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## Sheet 4 (Car Workshop)

Write a C program that keeps track of the customers visiting a car workshop. The program utilizes two data structures, a stack and a queue to have customers' data in particular orders.

The main program should display the following menu:

- 1. Add a New Customer.
- 2. Serve a Customer.
- 3. Display Customers Information.
- 4. Display Customers information in the "most-recent" Order.
- 5. Exit menu
- By choosing "Add a New Customer" you should enter the data of the new arriving customer and save it such that he has the least priority among others.
- By choosing "Serve a Customer" you should display the data of the first arriving customer then dismiss them from the system.
- "Display Customers Information" prints on screen the data of the current waiting customers without serving them.
- "Display Customers in the most-recent Order" without serving them should be done by copying the data to a structure that reverses the order.

## **Hints:**

- Before coding the program first link the three files, **stack.c**, **queue.c**, and **main.c**; follow the following guide:
- Since the element type of the stack, queue, and the main program is the same, we need
  to be more structured by defining this common element type in a separate file <u>global.h</u>.
  In this file we should have all the definitions that are common to all of the three
  modules; these definitions are: the maximum stack or queue size, and the
  element\_type, which will be the type of a customer and contains the following data:
  Name, ID.
- Now, <u>stack.c</u> must include <u>stack.h</u> and the latter includes <u>global.h</u>; why? Also, <u>queue.c</u> must include <u>queue.h</u> and the latter includes <u>global.h</u>. Finally, <u>main.c</u> includes all the three header files; why?

• However, this will cause a "redefinition error" since the definitions in **global.h** will appear again in the other two included header files because they also include **global.h**. To resolve this problem, we need to start **global.h** by:

#ifndef GLOBAL\_H #define GLOBAL\_H

then end it by #endif

These statements are "Preprocessor Commands" that are processed before compilation. For more explanation refer to your C language text book.