

**Scenario:** You are developing a car rental system for a rental agency. The system needs to manage customers who are waiting to rent or return cars. Customers are managed using a queue (implemented with a linked list), where they wait in line to either rent or return a car. The cars are stored in a stack (implemented with an array) that handles the available cars for rent. Each car has a unique ID. When a customer rents a car, the car is popped from the stack. When a customer returns a car, it is pushed back onto the stack.

## Task Definition

The task involves managing a car rental system where customers can either rent or return cars. This system uses two primary data structures:

1. **A queue implemented using a linked list** to handle customer actions (renting or returning a car).
2. **A stack implemented using a single-dimensional array** to keep track of available car IDs.

## Main

### Create a Queue for Customer Actions

- **Objective:** Initialize a new queue to manage customer actions. This queue will be used to store actions such as renting or returning cars.

```
Queue customerQueue = createQueue();
```

### Initialize the Car Stack

- **Objective:** Set up a stack to manage available car IDs. This stack will track which cars are available for rent and which ones are currently returned.\

```
CarStack carStack;
```

```
initializeCarStack(&carStack);
```

## Add Cars to the Stack

- **Objective:** Populate the stack with car IDs that represent cars available for rent. This step simulates having a set of cars ready for customers.

```
pushCar(&carStack, "Ca123");  
pushCar(&carStack, "Ca456");  
pushCar(&carStack, "Ca789");  
pushCar(&carStack, "Ca439");  
pushCar(&carStack, "Ca956");  
pushCar(&carStack, "Ca829");
```

## Enqueue Customer Actions

- **Objective:** Record customer requests to rent or return cars. Each request specifies the action and the customer's name.

```
enqueue(customerQueue, "pop", "Alice");  
enqueue(customerQueue, "pop", "Charlie");  
enqueue(customerQueue, "push", "Bob");  
enqueue(customerQueue, "push", "Andy");  
enqueue(customerQueue, "pop", "Robert");
```

## Process Customer Actions

- **Objective:** Handle each customer request by processing actions in the order they were received. Determine whether the request is to rent or return a car and perform the corresponding stack operation.
- **Action:**
  - Continuously check if the queue is empty.
  - Dequeue actions from the front of the queue.
  - Based on the action type, call the appropriate stack function:
    - If the action is to rent a car, pop a car ID from the stack and handle the result.
    - If the action is to return a car, push a car ID onto the stack and handle the result.
  - After processing each action, free the memory allocated for the node to prevent memory leaks.

## Functions

### Queue Functions

#### **Queue createQueue()**

**Description:** Initializes a new queue by allocating memory and setting the **front** and **rear** pointers to **NULL**.

#### **void enqueue(Queue q, char \*action, char \*customerName)**

**Description:** Adds a new action (rent or return) to the end of the queue. It creates a new node, sets its **action** and **customerName**, and updates the **rear** pointer.

#### **struct Node\* dequeue(Queue q)**

**Description:** Removes and returns the action node from the front of the queue. Updates the **front** pointer to the next node. If the queue becomes empty, the **rear** pointer is also set to **NULL**.

#### **int isEmpty(Queue q)**

**Description:** Checks if the queue is empty by verifying if the **front** pointer is **NULL**.

### Stack Functions

#### **void initializeCarStack(CarStack\* s)**

**Description:** Initializes the stack by setting the **top** index to **-1**, indicating that the stack is empty.

#### **int pushCar(CarStack\* s, const char \*carId)**

**Description:** Adds a car ID to the top of the stack. It checks if the stack is full before adding the ID and updates the **top** index.

#### **char\* popCar(CarStack\* s)**

**Description:** Removes and returns the car ID from the top of the stack. It checks if the stack is empty before removing the ID and updates the **top** index.

#### **int isCarStackEmpty(CarStack\* s)**

**Description:** Checks if the stack is empty by verifying if the **top** index is **-1**.

#### **int isCarStackFull(CarStack\* s)**

**Description:** Checks if the stack is full by comparing the **top** index with **MAX\_CARS - 1**.

## Structures

### 1. Node Structure for the Queue

```
// Node structure for the queue (linked list)

struct Node {

    char action[5];           // Action to perform: "push"
                              // (return car) or "pop" (rent car)

    char customerName[100];   // Customer's name

    struct Node* next;        // Pointer to the next node in the
                              // queue

};
```

### 2. Stack Structure for Car IDs

```
// Stack structure implemented using a single-dimensional array

typedef struct {

    char carIds[MAX_CARS * CAR_ID_LENGTH]; // Array to hold car
    IDs contiguously

    int top;                               // Index of the top element in the
    stack

} CarStack;
```

### 3. Queue Structure

```
// Queue structure with pointers to the front and rear

typedef struct {

    struct Node *front;    // Pointer to the front of the
    queue

    struct Node *rear;     // Pointer to the rear of the queue

} *Queue;
```

### Example Array:

<b>c</b>	<b>a</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>		<b>c</b>	<b>a</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>.....</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>.....</b>

