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Subject: Re: How to filter by a parent field in a link1 transaction

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It is a simple question. The LINK1 pattern contains 2 tables (entities) called \$dbouter and \$dblink, so in which `_cm_pre_getData()` method are you trying to modify the 'where' string - in \$dbouter or \$dblink?

It sounds like you have 'team' as \$dbouter and 'team\_player\_xref' as \$dblink, and \$dblink then joins with 'player'.

By default the 'where' string which is extracted from \$dbouter and passed to \$dblink is the primary key of the database row in \$dbouter. If you wish to pass an extra value to \$dblink called 'date' then the first step you need to take is to obtain a value for 'date'. Your attempt to use the `_cm_pre_getData()` method in \$dbouter is totally wrong as you haven't even read the 'team' record yet. You can either put code in the `_cm_post_getData()` method to read the 'category' table AFTER you have obtained a value for `category_id` from the 'team' record, or you can read the 'category' table AT THE SAME TIME as reading the 'team' table by building an sql SELECT statement along the lines of

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SELECT ... FROM team LEFT JOIN category USING (category_id)
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You can have the framework do this automatically for you by modifying the relationship between 'category' and 'team' to specify which fields are to be returned from the 'category' table whenever the 'team' table is read. Please refer to

[http://www.tonymarston.net/php-mysql/menuguide/dict\\_relationship\(upd\).html](http://www.tonymarston.net/php-mysql/menuguide/dict_relationship(upd).html) and

<http://www.tonymarston.net/php-mysql/data-dictionary.html#sql.joins> for details.

To have the value for 'date' included in the 'where' string which is extracted from \$dbouter and passed to \$dblink you need to make use of the `_cm_filterWhere()` method.

As the value for 'date' is obtained from the 'category' table where 'category\_id' is obtained from the 'team' table, you could even put your code in the `_cm_pre_getData()` method of \$dblink before you build the sql SELECT statement.

Once you have got this far you need to look at the sql SELECT statement which is issued by \$dblink - either by stepping through with your debugger or using the facilities described in <http://www.tonymarston.net/php-mysql/infrastructure-faq.html#faq51>. Then you need to identify what changes need to be made to this statement in order to achieve the result that you want, then make the changes as described in either

<http://www.tonymarston.net/php-mysql/infrastructure-faq.html#faq08> or

<http://www.tonymarston.net/php-mysql/infrastructure-faq.html#faq84>.

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