Structural Pattern: Adapter

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Describing the Adapter Pattern

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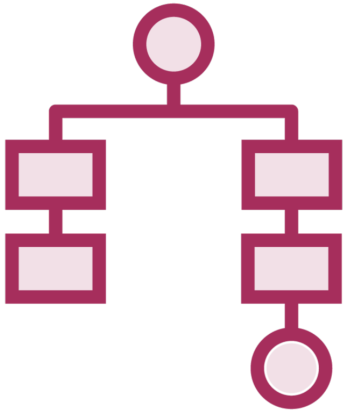

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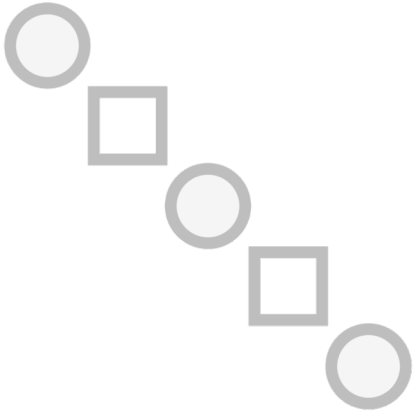

Behavioral

Adapter

The intent of this pattern is to convert the interface of a class into another interface clients expect. Adapter lets classes work together that couldn't otherwise because of incompatible interfaces.

Describing the Object Adapter Pattern

CityFromExternalSystem
string Name
string NickName
int Inhabitants

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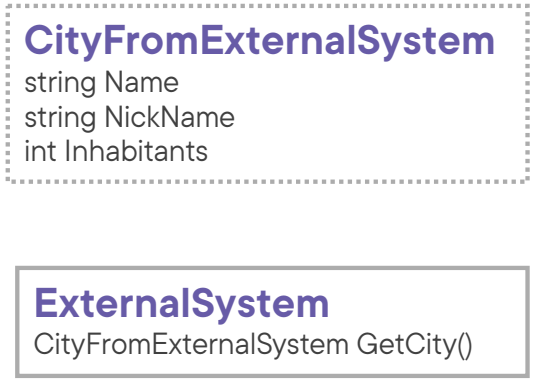

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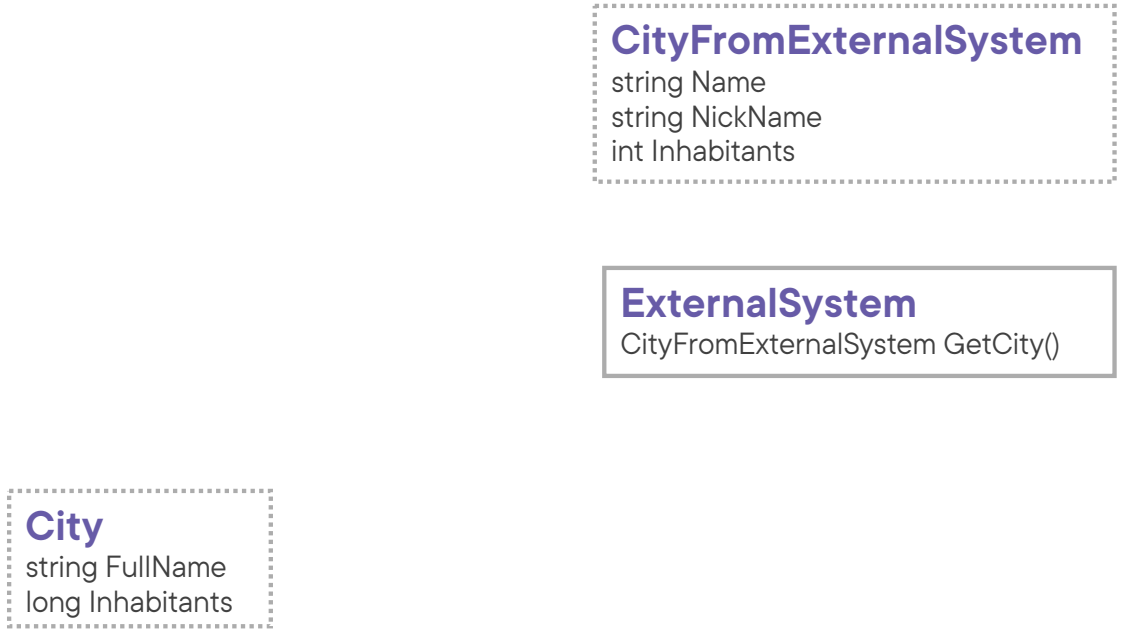

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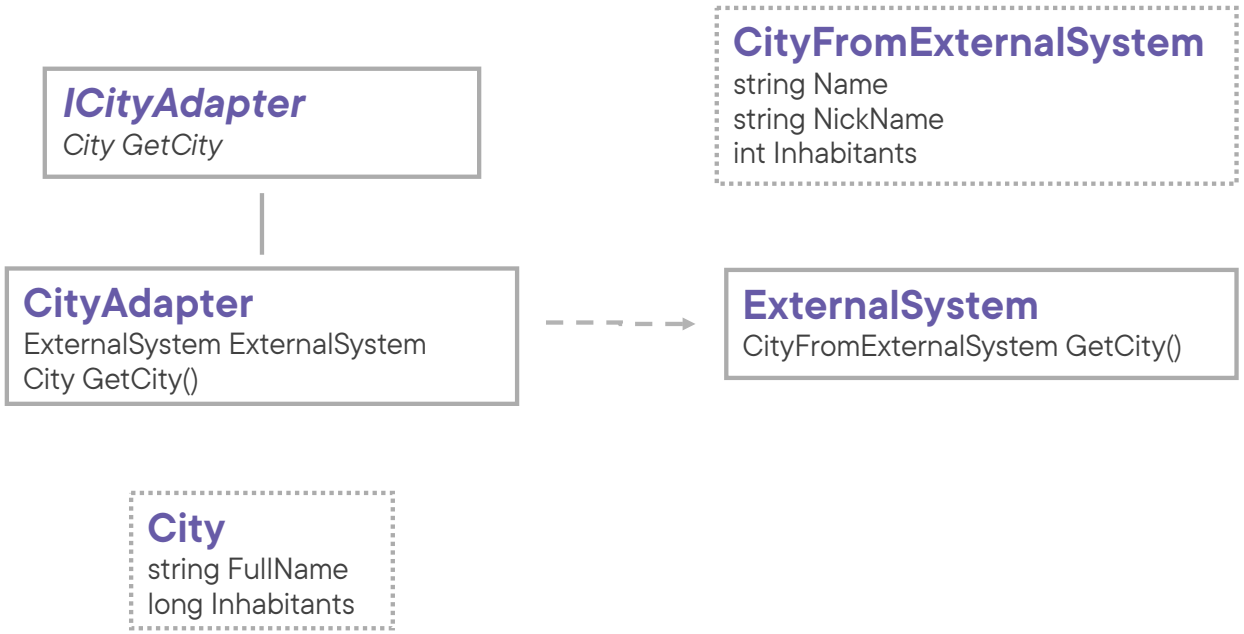

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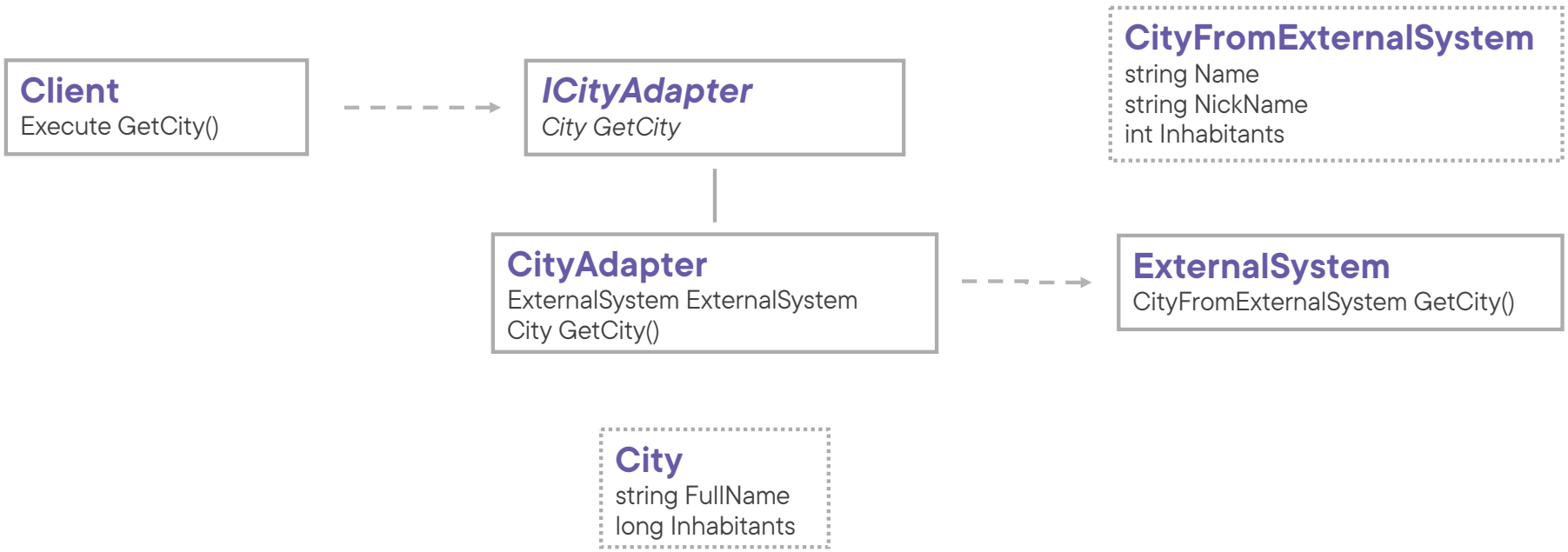

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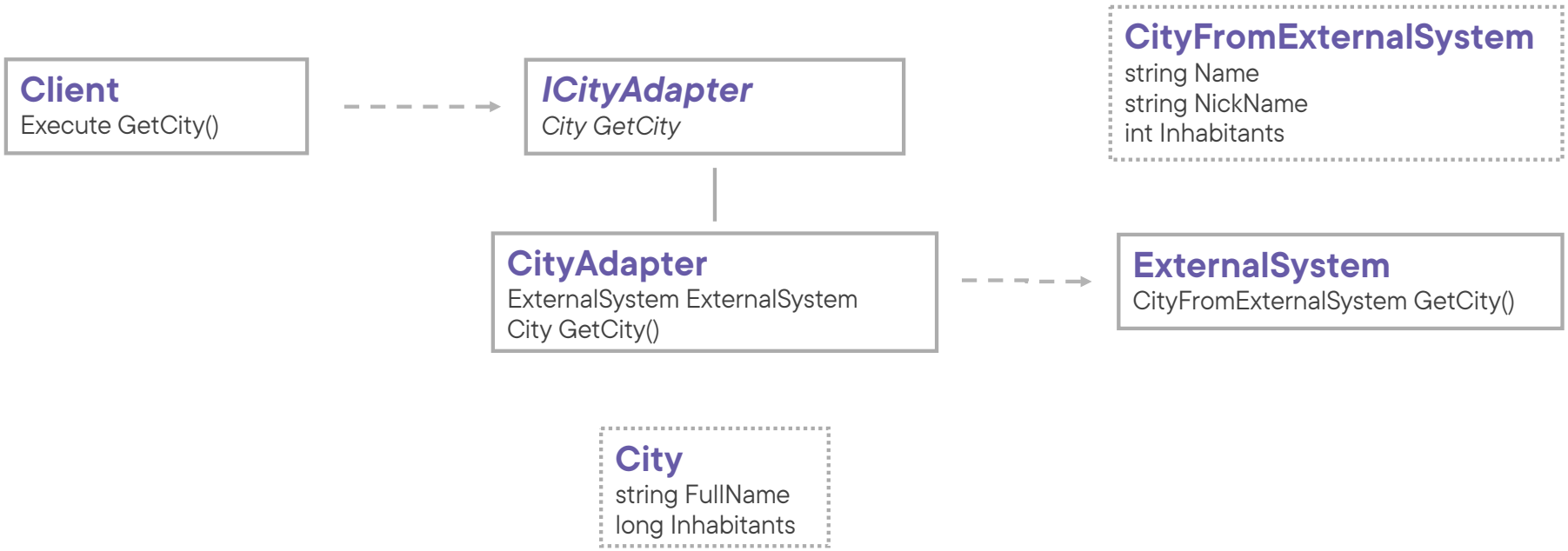

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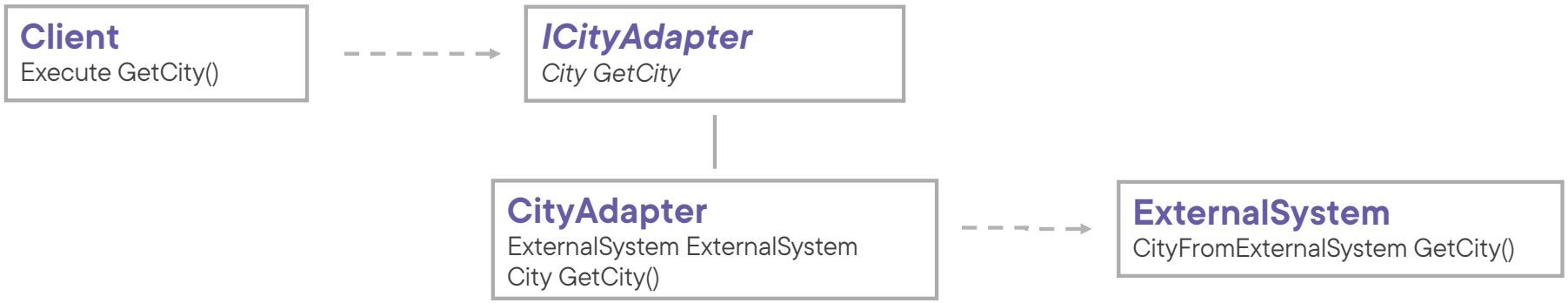

Adaptee defines an existing interface that needs to be adapted

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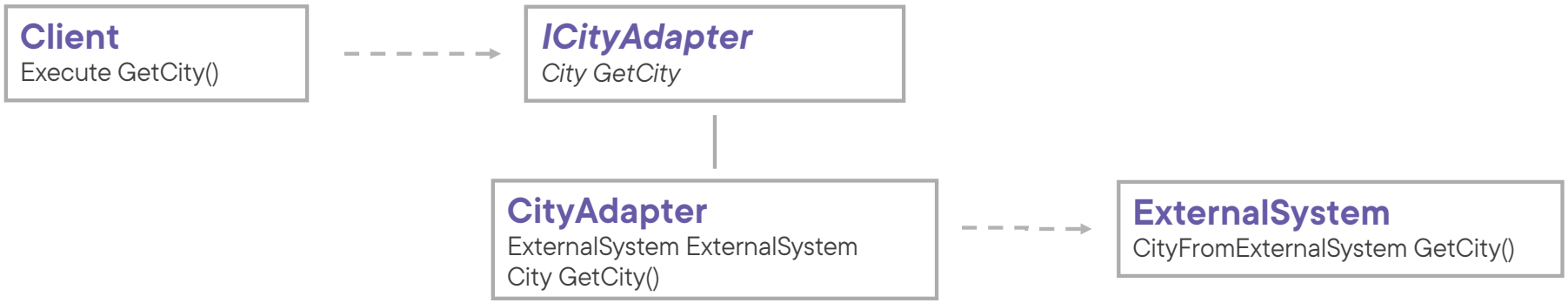

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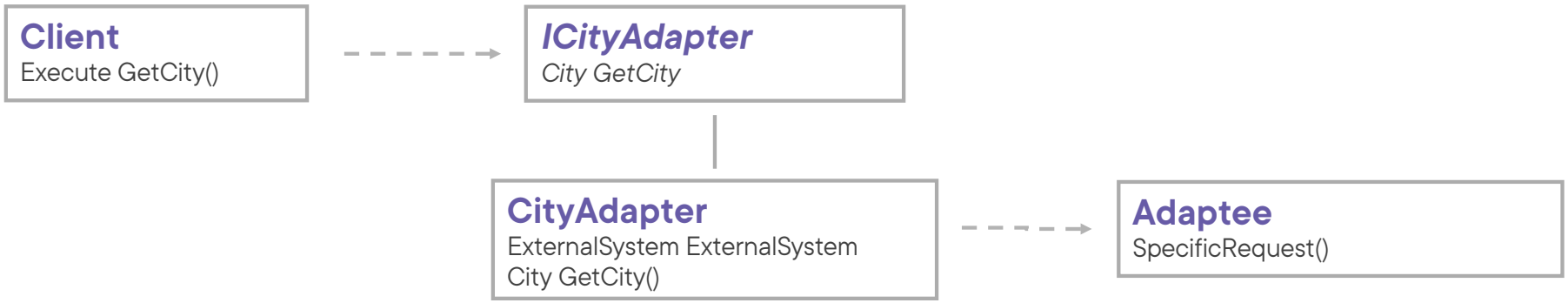

Target defines the domain-specific interface that the **Client** uses

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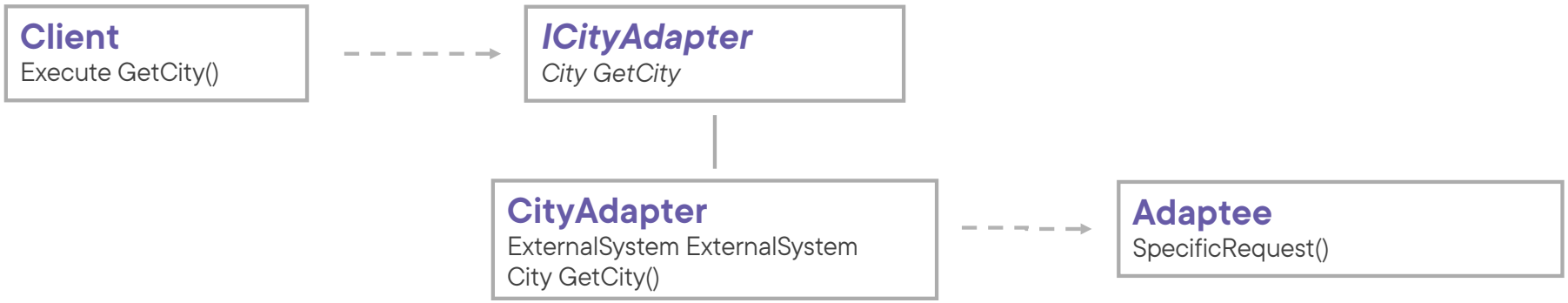

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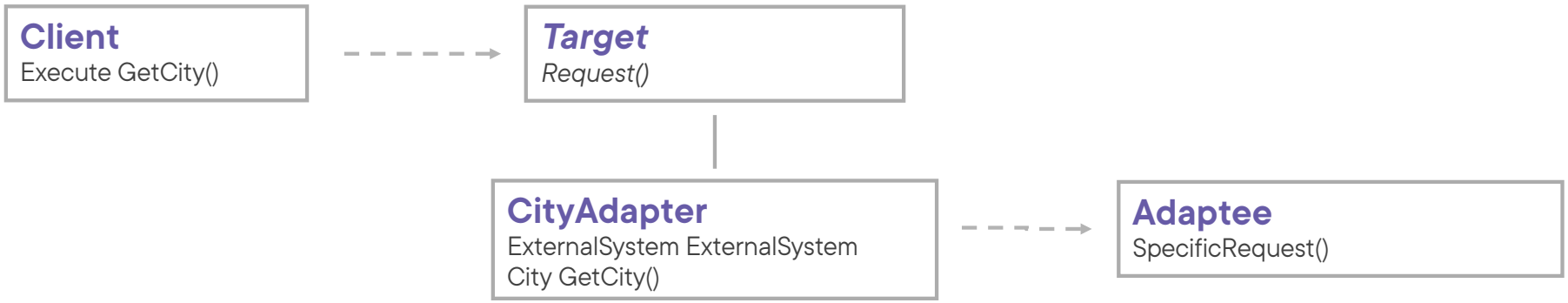

Client collaborates with objects conforming to the **Target** interface

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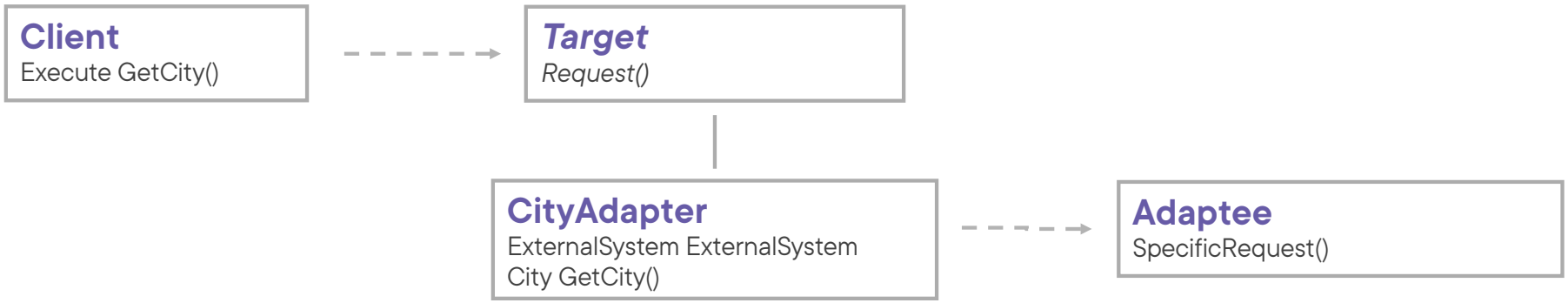

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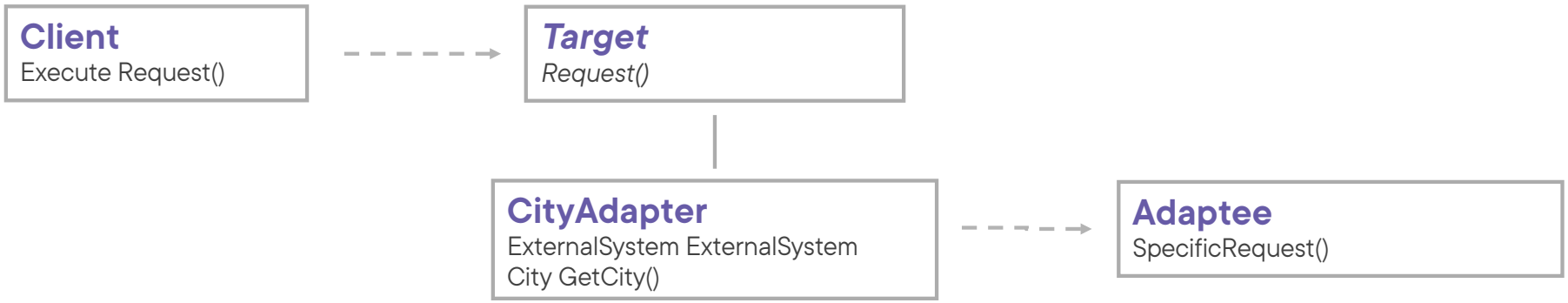

Adapter adapts the interface of the **Adaptee** to the **Target** interface

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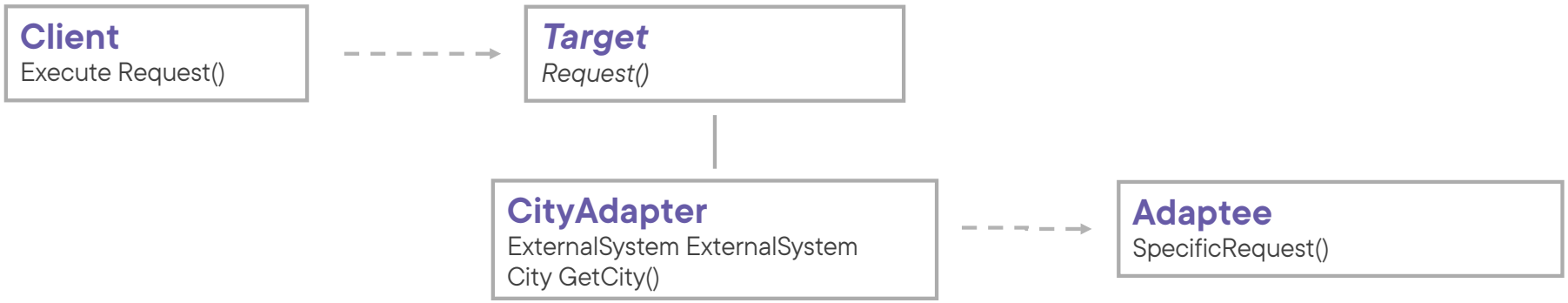

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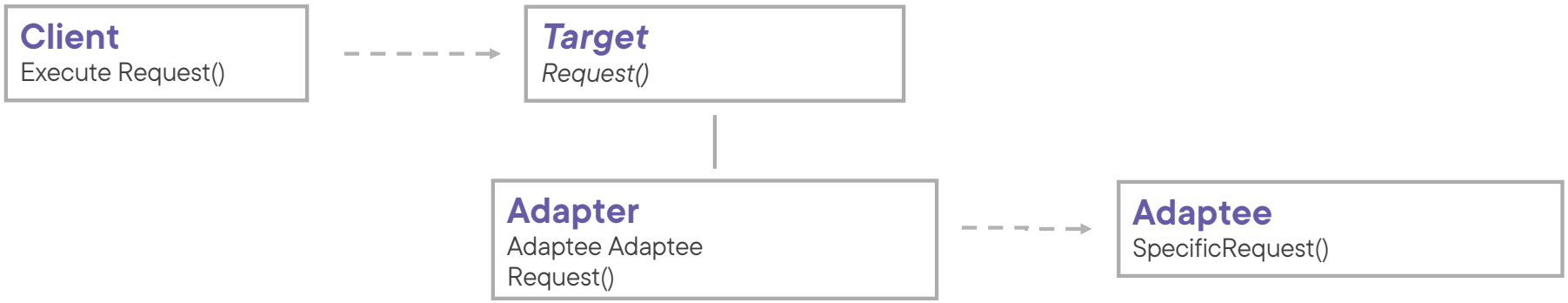

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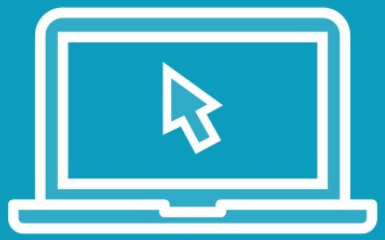

Implementing the object adapter pattern

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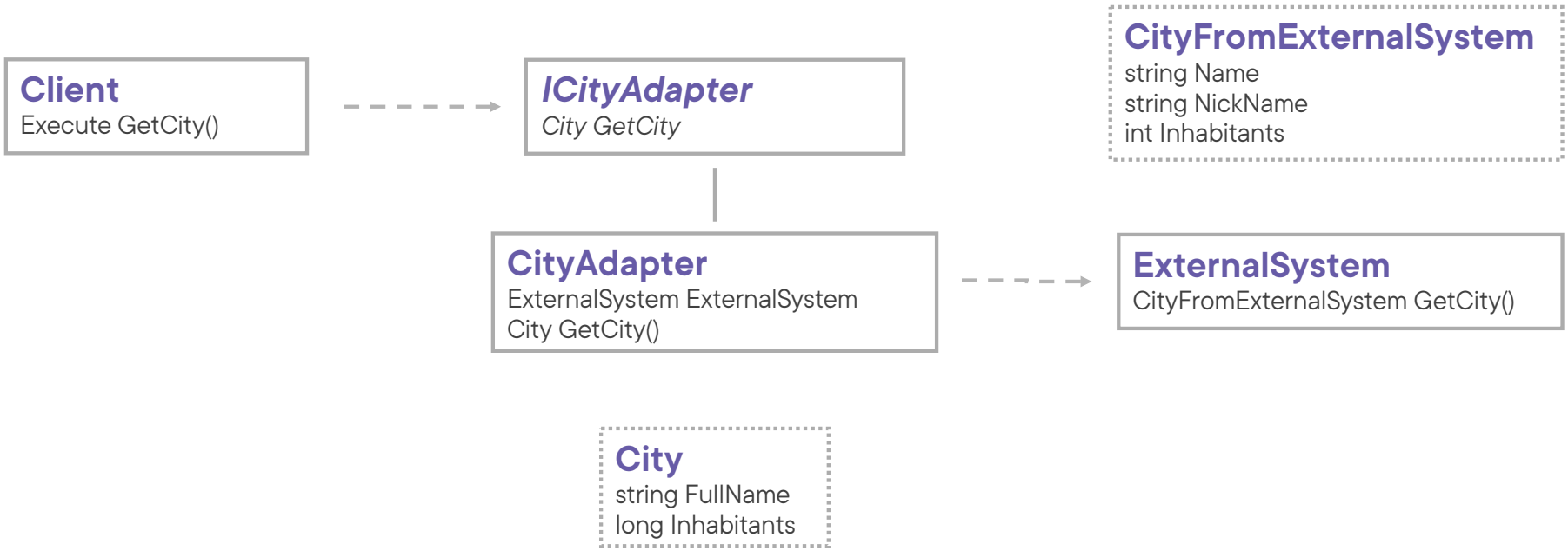

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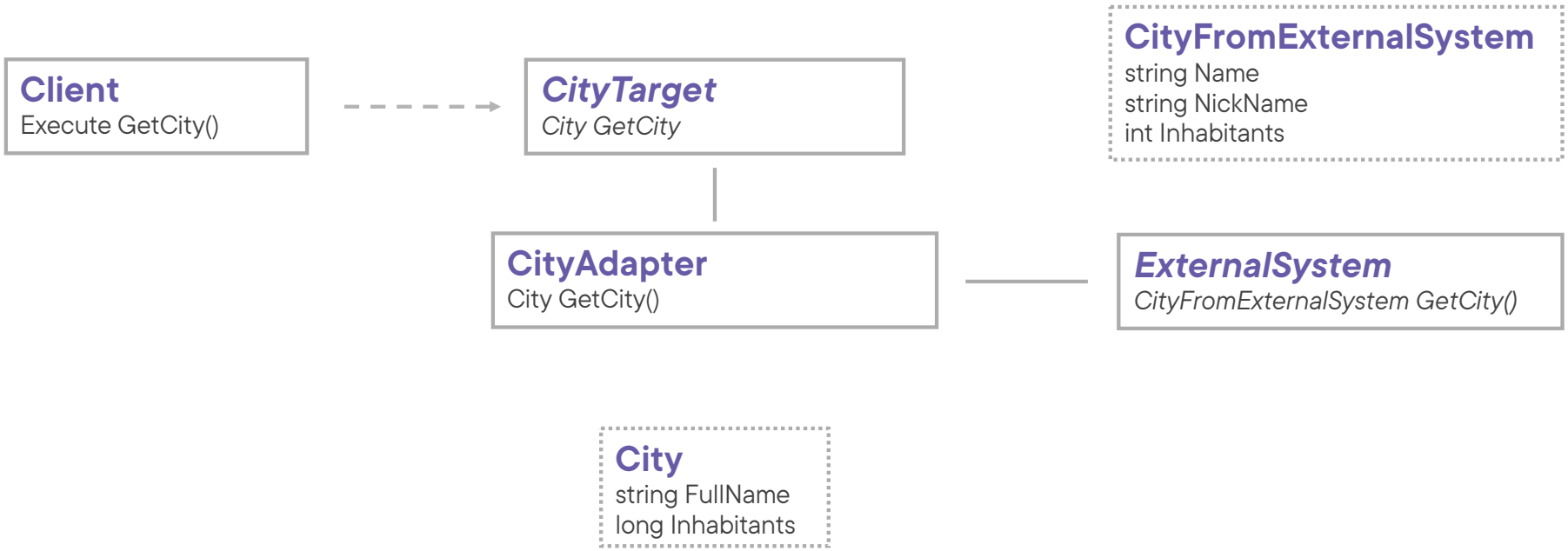

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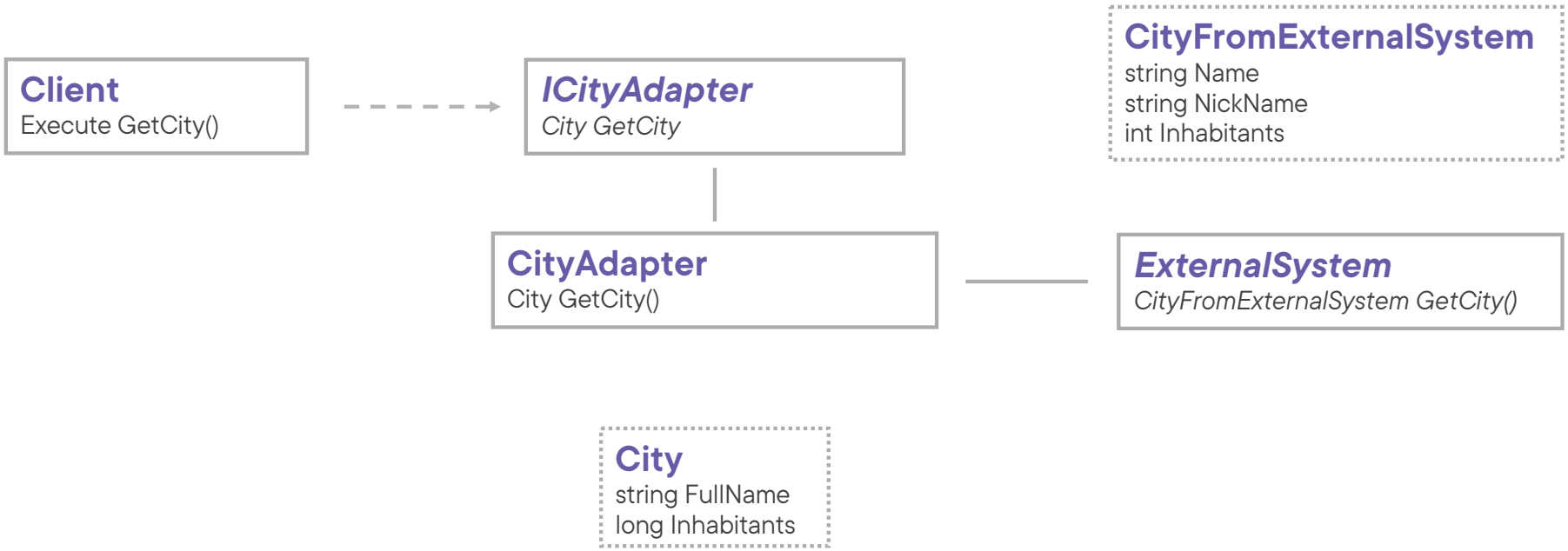

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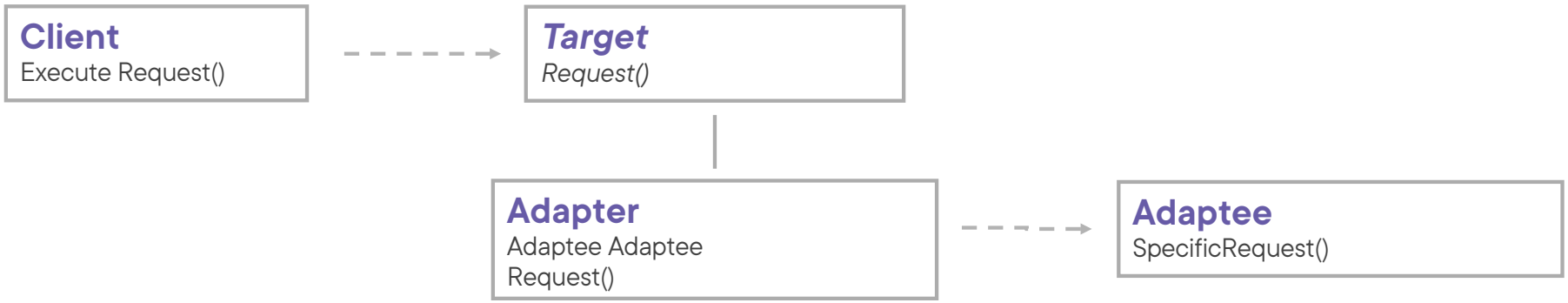

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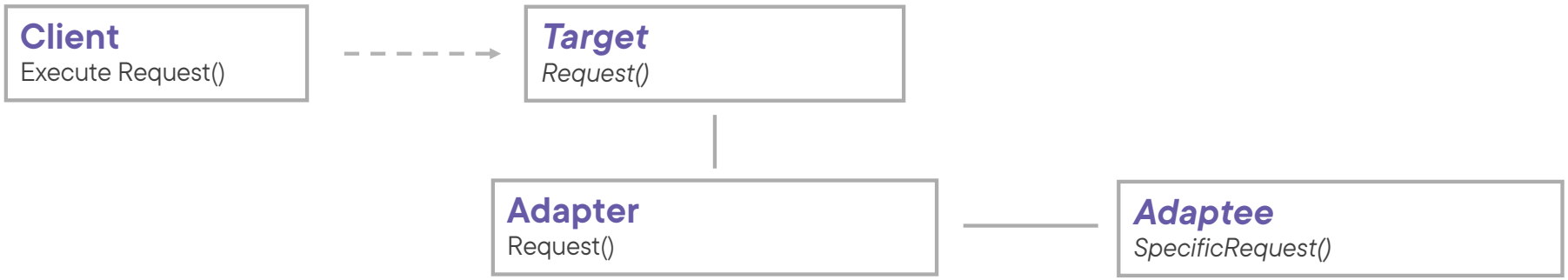

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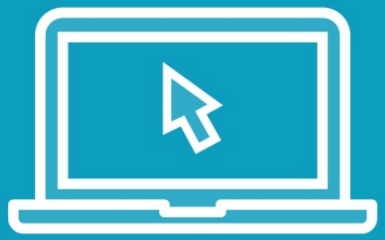


Implementing the class adapter pattern

Use Cases for the Adapter Pattern

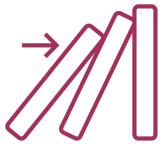
When you want to use an existing class but the interface does not match the one you need

When you want to create a reusable class (the adapter) that works with classes that don't have compatible interfaces

When you need to use several existing subclasses, don't want create additional subclasses for each of them, but still need to adapt their interface

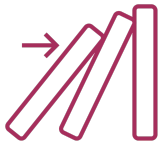
Pattern Consequences

A single adapter can work with many adaptees, and can add functionality to all adaptees at once



The interface (adapter code) is separated out from the rest of the code: single responsibility principle

New types of adapters can be introduced without breaking client code: open/closed principle



The object adapter makes it hard to override adaptee behavior

Additional complexity is introduced

Related Patterns

Bridge
Bridge separates interface from implementation, adapter changes the interface of an existing object

Decorator
Decorator changes an object without changing its interface, adapter changes the interface of an existing object

Facade
With façade you define a new interface for an entire subsystem, with adapter you're making an existing interface useable via wrapping

Proxy
Defines a surrogate for another object, but does not change its interface

Summary

Intent of the adapter pattern:

- Let classes work together that couldn't before because of incompatible interfaces

Summary

Two types:

- Object adapter relies on composition
- Class adapter relies on multiple inheritance

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Structural Pattern: Bridge