

Database Design

5-2: Relationship Types

Practice Solutions

Vocabulary

Directions: Identify the vocabulary word for each definition below.

One-to-one (1:1)	A relationship where each record in Table A can be related to one, and only one, record in Table B, and each record in Table B relates to one, and only one, record in Table A.
One-to-many (1:M)	A relationship where a single record in Table A can be related to one or more records in Table B, but a single record in Table B can only be related to one record in Table A.
Many-to-many (M:M)	A relationship in which many records in one table match many records in another table
Redundant	Unnecessarily repetitive

Try It / Solve It

1. Identify the relationship types of the statements below

Solution:

Type	Statement
One-to-many	A snowboard instructor may instruct one or more snowboarders
One-to-one	A bicycle may be owned by a child
Many-to-many	Classroom crayons may be used by students in a classroom
One-to-one	A passport belongs to a person
One-to-one	A female elephant gives birth to an elephant

2. Provide two examples for each relationship type.

Relationship Type	Example
One-to-one	
One-to-one	
One-to-many	
One-to-many	
Many-to-many	
Many-to-many	

Solution: Answers will vary.

3. Draw an entity relationship diagram to represent the following:

- Each CLUB must be assigned to one and only one DEPARTMENT
- Each DEPARTMENT may be responsible for one or more CLUBs
- Each STUDENT may join one or more CLUBs
- Each CLUB may be composed of one or more STUDENTs

Solution: You can use existing clubs in your school as an example. If they don't belong to a department, ask the students which academic department they "could" belong to, if that was a business rule. See if the majority of the class has modeled the M:M relationship correctly. You may want to call attention to it, and say that they will learn more about it in the next lesson.

