

# Adapters: A Unified Library for Parameter-Efficient and Modular Transfer Learning

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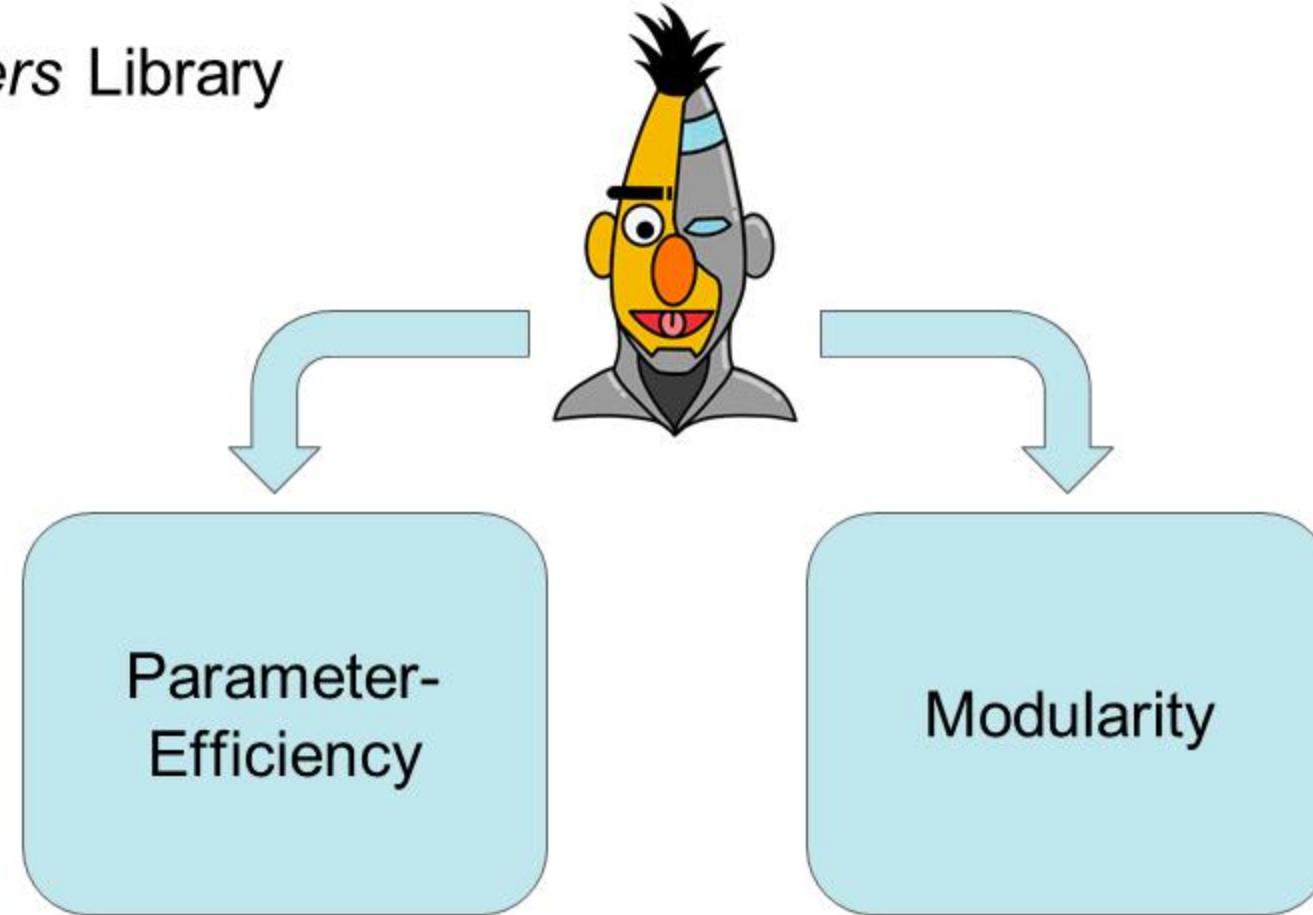
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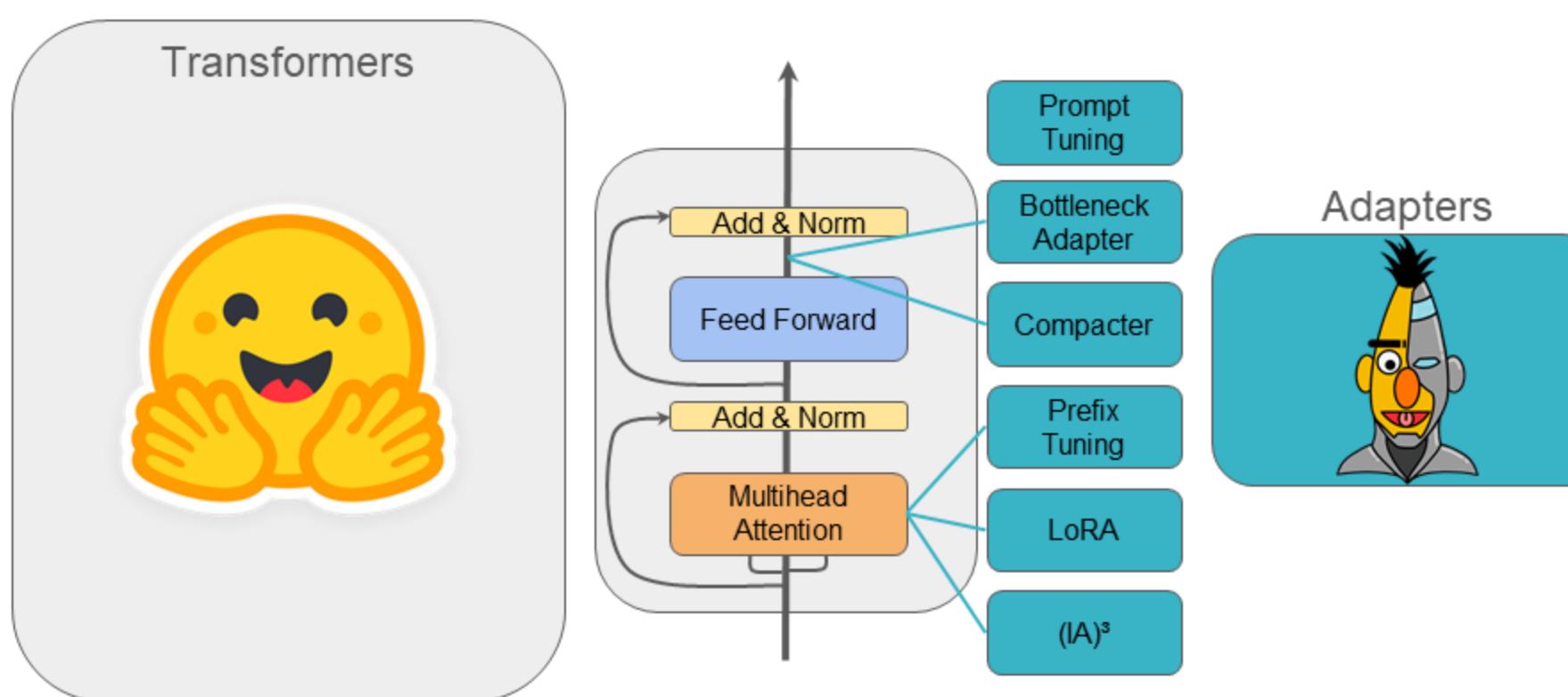
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pip install adapters

## Adapters Library

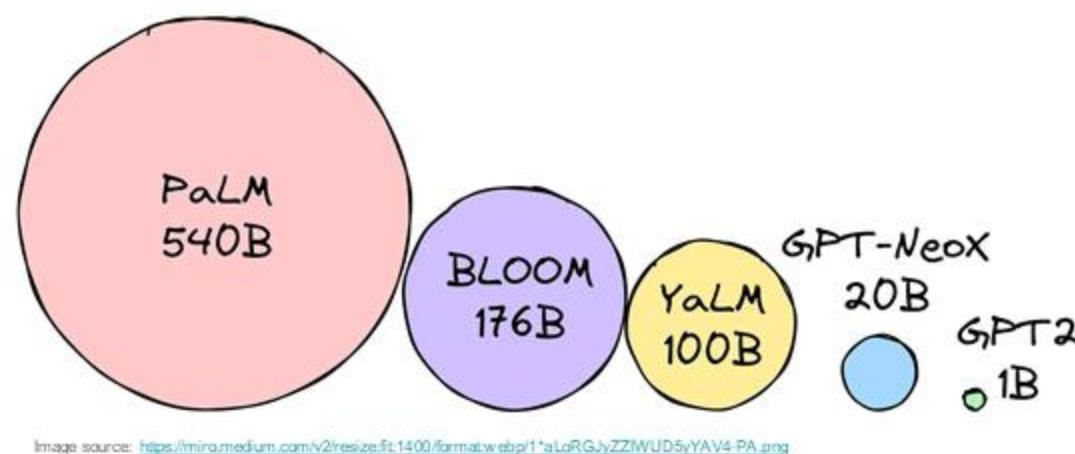


## Adapters is an add-on to Hugging Face's Transformers



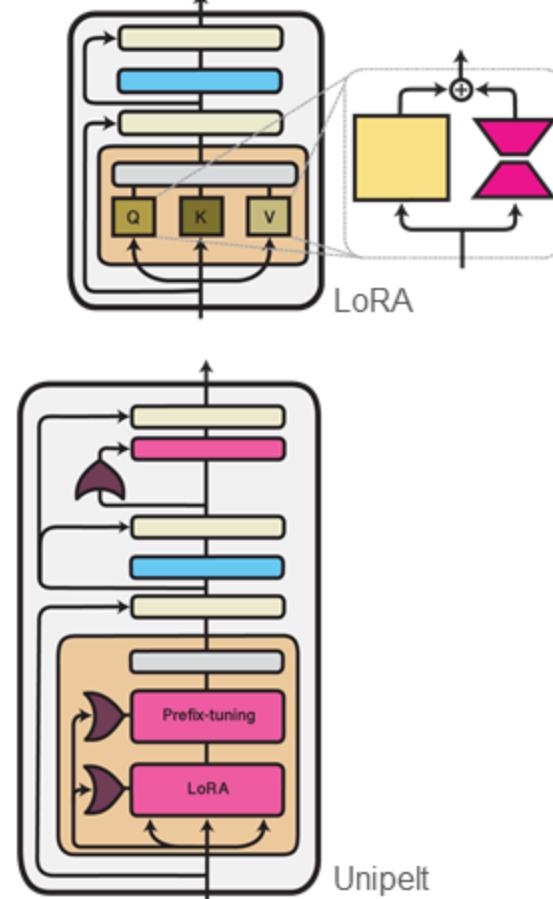
## Why Parameter-Efficiency?

- As LM sizes grow, full model fine-tuning becomes expensive
- Fine-tuning a smaller set of parameters can be more time and memory efficient



## Supported Adapter Methods

- Single Methods**
  - Implemented: Bottleneck, Compacter, LoRA, (IA)<sup>3</sup>, Prefix Tuning, Prompt Tuning, Invertible Adapters
- Complex Methods**
  - Flexible combination of single methods in joint adapters setups
  - Examples: Mix-and-Match adapters or Unipelt



## Code Demo: Configure adapters

```
import adapters
from adapters import ConfigUnion, PrefixTuningConfig, ParBnConfig
from transformers import AutoModelForSequenceClassification

model = AutoModelForSequenceClassification.from_pretrained("microsoft/deberta-v3-base")

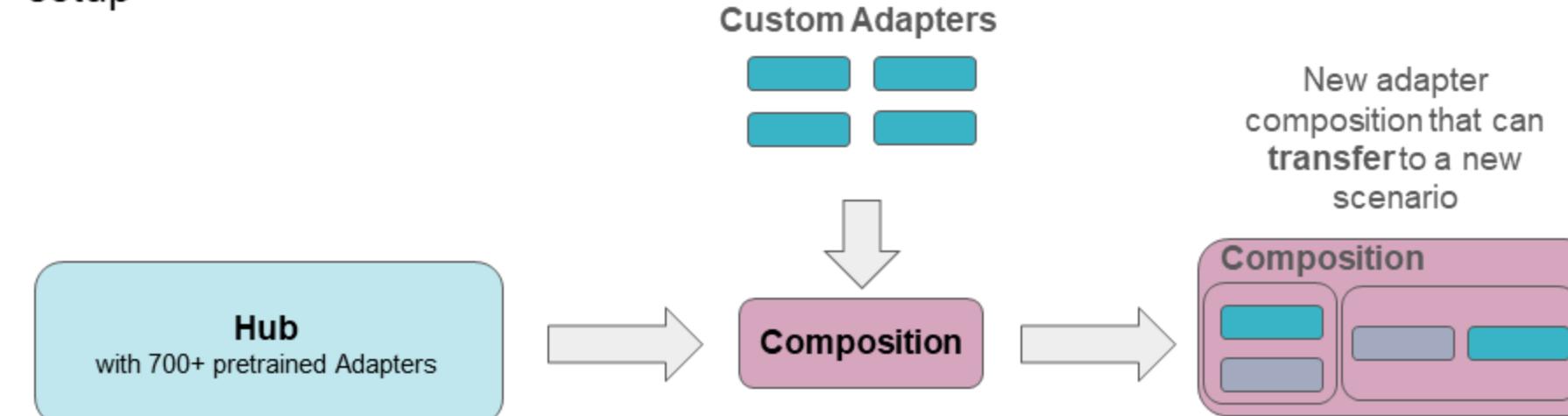
adapters.init(model)

adapter_config = ConfigUnion(
    PrefixTuningConfig(prefix_length=20),
    ParBnConfig(reduction_factor=4),
)
model.add_adapter("my_adapter", config=adapter_config, set_active=True)
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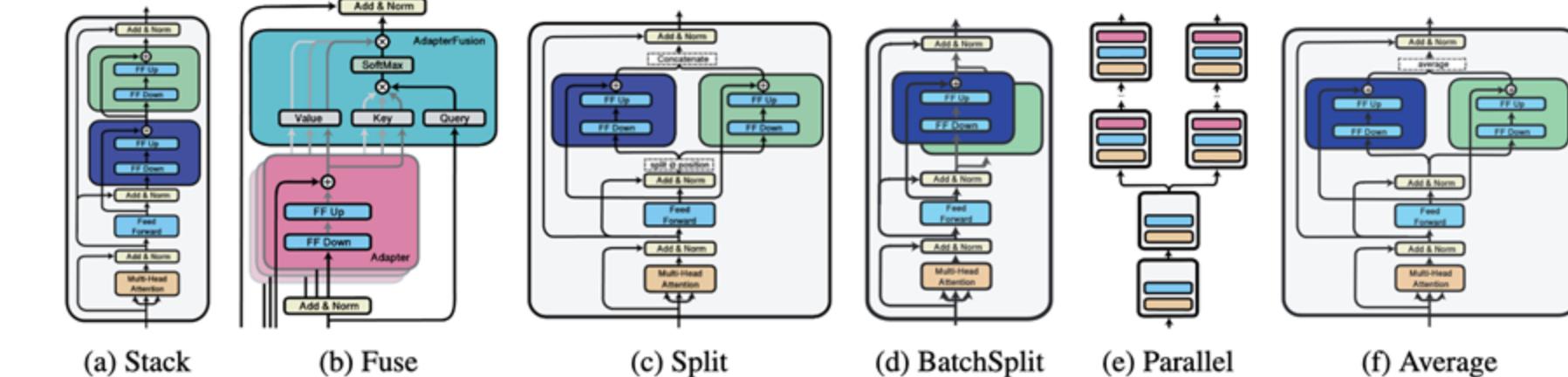
1. Standard Transformers model  
2. Add all adapter functionality  
3. Define a complex adapter config  
4. Add & enable new adapter

## Why Modularity?

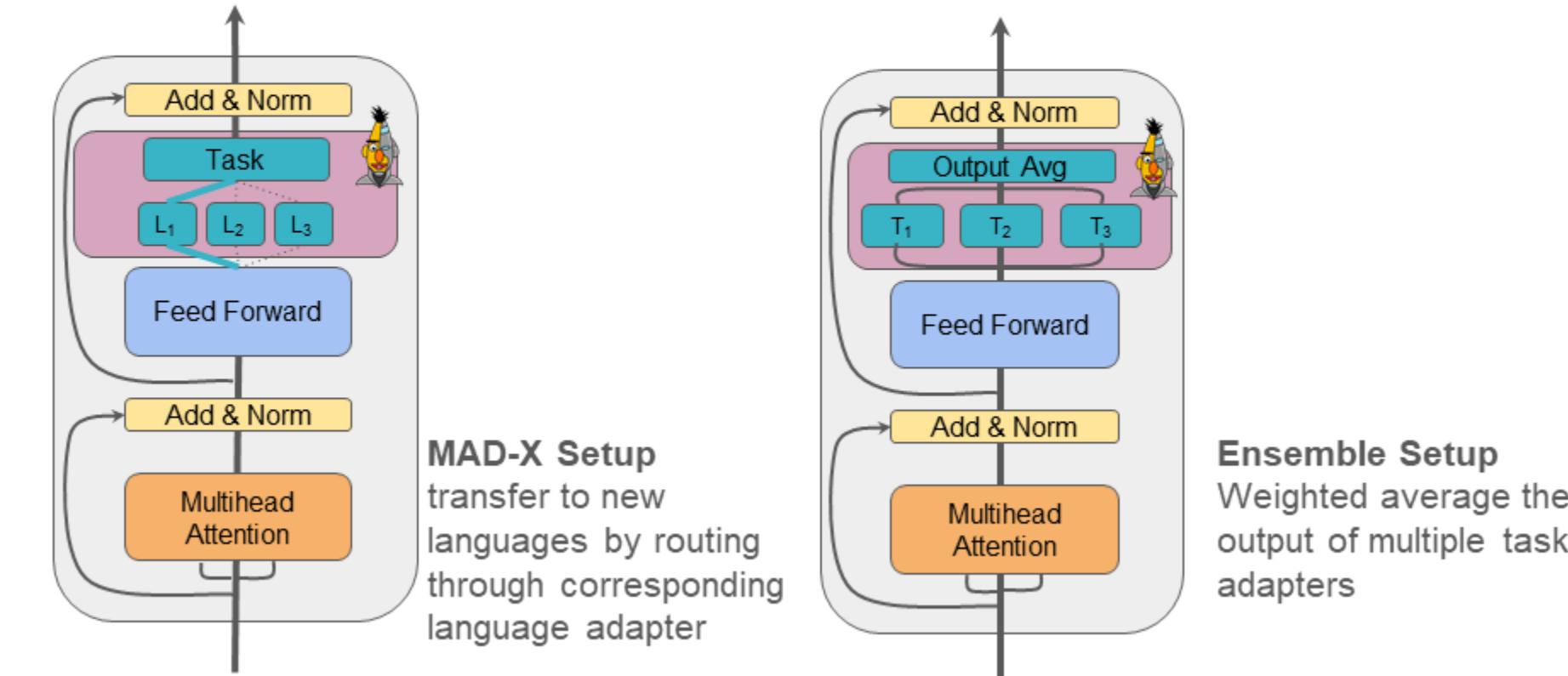
- It's infeasible to have a specialized model for each use case.
  - There are a lot of low resource use cases with insufficient training data
- Modular composition enables transfer to new scenarios in a zero- or few-shot setup



## Adapters uses composition blocks to enable modularity



## Example Compositions



## Code Demo: Composing pre-trained adapters

```
from adapters import AdapterSetup, AutoAdapterModel
import adapters.composition as ac
from transformers import AutoTokenizer

model = AutoAdapterModel.from_pretrained("roberta-base")
tokenizer = AutoTokenizer.from_pretrained("roberta-base")

qc = model.load_adapter("AdapterHub/roberta-base-pf-trec")
sent = model.load_adapter("AdapterHub/roberta-base-pf-imdb")

with AdapterSetup(ac.Parallel(qc, sent)):
    print(model(**tokenizer("What is AdapterHub?", return_tensors="pt")))
```

1. Load 😊 model with AdapterModel classes  
2. Load adapters from 🦜 or 😊  
3. Dynamically activate compositions

## Adapter methods can match full fine-tuning performance

Method	Sequence Classification										Regression		Multi. Choice		Extract. QA		Tagging	
	CoLA Dev. MCC	MNLI Dev. Acc.	MRPC Dev. F1	QNLI Dev. Acc.	QQP Dev. F1	RTE Dev. Acc.	SST-2 Dev. PCC	STS-B Cosmos QA Dev. Acc.	Dev. F1	CoNLL-2003 Dev. Acc.	Dev. F1	CoNLL-2003 Avg.						
double_seq_bn	63.58 (±19.19)	87.61 (±26.41)	93.31 (±4.52)	92.84 (±17.17)	91.58 (±3.83)	80.87 (±11.09)	94.73 (±17.51)	90.85 (±21.16)	70.99 (±16.87)	84.89 (±5.52)	96.34 (±17.65)	86.14 (±18.17)						
seq_bn	71.22 (±23.40)	87.5 (±20.39)	92.91 (±4.54)	93.15 (±15.83)	89.69 (±21.31)	79.42 (±9.81)	95.18 (±13.26)	89.44 (±20.33)	69.68 (±16.44)	82.88 (±1.04)	96.21 (±11.48)	86.12 (±14.34)						
par_bn	63.95 (±23.72)	87.44 (±21.66)	93.24 (±4.65)	93.04 (±17.26)	88.32 (±3.14)	77.98 (±9.95)	94.95 (±16.65)	90.33 (±5.64)	80.10 (±18.47)	82.56 (±16.70)	91.95 (±27.60)	85.81 (±16.98)						
compacter	52.32 (±13.67)	86.10 (±1.99)	90.43 (±5.58)	92.42 (±2.14)	86.68 (±0.84)	68.59 (±0.84)	94.15 (±2.27)	90.06 (±0.84)	67.91 (±10.42)	79.20 (±8.87)	91.27 (±8.58)	82.03 (±7.36)						
prefix_tuning	61.62 (±20.64)	86.98 (±18.91)	91.06 (±4.09)	92.46 (±9.95)	87.07 (±15.58)	71.12 (±6.06)	95.18 (±3.44)	90.13 (±29.23)	66.13 (±2.41)	78.16 (±2.49)	95.15 (±8.84)	83.19 (±8.84)						
lora	63.99 (±20.64)	87.59 (±4.29)	92.60 (±4.39)	93.11 (±3.77)	88.48 (±2.57)	80.26 (±2.28)	94.99 (±2.88)	90.72 (±19.31)	70.63 (±8.65)	82.46 (±21.68)	91.85 (±10.17)	85.15 (±11.62)						
ia3	63.03 (±21.39)	86.19 (±5.08)	92.32 (±3.94)	91.88 (±3.73)	86.41 (±13.46)	76.89 (±7.17)	94.42 (±2.13)	90.65 (±29.16)	66.85 (±9.69)	78.52 (±21.94)	91.56 (±11.62)	83.52 (±11.62)						
Full Fine-tuning	63.66 (±21.39)	87.63 (±5.08)	90.20 (±3.94)	92.81 (±3.73)	91.92 (±13.46)	78.77 (±7.17)	94.81 (±2.13)	91.20 (±29.16)	68.87 (±9.69)	82.91 (±21.94)	95.23 (±11.62)	85.27 (±11.62)						

## Differences from AdapterHub v1

	AdapterHub v1	Adapters
Design	Fork of Transformers	Self-contained add-on
Adapter methods	2	10
Complex configurations	✗	✓
Composition blocks	✗	✓ (6)
Model architectures	3	20
AdapterHub.ml/HFHub integration	✓ / ✗	✓ / ✓

## Summary

### Adapters...

- is an add-on to *Transformers* for easy parameter-efficient fine tuning and modular transfer
- supports 10 different adapter methods for 20 different models
- comes with 6 composition blocks for easy transfer
- provides access to 700+ pretrained adapters