Setting Up a Database Connection

Open ArcCatalog and go to Database Connections, then double-click on Add Database Connection.



A Database Connection login window will appear. Set the Database Platform to **Oracle, Type** in the Instance as **gisprep.** (Versioned editors: Also create a connection to **gistrap.**) Set the Authentication Type to **Database authentication**. Enter your **Database user name and password**.

IMPORTANT: UNCHECK THE SAVE NAME/PASSWORD OPTION BELOW THE PASSWORD ENTRY FIELD. Failure to uncheck these options will cause major problems in the future.

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Database Platform:	Oracle ~
Instance:	gisprep
Authentication Type:	Database authentication \checkmark
	User name: jpoole
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About Database Connections	OK Cancel

Click **OK**. A connection called **Connection to gisprep.sde** will now be available for selection. This connection will remain available for future use.

Note: The instance you entered as "gisprep" will automatically change to the Oracle TNS name of "sde:oracle11g:gisprep".