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Subject: Compound foreign keys in linking tables

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Given the tables and relationships below, can you explain how to make the LINK1 relationship work from books to audiences?

I tried by defining a CALCULATED parent field for book to book\_audiences with calculated field of CONCAT(book\_type, ' ', book\_name) AS book\_type\_name.

It gave me an SQL error.

I also tried with just using book\_type as the parent field, unsuccessfully.

Is this possible? I don't see any examples of compound keys in linking tables in your demos.

```
CREATE TABLE book (  
  book_type char(3),  
  book_name character varying(100),  
  book_desc character varying(1000),  
  PRIMARY KEY (book_type, book_name)  
);
```

```
CREATE TABLE audience (  
  aud_type char(3),  
  aud_name character varying(100),  
  aud_desc character varying(1000),  
  PRIMARY KEY (aud_type, aud_name)  
);
```

```
CREATE TABLE book_audience (  
  book_type char(3),  
  book_name character varying(100),  
  aud_type char(3),  
  aud_name character varying(100),  
  PRIMARY KEY (book_type, book_name, aud_type, aud_name),  
  FOREIGN KEY (book_type, book_name) references book (book_type, book_name),  
  FOREIGN KEY (aud_type, aud_name) references audience (aud_type, aud_name)  
);
```

Thanks.

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