ORM2 reference modes hide binary 1-to-1 relationships that are used to uniquely identify an entity object by a value object. There are three kinds of reference modes: popular, general, and unit-based. As non-standard extension you can use the reference mode syntax to implicitly specify a supertype.

- **Popular**: `Person (.name)`
  - `Person` → `PersonName`
  - `Person (.name)` is identical to `Person .name`
  - Reference mode: popular

- **General**: `Page (URL)`
  - `Page` → `URL`
  - `Page (URL)` is identical to `Page URL`
  - Reference mode: general

- **Unit-based**: `Mass (kg:)`
  - `Mass` → `kgValue`
  - `Mass (kg:)` is identical to `Mass kgValue`
  - Reference mode: unit-based

- **Dimension**: `Price ($:Money)`
  - `Price` → `$Value`
  - `Price ($:Money)` is identical to `Price $Value`
  - Reference mode: dimension

- **Supertype**: `Article (:Text)`
  - `Article` → `TextValue`
  - `Article (:Text)` is identical to `Article TextValue`
  - Reference mode: supertype