

# Object Adapter

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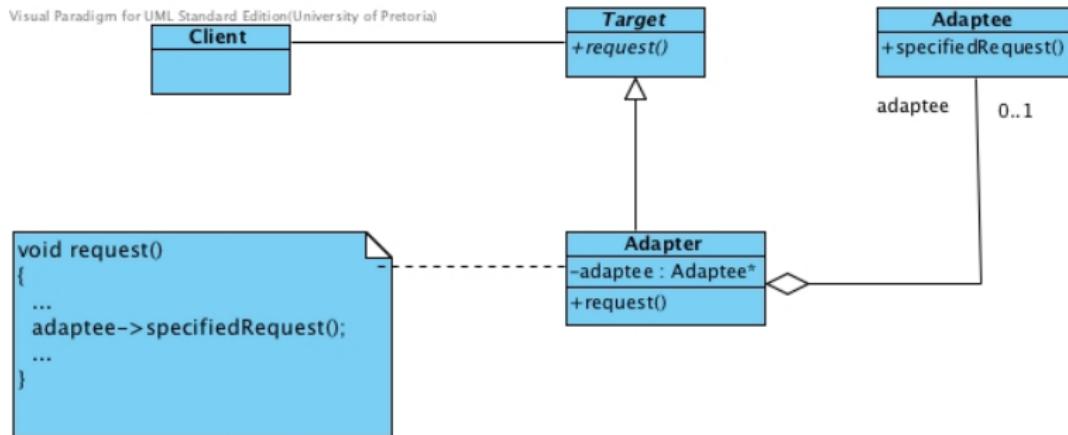
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## **Name and Classification:** Adapter (Object and Class Structural)

**Intent:** “Convert an interface of a class into another interface clients expect. Adapter lets classes work together that couldn’t otherwise because of incompatible interfaces. ”

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# Object Adapter



- Used to modify existing interfaces make it work after it has been designed
- Object Adapter makes use of object composition to delegate to Adaptee.

## Target

- Domain specific interface used by the client

## Adapter

- Adapts the interface of Adaptee to the Target interface

## Adaptee

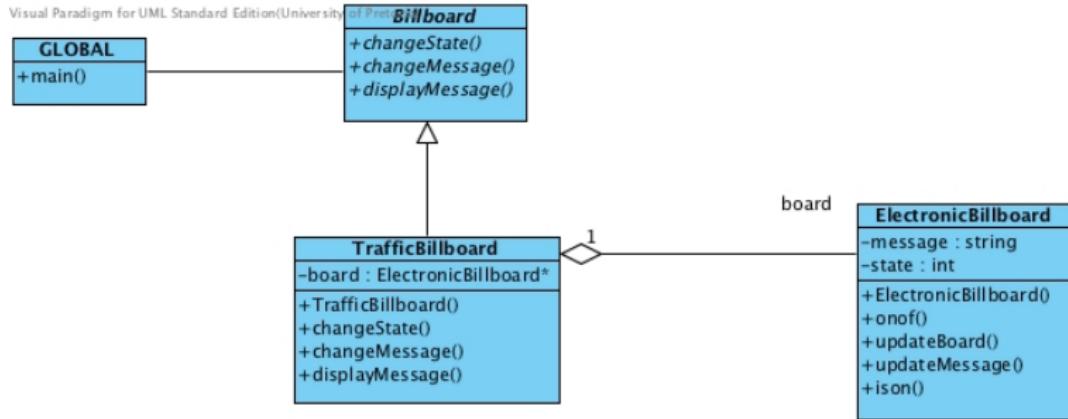
- The existing interface that needs to be adapted

## Client

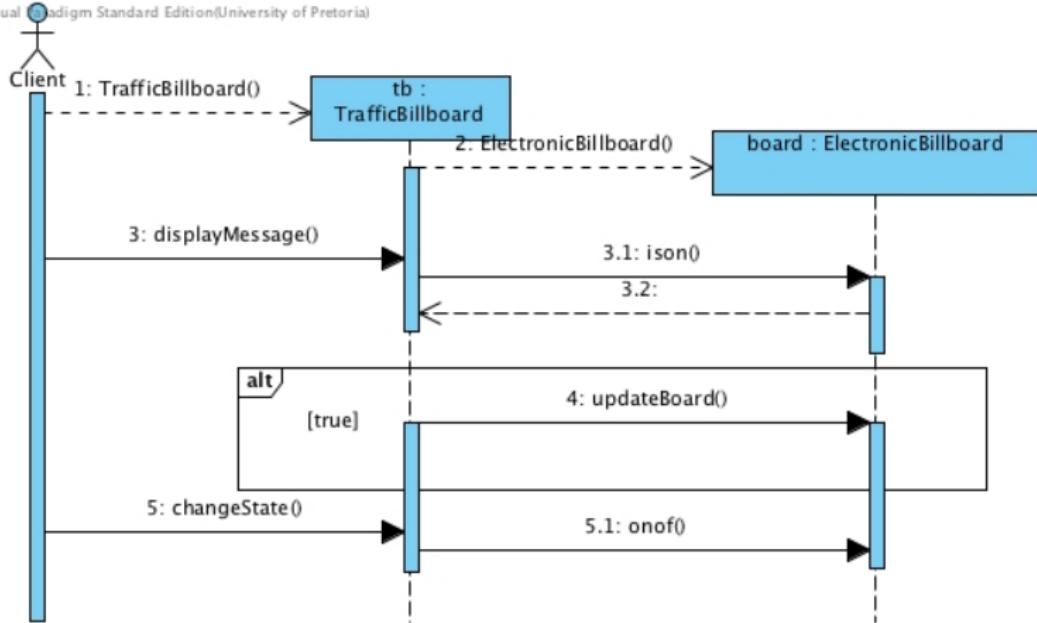
- Manipulates objects conforming to the interface specified by the abstract class

## Target

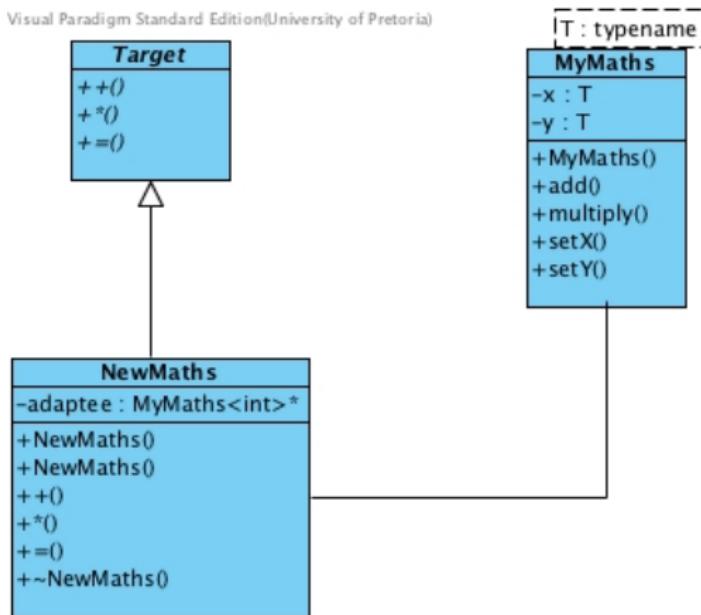
- **Bridge ()** : Structurally they are similar. However their intent is different, the Adapter changes the interface while the Bridge separates the implementation from the interface.
- **Decorator ()** : Enhances an object without changing the interface.
- **Proxy ()** : Defines a surrogate of to an object without changing its interface.



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```
#ifndef MYMATHS_H
#define MYMATHS_H

template <typename T>
class MyMaths {
public:
    MyMaths(T, T);
    T add ();
    T multiply ();
//protected:
    void setX(T);
    void setY(T);
private:
    T x;
    T y;
};

#include "MyMaths.cpp"

#endif
```

```
template <typename T>
MyMaths<T>::MyMaths(T v1, T v2)
{
    x = v1;
    y = v2;
}
```

```
template <typename T>
T MyMaths<T>::add()
{
    return x + y;
}
```

```
template <typename T>
T MyMaths<T>::multiply()
{
    return x * y;
}
```

```
template <typename T>
void MyMaths<T>::setX(T object)
{
    x = object;
}

template <typename T>
void MyMaths<T>::setY(T object)
{
    y = object;
}
```

T must be:

- assignable
- copy constructible; and
- operators + and \* must be defined

```
#ifndef TARGET_H
#define TARGET_H

class Target {
public:
    virtual int operator+(int) = 0;
    virtual int operator*(int) = 0;
    virtual int operator=(int) = 0;
};

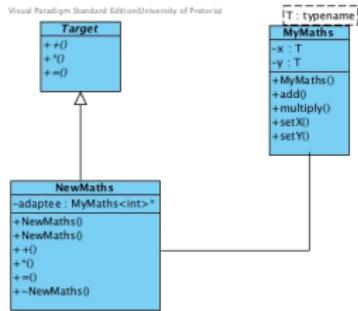
#endif
```

```
#ifndef NEWMATHS_H
#define NEWMATHS_H

#include "Target.h"
#include "MyMaths.h"

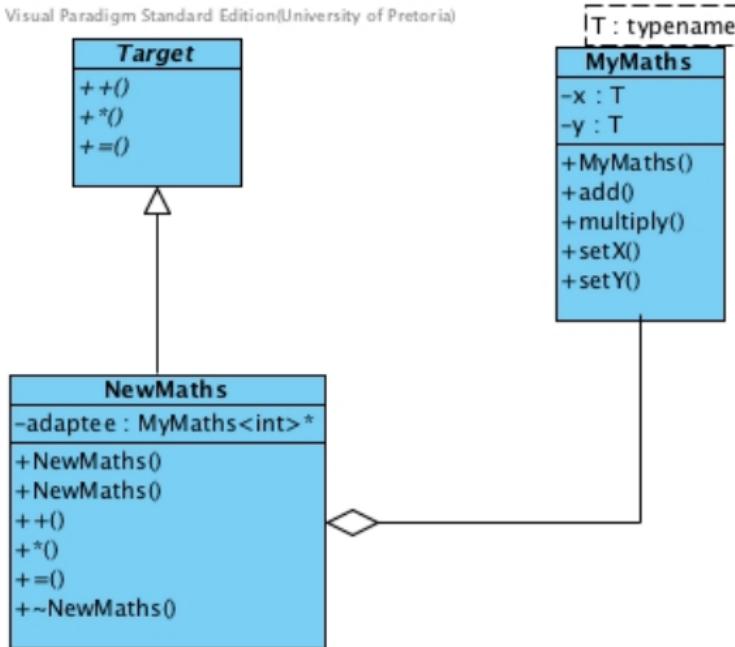
class NewMaths : public Target
{
public:
    NewMaths();
    NewMaths(int);
    virtual int operator+(int);
    virtual int operator*(int);
    virtual int operator=(int);
    ~NewMaths();
private:
    MyMaths<int>*> adaptee;
};

#endif
```



Visual paradigm draws the association between NewMaths and MyMaths without a specific type.

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```
#include <iostream>
#include "Target.h"
#include "NewMaths.h"

using namespace std;

int main()
{
    Target* obj = new NewMaths(4);

    int temp;
    temp = (*obj +3);
    cout << temp << endl;

    *obj = 10;
    temp = (*obj + 3);
    cout << temp << endl;

    return 0;
}
```