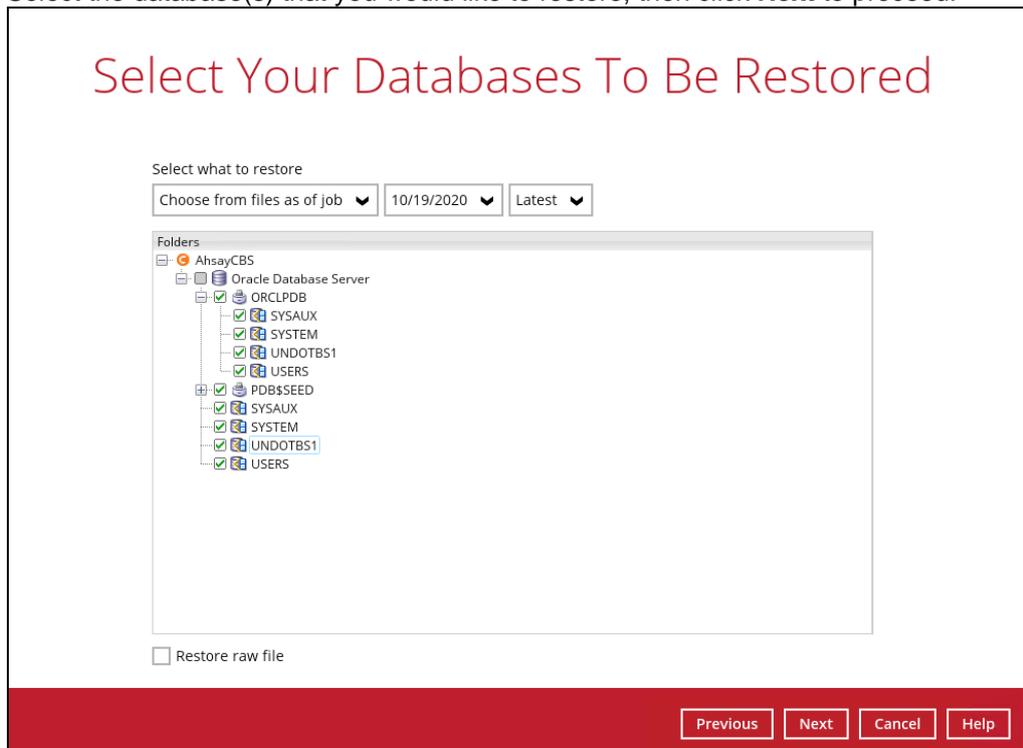
6. Select the backup set that you would like to restore the Oracle database from.



7. Select the destination storage that contains the Oracle database(s) that you would like to restore from.



8. Select the database(s) that you would like to restore, then click **Next** to proceed.



9. Choose **Alternate location** as where the database(s) will be restored.



Choose Where The Databases To Be Restored

Restore databases to

Original location

Alternate location

[Show advanced option](#)

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If you would like to enable the **Verify checksum of in-file delta files during restore** setting, click the **Show advanced option** link.



Choose Where The Databases To Be Restored

Restore databases to

Original location

Alternate location

Verify checksum of in-file delta files during restore

[Hide advanced option](#)

10. Configure the following settings in the **Alternate database** screen:

- **Oracle Home** – where the Oracle_Home path is located. This is already set to the location of the Oracle_Home by default.
- **Host** – this value is set to 127.0.0.1.
- **Port** – the new port number of the alternate Oracle database instance.
- **SID** – the new SID for the alternate Oracle database instance.
NOTE: If a restore will be performed to an alternate location, it is required to change the Oracle SID and port number.
- **Password** – the password for the system user account in the new database.

Alternate database

Oracle Home

Browse

Host

Port

Database Identification

A database is referenced by at least one Oracle instance which is uniquely identified from any other instance on this computer by an Oracle System Identifier (SID)

SID

Database Credentials

For security reasons, you must specify passwords for the SYSTEM user account in the new database

Password

Confirm password

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NOTE

As the password validation is performed during the start of the actual restore process after the hostname, port number, SID, and all the database file locations are confirmed, ensure that you have entered the correct password in the Database Credentials.

If a mistake in entering the correct password is made, this will result to a failed restore process and will require to go back at the beginning to start all the configuration settings again. Please refer to [Appendix A](#) for more details.

Once configured, click **Next** to proceed.

11. Once the Oracle database instance has been modified, it will reflect on the original **Database File Locations** automatically. Click **Next** to proceed.

Database File Locations

Database Area

Specify locations for the database files to be restored

D:\orcl1\oradata Browse

Control file

Filename	File Directory	
CONTROL01.CTL	D:\orcl1\oradata	Browse
CONTROL02.CTL	D:\orcl1\oradata	Browse

Data files

Filename	File Directory	
SYSAUX01.DBF	D:\orcl1\oradata\ORCLPDB	Browse
SYSTEM01.DBF	D:\orcl1\oradata\ORCLPDB	Browse
TEMP01.DBF	D:\orcl1\oradata\ORCLPDB	Browse
UNDOTBS01.DBF	D:\orcl1\oradata\ORCLPDB	Browse
USERS01.DBF	D:\orcl1\oradata\ORCLPDB	Browse

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Database File Locations

SYSAUX01.DBF	D:\orcl1\oradata\pdbseed	Browse
SYSTEM01.DBF	D:\orcl1\oradata\pdbseed	Browse
TEMP012018-09-20_11-09-4'	D:\orcl1\oradata\pdbseed	Browse
UNDOTBS01.DBF	D:\orcl1\oradata\pdbseed	Browse
SYSAUX01.DBF	D:\orcl1\oradata	Browse
SYSTEM01.DBF	D:\orcl1\oradata	Browse
TEMP01.DBF	D:\orcl1\oradata	Browse
UNDOTBS01.DBF	D:\orcl1\oradata	Browse
USERS01.DBF	D:\orcl1\oradata	Browse

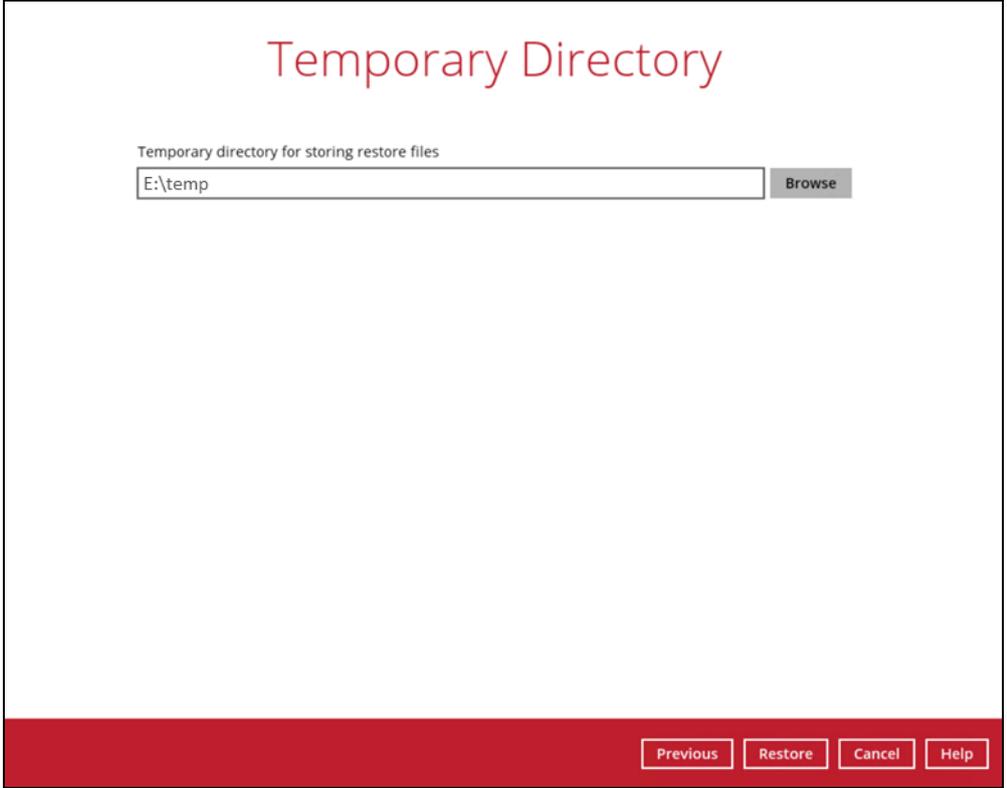
Redo Log Groups

Filename	File Directory	
REDO01.LOG	D:\orcl1\oradata	Browse
REDO02.LOG	D:\orcl1\oradata	Browse
REDO03.LOG	D:\orcl1\oradata	Browse

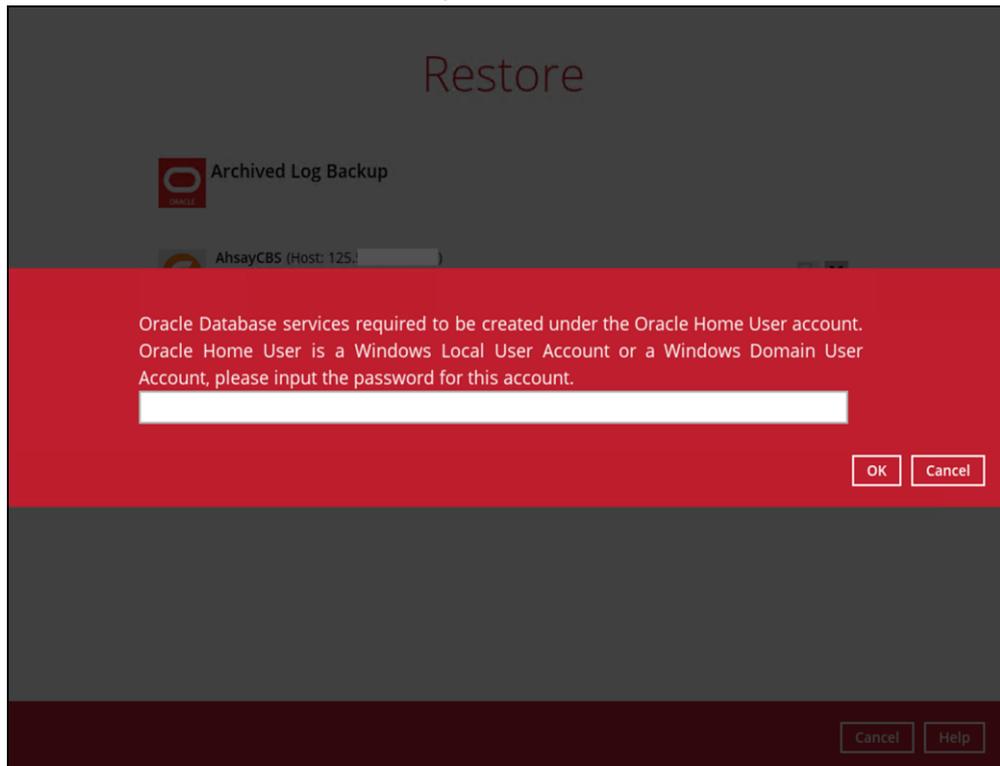
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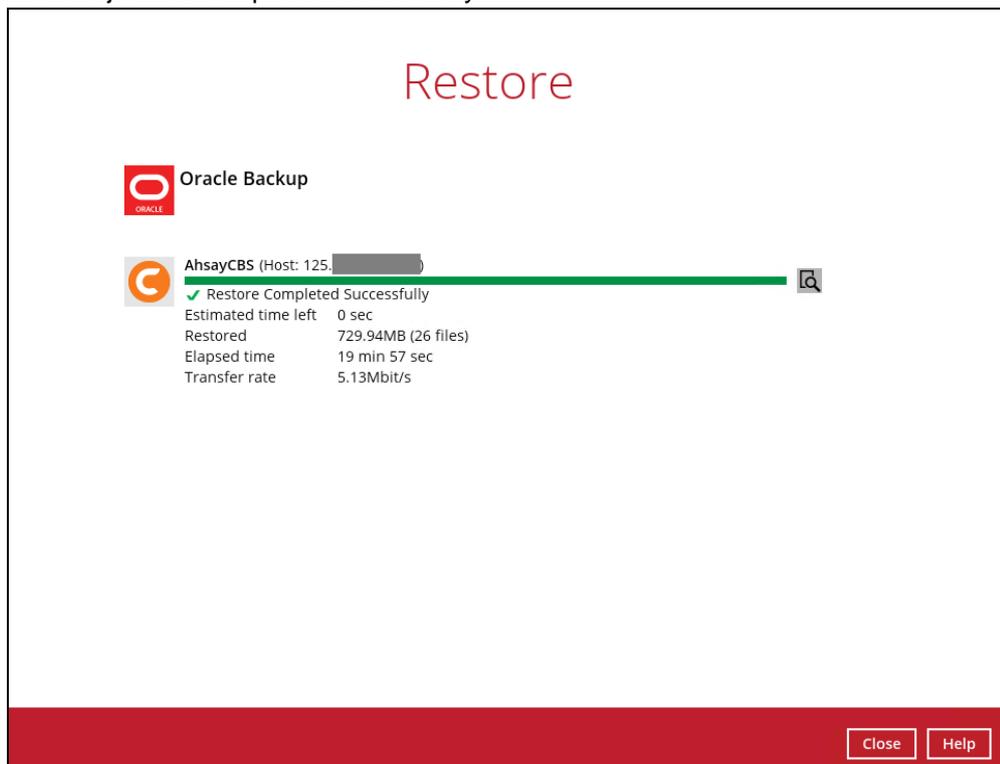
- 12. Make sure that the temporary directory path is correct. To change its location, click **Browse** then click **OK** to select. Click **Restore** to start the restore process.



13. When this pop-up message appeared, enter the Windows user account password then click **OK** to continue with the restore process.



14. Restore job has completed successfully.



15. After the restore job is completed, verify if the Oracle database instance has been restored using the following SQL query to verify if the instance is online.

```
C:\Users\Administrator>sqlplus / as sysdba

SQL*Plus: Release 19.0.0.0.0 - Production on Wed Oct 14 14:07:32
2020

Version 19.3.0.0.0

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Connected to:

Oracle Database 19c Enterprise Edition Release 19.0.0.0.0 -
Production

Version 19.3.0.0.0

SQL> select instance from v$thread;

INSTANCE
-----
orcl1

SQL>
```

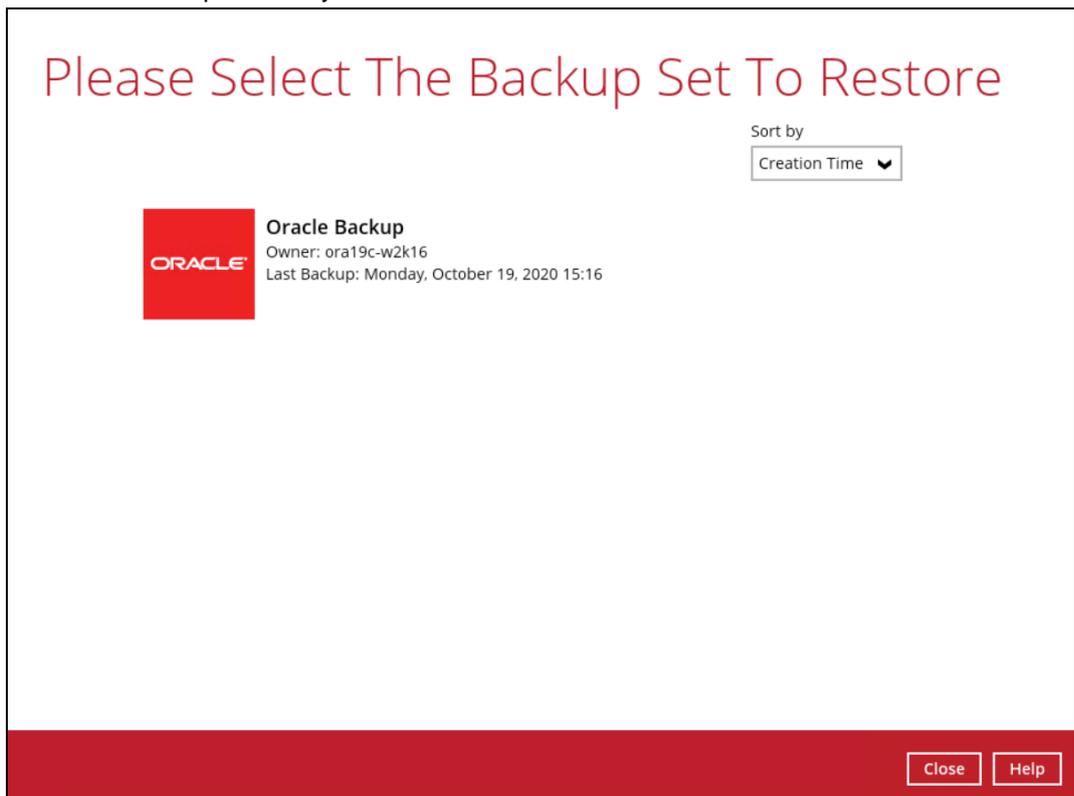
9.4 Restore Raw File

This feature is used to restore the Oracle database(s) from your storage destination to a location on disk and manually recover the databases.

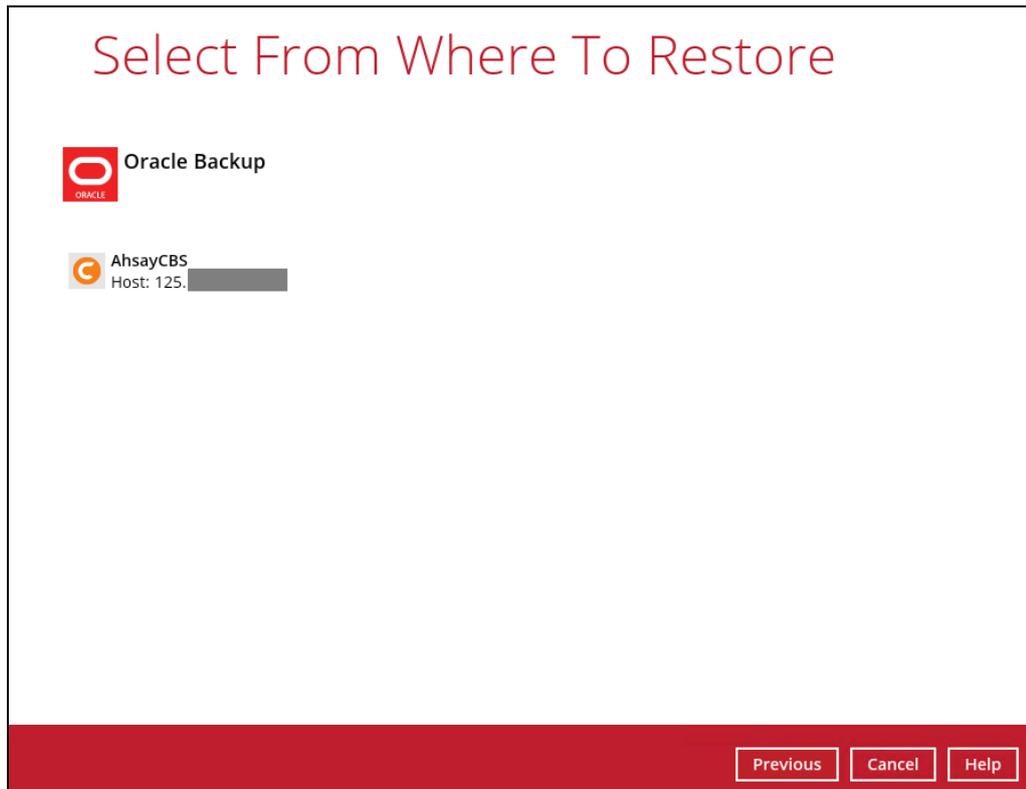
1. On the AhsayOBM main interface, click the **Restore** icon.



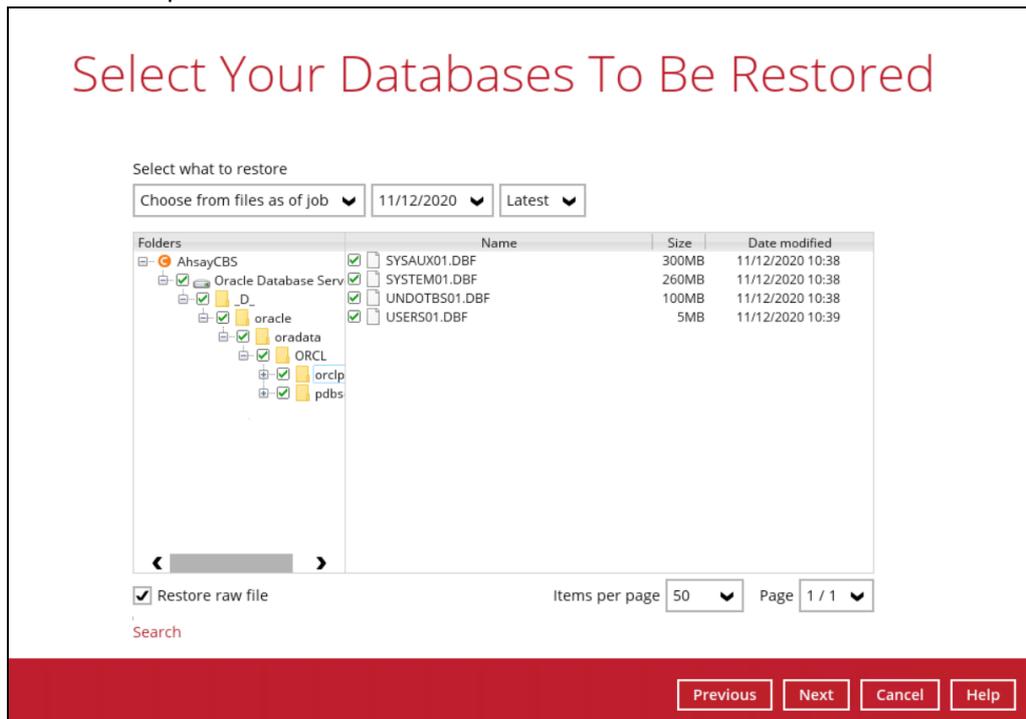
2. Select the backup set that you would like to restore the Oracle database from.



3. Select the destination storage that contains the Oracle database(s) that you would like to restore from.



4. Click the **Restore raw file** option then select the Oracle database(s) to be restored. Click **Next** to proceed.



5. Click **Browse** to select the location on the local machine where you wish to restore the Oracle database(s) to. Click **Next** to proceed.

Choose Where The Databases To Be Restored

Restore databases to

D:\raw file

[Show advanced option](#)

If you would like to enable the **Verify checksum of in-file delta files during restore** setting, click the **Show advanced option** link.

Choose Where The Databases To Be Restored

Restore databases to

D:\raw file

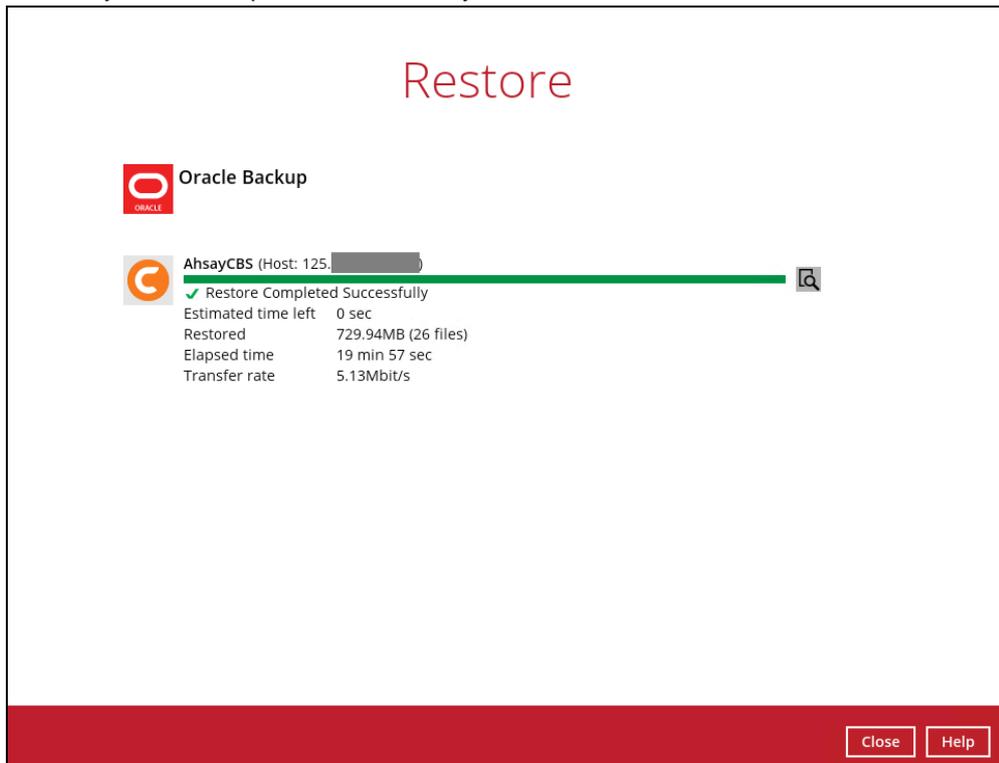
Verify checksum of in-file delta files during restore

[Hide advanced option](#)

6. Make sure that the temporary directory path is correct. To change its location, click **Browse** then click **OK** to select. Click **Restore** to start the restore process.

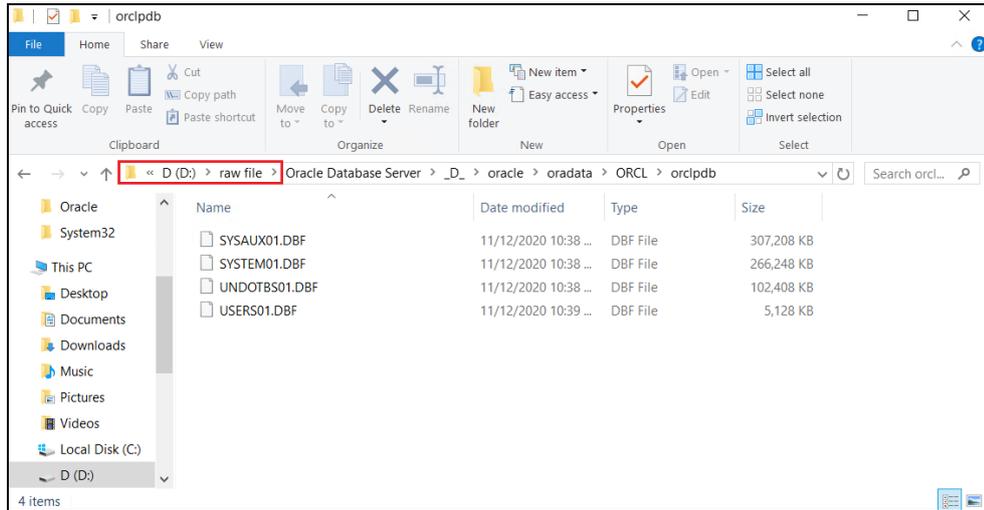


7. Restore job has completed successfully.



- After the restore job is completed, verify if the Oracle database(s) have been restored. Go to the designated path on the local machine where you restored the Oracle database files to.

Example: using Windows File Explorer



- Recovering RAW Oracle databases

To recover RAW databases, please refer to the following articles of Oracle Database Backup and Recovery User's Guide for details:

Oracle 19c

<https://docs.oracle.com/en/database/oracle/oracle-database/19/bradv/index.html>

Oracle 18c

<https://docs.oracle.com/en/database/oracle/oracle-database/18/bradv/index.html>

Oracle 12c

<https://docs.oracle.com/database/121/BRADV/title.htm>

10 Contacting Ahsay

10.1 Technical Assistance

To contact Ahsay support representatives for technical assistance, visit the Partner Portal:

<https://www.ahsay.com/partners/>

Also use the Ahsay Wikipedia for resource such as Hardware Compatibility List, Software Compatibility List, and other product information:

<https://wiki.ahsay.com/>

10.2 Documentation

Documentations for all Ahsay products are available at:

https://www.ahsay.com/jsp/en/home/index.jsp?pageContentKey=ahsay_downloads_documentation_guides

You can send us suggestions for improvements or report on issues in the documentation by contacting us at:

<https://www.ahsay.com/partners/>

Please specify the specific document title as well as the change required/suggestion when contacting us.

Appendix

Appendix A Example of Restore Log with Error Due to Incorrect Password Entered

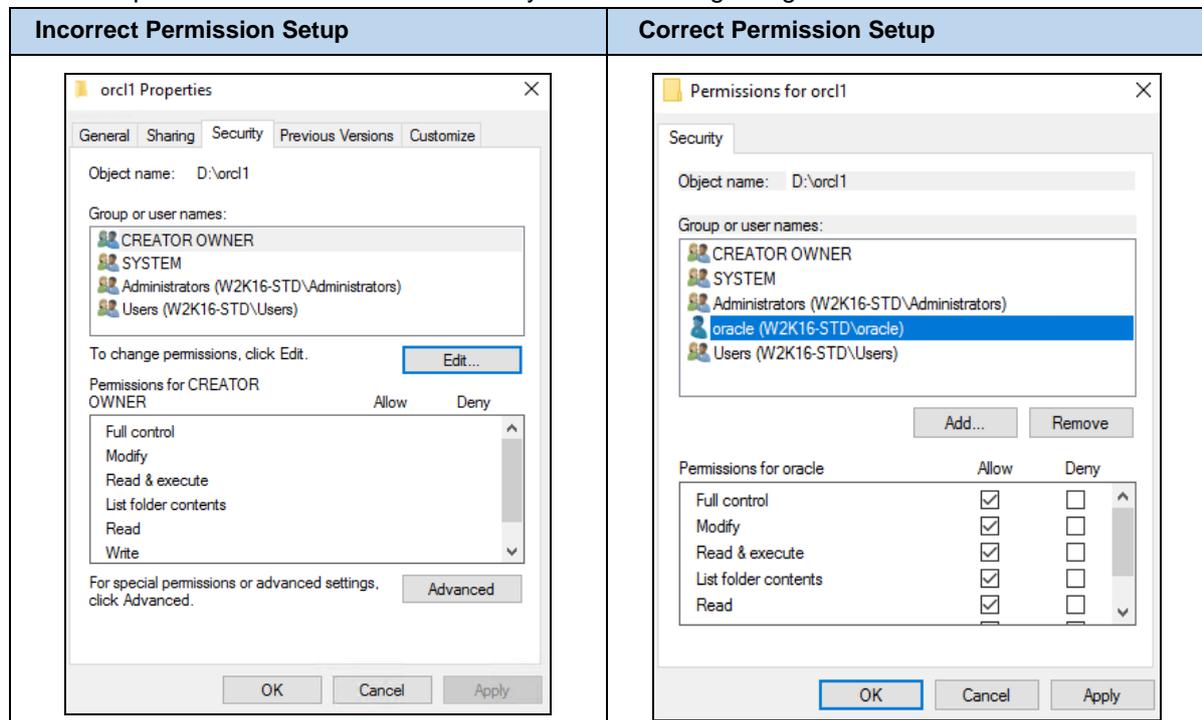
The following log highlighted in red is an example of a common restore error message that may be shown during Restore to Alternate location if an incorrect password is detected during the password validation at the start of the actual restore process.

```
[2021/02/23 09:52:49] [cbs] info,"Start restore database from \"orcl18c\"  
to \"orcl123\"",0,0,0,1613960327406,0,0  
[2021/02/23 09:52:51] [info] Create win service  
[2021/02/23 09:52:51] [cbs] info,Create win  
service,0,0,0,1613960327406,0,0  
[2021/02/23 09:54:03] [erro] Enter password for Oracle service user: DIM-  
00097: User name or password is invalid.  
[2021/02/23 09:54:03] [cbs] erro,Enter password for Oracle service user:  
DIM-00097: User name or password is invalid.,0,0,0,1613960327406,0,0  
[2021/02/23 09:54:03] [info] Remove win service  
[2021/02/23 09:54:03] [cbs] info,Remove win  
service,0,0,0,1613960327406,0,0  
[2021/02/23 09:54:04] [erro] [hV] Restore database fail., Reason = "New  
Oracle service fail"  
[2021/02/23 09:54:04] [cbs] erro,"[hV] Restore database fail., Reason =  
\"New Oracle service fail\"",0,0,0,1613960327406,0,0  
[2021/02/23 09:54:04] [erro] Restore completed with error(s)  
[2021/02/23 09:54:04] [cbs]  
end,RESTORE_STOP_SUCCESS_WITH_ERROR,0,0,0,1613960327406,0,0
```

Appendix B Example of Restore Log for Alternate Location with Incorrect Permission Setup

The following log highlighted in red is an example of a common restore error message that may be shown during Restore to Alternate Location if the oracle user is not added to the access permission for the alternate location folder with **Full control**.

This example is for Oracle 18c even if AhsayOBM is running using administrator account.



Restore Log

```
[2021/02/22 14:12:11] [erro] SQL*Plus: Release 18.0.0.0.0 - Production
on Mon Feb 22 14:12:07 2021
[2021/02/22 14:12:11] [cbs] erro,SQL*Plus: Release 18.0.0.0.0 -
Production on Mon Feb 22 14:12:07 2021,0,0,0,1613960327406,0,0
[2021/02/22 14:12:11] [erro] Version 18.3.0.0.0
[2021/02/22 14:12:11] [cbs] erro,Version
18.3.0.0.0,0,0,0,1613960327406,0,0
[2021/02/22 14:12:11] [erro] Copyright (c) 1982, 2018, Oracle. All
rights reserved.
[2021/02/22 14:12:11] [cbs] erro,"Copyright (c) 1982, 2018, Oracle. All
rights reserved.",0,0,0,1613960327406,0,0
[2021/02/22 14:12:11] [erro] Connected to:
[2021/02/22 14:12:11] [cbs] erro,Connected to:,0,0,0,1613960327406,0,0
[2021/02/22 14:12:11] [erro] Oracle Database 18c Enterprise Edition
Release 18.0.0.0.0 - Production
[2021/02/22 14:12:11] [cbs] erro,Oracle Database 18c Enterprise Edition
Release 18.0.0.0.0 - Production,0,0,0,1613960327406,0,0
[2021/02/22 14:12:11] [erro] Version 18.3.0.0.0
[2021/02/22 14:12:11] [cbs] erro,Version
18.3.0.0.0,0,0,0,1613960327406,0,0
[2021/02/22 14:12:11] [erro] ORA-00283: recovery session canceled due to
errors
```

```
[2021/02/22 14:12:11] [cbs] erro,ORA-00283: recovery session canceled
due to errors,0,0,0,1613960327406,0,0
[2021/02/22 14:12:11] [erro] ORA-17528: A read-only file or a file
opened read-only cannot be written to:
[2021/02/22 14:12:11] [cbs] erro,ORA-17528: A read-only file or a file
opened read-only cannot be written to:,0,0,0,1613960327406,0,0
[2021/02/22 14:12:11] [erro] D:\RS\ORADATA\ORCL123\SYSTEM01.DBF.
[2021/02/22 14:12:11] [cbs]
erro,D:\RS\ORADATA\ORCL123\SYSTEM01.DBF.,0,0,0,1613960327406,0,0
[2021/02/22 14:12:11] [erro] SP2-0042: unknown command "auto" - rest of
line ignored.
[2021/02/22 14:12:11] [cbs] erro,"SP2-0042: unknown command \"auto\" -
rest of line ignored.",0,0,0,1613960327406,0,0
[2021/02/22 14:12:11] [erro] Disconnected from Oracle Database 18c
Enterprise Edition Release 18.0.0.0.0 - Production
[2021/02/22 14:12:11] [cbs] erro,Disconnected from Oracle Database 18c
Enterprise Edition Release 18.0.0.0.0 -
Production,0,0,0,1613960327406,0,0
[2021/02/22 14:12:11] [erro] Version 18.3.0.0.0
[2021/02/22 14:12:11] [cbs] erro,Version
18.3.0.0.0,0,0,0,1613960327406,0,0
[2021/02/22 14:12:19] [info] Remove win service
[2021/02/22 14:12:19] [cbs] info,Remove win
service,0,0,0,1613960327406,0,0
[2021/02/22 14:12:30] [erro] [hV] Restore database fail., Reason =
"Recover database fail"
[2021/02/22 14:12:30] [cbs] erro,"[hV] Restore database fail., Reason =
\"Recover database fail\""",0,0,0,1613960327406,0,0
[2021/02/22 14:12:31] [erro] Restore completed with error(s)
[2021/02/22 14:12:31] [cbs]
end,RESTORE_STOP_SUCCESS_WITH_ERROR,0,0,0,1613960327406,0,0
```