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Deque | Set 1 (Introduction and Applications)

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[Deque or Double Ended Queue](#) is a generalized version of [Queue data structure](#) that allows insert and delete at both ends.

Operations on Deque:

Mainly the following four basic operations are performed on queue:

insetFront(): Adds an item at the front of Deque.

insertLast(): Adds an item at the rear of Deque.

deleteFront(): Deletes an item from front of Deque.

deleteLast(): Deletes an item from rear of Deque.

In addition to above operations, following operations are also supported

getFront(): Gets the front item from queue.

getRear(): Gets the last item from queue.

isEmpty(): Checks whether Deque is empty or not.

isFull(): Checks whether Deque is full or not.

Applications of Deque:

Since Deque supports both stack and queue operations, it can be used as both. The Deque data structure supports clockwise and anticlockwise rotations in $O(1)$ time which can be useful in certain applications. Also, the problems where elements need to be removed and or added both ends can be efficiently solved using Deque. For example see [Maximum of all subarrays of size k problem](#).

See [wiki page](#) for another example of A-Steal job scheduling algorithm where Deque is used as deletions operation is required at both ends.

Language Support:

C++ STL provides implementation of Deque as [std::deque](#) and Java provides [Deque interface](#). See [this](#)

for more details.

Implementation:

A Deque can be implemented either using a [doubly linked list](#) or circular array. In both implementation, we can implement all operations in $O(1)$ time. We will soon be discussing C/C++ implementation of Deque Data structure.

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using DLL

full working code: handling all edge cases:

```
#include<stdio.h>
```

```
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```
typedef struct dll
```

```
{
```

```
int data;
```

```
struct dll*prev;
```

```
struct dll*next;  
  
}Dll;  
  
Dll*createnode(int d)
```

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How will the implementation of deque using circular array take $O(1)$ time for the deleteLast() operation?

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It is not possible until unless you use doubly linked list in circular linked list... For array you know the index of previous element, you can jump to index and next of this element will be front of the queue now.

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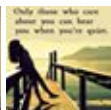
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