

## What is the difference between ManyToOne and OneToMany?

*OneToMany* composition is useful when you wish for TransferObjects on both sides of the relationship to see each other, or for the Parent to have a collection of the child objects attached to it.

A *ManyToOne* collection is useful when, either for application design, or performance reasons, you only want an Objects to load one side of the relationship, and not generate a collection of Objects.

For example, if I have a series of Comments on a Blog Post, I want the Post to have a collection of Comments on it, so I would use a *OneToMany*.

However, if I had a Product with which I could generate hundreds of Orders, I would build my Order object with a *ManyToOne* to my Product, so that a Order would have a Product attached, and the Product would have no need to be aware of it's Orders.

In other words, you can think of *OneToMany* as One**With**Many, and *ManyToOne* as **one of** Many**With**One.

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