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Subject: Re: flexible approach

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In the first place you have misunderstood when to apply the contents of that article. It is used to replace a single record with a large number of fields with a separate record for each field, but all still on the same table.

In the second place the arrows on your diagram are going in the wrong direction, which is confusing. The direction should be from ONE to MANY, primary key to foreign key.

I do not understand what you mean by "change the type of value". Table EQP\_DATA has VALUE and EQP\_ATTRIB\_ID, and EQP\_ATTRIB\_ID supplies a value for EQP\_ATTRIB\_TYPE\_ID. This means that a value is applied to an attribute, and an attribute has a type. A value is not linked directly with a type.

When you create a record on EQP\_DATA you must supply a value for EQP\_ATTRIB\_ID which in turn supplies a value for EQP\_ATTRIB\_TYPE\_ID. You therefore cannot change to a different EQP\_ATTRIB\_TYPE\_ID without changing EQP\_ATTRIB\_ID.

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