**Aggregation in Java**

# Heading 1

If a class have an entity reference, it is known as Aggregation. Aggregation represents HAS-A relationship.

Consider a situation, Employee object contains many informations such as id, name, emailId etc. It contains one more object named address, which contains its own informations such as city, state, country, zipcode etc. as given below.

1. **class** Employee{
2. **int** id;
3. String name;
4. Address address;//Address is a class
5. ...
6. }

In such case, Employee has an entity reference address, so relationship is Employee HAS-A address.

### **Why use Aggregation?**

* For Code Reusability.

ence of Operation class in the Circle class.

1. **class** Operation{
2. **int** square(**int** n){
3. **return** n\*n;
4. }
5. }
7. **class** Circle{
8. Operation op;//aggregation
9. **double** pi=3.14;
11. **double** area(**int** radius){
12. op=**new** Operation();
13. **int** rsquare=op.square(radius);//code reusability (i.e. delegates the method call).
14. **return** pi\*rsquare;
15. }


19. **public** **static** **void** main(String args[]){
20. Circle c=**new** Circle();
21. **double** result=c.area(5);
22. System.out.println(result);
23. }
24. }

[**Test it Now**](http://www.javatpoint.com/opr/test.jsp?filename=Circle)

Output:78.5

### **When use Aggregation?**

* Code reuse is also best achieved by aggregation when there is no is-a relationship.
* Inheritance should be used only if the relationship is-a is maintained throughout the lifetime of the objects involved; otherwise, aggregation is the best choice.