QUEUES
INTERVIEW PRACTICE

Problem Solving with Computers-II

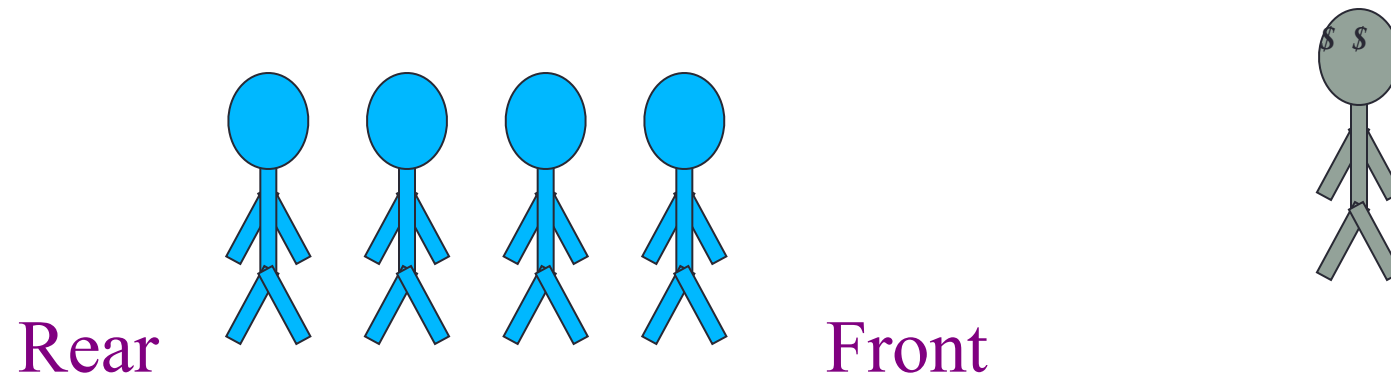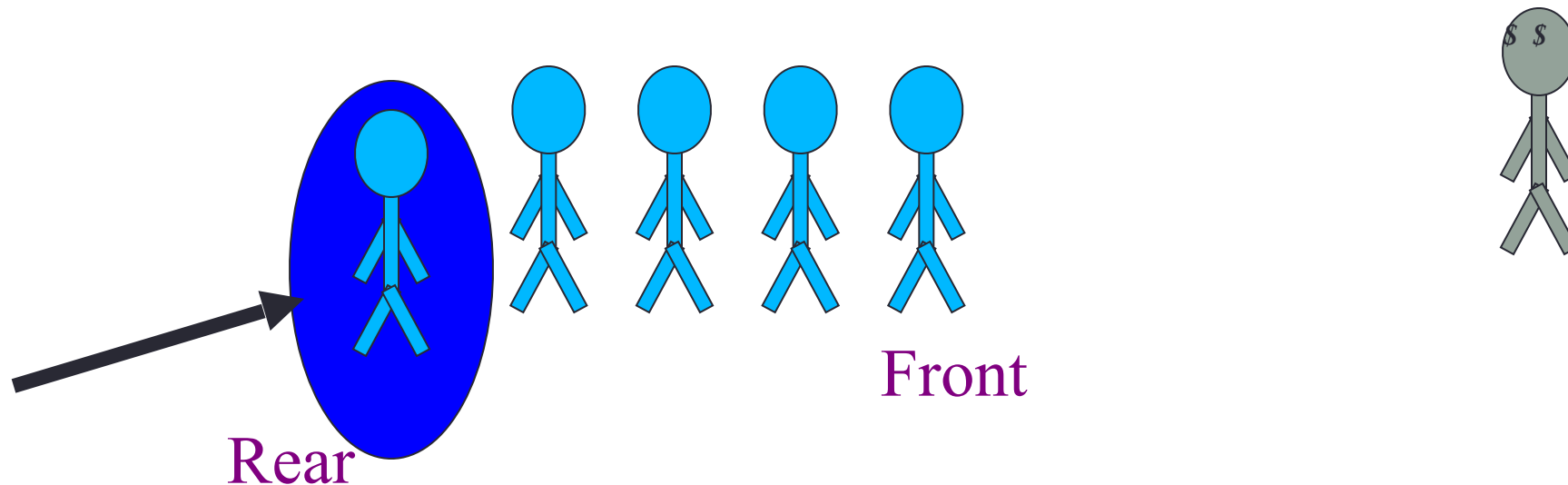# The Queue Operations

- A queue is like a line of people waiting for a bank teller.
- The queue has a **front** and a **rear**.
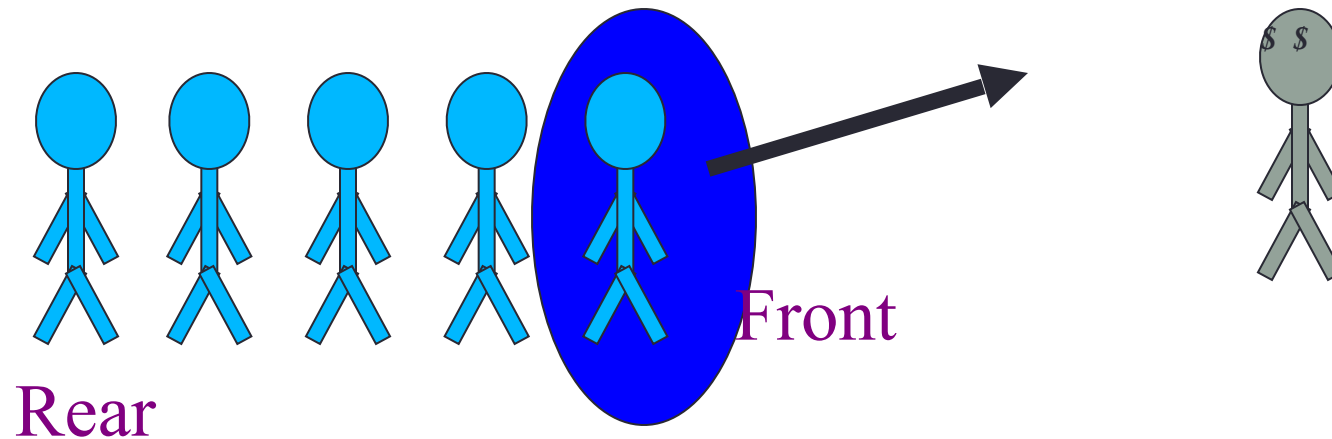
Rear   Front

The Queue Operations

- New people must enter the queue at the rear. The C++ queue class calls this a **push**, although it is usually called an **enqueue** operation.

Front

Rear

The Queue Operations

- When an item is taken from the queue, it always comes from the front. The C++ queue calls this a **pop**, although it is usually called a **dequeue** operation.
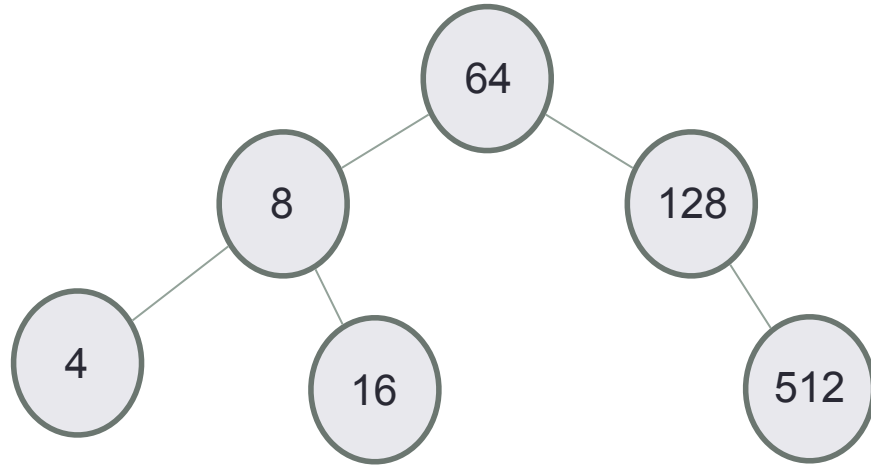
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The Queue Class

- The C++ standard template library has a queue template class.

- The template parameter is the type of the items that can be put in the queue.

```
template <class Item>
class queue<Item>
{
public:
    queue(  );
    void push(const Item& entry);
    void pop(  );
    bool empty(  ) const;
    Item front(  ) const;
    …
```

Breadth first traversal

- Take an empty Queue.
- Start from the root, insert the root into the Queue.
- Now while Queue is not empty,
  - Extract the node from the Queue and insert all its children into the Queue.
  - Print the extracted node.