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Homework Assignment 7

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The deadline for this assignment is Dec 10, 23:59. Hand in the assignments via email to jonathan.brachthaeuser@uni-tuebingen.de. Please include all names of the group members in your email.

1 Fragile Base Class Problem

Answer the following questions regarding the Fragile Base Class Problem:

1. What is the fragile base class problem?
2. Think about forwarding vs. delegation. How does this relate to the fragile base class problem? Why are private methods not a problem?
3. Find a possible instance of the fragile base class problem in real world software. Describe the problem in terms of this particular instance.
4. How can the decorator pattern be seen as a solution to the fragile base class problem? Try to express (do only sketch the program) the above found problem using the decorator pattern.