

Applications of Queue

Queue, as the name suggests is used whenever we need to manage any group of objects in an order in which the first one coming in, also gets out first while the others wait for their turn, like in the following scenarios:

- Serving requests on a single shared resource, like a printer, CPU task scheduling etc.
- In real life scenario, Call Center phone systems uses Queues to hold people calling them in an order, until a service representative is free.
- Handling of interrupts in real-time systems. The interrupts are handled in the same order as they arrive i.e First come first served.
- When a resource is shared among multiple consumers. Examples include CPU scheduling, Disk Scheduling.
- When data is transferred asynchronously (data not necessarily received at same rate as sent) between two processes. Examples include IO Buffers, pipes, file IO, etc.
- Breadth First search in a Graph .It is an algorithm for traversing or searching graph data structures. It starts at some arbitrary node of a graph and explores the neighbor nodes first, before moving to the next level neighbors.This Algorithm uses Queue data structure.