Relationships between C++ Classes

Relationship	Diagram	Code	Explanation
Inheritance D "is-a" B	B	class D : public B { };	Derived class D is a specialization of the Base class B. D inherits all the members of B
Composition Ownership, P is "part-of" C	C • P	class C { Private: P p; };	Composite class C owns, or contains, a part class P. P is created and destroyed with C. The interface of P is visible only to C, not its clients.
Aggregation Ownership, P is "part-of" A	A >— P	class A { Void fun() { P* ptrP = new P(); } };	The Aggregator class A owns a part class P. P is created by a member function of A, and so its lifetime is strictly less than that of A. A is expected to destroy P.
Using Referral: U uses R through a reference	U R	<pre>public class U { public void register(R& r) { // use r } };</pre>	A class U uses instance of class R, to which it holds a reference. R is created by some other entity and a reference to it is passed to some member function of class U.