

# Introduction



HugSQL is a Clojure library for *embracing* SQL.

- SQL is the right tool for the job when working with a relational database!
- HugSQL uses **simple conventions** in your SQL files to define database functions in your Clojure namespace, creating a clean separation of Clojure and SQL code.
- HugSQL supports runtime replacement of:
  - **SQL Values** `where id = :id`
  - **SQL Value Lists** `where id in (:v*:ids)`
  - **SQL Identifiers** `from :i:table-name`
  - **SQL Identifier Lists** `select :i*:column-names`
  - **SQL Tuples** `where (a.id, b.id) = (:t:ids)`
  - **SQL Tuple Lists** `insert into emp (id, name) values (:t*:people)`
  - **Raw SQL**
  - **Custom Parameter Types** (implement your own)
- HugSQL features **Clojure Expressions** and **Snippets** providing the full expressiveness of Clojure and the composability of partial SQL statements when constructing complex SQL queries.
- HugSQL has **protocol-based adapters** supporting multiple database libraries and ships with adapters for `clojure.java.jdbc` (default), `next.jdbc`, and `clojure.jdbc`.

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