

## Queue – Data Structure

### ♦ Definition:

A **Queue** is a **linear data structure** that follows the **FIFO (First In First Out)** principle.

This means the element inserted **first** will be removed **first**.

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### ♦ Key Characteristics:

- **Insertion** happens at the **rear (end)**.
  - **Deletion** happens from the **front (beginning)**.
  - It is a **linear structure**, just like a line of people.
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### ♦ Queue Operations:

1. **Enqueue**: Add an element to the rear.
  2. **Dequeue**: Remove an element from the front.
  3. **Front()**: Get the front element without removing it.
  4. **Rear()**: Get the last element.
  5. **isEmpty()**: Check if the queue is empty.
  6. **isFull()**: Check if the queue is full (only in array-based implementation).
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### ♦ Types of Queues:

1. **Simple Queue** – Standard FIFO queue.
2. **Circular Queue** – The last position is connected to the first to save space.

3. **Priority Queue** – Elements are served based on priority, not just order.
4. **Deque (Double Ended Queue)** – Insertion and deletion can happen from both ends.

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♦ **Implementation:**

- Using **Array**
- Using **Linked List**
- Using **Two Stacks** (for special logic)

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♦ **Real-life Examples:**

- Queue at a ticket counter
- Print job scheduling
- Call center phone queues
- Operating system task scheduling