

# Referential integrity

## Definition

Referential integrity of data files is the degree to which [data values](#) of the [primary key](#) of one [data file](#) and data values of the [foreign key](#) of another [data file](#) are equal.

## Relations

Referential integrity is a [characteristic](#) of a [data file](#) in relation to another [data file](#).

## Example(s)

98% of the employee records pointed to a department record.

## Reference(s)

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