More Views

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Fluency in Information Technology

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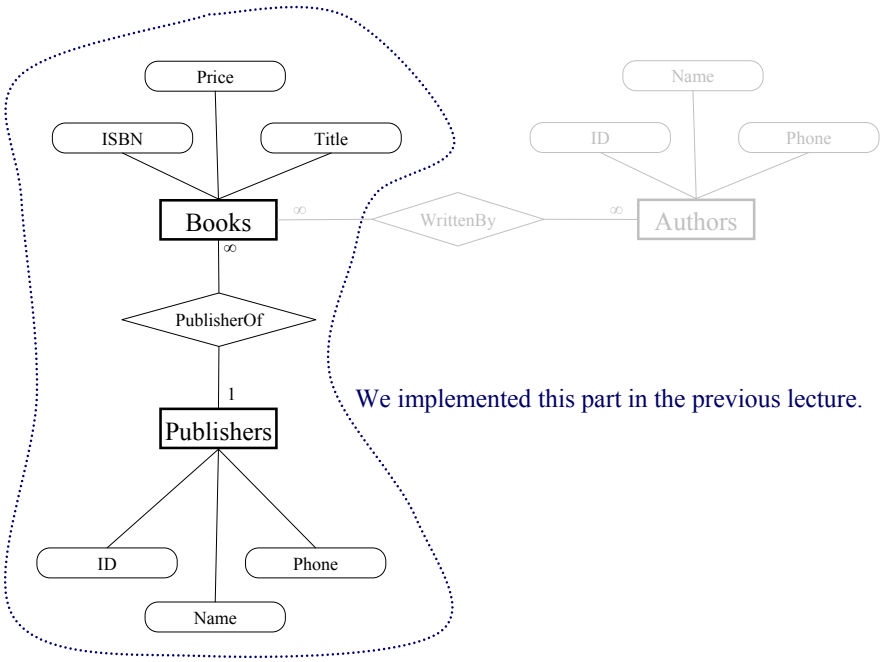
Readings and References

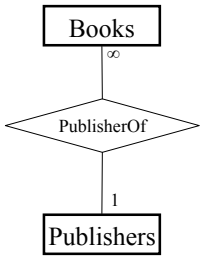
- Reading
  - » *Fluency with Information Technology*
    - Chapter 14, Database Queries
- References
  - » *Access Database: Design and Programming*
    - by Steve Roman, published by O'Reilly

Recall: Structure of the database

- A database contains one or more *tables*
  - » Tables include *entities* with *attributes*
  - » There are *relationships* defined between the entities in the various tables
  - » Retrieve information from the tables using *queries*
- We designed and partially implemented a simple library database in the previous lecture



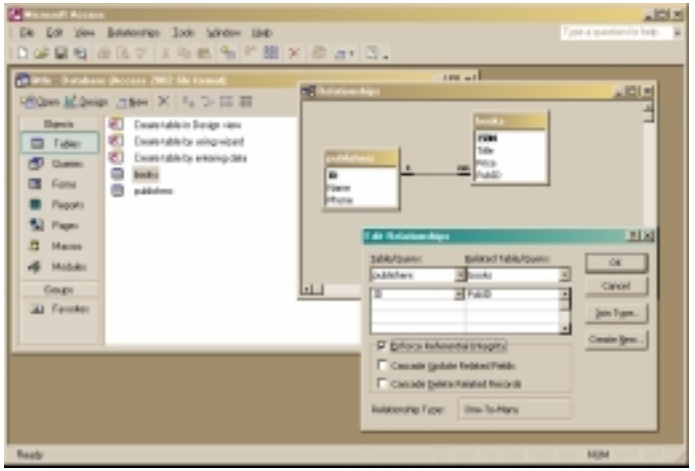
What is the relationship?



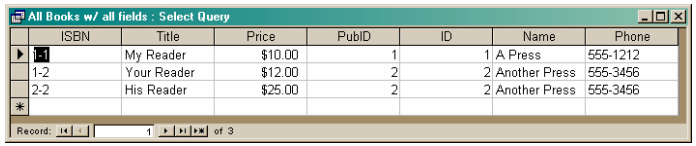
This relationship is 1-to-many:
- One publisher is responsible for many books.
- Each book has only one publisher.

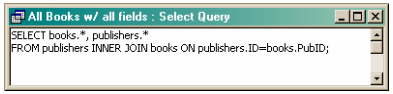
- The two tables are joined using the publisher ID number.
- The publisher ID is the *primary key* for each entry in the publishers table.
  - Therefore, each publisher must have a unique publisher ID.
- The publisher ID is a *foreign key* for each entry in the books table and we have requested *referential integrity*
  - Therefore, the given publisher ID must exist in the publishers table.

Referential Integrity



PubID must reference an actual publisher





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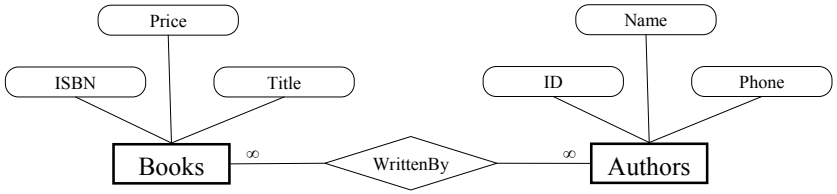
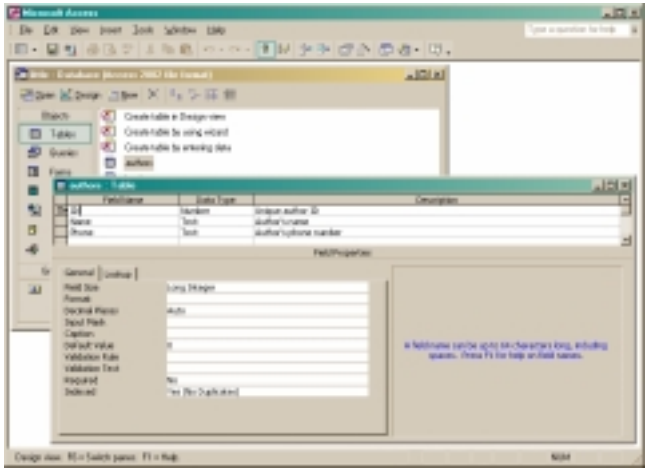


This relationship is many-to-many:
- One book may have several authors.
- One author may have written several books.

- We need a unique identifier for each book.
  - We already selected the ISBN as the primary key and asked Access to make sure that there are no duplicates
- We need a unique identifier for each author
  - We will define an author table with a unique ID for each author

authors table



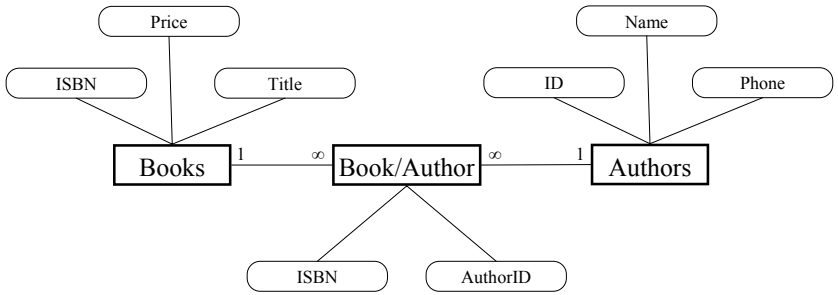
How do we link one book with many authors?

- We DO want:
  - » to link each book to one or more authors
- We DON'T want
  - » to specify extra fields (author1, author2, author3,…)
    - this is wasteful and limits the max number of authors
  - » to specify each book entry several times, naming a different author in each row
    - this duplicates all the other information about the book

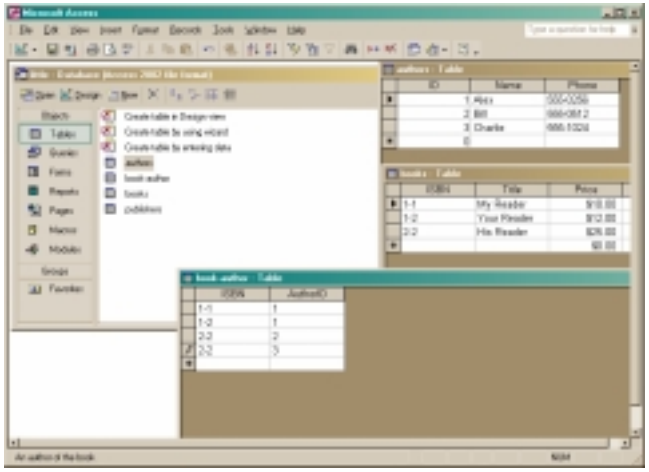
Add a cross-reference table!

- Refine the design so that it includes another table that is a book-author cross reference
  - » Each entity in the table is a single cross reference
    - Attribute: ISBN
    - Attribute: Author ID
  - » No primary key
- Now we can break the many-to-many relationship into two 1-to-many relationships that we already know how to implement

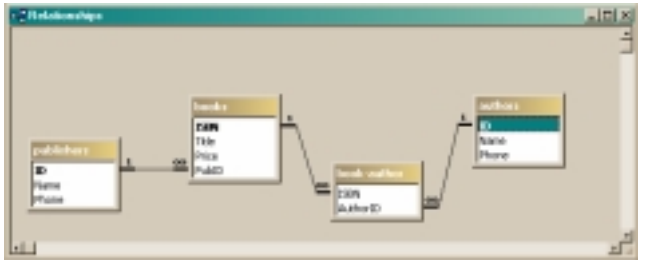
Define new cross-reference entities



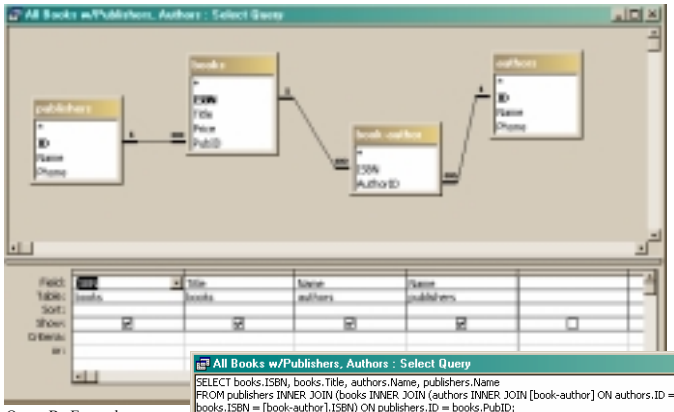
book-author table



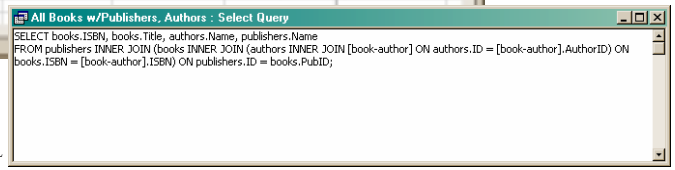
Define the new relationships



Define a query that uses the relationship



Query By Example



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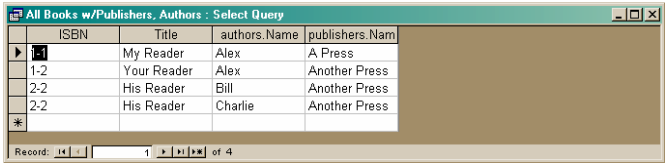
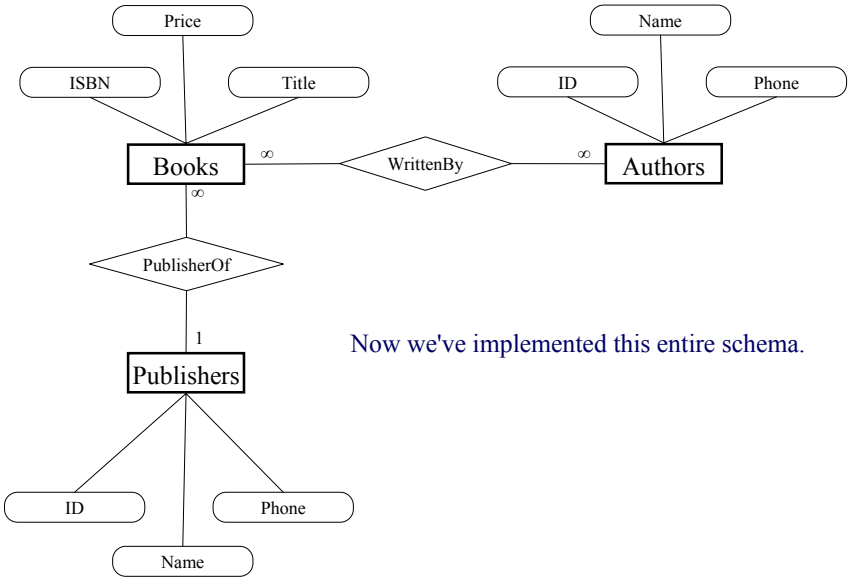
Get the new view of the data

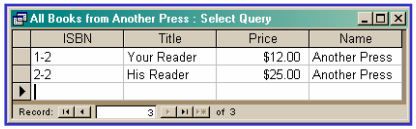


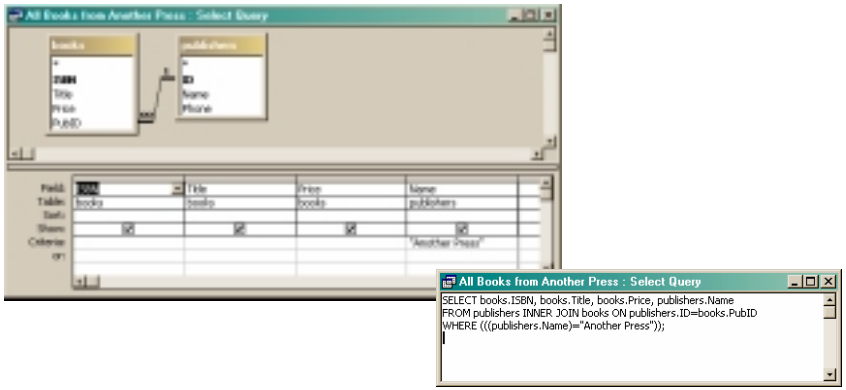
- Notice that this view has redundant data
  - » That's okay, because we are not storing it this way, just presenting it
  - » The redundant items (Alex, Another Press) came from a single entry in a table – they are guaranteed to be identical



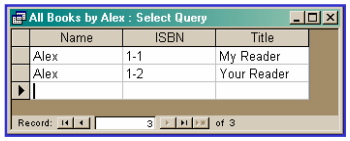
Now we've implemented this entire schema.

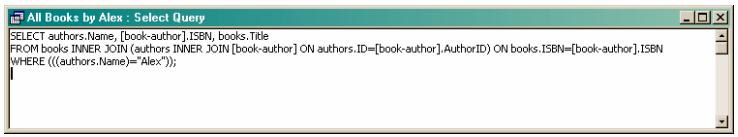
View: All Books from "Another Press"





View: All Books by Alex





View: All info about a given ISBN