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```
is.cljs — datascript
      (ns ^:no-doc datascript.js
        (:refer-clojure :exclude [filter])
        (:require
         [cljs.reader]
         [goog.object :as go]
  5
         [clojure.walk :as walk]
  6
         [datascript.core :as d]))
  7
  8
      ;; Conversions
  9
 10
      (defn- keywordize [s]
 11
        (if (and (string? s) (= (subs s 0 1) ":"))
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          (keyword (subs s 1))
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          s))
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 15
      (defn- schema → clj [schema]
        (\rightarrow ) (js\rightarrowclj schema)
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              (reduce-kv
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               (fn [m k v] (assoc m k (walk/postwalk keywordize v))) {})))
 19
 20
      (declare entities→clj)
 22
      (defn- entity-map→clj [e]
        (walk/postwalk
          (fn [form]
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            (if (and (map? form) (contains? form ":db/id"))
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              (\rightarrow form
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                   (dissoc ":db/id")
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                   (assoc :db/id (get form ":db/id")))
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               form))
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- Font
- Color scheme
- Clojure grammar
- Clojure formatting
- REPL

What is this talk about?

Many small ideas unified by a common theme: "Tools for programming in Clojure"

Won't help you write better code. Might make you suffer less during coding though.

This talk is about ideas, not implementation.

Is this a design talk?

Yes.

In a sense.

Part I. The Font



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A font with ligatures

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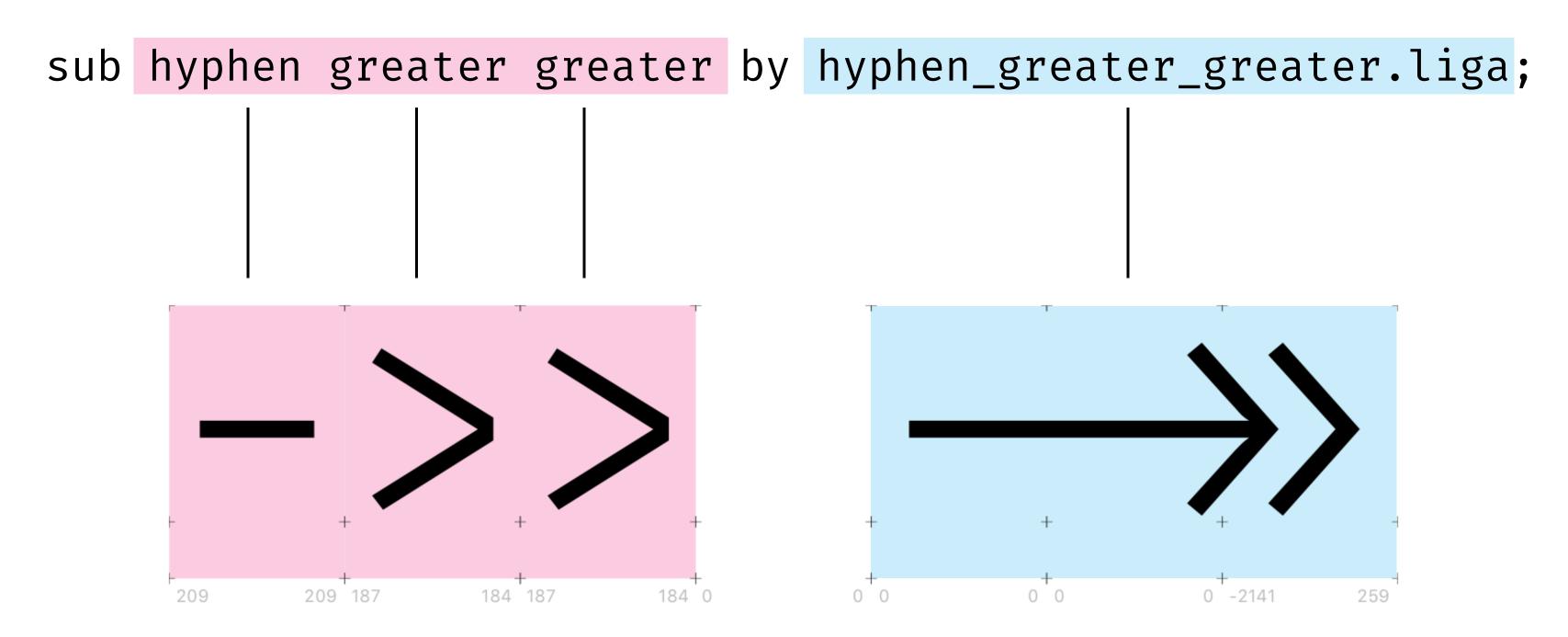
A font with ligatures
Font aware of context: programming

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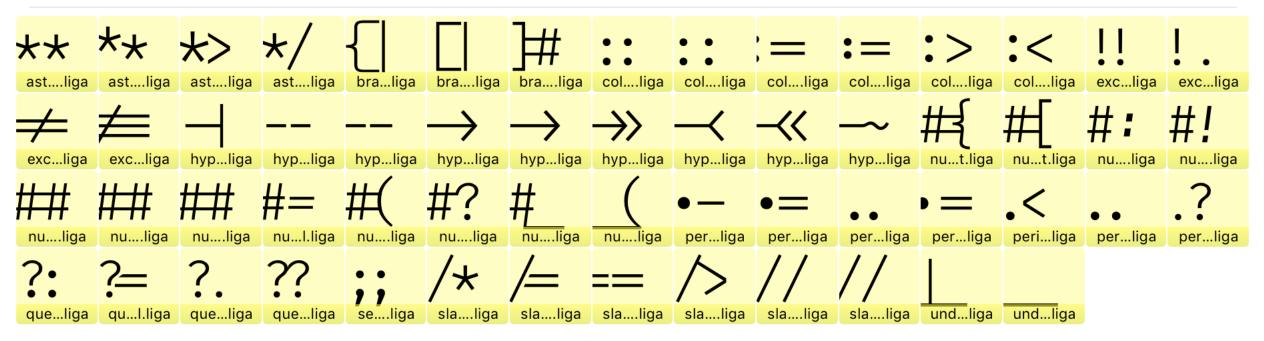


Clojure ligatures

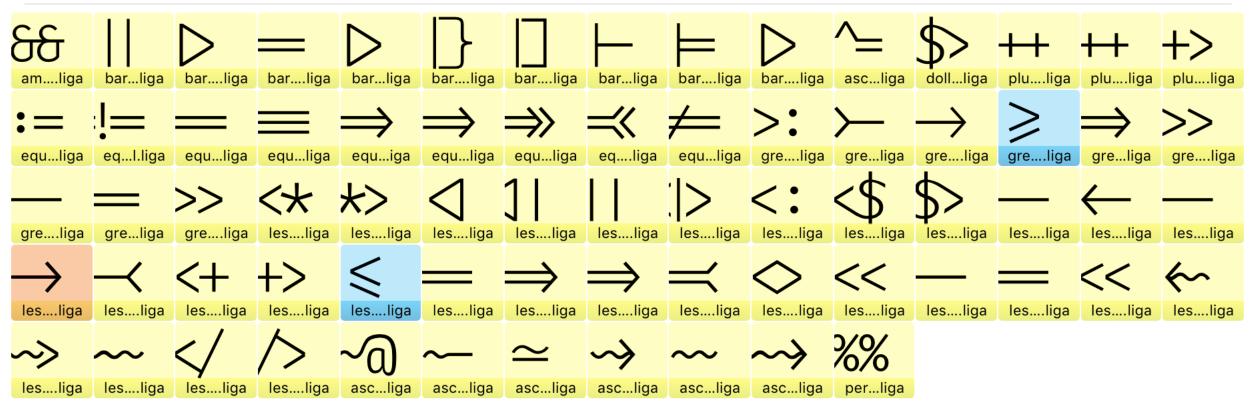


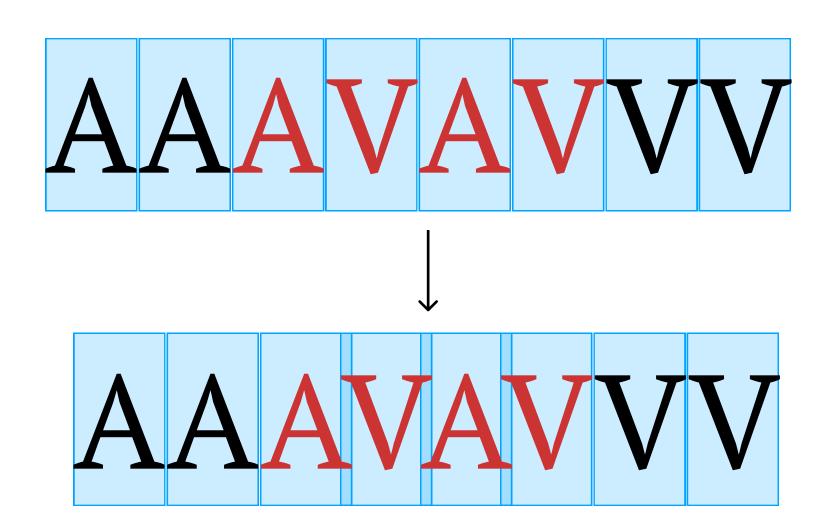
Idea: language agnostic

Punctuation



Symbol

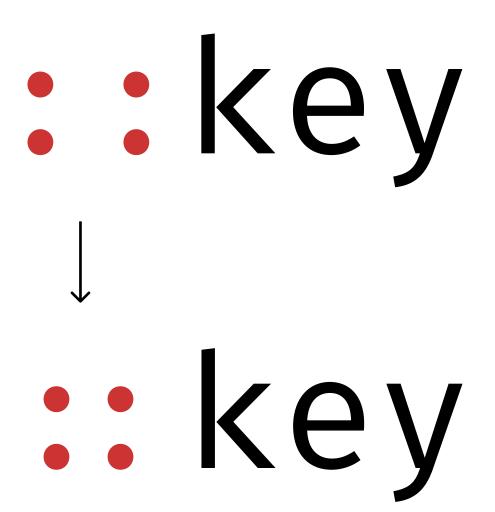


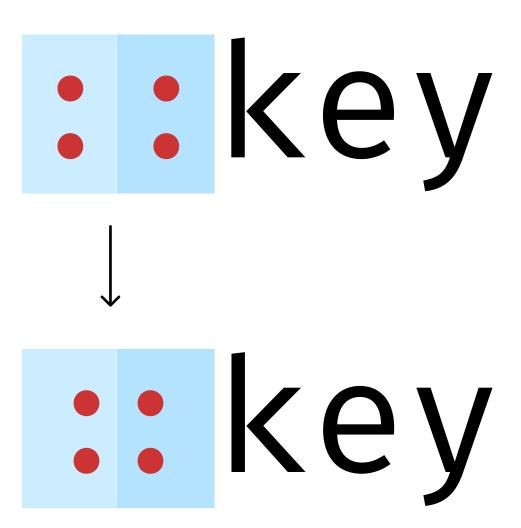


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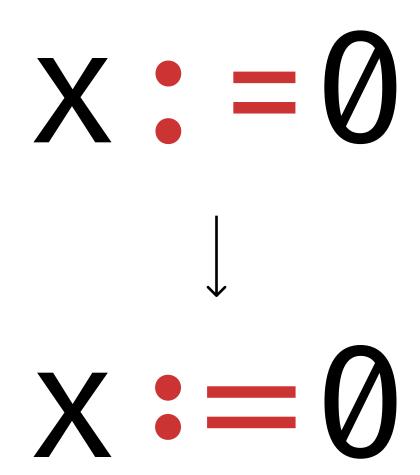
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Idea: fix align



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Idea: contextual alignment

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WWW --> WWW

Bonus: group parens

Fira Code

github.com/tonsky/FiraCode

End of Part I

Part II. The colors

Can't highlight everything

```
fun main() {
    nodejs { this: NodeJSBlock
         val downloadPath: File by bind(File(pathname: "download"))
         if (downloadPath.exists()) downloadPath.deleteRecursively()
         val r: MemoryUsage = eval( javascript: "process.memoryUsage()")
         println("rss is ${r.rss()}, heapTotal is ${r.heapTotal()}")
         val callback: Consumer<Map<String, Any?>> by bind(Consumer { m: Map<String, Any?> ->
             val map : DatConnection = m.asValue().cast<DatConnection>()
             val host: String = map.host()
             val port: Short = map.port()
             val type: String = map.type()
             println("""New connection to $host:$port using $type""")
         })
         run ( javascript: """
             var Dat = require('dat-node');
Dat = require('dat-node');
(downloadPath.getName(), { key: "778f8d955175c92e4ced5e4f5563f69bfec0c86cc6
'var' used instead of 'let' or 'const' more... (光F1) pw err;
                  console.log("Joined DAT network!");
                  let network = dat.joinNetwork(); // Downloads files automatically.
```

Can't highlight everything

```
fun main() {
   nodejs {
       val downloadPath by bind(File("download"))
       if (downloadPath exists()) downloadPath deleteRecursively()
       val r: MemoryUsage = eval("process.memoryUsage()")
        println("rss is ${r.rss()}, heapTotal is ${r.heapTotal()}")
       val callback by bind(Consumer { m: Map<String, Any?> ->
            val map = m.asValue().cast<DatConnection>()
           val host: String = map.host()
           val port: Int = map.port()
            val type: String = map.type()
            println("""New connection to $host:$port using $type""")
       })
       run("""
            let Dat = require('dat-node');
           Dat(downloadPath.getName(), { key: "778f8d955175c92e4ced5e4f5563f69bfec0c86cc6f670352c4579
                if (err) throw err;
                console.log("Joined DAT network!");
                let network = dat.joinNetwork(); // Downloads files automatically.
```

Problem: Too many rules

Editor

General

Font

▼ Color Scheme

General

Custom

VCS

Java

Dart

Debugger

Diff & Merge

Android Logcat

EditorConfig

Flutter Log

Groovy

HTML

JSON

Kotlin

Properties

RegExp

XML

XPath

XSLT

YAML

Inspections

File Encodings

Code Style

By Scope

File and Code Templates

Language Defaults

Color Scheme Font

Console Font

Console Colors

▼	Annotations
	Annotation attribute name
	Annotation name
₩	Braces and Operators
	Braces
	Brackets
	Comma
	Dot
	Operator sign
	Parentheses
	Semicolon
▼	Class Fields
	Constant (static final field)
	Constant (static final imported field)
	Instance field
	Instance final field
	Static field
	Static imported field
▼	Classes and Interfaces
	Abstract class
	Anonymous class
	Class
	Enum
	Interface
▼	Comments
	Block comment
	▼ JavaDoc
	Markup
	Tag
	Tag value
	Text
	Line comment
	Keyword
▼	Methods
	Abstract method
	Constructor call
	Constructor declaration
	Inherited method
	Method call
	Method declaration

Bold

Foreground

Background

✓ Effects

Error stripe mark

✓ Inherit values from:

Underscored

Identifiers→Reassigned local variable

(Language Defaults)

Italic

something expression



Problem: to_0 MUUCH dEcOrAtion!!!

```
updateObject(type, id, object) {
  assertNoIdsArePresent(object);
  assertApiArgumentTypes(apiCommandsSchema.update, {type, id, object}, "updateObject command");
  return makeApiCommand("data/create-or-update", {type, object: {...object, ...makeIdSpecifierObject(id)}});
deleteObject(type, id) {
  assertApiArgumentTypes(apiCommandsSchema.deleteObject, {type, id}, "deleteObject command");
 return makeApiCommand("data/delete", {type, object: makeIdSpecifierObject(id)});
},
attachAttribute(type, id, attributeToAttach, affectedIds) {
  assertApiArgumentTypes(apiCommandsSchema.attachOrDetachAttribute, {
    type,
    id,
    attributeToAttach,
    affectedIds,
  }, "attachAttribute command");
  console.assert(affectedIds.length > 0, "affectedIds must not be empty");
  return makeApiCommand("data/attach-attribute", {
   type,
    object: makeIdSpecifierObject(id),
    attribute: attributeToAttach,
    "attribute-objects": affectedIds.map(makeIdSpecifierObject),
 });
```

Problem: to_0 MUUCH dEcOrAtion!!!

```
updateObject(type, id, object) {
  assertNoIdsArePresent(object);
  assertApiArgumentTypes(apiCommandsSchema.update, {type, id, object}, "updateObject command");
  return makeApiCommand("data/create-or-update", {type, object: {...object, ...makeIdSpecifierObject(id)}});
},
deleteObject(type, id) {
  assertApiArgumentTypes(apiCommandsSchema.deleteObject, {type, id}, "deleteObject command");
  return makeApiCommand("data/delete", {type, object: makeIdSpecifierObject(id)});
},
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  assertApiArgumentTypes(apiCommandsSchema.attachOrDetachAttribute, {
   type,
    id,
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  }, "attachAttribute command");
  console.assert(affectedIds.length > 0, "affectedIds must not me empty");
  return makeApiCommand("data/attach-attribute", {
   type,
    object: makeIdSpecifierObject(id),
    attribute: attributeToAttach,
    "attribute-objects": affectedIds.map(makeIdSpecifierObject),
 });
```

Idea: few rules you will remember

```
Compile-time constants

"String-like" (string, regexps)
Declarations
;; Comments
(punctuation)
```

Idea: highlight comments

```
db.cljc — datascript
       db.cljc
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                (map? entity)
                (let [old-eid (:db/id entity)]
1146
                  (cond+
1147
                    ;; :db/current-tx / "datomic.tx" ⇒ tx
1148
                    (tx-id? old-eid)
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                    (let [id (current-tx report)]
                      (recur (allocate-eid report old-eid id)
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                             (cons (assoc entity :db/id id) entities)))
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                    ;; lookup-ref ⇒ resolved | error
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                    (sequential? old-eid)
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                    (let [id (entid-strict db old-eid)]
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1157
                      (recur report
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                             (cons (assoc entity :db/id id) entities)))
1159
                    ;; upserted ⇒ explode | error
1160
                    :let [upserted-eid (upsert-eid db entity)]
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                    (some? upserted-eid)
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                    (if (and (tempid? old-eid)
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                             (contains? tempids old-eid)
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                             (not= upserted-eid (get tempids old-eid)))
                      (retry-with-tempid initial-report report initial-es old-eid upserted-eid)
1167
                      (recur (allocate-eid report old-eid upserted-eid)
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                             (concat (explode db (assoc entity :db/id upserted-eid)) entities)))
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                    ;; resolved | allocated-tempid | tempid | nil ⇒ explode
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                    (or (number? old-eid)
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                        (nil?
                                 old-eid)
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                        (string? old-eid))
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                    (let [new-eid (cond
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                                     (nil? old-eid)
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Idea: highlight top-level declarations

```
(ns cljfmt.core
       (defn- make-indenter [[key opts] alias-map]
         (apply some-fn (map (partial indenter-fn key alias-map) opts)))
 269
       (defn- indent-order [[key _]]
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 272
           (and (symbol? key) (namespace key)) (str 0 key)
 273
           (symbol? key) (str 1 key)
 274
           (pattern? key) (str 2 key)))
       (defn- custom-indent [zloc indents alias-map]
         (if (empty? indents)
           (list-indent zloc)
 279
           (let [indenter (→> (sort-by indent-order indents)
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                               (map #(make-indenter % alias-map))
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                               (apply some-fn))]
 282
             (or (indenter zloc)
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                 (list-indent zloc)))))
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       (defn- indent-amount [zloc indents alias-map]
         (let [tag (→ zloc z/up z/tag)
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               gp (→ zloc z/up z/up)]
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 289
             (reader-conditional? gp) (coll-indent zloc)
 290
             (#:list :fn} tag)
                                      (custom-indent zloc indents alias-map)
 291
             (= :meta tag)
                                      (indent-amount (z/up zloc) indents alias-map)
 292
                                      (coll-indent zloc))))
 293
       (defn- indent-line [zloc indents alias-map]
         (let [width (indent-amount zloc indents alias-map)]
           (if (> width 0)
 297
             (zip/insert-right zloc (whitespace width))
 298
             zloc)))
 299
       (defn indent
 300
 301
          (indent form default-indents))
          (transform form edit-all should-indent? #(indent-line % indents {})))
         ([form indents alias-map]
          (transform form edit-all should-indent? #(indent-line % indents alias-map))))
 307
       (defn reindent
 308
         ([form]
          (indent (unindent form)))
         ([form indents]
          (indent (unindent form) indents))
         ([form indents alias-map]
 314
          (indent (unindent form) indents alias-map)))
 315
       (defn root? [zloc]
 317
         (nil? (zip/up zloc)))
318
 319 (defn final? [zloc]
         (and (nil? (zip/right zloc)) (root? (zip/up zloc))))
Line 318, Column 1
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Alabaster

- ✓ Sublime Text 3
- √ VS Code
- √ Vim
- ✓ IntelliJ
- ✓ Light Table

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playground.clj — sublime-scheme-alabaster
      playground.clj
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     (ns playground
      (:require
         [clojure.string :as str]))
    (defn clojure-function [args]
      (let [string
                       "multiline\nstring"
             regexp
                       #"regexp"
             number
                       100.000
             booleans [false true]
             keyword :: the-keyword]
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         ;; this is comment
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         (if true
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           (\longrightarrow)
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             (list [vector] {:map map} #['set})))))
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     ;; highlighted line
     ;; find highlights:
    (def some-var)
    (defonce another-var)
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End of Part II

Part III. The grammar

Problem: approximate

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(def x [
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                      ; keyword starting with digit
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                      ; keyword with color
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                      ; octal char
                      ; BigInt literal
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                      ; Ratio
 #datascript/DB {} ; namespaced reader tag
 ^:kw ^"String" sym ; multiple metas
 (rum/defc label []); namespaced def*
                      ; whitespace between a and symbol
 බ , ∗atom
 `(quote ~[])
                      ; quote-unquote
```

Problem: approximate

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def x [
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Problem: approximate

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                     ; octal char
                     ; BigInt literal
  100N
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                     : Ratio
 #datascript/DB {} ; namespaced reader tag
 ^:kw ^"String" sym ; multiple metas
  (rum/defc label []); namespaced def*
  (defmethod clojure.test/report :error [m]); def with namespaced symbol
                     ; whitespace between @ and symbol
 බ , ∗atom
  `(quote ~[])
                     ; quote-unquote
])
```

Idea: pedantically follow the spec

Precise, not approximate

Helpful, not confusing

Parse what should be parsed: no false negatives

Do not parse what shouldn't: no false positives

Test thoroughly

Don't be lazy

Idea: report errors

```
#"\t \n \r \f \a \e \cC \d \D \h \H \s \S \v \V \w \W"

#"\\ \07 \077 \0377 \xFF \uFFFF \x{0} \x{FFFFF} \x{10FFFF} \N{white smiling face}"

#"\y \x \uABC \p{Is Latin} \k<1gr> "

#"(x|(\(\||[)|])))"
```

sublime-clojure

github.com/tonsky/sublime-clojure

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                    ; octal char
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                    : Ratio
 #datascript/DB {} ; namespaced reader tag
 ^:kw ^"String" sym ; multiple metas
 (rum/defc label []); namespaced def*
 a , *atom ; whitespace between @ and symbol
  `(quote ~[]) ; quote-unquote
```



End of Part III

Part IV. The format

One Clojure formatter



for everyone to agree on

gofmt

De facto Go formatter

Mandatory for all published code

No knobs

Good enough

"Gofmt's style is nobody's favorite, yet gofmt is everybody's favorite."

Clojure Style Guide

Clojure Style Guide cljfmt

Clojure Style Guide cljfmt emacs

Clojure Style Guide cljfmt emacs zprint

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Clojure Style Guide cljfmt emacs zprint fipp
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Problem: too vague

Optionally omit the new line between the function name and argument vector

Optionally omit the new line between the argument vector and a short function body

Consider enhancing the readability of map literals via **judicious** use of commas and line breaks.

An exception to the rule is the grouping of related defs together.

Where feasible, avoid making lines longer than 80 characters.

An exception can be made to indicate grouping of pairwise constructs as found in e.g. let and cond.

Problem: too specific

```
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       case
                       [[:block 2]]
       catch
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       comment
                       [[:block 0]]
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       cond
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       condp
                       [[:block 1]]
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       cond->
                       [[:block 1]]
       cond->>
                       [[:inner 0]]
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       def
                       [[:inner 0]]
       defmacro
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                       [[:inner 0]]
       defmethod
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       defmulti
                       [[:inner 0]]
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       defn
                       [[:inner 0]]
 19
       defn-
                       [[:inner 0]]
       defonce
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                       [[:block 1] [:inner 1]]
       defprotocol
                       [[:block 2] [:inner 1]]
 22
       defrecord
```

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defstruct
                     [[:block 1]]
23
     deftest
                     [[:inner 0]]
24
                     [[:block 2] [:inner 1]]
25
     deftype
                     [[:block 0]]
               lem: too specific
                     [[:block 1]]
      doto
                     [[:block 1]]
30
     extend
     extend-protocol [[:block 1] [:inner 1]]
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                     [[:block 1] [:inner 1]]
     extend-type
32
     fdef
                     [[:inner 0]]
33
     finally
                     [[:block 0]]
34
                     [[:inner 0]]
35
                     [[:block 1]]
36
                     [[:block 0]]
37
      future
                     [[:block 0]]
38
                     [[:block 1]]
39
     go-loop
     if
                     [[:block 1]]
40
     if-let
                     [[:block 1]]
41
     if-not
                     [[:block 1]]
42
     if-some
                     [[:block 1]]
43
                     [[:block 1]]
44
     let
                     [[:block 1] [:inner 2 0]]
45
     letfn
     locking
                     [[:block 1]]
46
     loop
                     [[:block 1]]
47
                     [[:block 1]]
48
     match
                     [[:block 1]]
49
     ns
                     [[:block 2] [:inner 1]]
50
     proxy
                     [[:inner 0] [:inner 1]]
51
     reify
                     [[:block 1]]
52
     struct-map
53
     testing
                     [[:block 1]]
     thread
                     [[:block 0]]
54
                     [[:block 0]]
55
     try
     use-fixtures
                     [[:inner 0]]
56
```

```
[[:inner 0] [:inner 1]]
     reify
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     struct-map
                   [[:block 1]]
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                   [[:block 1]]
57
     when
     when-first
                   [[:block 1]]
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     when-let
                   [[:block 1]]
                   [[:block 1]]
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     when-not
                   [[:block 1]]
61
     when-some
     while
                   [[:block 1]]
62
     with-local-vars [[:block 1]]
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                   [[:block 1]]
     with-open
64
                   [[:block 0]]
     with-out-str
65
     with-precision
                   [[:block 1]]
66
     with-redefs
                   [[:block 1]]}
67
```

Problem: toos 291 "assoc" :arg1-pair, "assoc"

```
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                        [[:block 0]]
                       [[:block 2] [:inner 1]]
                      [[:block 2] [:inner 1]]
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                       [[:block 1]]
                       [[:block 1]]
      extend-type [[:block 1] [:inner 1]]
fdef [[:inner 0]]
                      [[:inner 0]]
[[:block 0]]
      for
future
                        [[:block 0]]
                       [[:block 0]]
[[:block 1]]
                      [[:block 1]]
                        [[:block 0]]
                       [[:block 1]]
      with-open [[:block 1]]
```

```
279 (def zfnstyle
280 {"->" :noarg1-body,
       ":import" :force-nl-body,
        ":require" :force-nl-body
       "=" :hang,
        "alt" :pair-fn.
        "cond-let" :pair-fn,
        "cond->" :arg1-pair-body,
        "condp" :arg2-pair,
        "def" :arg1-body,
         "defcs" :arg1-mixin.
        "defmethod" :arg2,
        "defmulti" :arg1-body,
         "defn" :arg1-body,
        "defn-" :arg1-body,
        "defproject" [:arg2-pair {:vector {:wrap? false}}],
        "defprotocol" :arg1-force-nl,
       "deftype" :arg2-extend,
        "defui" :arg1-extend,
        "dosea" :binding.
        "dotimes" :binding,
319 "extend" :arg1-extend,
        "extend-type" :arg1-extend,
       "fdef" :arg1-force-nl,
        "filter" :arg1,
        "filterv" :arg1,
        "for" :binding,
328 "if" :arg1-body,
        "if-not" :arg1-body.
        "let" :binding.
334 "letfn" :binding,
        "loop" :binding,
         "match" :arg1-pair-body,
        "matchm" :arg1-pair-body,
         "not=" :hang,
        "proxy" :arg2-fn,
        "s/def" [:arg1-body {:list {:constant-pair-min 2}}],
        "s/fdef" [:arg1-body {:list {:constant-pair-min 2}}],
       "s/and" :gt2-force-nl,
        "some->" :force-nl-body,
        "some->>" :force-nl-body.
        "trv" :none-body.
        "when-let" :binding.
       "when-not" :arg1-body
        "with-bindings" :arg1,
        "with-meta" :arg1-body,
        "with-redefs-fn" :arg1-body}
```

Problem: runtime/whitelisting

Everyone to agree on

Now and in the future

No versions, no patches

Any runtime (jvm, js, python, rust?)

Open world

New libraries

New editors

New language features (cond->, when-some, ?#...)

Idea: remove ALL special cases

As simple as it gets

No exceptions

No whitelisting

No runtime dependency

Few rules, applied uniformly

How few?

1. Align lists starting with symbol with 2 spaces

2. Align rest to the bracket

```
[1 2 3 4
                        ([x])
• 5 6]
                        ·body)
                        ([x y]
{:key 1
                        body))
:also-key 2}
                        #?(:clj
                        · · · (Math/round 1))
#{a b c d
••e f}
```

Bonus: no deep nesting

```
(filter even?
....(range 1 10))

(filter even?
..(range 1 10))
```

Read more at

tonsky.me/blog/clojurefmt

End of Part IV

Part C. The Conclusion

Writing tools is fun!
Lots to improve.
Huge impact for yourself
Try it!

- Submit a patch to language grammar!
- Remap your keyboard!
- Write a color scheme!
- Add ligatures to a font!

Thank you!

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