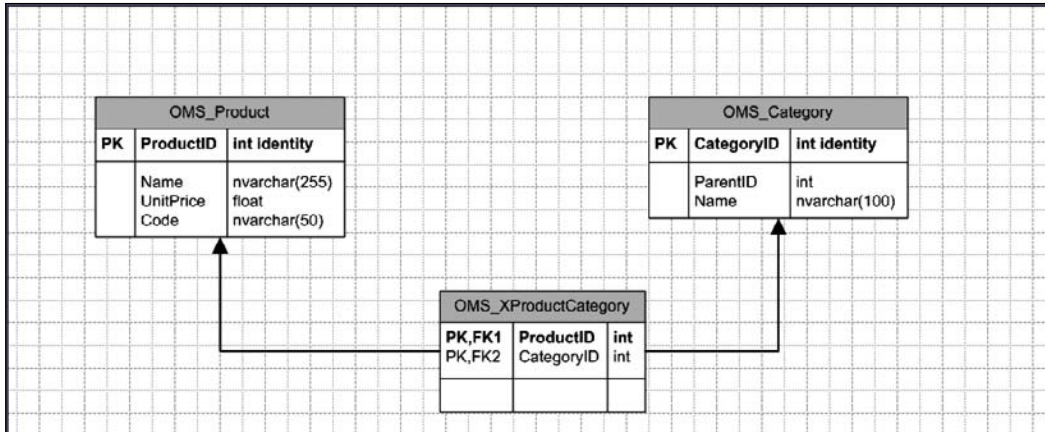


When creating a relationship, always remember that the arrow should point from the dependent entity to the parent entity. In the above case, *Order* is dependent on *Customer*, so we have the relationship diagram from the *Order* table to the *Customer* table.

To create a many-to-many (m:n) relationship, we need to create a separate table that can hold such a relationship. Such tables are sometimes referred to as mapping tables or cross tables.

In our ER diagram, there is a many-to-many relationship between the *Product* and *Category* entities. Each product can belong to multiple categories, so we cannot put *CategoryID* in the *Product* table as an Foreign Key (FK) because then we will be restricting each *Product* row to have only one *Category* (which would be a one-to-many relationship). Similarly, each *Category* can have multiple products listed under it, so we cannot add *ProductID* as a foreign key in the *Category* table, because then we will have a one-to-many relationship between *Category* and *Products*. So to have a many-to-many relationship, we need to create a new table which will contain only the *ProductID* and *CategoryID* columns, so that we can add multiple combinations of *Product-Category* to it. We will do this by creating a table named: *OMS_XProductCategory*. We can use any naming convention here but it is better to follow a certain standard and stick to it.

Here we have used "x" to signify that this table is a "cross" table. Once we have created the table, we will drag and drop two relationship connectors onto our drawing and add relationships from both of the OMS_Product and OMS_Category tables to the OMS_XProductCategory table as shown here:



After adding the ProductID and CategoryID, we mark them as required (by checking **Req'd** in the **Database Properties** box) and set them both as the Primary Key (PK), making the combination of CategoryID and ProductID a **Composite key** in the OMS_XProductCategory table.

Here is the final physical data model, after adding all of the relationships and data types:

