

## Queues

### definition

a specialized structure that we as programmers use as a tool to help us solve problems

a container that allows enqueue and dequeue operations

enqueue: add an item to the end of the container

dequeue: remove the item from the front of the container (returns its value)

insertion occurs at one end; deletion at the other end

think about the long line waiting for the newest iPhone

this is a FIFO (first-in-first-out) data structure (or LILO)

### uses

printer spooling

storing keystrokes (ever re-hit keys your CPU was too slow to apply?)

### typical operations

Enqueue()

Dequeue()

Peek()

Size()

IsEmpty()

IsFull()

### complexity

enqueue:  $O(1)$

dequeue:  $O(1)$

### other types

#### priority queue

items ordered by key

think about the line to a concert with vips (they can cut in line)

or bills as you receive them (more important ones need to be payed first)

complexity

enqueue:  $O(n)$

dequeue:  $O(1)$

### queue vs. list

could we use our list as the basis for a queue?

how would we implement Enqueue()?

what about Dequeue()?

how are Size(), IsEmpty(), and IsFull() different, if at all?