

Subtipos

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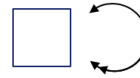
Los subtipos nos permiten indicarle a GeneXus cómo asociar distintos nombres de atributo a un mismo concepto.

Cases of Subtypes

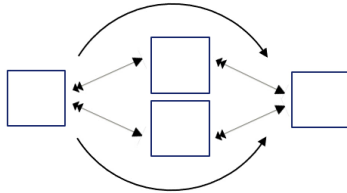
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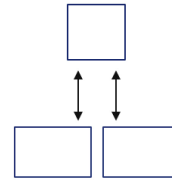
Recursive Subtypes



Indirect references



Specialization



En cursos anteriores, hemos analizado y estudiado diferentes casos en los que definimos grupos de subtipos para resolver los conflictos o ambigüedades que surgen en nuestras aplicaciones.

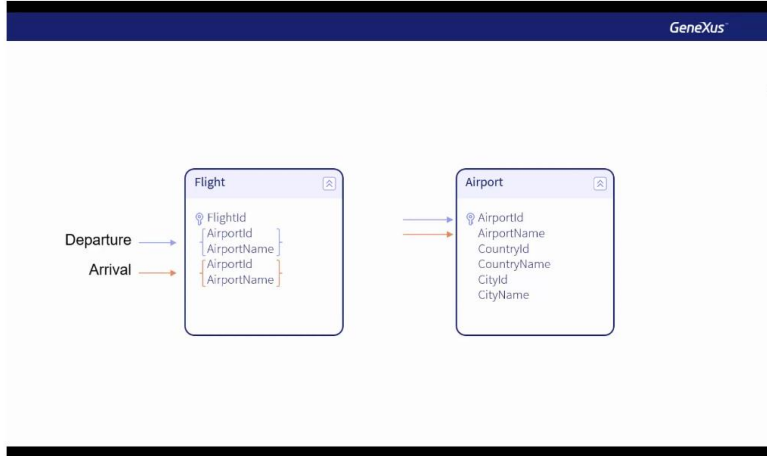
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Comenzamos con el ejemplo más simple, donde teníamos una doble referencia a un mismo concepto, pero con distintos roles.

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classDiagram
    class Flight {
        FlightId
        AirportId
        AirportName
        AirportName
    }
    class Airport {
        AirportId
        CountryName
        City
        CityName
    }
    Flight --> Airport : Departure
    Flight --> Airport : Arrival
  
```

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Era el caso en el que nos solicitaban poder registrar tanto el aeropuerto de partida como el aeropuerto de llegada de determinado vuelo:

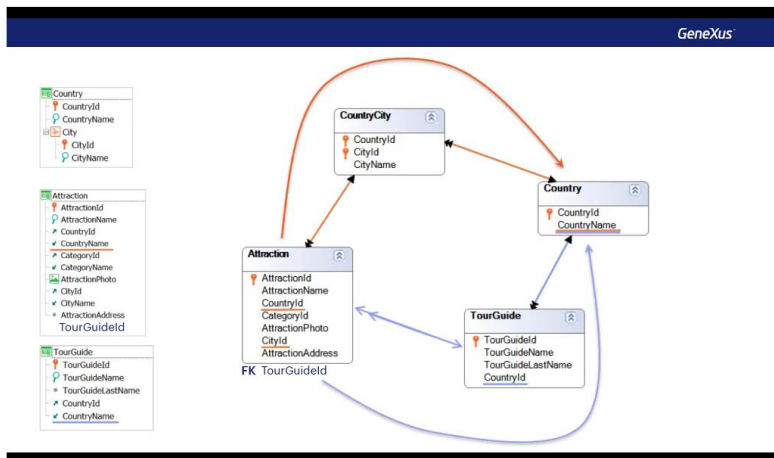
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Más adelante, estudiamos un caso de referencias múltiples indirectas, ya que, dada una tabla, teníamos dos caminos para llegar a otra:



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```

classDiagram
    class Country {
        CountryId
        CityName
    }
    class CountryCity {
        CountryId
        CityName
    }
    class Attraction {
        AttractionId
        AttractionName
        CountryId
        CategoryId
        AttractionPhoto
        CityId
        AttractionAddress
        TourGuideId
    }
    class TourGuide {
        TourGuideId
        TourGuideName
        TourGuideLastName
        CountryId
    }
    Country <|-- CountryCity
    Attraction "0..*" -- "0..*" CountryCity
    Attraction "1" -- "0..*" TourGuide
    CountryCity "1" -- "0..*" TourGuide
    
```

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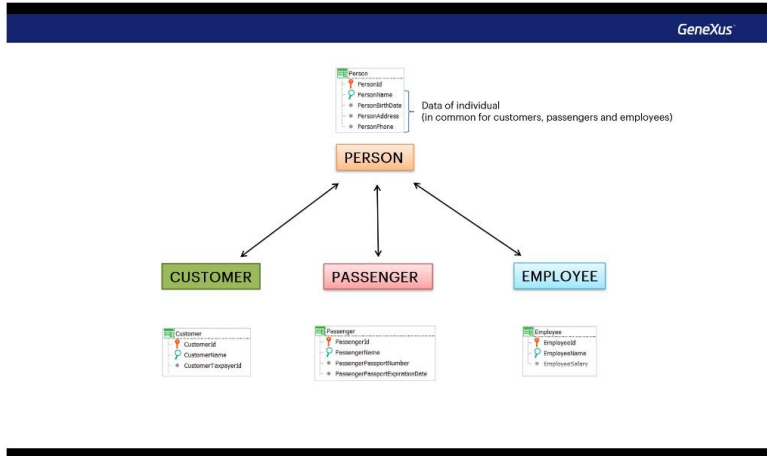
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En este mismo video, vimos un caso de uso de subtipos para representar una especialización, donde una transacción registraba la información común de las personas, y otras transacciones (especializaciones de la primera) registraban la información particular.

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En este otro video, nos adentramos aún más en un caso de referencia múltiple indirecta, cuando debimos registrar los tours ofrecidos a los clientes de la agencia de viajes para visitar las atracciones turísticas de una ciudad determinada.

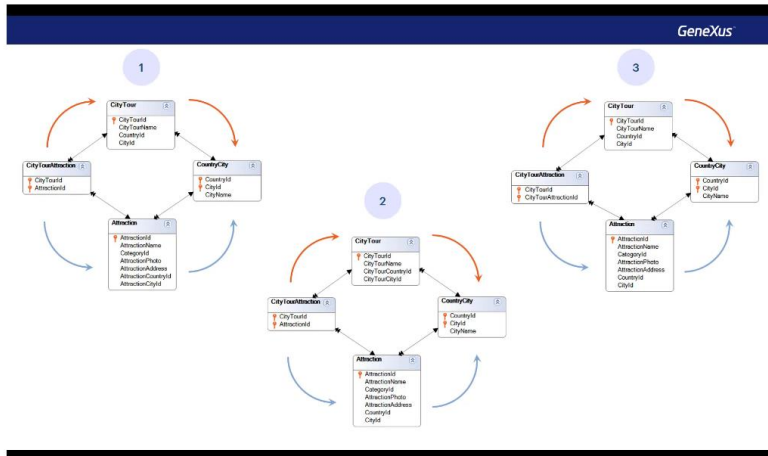
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En este ejemplo, analizamos exhaustivamente el problema con sus diferentes soluciones, cada una con sus ventajas y desventajas, destacando la importancia de estudiar cada caso particular y determinar utilizar subtipos realmente cuando y donde se necesitan y no arbitrariamente.

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
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Presentamos también un caso de uso de subtipos recursivos, donde una entidad debía auto referenciarse:

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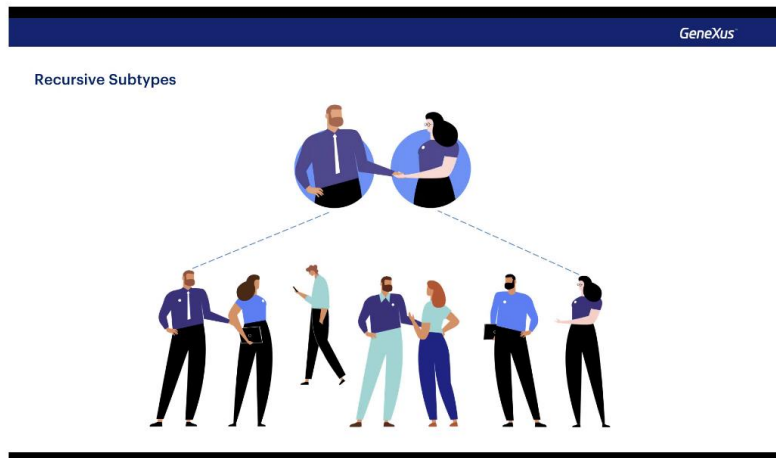
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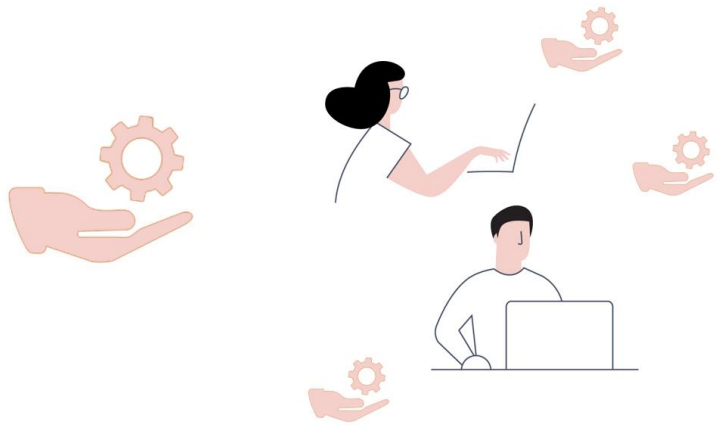
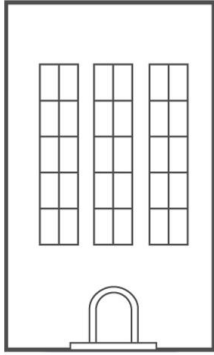
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Se trataba de la realidad en la que representábamos la información de los empleados de la agencia de viajes, donde cada empleado podía ser, a su vez, gerente de otro u otros empleados.

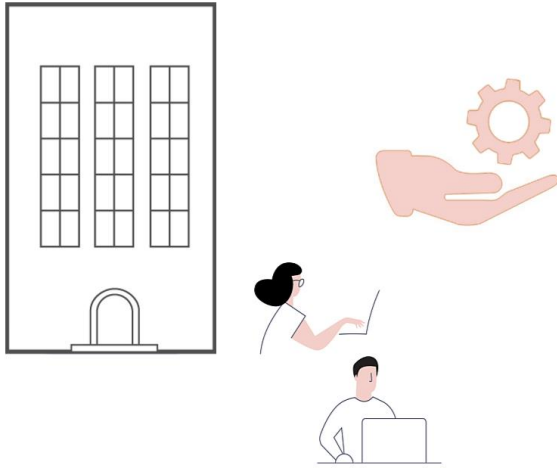
New case: Avoid referential relationship



Estudiamos ahora un último ejemplo en el que debemos evitar la relación referencial.

Supongamos que debemos modelar las transacciones para una realidad en la que se tienen empresas y servicios que éstas pueden contratar (como, por ejemplo, un servicio de emergencia médica). A su vez, las empresas tienen empleados que también pueden tener contratados servicios que no tienen por qué coincidir con los de la empresa para la que trabajan. Nos interesa registrar esos servicios de los empleados porque así, si, por ejemplo, muchos empleados tienen contratado determinado servicio de emergencia médica, puede intentarse un convenio con ese servicio para obtener algún beneficio.

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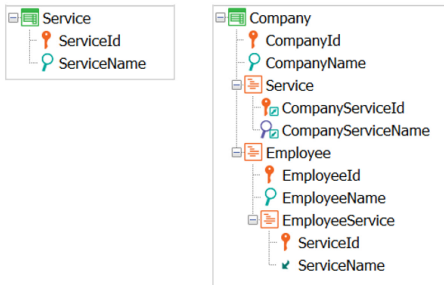


Employees can only work in one company, but they are not to be represented as a strong entity, but as dependent on the company.

En nuestra realidad, los empleados solamente pueden trabajar en una empresa, pero no se los quiere representar como una entidad fuerte, sino dependiente de la empresa. Veamos estas dos soluciones propuestas, donde una es correcta y la otra no lo es.

Two possible solutions

Solution A)

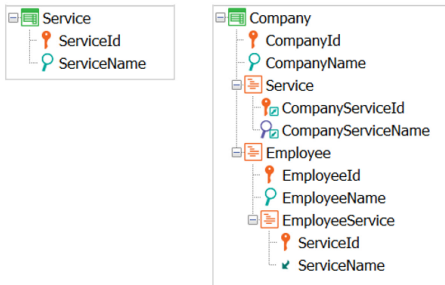


Subtype	Description	Supertype	Description
CompanyService			
• CompanyServiceId	Company Service Id	ServiceId	Service Id
• CompanyServiceName	Company Service Name	ServiceName	Service Name

A) La primera solución sería creando estas dos transacciones y el siguiente grupo de subtipos:

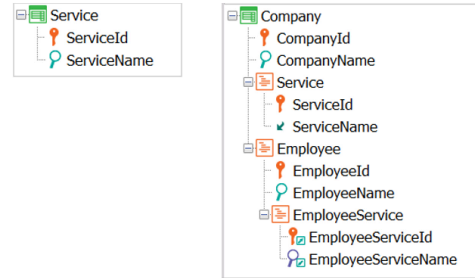
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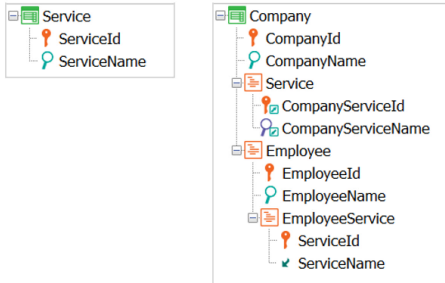


Subtype	Description	Supertype	Description
EmployeeService			
• EmployeeServiceId	Employee Service Id	ServiceId	Service Id
• EmployeeServiceName	Employee Service Name	ServiceName	Service Name

B) y la segunda solución sería creando estas dos transacciones y el siguiente grupo de subtipos:

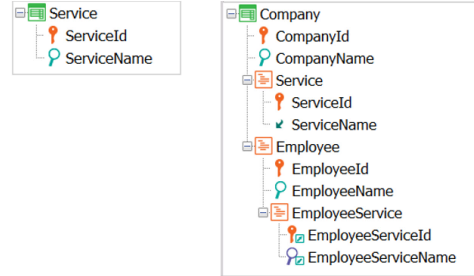
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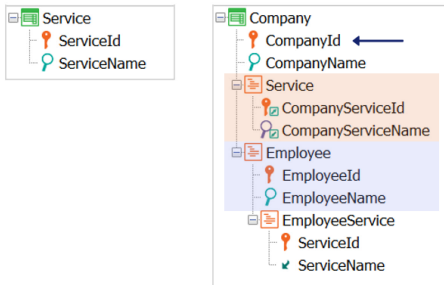


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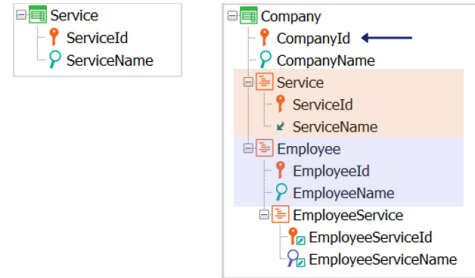
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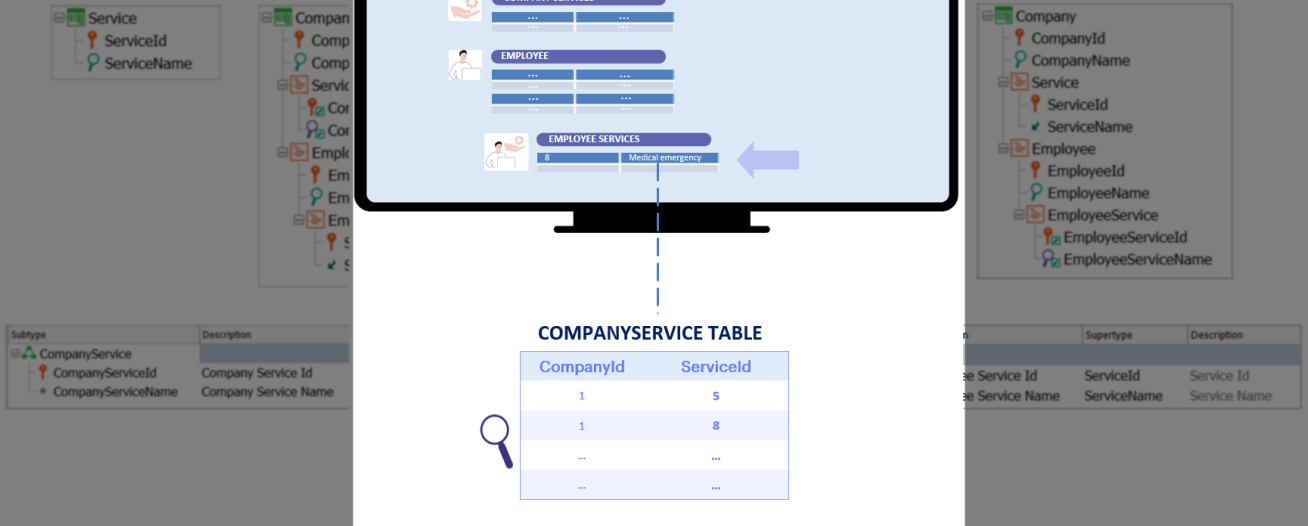


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Si observamos con detenimiento, en la transacción Company tenemos dos niveles paralelos: Service y Employee. Esto significa que todo lo que se infiera de cualquiera de estos niveles corresponderá a la misma compañía. Sin embargo, no queremos que el servicio del empleado exista como servicio de la empresa, puesto que en nuestra realidad el empleado podría tener contratados servicios diferentes a los de la compañía para la que trabaja.

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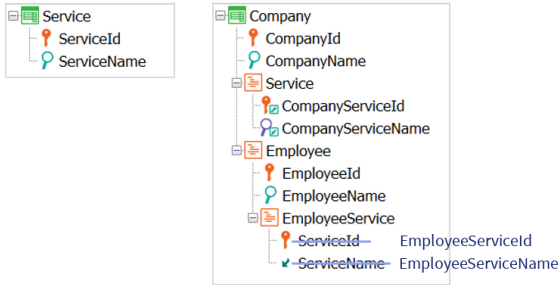
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Dicho de otro modo: no queremos que se chequee cuando el usuario ingresa en el grid de servicios del empleado que el servicio ingresado exista como registro en la tabla correspondiente a Company.Service.

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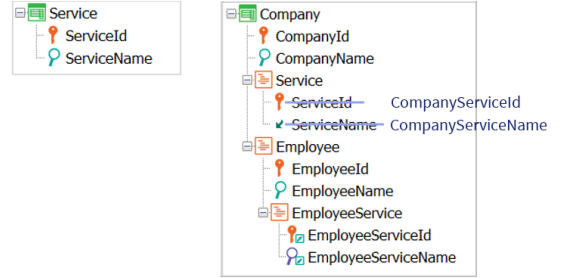
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EmployeeService			
EmployeeServiceId	...	ServiceId	...
EmployeeServiceName	...	ServiceName	...

Solution B)



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• EmployeeServiceName	Employee Service Name	ServiceName	Service Name

CompanyService			
CompanyServiceId	...	ServiceId	...
CompanyServiceName	...	ServiceName	...

Es claro que necesitamos definir un grupo de subtipos, puesto que en la misma transacción GeneXus no nos permitirá repetir el mismo nombre de atributo. La pregunta que surge entonces es: ¿da lo mismo definirlo en un nivel que en el otro? La respuesta es no. Podríamos definir dos grupos de subtipos y acabaríamos con el problema, pero, como ya hemos visto en videos anteriores, no es buena práctica definir más subtipos que los estrictamente necesarios, pues nunca es exactamente lo mismo tener el subtipo que tener el supertipo, como quedará claro con este ejemplo.

Two possible solutions

Solution A)

```

Service
{
  ServiceId
  ServiceName
}

```

```

Company
{
  CompanyId
  CompanyName
  Service
  {
    ServiceId
    ServiceName
  }
  Employee
  {
    EmployeeId
    EmployeeName
    EmployeeService
    {
      ServiceId
      ServiceName
    }
  }
}

```



PK {CompanyId, ServiceId}

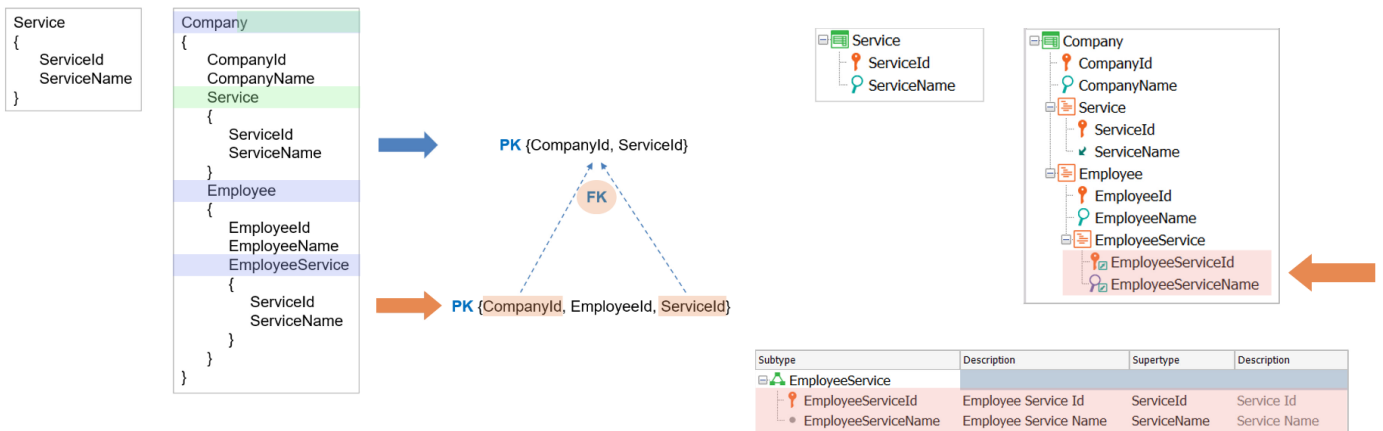


PK {CompanyId, EmployeeId, ServiceId}

FK

Por lo tanto, para resolver el problema nos alcanza con un único grupo. ¿Por qué, entonces, la solución correcta es la A) y no la B)? Es que, si GeneXus nos permitiera repetir el mismo nombre de atributo, claramente encontraría que en la tabla asociada al nivel Company.Employee.EmployeeService, de clave primaria {CompanyId, EmployeeId, ServiceId} los atributos {CompanyId, ServiceId} conformarían una clave foránea a la tabla correspondiente al nivel Company.Service (ya que su clave primaria sería {CompanyId, ServiceId}).

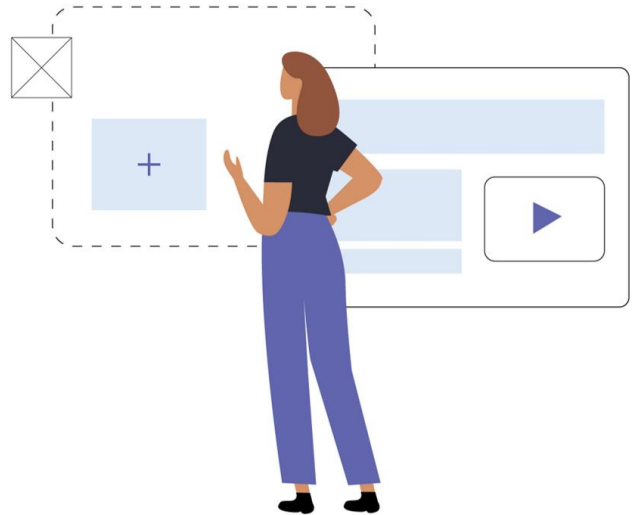
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Pero si lo que hacemos es cambiar el nombre (con un subtipo) de ServiceId en la tabla en la que este atributo es parte de una clave foránea, esto no elimina para GeneXus su función referencial.

Subtypes are a compromise solution to solve problems and should be used cautiously.



Tanto estos casos más complejos como los más simples son comunes en aplicaciones de la vida real, y es el desarrollador quien deberá analizar los pros y contras de las diferentes soluciones para encontrar la que más se adecúe a cada caso en particular, recordando siempre que los subtipos son una solución de compromiso para resolver problemas y que deben usarse a discreción.

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