

# QUEUES

CS 250 – C++ Programming 2

# THE ADT QUEUE

## ◦ Queues data structure

- Elements are **inserted** to the **rear** of the **queue**.
- Elements are **removed** from the **front** of the **queue**.
- First In First Out (**FIFO**)

## ◦ Representation of typical “line” forming

- Like bank teller lines, movie theatre lines, etc.



## WHICH OPERATIONS ARE NEEDED?

- There are only a few operations needed for the **ADT queue**:
  - Test whether a queue is empty
  - Add a new item to the back of the queue
  - Remove the item at the front of the queue  
(the item that was added earliest)
  - Get the entry that was added earliest to the queue

# STL QUEUE

- The **Standard Template Library (STL)** provides a **class** to implement a **queue**.
  - It is a **template** class

```
#include <queue>

...

queue<double> doubleQueue;    // creates a queue of doubles

queue<Student> studentQueue; // creates a queue of objects
                             // of the class Student
```

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<b>size( )</b>	Returns the <b>number of elements</b> in the queue.

# TRACING CODE

We will create a **queue** of **integers**, **myQueue**

```
queue<int> myQueue;
myQueue.push(1);
myQueue.push(2);
myQueue.push(3);
cout << myQueue.front();
myQueue.pop();
cout << myQueue.front();
cout << myQueue.back();
myQueue.push(4);
while (!myQueue.empty())
{
    cout << myQueue.front() << " ";
    myQueue.pop();
}
```

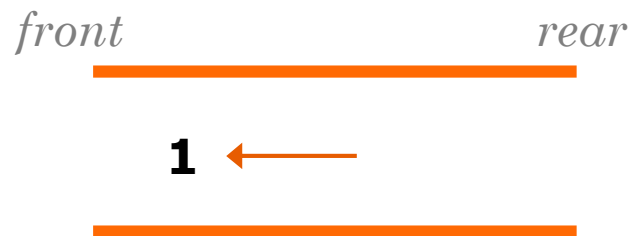
# TRACING CODE



This is our **queue** of **integers** (now empty).

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queue<int> myQueue;
myQueue.push(1);
myQueue.push(2);
myQueue.push(3);
cout << myQueue.front();
myQueue.pop();
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myQueue.push(4);
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    myQueue.pop();
}
```

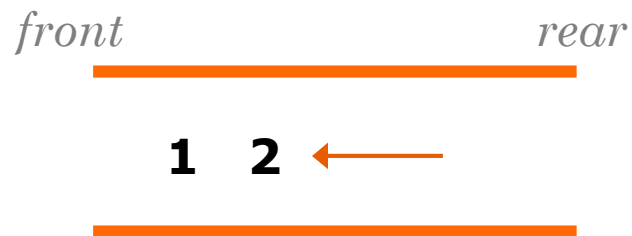
# TRACING CODE



We **push** integer **1** into the **queue**.

```
queue<int> myQueue;
myQueue.push(1);
myQueue.push(2);
myQueue.push(3);
cout << myQueue.front();
myQueue.pop();
cout << myQueue.front();
cout << myQueue.back();
myQueue.push(4);
while (!myQueue.empty())
{
    cout << myQueue.front() << " ";
    myQueue.pop();
}
```

# TRACING CODE



We **push** integer **2** into the **queue**.

```
queue<int> myQueue;
myQueue.push(1);
myQueue.push(2);
myQueue.push(3);
cout << myQueue.front();
myQueue.pop();
cout << myQueue.front();
cout << myQueue.back();
myQueue.push(4);
while (!myQueue.empty())
{
    cout << myQueue.front() << " ";
    myQueue.pop();
}
```

# TRACING CODE



We **push** integer **3** into the **queue**.

```
queue<int> myQueue;
myQueue.push(1);
myQueue.push(2);
myQueue.push(3);
cout << myQueue.front();
myQueue.pop();
cout << myQueue.front();
cout << myQueue.back();
myQueue.push(4);
while (!myQueue.empty())
{
    cout << myQueue.front() << " ";
    myQueue.pop();
}
```

# TRACING CODE



We **retrieve** (*without* removing) the **element** at the **front** of the **queue** and print it.

```
queue<int> myQueue;
myQueue.push(1);
myQueue.push(2);
myQueue.push(3);
cout << myQueue.front();
myQueue.pop();
cout << myQueue.front();
cout << myQueue.back();
myQueue.push(4);
while (!myQueue.empty())
{
    cout << myQueue.front() << " ";
    myQueue.pop();
}
```

Output:

1



# TRACING CODE



We **pop** the **element** at the **front** of the **queue**.

```
queue<int> myQueue;
myQueue.push(1);
myQueue.push(2);
myQueue.push(3);
cout << myQueue.front();
myQueue.pop();
cout << myQueue.front();
cout << myQueue.back();
myQueue.push(4);
while (!myQueue.empty())
{
    cout << myQueue.front() << " ";
    myQueue.pop();
}
```

Output:

1

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myQueue.pop();
cout << myQueue.front();
cout << myQueue.back();
myQueue.push(4);
while (!myQueue.empty())
{
    cout << myQueue.front() << " ";
    myQueue.pop();
}
```

Output:

1 2

# TRACING CODE



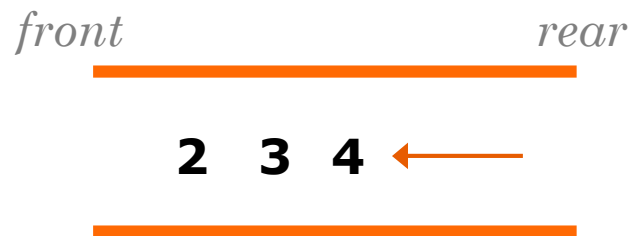
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```
queue<int> myQueue;
myQueue.push(1);
myQueue.push(2);
myQueue.push(3);
cout << myQueue.front();
myQueue.pop();
cout << myQueue.front();
cout << myQueue.back();
myQueue.push(4);
while (!myQueue.empty())
{
    cout << myQueue.front() << " ";
    myQueue.pop();
}
```

Output:

1 2 3

# TRACING CODE



We **push** integer **4** into the **queue**.

```
queue<int> myQueue;
myQueue.push(1);
myQueue.push(2);
myQueue.push(3);
cout << myQueue.front();
myQueue.pop();
cout << myQueue.front();
cout << myQueue.back();
myQueue.push(4);
while (!myQueue.empty())
{
    cout << myQueue.front() << " ";
    myQueue.pop();
}
```

Output:

1 2 3

# TRACING CODE



**WHILE** statement will execute as long as the **queue** is **not** empty.

```
queue<int> myQueue;
myQueue.push(1);
myQueue.push(2);
myQueue.push(3);
cout << myQueue.front();
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Output:

1 2 3

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Output:

1 2 3 2

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**Pop** the element at the **front** of the queue.

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Output:

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Output:

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# TRACING CODE

*front* *rear*

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Queue is now **empty**;  
**WHILE** statement  
ends.

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    - In a singly-linked list, the **front** can be the the **first** node
    - What else do you need?
    - Need a pointer to the **back** of the list → **rear** of the queue

## COMMON OPERATION IDENTIFIERS

- Other identifiers used for common operations on the queue:
  - `empty()` = `isEmpty()`
  - `push(e)` = `enqueue(e)`
  - `pop()` = `deque()`, `dequeue()`
- **Note** that in some implementations the function `pop()` returns a value at the front **and** removes it as well.

# QUEUE APPLICATIONS

- **Queues** are used in many **applications**:
  - Buffering
    - A “holding area” between processes
      - Example: documents waiting to be printed
  - Simulations
    - Run simulation programs to produce estimate on processes
      - Example: Estimating waiting times in a bank to determine whether there is a need for more tellers.
  - And more...



QUEUES (END)

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