

Clojure Cheat Sheet (Clojure 1.3 - 1.6, sheet v31)

Documentation

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| clojure.repl/ | doc find-doc apropos dir source pst javadoc (foo.bar/ is namespace for later syms) |
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Primitives

Numbers

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| Literals | Long: 7, hex 0xff, oct 017, base 2 2r1011, base 36 36rCRAZY BigInt: 7N Ratio: -22/7 Double: 2.78 -1.2e-5 BigDecimal: 4.2M |
| Arithmetic | + - * / quot rem mod inc dec max min +' -' *' inc' dec' |
| Compare | == < > <= >= compare |
| Bitwise | bit-and bit-or bit-xor bit-not bit-flip bit-set bit-shift-right bit-shift-left bit-and-not bit-clear bit-test (1.6) unsigned-bit-shift-right (see BigInteger for integers larger than Long) |
| Cast | byte short int long float double bigdec bigint num rationalize biginteger |
| Test | zero? pos? neg? even? odd? number? rational? integer? ratio? decimal? float? |
| Random | rand rand-int |
| BigDecimal | with-precision |
| Unchecked | *unchecked-math* unchecked-add unchecked-dec unchecked-inc unchecked-multiply unchecked-negate unchecked-subtract |

Strings

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| Create | str format "a string" "escapes \b\f\n\t\r\" octal \377 hex \ucafe" See also IO/to string |
| Use | count get subs compare (clojure.string/) join escape split split-lines replace replace-first reverse (1.5) re-quote-replacement (String) .indexOf .lastIndexOf |
| Regex | #"pattern" re-find re-seq re-matches re-pattern re-matcher re-groups (clojure.string/) replace replace-first (1.5) re-quote-replacement Note: \ in #" is not escape char. (re-pattern "\\s*\\d+") can be written #"\\s*\\d+" |
| Letters | (clojure.string/) capitalize lower-case upper-case |
| Trim | (clojure.string/) trim trim-newline triml trimr |
| Test | char char? string? (clojure.string/) blank? (String) .startsWith .endsWith .contains |

Other

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| Characters | char char-name-string char-escape-string literals: \a \newline (more at link) |
| Keywords | keyword keyword? find-keyword literals: :kw :my.ns/kw ::in-cur-ns |
| Symbols | symbol symbol? gensym literals: my-sym my.ns/foo |
| Misc | literals: true false nil |

Collections

Collections

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| Generic ops | count empty not-empty into conj (clojure.walk/) walk prewalk prewalk-demo prewalk-replace postwalk postwalk-demo postwalk-replace |
| Content tests | distinct? empty? every? not-every? some not-any? |
| Capabilities | sequential? associative? sorted? counted? reversible? |
| Type tests | coll? list? vector? set? map? seq? (1.6) record? |

Lists (conj, pop, & peek at beginning)

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| Create | () list list* |
| Examine | first nth peek .indexOf .lastIndexOf |
| 'Change' | cons conj rest pop |

Vectors (conj, pop, & peek at end)

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| Create | [] vector vec vector-of (1.4) mapv filterv (clojure.core.rbb- vector/) vector vec vector-of |
| Examine | (my-vec idx) → (nth my-vec idx) get peek .indexOf .lastIndexOf |
| 'Change' | assoc pop subvec replace conj rseq |
| Ops | (1.4) reduce-kv |

Sets

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| Create unsorted | #{} set hash-set (clojure.data.int-map/) int-set dense-int-set |
| Create sorted | sorted-set sorted-set-by (clojure.data.avl/) sorted-set sorted-set-by (flatland.ordered.set/) ordered-set |
| Examine | (my-set item) → (get my-set item) contains? |
| 'Change' | conj disj |
| Set ops | (clojure.set/) union difference intersection select See also Relations |
| Test | (clojure.set/) subset? superset? |
| Sorted sets | rseq subseq rsubseq |

Maps

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| Create unsorted | { } hash-map array-map zipmap bean frequencies group-by (clojure.set/) index (clojure.data.int-map/) int-map |
| Create sorted | sorted-map sorted-map-by (clojure.data.avl/) sorted-map sorted-map-by (flatland.ordered.map/) ordered-map (clojure.data.priority-map/) priority-map (flat- land.useful.map/) ordering-map |
| Examine | (my-map k) → (get my-map k) also (:key my-map) → (get my-map :key) get-in contains? find keys vals |
| 'Change' | assoc assoc-in dissoc merge merge-with select-keys update-in (clojure.set/) rename-keys map-invert GitHub: Medley |
| Ops | (1.4) reduce-kv |
| Entry | key val |
| Sorted maps | rseq subseq rsubseq |

Queues (conj at end, peek & pop from beginning)

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| Create | clojure.lang.PersistentQueue/EMPTY (no literal syntax or constructor fn) |
| Examine | peek |
| 'Change' | conj pop |

Relations (set of maps, each with same keys, aka rels)

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| Rel algebra | (clojure.set/) join select project union difference intersection index rename |
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Transients (clojure.org/transients)

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| Create | transient persistent! |
| Change | conj! pop! assoc! dissoc! disj! Note: always use return value for later changes, never original! |

Misc

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| Compare | = identical? not= not compare clojure.data/diff |
| Test | true? false? instance? nil? (1.6) some? |

Sequences

Creating a Lazy Seq

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| From collection | seq vals keys rseq subseq rsubseq sequence |
| From producer fn | lazy-seq repeatedly iterate |
| From constant | repeat range |
| From other | file-seq line-seq resultset-seq re-seq tree-seq xml-seq iterator-seq enumeration-seq |
| From seq | keep keep-indexed |

Seq in, Seq out

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| Get shorter | distinct filter remove take-nth for |
| Get longer | cons conj concat lazy-cat mapcat cycle interleave interpose |
| Tail-items | rest nthrest next fnext nnext drop drop-while take-last for |
| Head-items | take take-while butlast drop-last for |
| 'Change' | conj concat distinct flatten group-by partition partition-all partition-by split-at split-with filter remove replace shuffle |
| Rearrange | reverse sort sort-by compare |
| Process items | map pmap map-indexed mapcat for replace seque |

Using a Seq

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| Extract item | first second last rest next ffirst nfirst fnext nnext nth nthnext rand-nth when-first max-key min-key |
| Construct coll | zipmap into reduce reductions set vec into-array to-array-2d (1.4) mapv filterv |
| Pass to fn | apply |
| Search | some filter |
| Force evaluation | doseq dorun doall |
| Check for forced | realized? |

Zippers (clojure.zip/)

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| Create | zipper seq-zip vector-zip xml-zip |
| Get loc | up down left right leftmost rightmost |
| Get seq | lefts rights path children |
| 'Change' | make-node replace edit insert-child insert-left insert-right append-child remove |
| Move | next prev |
| Misc | root node branch? end? |

IO

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|--------------|---|
| to/from ... | spit slurp (to writer/from reader, Socket, string with file name, URI, etc.) |
| to *out* | pr prn print printf println newline (clojure.pprint/) print-table |
| to writer | (clojure.pprint/) pprint cl-format also: (binding [*out* writer] ...) |
| to string | format with-out-str pr-str prn-str print-str println-str |
| from *in* | read-line (clojure.tools.reader.edn/) read |
| from reader | line-seq (clojure.tools.reader.edn/) read also: (binding [*in* reader] ...) java.io.Reader |
| from string | with-in-str (clojure.tools.reader.edn/) read-string |
| Open | with-open (clojure.java.io/) text: reader writer binary: input-stream output-stream |
| Binary | (.write ostream byte-arr) (.read istream byte-arr) java.io.OutputStream java.io.InputStream GitHub: gloss byte-spec |
| Misc | flush (.close s) file-seq *in* *out* *err* (clo- jure.java.io/) file copy delete-file resource as-file as-url as-relative-path GitHub: fs |
| Data readers | (1.4) *data-readers* default-data-readers (1.5) *default-data-reader-fn* |

Functions

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|--------|---|
| Create | fn defn defn- definline identity constantly memfn comp complement partial juxt memoize fnil every-pred some-fn |
| Call | apply -> ->> trampoline (1.5) as-> cond-> cond->> some-> some->> |
| Test | fn? ifn? |

Abstractions (Clojure type selection flowchart)

Protocols (clojure.org/protocols)

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| Define | (defprotocol Slicey (slice [at])) |
| Extend | (extend-type String Slicey (slice [at] ...)) |
| Extend null | (extend-type nil Slicey (slice [_] nil)) |
| Reify | (reify Slicey (slice [at] ...)) |
| Test | satisfies? extends? |
| Other | extend extend-protocol extenders |

Records (clojure.org/datatypes)

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|--------|-------------------------|
| Define | (defrecord Pair [h t]) |
| Access | (:h (Pair. 1 2)) → 1 |
| Create | Pair. ->Pair map->Pair |
| Test | record? |

Types (clojure.org/datatypes)

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| Define | (deftype Pair [h t]) |
| Access | (.h (Pair. 1 2)) → 1 |
| Create | Pair. ->Pair |
| | (deftype Pair [h t] |
| | Object |
| With methods | (toString [this] (str "<" h " ", " t ">"))) |

Multimethods (clojure.org/multimethods)

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| Define | (defmulti my-mm dispatch-fn) |
| Method define | (defmethod my-mm :dispatch-value [args] ...) |
| Dispatch | get-method methods |
| Remove | remove-method remove-all-methods |
| Prefer | prefer-method prefers |
| Relation | derive underive isa? parents ancestors descendants |
| | make-hierarchy |

Macros

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| Create | defmacro definline |
| Debug | macroexpand-1 macroexpand (clojure.walk/) macroexpand-all |
| Branch | and or when when-not when-let when-first if-not if-let cond condp case (1.6) when-some if-some |
| Loop | for doseq dotimes while |
| Arrange | .. doto -> ->> (1.5) as-> cond-> cond->> some-> some->> |
| Scope | binding locking time with-in-str with-local-vars with-open with-out-str with-precision with-redefs with-redefs-fn |
| Lazy | lazy-cat lazy-seq delay |
| Doc. | assert comment doc |

Special Characters (clojure.org/reader, tutorial)

| | |
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| , | Comma reads as white space. Often used between map key/value pairs for readability. |
| ' | quote: 'form → (quote form) |
| / | Namespace separator (see Primitives/Other section) |
| \ | Character literal (see Primitives/Other section) |
| : | Keyword (see Primitives/Other section) |
| ; | Single line comment |
| ~ | Metadata (see Metadata section) |
| *foo* | 'earmuffs' - convention to indicate dynamic vars, compiler warns if not dynamic |
| @ | Deref: @form → (deref form) |
| ` | Syntax-quote |
| foo# | 'auto-gensym', consistently replaced with same auto-generated symbol everywhere inside same '(...) |
| - | Unquote |
| ~@ | Unquote-splicing |
| -> | 'thread first' macro -> |
| ->> | 'thread last' macro ->> |
| (| List literal (see Collections/Lists section) |
| [| Vector literal (see Collections/Vectors section) |
| { | Map literal (see Collections/Maps section) |
| #' | Var-quote #'x → (var x) |
| #" | #"p" reads as regex pattern p (see Strings/Regex section) |
| { | Set literal (see Collections/Sets section) |
| #(| Anonymous function literal: #(...) → (fn [args] (...)) |
| % | Anonymous function argument: %N is value of anonymous function arg N. % short for %1. %& for rest args. |
| #foo | tagged literal e.g. #inst #uuid |
| \$ | JavaContainerClass\$InnerClass |
| foo? | conventional ending for a predicate, e.g.: zero? vector? instance? (unenforced) |
| foo! | conventional ending for an unsafe operation, e.g.: set! swap! alter-meta! (unenforced) |
| _ | conventional name for an unused value (unenforced) |
| #_ | Ignore next form |

Metadata (clojure.org/reader, special_forms)

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| General | ~{:key1 val1 :key2 val2 ...} |
| Abbrevs | ~Type → ~{:tag Type}, ~:key → ~{:key true} |
| Common | ~:dynamic ~:private ~:doc ~:const |
| Examples | (defn ~:private ~String my-fn ...) (def ~:dynamic *dyn-var* val) |
| On Vars | meta with-meta vary-meta alter-meta! reset-meta! doc find-doc test |

Special Forms (clojure.org/special_forms)

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| def if do let letfn quote var fn loop recur set! throw try | |
| monitor-enter monitor-exit | |
| Binding Forms / | (examples) let fn defn defmacro loop for doseq if-let |
| Destructuring | when-let (1.6) if-some when-some |

Vars and global environment (clojure.org/vars)

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| Def variants | def defn defn- definline defmacro defmethod defmulti defonce defrecord |
| Interned vars | declare intern binding find-var var |
| Var objects | with-local-vars var-get var-set alter-var-root var? bound? thread-bound? |
| Var validators | set-validator! get-validator |

Namespace

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|---------------|--|
| Current | *ns* |
| Create/Switch | (tutorial) ns in-ns create-ns |
| Add | alias def import intern refer |
| Find | all-ns find-ns |
| Examine | ns-name ns-aliases ns-map ns-interns ns-publics ns-refers ns-imports |
| From symbol | resolve ns-resolve namespace the-ns |
| Remove | ns-unalias ns-unmap remove-ns |

Loading

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| Load libs | (tutorial) require use import refer |
| List loaded | loaded-libs |
| Load misc | load load-file load-reader load-string |

Concurrency

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| Atoms | atom swap! reset! compare-and-set! |
| Futures | future future-call future-done? future-cancel future-cancelled? future? |
| Threads | bound-fn bound-fn* get-thread-bindings push-thread-bindings pop-thread-bindings thread-bound? |
| Misc | locking pcalls pvalues pmap seque promise deliver |

Refs and Transactions (clojure.org/refs)

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| Create | ref |
| Examine | deref @ (@form → (deref form)) |
| Transaction | sync dosync io! |
| In transaction | ensure ref-set alter commute |
| Validators | set-validator! get-validator |
| History | ref-history-count ref-min-history ref-max-history |

Agents and Asynchronous Actions (clojure.org/agents)

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| Create | agent |
| Examine | agent-error |
| Change state | send send-off restart-agent (1.5) send-via set-agent-send-executor! set-agent-send-off-executor! |
| Block waiting | await await-for |
| Ref validators | set-validator! get-validator |
| Watchers | add-watch remove-watch |
| Thread handling | shutdown-agents |
| Error | error-handler set-error-handler! error-mode set-error-mode! |
| Misc | *agent* release-pending-sends |

Java Interoperation (clojure.org/java_interop)

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| General | .. doto Classname/ Classname. new bean comparator enumeration-seq import iterator-seq memfn set! class class? bases supers type gen-class gen-interface definterface |
| Cast | boolean byte short char int long float double bigdec bigint num cast biginteger |
| Exceptions | throw try catch finally pst (1.4) ex-info ex-data |

Arrays

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| Create | make-array object-array boolean-array byte-array short-array char-array int-array long-array float-array double-array aclone to-array to-array-2d into-array |
| Use | aget aset aset-boolean aset-byte aset-short aset-char aset-int aset-long aset-float aset-double alength amap areduce |
| Cast | booleans bytes shorts chars ints longs floats doubles |

Proxy (Clojure type selection flowchart)

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| Create | proxy get-proxy-class construct-proxy init-proxy |
| Misc | proxy-mappings proxy-super update-proxy |

Other

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| XML | clojure.xml/parse xml-seq |
| REPL | *1 *2 *3 *e *print-dup* *print-length* *print-level* *print-meta* *print-readably* |
| Code | *compile-files* *compile-path* *file* *warn-on-reflection* compile loaded-libs test |
| Misc | eval force hash name *clojure-version* clojure-version *command-line-args* |
| Browser / Shell | (clojure.java.browse/) browse-url (clojure.java.shell/) sh with-sh-dir with-sh-env |