



**Figure 1.** Queue implemented using dynamically allocated elements.

Notes for Figure 1.

1. **class Queue** has two data members, *oldest* and *newest*. Members *oldest* and *newest* point to the oldest and newest elements on the queue respectively.
2. Elements are linked via member *newer* in **struct Element**. Elements are linked to permit the following operations.
  - 2.1. A new element can be placed on the newest end of the queue.
  - 2.2. The oldest element can be removed.
  - 2.3. Elements can be traversed from the newest element to the oldest element.

Member functions of **struct Element**:

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class Queue {
    struct Element {
        Element* newer;
        int v;
        Element(int val);
    };
    Element* newest;
    Element* oldest;
    int count;

    void Kill(Element* e);
public:
    Queue();
    ~Queue();
    bool IsEmpty(void);
    bool IsFull(void);
    void Enq(int v);
    int Deq(void);
    int Length(void);
};
```

Figure 2. Specifications for class *Queue*.

1. *Element(int val)* - Function *Element* assigns the value of parameter *val* to member *v*. Function *Element* assigns a NULL-value to member *newer*. The newest element terminates the list of element on the queue.

Member functions of class *Queue*:

2. *Queue()* - Function *Queue* creates an empty queue. Function *Queue* assigns a NULL-value to pointers to the oldest and newest elements on the queue. Member *count* is set to zero. Member *newest* points to the most recently added element. Member *oldest* points to the element that has been on the queue the longest.
3. *~Queue()* - Function *~Queue* calls private member function *Kill* to free all dynamically allocated elements on the queue. After function *Kill* reclaims storage member *count* is set to zero.
4. *Kill* – Function *Kill* removes all remaining elements on the queue. Function *Kill* traverses the queue moving from the oldest element to the newest element. As each element is visited, it is deleted and storage is reclaimed.
5. *Enq* - Function *Enq* creates a new element and inserts on the newest end of the queue.
6. *Deq* - Function *Deq* removes an element from the oldest end of the queue and returns the value in the element to the caller.
7. *IsEmpty* - Function *IsEmpty* determines if the queue is empty.
8. *IsFull* - Function *IsFull* determines if the queue is full.
9. *Length* - Function *Length* returns the number of elements on the queue.

*Queue*::*Queue*();

1. Assign a NULL pointer to member *newest*.
2. Assign a NULL pointer to member *oldest*.
3. Assign zero to member *count*.

Notes for construction function *Queue()*

1. Recall that a **class** and **structure** are essentially identical. The only difference between a **class** and a **structure** is that members of a class are **private** by default and members of a structure are **public** by default.

*Queue*::~*Queue*();

1. Kill the elements on the queue. Reset the *count* to zero.

**void** *Queue*::*Kill*(*Element*\* *e*);

1. Parameter *e* points to the oldest element on the queue when member function *Kill* is called.
  - 1.1. Does parameter *e* point to an element on the queue? If the answer is yes then perform steps 1.2 through 1.6. If the answer is no then perform step 2.
  - 1.2. Create local variable *p* to point to the same element referenced by parameter *e*.
  - 1.3. Make parameter *e* point to the next newer element.
  - 1.4. Free the element referenced by local variable *p*.
  - 1.5. Repeat step 1.
2. Return to the caller. The queue is empty.

Member function *Kill* notes :

1. Member function *Kill* is a private member function because only members of **class** *Queue* should be permitted to remove every element on the queue.
2. Parameter *e* of function *Kill* points to the oldest member when it is called. Elements on the queue are deleted traversing the queue from the oldest element to the newest element.
3. The *while-statement* determines if parameter *e* points to an element. The element of the queue referenced by parameter *e* will be deleted. The loop defined by the *while-statement* terminates when parameter *e* is assigned the NULL-value. Parameter *e* is assigned a NULL-value when the NULL-value terminating the list in the newest element is assigned to parameter *e* by the statement

*e*=*e*->*newer*.

Elements on the queue are deleted using a four-step process illustrated in Figure 4.

- 3.1. Diagram 1 shows the queue as function *Kill* sees it before any elements have been deleted. Upon entry to function *Kill*, parameter *e* points to the oldest element as shown in diagram 1.
- 3.2. Local variable *p* is created in diagram 2. The oldest element is about to be deleted. Local variable *p* is made to point to the oldest element also.
- 3.3. Parameter *e* is moved to the next element to be deleted. This step is essential. If parameter *e* is not moved to the next element, remaining elements will be lost. There is no way to access remaining elements once the chain defined by member *newer* is broken. Please refer to diagram 3.
- 3.4. Storage is reclaimed. Local variable *p* goes out of scope at the end of the loop defined by the *while-statement*. When a variable goes out of scope it is destroyed. Parameter *e* points to the next element to be deleted. The process described above is repeated for every element on the queue.

**void** *Queue*::*Enq*(*int* *v*);

1. Throw exception *QueueException* if the queue is full. Note that function *QueueException* does not return. Statements following this check depend on the queue having at least one element.
2. Allocate a new element and assign a pointer to the new element to local variable *e*.
3. If the queue is empty assign a pointer to the element to member *oldest*.
4. If the queue has one or more elements assign the pointer to the new element to member *newer* in the element currently referenced by member *newest*.
5. Assign the pointer to the new element to member *newest*.
6. Increment the value of member *count*.

Member function *Enq* notes:

1. Member function *Enq* always places the new element at the newest end of the queue. Member *newest* always points to the element that was most recently placed on the queue.

**int Queue::Deq(void)**

1. Throw function *QueueException* if the queue is empty. Note that function *QueueException* does not return. Statements following this check depend on the queue having at least one element.
2. Assign a pointer to the oldest element on the queue to local variable *e*.
3. Extract the value of member *v* from the oldest element on the queue and assign it to local variable *v*.
4. If there is exactly one element on the queue, assign a NULL value to member *newest*.
5. Assign the value of member *newer* in the oldest element on the queue to member *oldest* in the anchor.
6. Free the oldest member on the queue.
7. Decrement member *count*.
8. Return the value of local variable *v*.

**bool Queue::IsEmpty(void)**

1. The queue is empty if the value of member *count* is zero.

**bool Queue::IsFull(void)**

1. The queue is never full.

**int Queue::Length(void)**

1. Return the value of member *count*.