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Subject: Re: many to many and field names

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I avoid conventions like this because they cause more problems than they solve, just like the problem you have just encountered. See

<http://www.tonymarston.net/php-mysql/technicalkeys.html#worse1> for a more detailed explanation of this problem.

Your problem is that the WHERE clause passed down from the parent form contains "id='something'" but the column name 'id' has to be translated into either 'employee\_id' or 'group\_id' depending on the parent form. It would be possible to obtain the name of the previous form using either the `getPreviousScript()` or `getPreviousTask()` functions, but I would strongly recommend dropping that convention and change the primary key for each table so that instead of 'id' you have '<tablename>\_id' instead. This will cause fewer problems in the long run.

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