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# Basic Data Elements

symbols

keywords

literals

lists

vectors

maps

sets

# Symbols

Can reference another value

```
(def foo 12)
```

```
(defn bar [n] (inc n))
```

When evaluated returns the value

foo	→	12
bar	→	fn

When quoted & evaluated  
returns it self

'foo	→	foo
'bar	→	bar

# Symbols

Can start with any non-numeric character

Can contain alphanumeric characters and ! \$ % & \* - + = \_ | < > ?

```
(def !$%&*-+=_|<>? "wtf")
```

Unicode is supported

```
(def పన్నెండు 12)
```

```
(def भार 12)
```

```
(def பன்னிரண்டு 12)
```

```
(def बारह 12)
```

```
(def ಹನ್ನೆರಡು 12)
```

```
(def बारो 12)
```

```
(def ਬਾਰਾ 12)
```

# Keywords

Like symbols but evaluates to itself

Literal syntax starts with a colon

:foobar

:2

:?

:ThisIsALongKeyWordWhichShowsThatTheCanBeLong

Colon is part of literal syntax, but not the name of the keyword

(= :cat (keyword "cat"))            true

(= :cat (keyword ":cat"))            false

# Literals - Strings & Characters

"A String"

\c

"Another  
string"

\u00ff  
*unicode*

(class "cat")  
*java.lang.String*

\o64  
*octal*

# Whitespace Characters

`\space`

`\newline`

`\formfeed`

`\return`

`\backspace`

`\tab`

So what is `\n` ?

# `\n` verses `"\n"`

`\n`

`"\n"`

Character `n`

newline in string

`(str "a" \n "b" 5)`

`"anb5"`

`(str "a" \newline "b")`

`"a  
b"`

`(str "a" "\n" "b")`

`"a  
b"`



# Numbers

Long	Double	Ratio
12	2.11	3/5
0xfe	1.3e-4	
2r111		
5r123		
36rCRAZY		

BigInt	BigDecimal
12N	4.2M

(factorial 100N)

9332621544394415268169923885626670049071  
5968264381621468592963895217599993229915  
6089414639761565182862536979208272237582  
511852109168640000000000000000000000N

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# Cast/Convert

byte	(long 12.8)	12
short		
int	(rationalize 0.25)	1/4
long		
float	(read-string "12.6")	12.6
double		
bigdec	(str 12.3)	"12.3"
bigint		
num		
rationalize		
biginteger		

# Collections

Immutable

Heterogeneous

Persistent

Vectors

Sets

Maps

Lists

Queues

# Vectors

Expandable, indexed list

```
[4 "cat" \c]
```

Fast insert at end

```
[4, "cat", \c]
```

Expensive insert in front

```
[]
```

Fast indexed lookup

# Vectors

<code>(vector 8 4 2)</code>	<code>[8 4 2]</code>
<code>(nth [:a :b :c] 2)</code>	<code>:c</code>
<code>(get ["a" "b" "c"] 2)</code>	<code>"c"</code>
<code>(["a" "b" "c"] 2)</code>	<code>"c"</code>
<code>(nth [:a :b :c] 2 "rat")</code>	<code>:c</code>
<code>(nth [:a :b :c] 4 "rat")</code>	<code>"rat"</code>
<code>(.indexOf ["a" "b" "c"] "b")</code>	<code>1</code>
<code>(peek ["a" "b" "c"])</code>	<code>"c"</code>
<code>(pop ["a" "b" "c"])</code>	<code>["a" "b"]</code>
<code>(conj [1 2 3] 4)</code>	<code>[1 2 3 4]</code>
<code>(assoc [1 2 3] 0 9)</code>	<code>[9 2 3]</code>

# Accessing Elements - 3 ways

	nth	get	Vector as function
nil vector	Returns nil	Returns nil	Exception
Index out of range	Exception or "Not found" arg	Returns nil	Exception
Not found arg	Yes	Yes	No

# Immutability & Persistence

```
(def a [1 2 3])
```

```
(def b (conj a 4))
```

```
(def c (assoc b 0 8))
```

a  $\longleftrightarrow$  [1 2 3]

b  $\longleftrightarrow$  [1 2 3 4]

c  $\longleftrightarrow$  [8 2 3 4]

Java

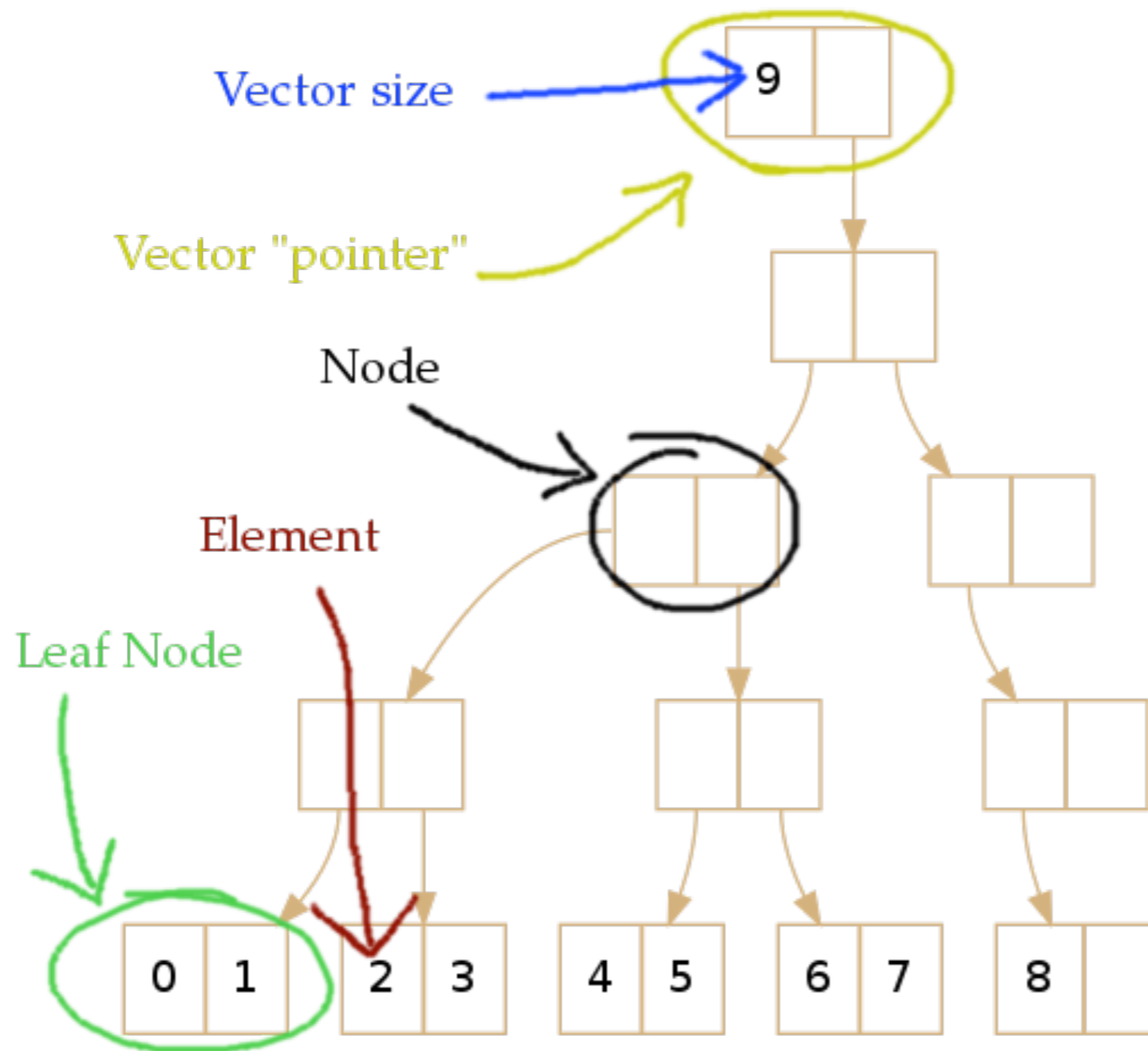
```
int[] d = {1, 2, 3};
```

```
d[0] = 8;
```

d  $\longleftrightarrow$  {8, 2, 3}

# Vector Implementation

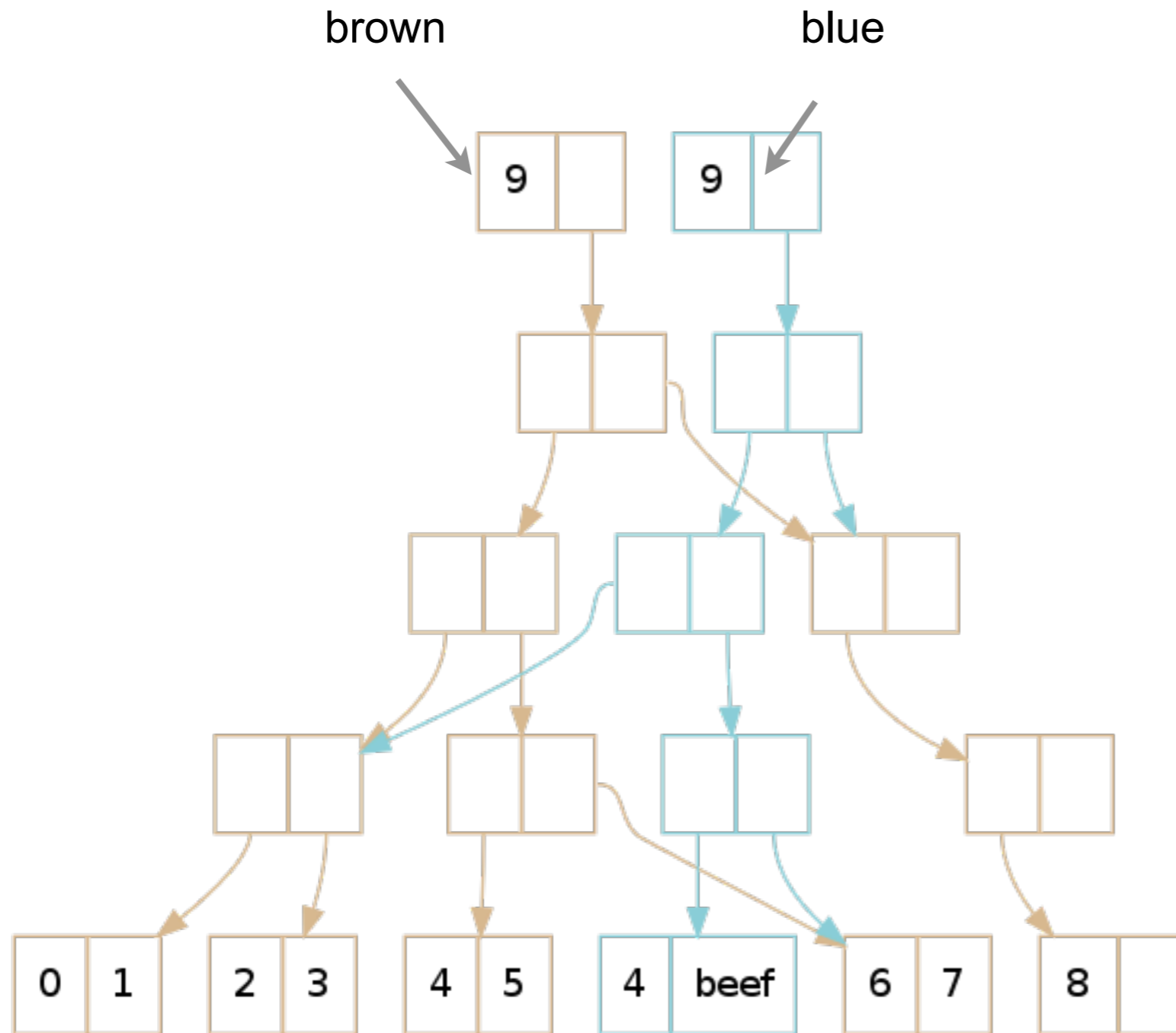
(def brown [0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8])





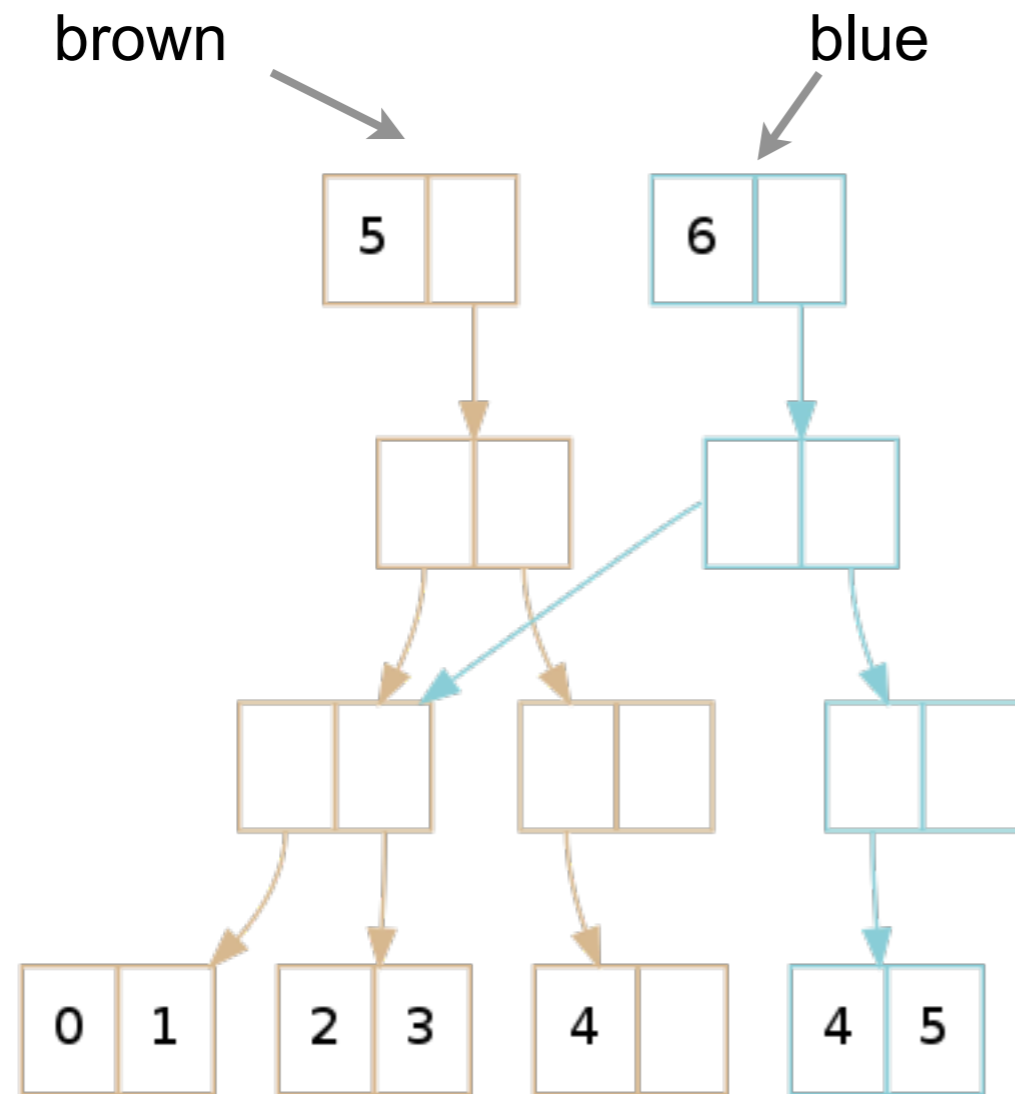
# Update

```
(def brown [0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8])  
(def blue (assoc brown 5 'beef'))
```



# Adding

```
(def brown [0 1 2 3 4])  
(def blue (conj brown 5))
```



# More Details

Bit-partitioned trie with branching factor of 32

Nodes

Contain 32 elements

Tree

Trie on index of elements

1 billion elements

Tree of depth 6

# Some Operation Costs

Operation	Cost
count	$O(1)$
first	$O(<7)$
rest	$O(<7)$
nth	$O(<7)$
last	$O(n)$
get	$O(<7)$
assoc	$O(<7)$
peek	$O(1) ?$

# For More Details

See

<http://hypirion.com/musings/understanding-persistent-vector-pt-1>

<http://hypirion.com/musings/understanding-persistent-vector-pt-2>

# Sets

No duplicates

Fast insert & contains

# Sets

<code>(contains? #{1 2} 1)</code>	<code>true</code>
<code>(#{2 4} 2)</code>	<code>2</code>
<code>(#{2 4} 3)</code>	<code>nil</code>
<code>(get #{1 2} 1)</code>	<code>1</code>
<code>(get #{1 2} 3)</code>	<code>nil</code>
<code>(get #{1 2} 3 :not-found)</code>	<code>:not-found</code>
<code>(nth #{4 2} 2)</code>	<code>2</code>
<code>(conj #{ 1 2 } 3 4 5)</code>	<code>#{1 2 3 4 5}</code>
<code>(disj #{1 2 3} 2)</code>	<code>#{1 3}</code>
<code>(clojure.set/intersection #{1 2 3} #{2 4 8})</code>	<code>#{2}</code>

# Maps (Hash Table)

Key-value map

```
{:first-name "Roger"  
 :last-name "Whitney" }
```

Keys - any value

```
{:first-name "Roger",  
 :last-name "Whitney" }
```

Values - any value

Fast insert & find

```
{:name {:first "Roger" :last "Whitney" }  
 :phone-numbers  
 ["111-2222" "222-3333"]}
```

Very common

```
{ "a" 1, 2 "b", [4 3] :me}
```



# Maps (Hash Table)

<code>(get {:a 1} :a)</code>	<code>1</code>
<code>({:a 1} :a)</code>	<code>1</code>
<code>(:a {:a 1})</code>	<code>1</code>
<code>({2 "b"} 2)</code>	<code>"b"</code>
<code>(2 {2 "b"})</code>	<code>Error</code>
<code>(conj {:a 1 :b 2} {:a 3} {:c 4})</code>	<code>{:c 4, :a 3, :b 2}</code>
<code>(merge {:a 1 :b 2} {:a 3 :c 4})</code>	<code>{:c 4, :a 3, :b 2}</code>
<code>(assoc {:a 1 :b 2} :a 3 :c 4)</code>	<code>{:c 4, :a 3, :b 2}</code>

# Naming Conventions

Clojure

all-lower-case

words-separated-by-hyphen

Java

camelCase

```
(.indexOf ["a" "b" "c"] "b")
```

# Lists

Linked List

'( 1 2 3)

Fast insert & remove at front

'( "cat" {:a 1})

'(+ 1 2)

# Lists

<code>(list 8 4 2)</code>	<code>(8 4 2)</code>
<code>(nth '("a" "b" "c") 2)</code>	<code>"c"</code>
<code>('("a" "b" "c") 2)</code>	Error
<code>(.indexOf '("a" "b" "c") "b")</code>	<code>1</code>
<code>(peek '("a" "b" "c"))</code>	<code>"a"</code>
<code>(pop '("a" "b" "c"))</code>	<code>("b" "c")</code>
<code>(conj '(1 2 3) 4)</code>	<code>(4 1 2 3)</code>
<code>(class '(1))</code>	<code>clojure.lang.PersistentList</code>

# Why the Single Quote

'(+ 1 2) verses (+ 1 2)

All Clojure programs are just lists

Reader/interpreter/compiler evaluates all lists

Single quote turns off evaluation of the list

# Homoiconicity - Code-as-Data

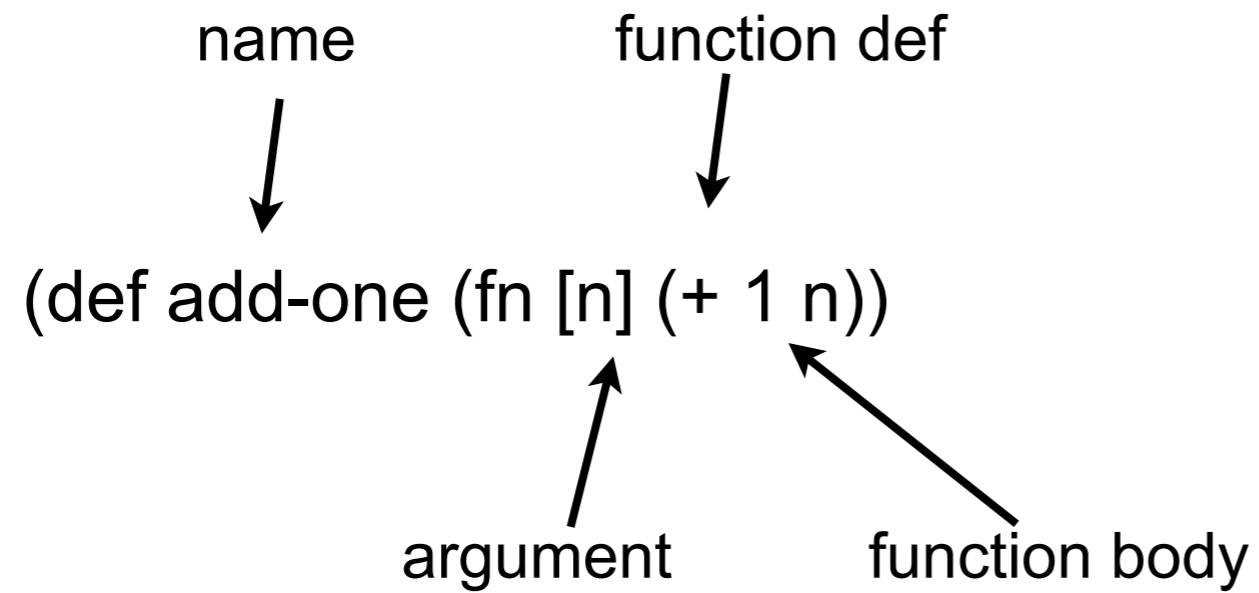
Clojure programs are represented by Clojure data structures

List structure is the Clojure syntax

Makes it easy for Clojure programs to modify Clojure programs

Macros

# Defining a function



(add-one 5)

# Defining a function - Compact version

```
(def add-one (fn [n] (+ 1 n)))
```

```
(defn add-one  
  [n]  
  (+ 1 n))
```

```
(add-one 5)
```



# Valid function names

Function definitions are just Clojure data structures

Function names are just symbols

So any valid symbol can be used as a function name

```
(defn பன்னிரண்டு-சேர்க்க  
  [n]  
  (+ 12 n))
```

# Multiple Arguments

```
(defn sum  
  [a b c d]  
  (+ a b c d))
```

```
(defn foo-bar  
  [a b]  
  (if (< a b)  
      "smaller"  
      (+ a b)))
```

# defn Format

```
(defn function-name  
  "Doc string"  
  [arg1 arg2 ... argN]  
  (form1)  
  (form2)  
  ...  
  (formN))
```

# Doc Strings

```
(doc pop)  
(clojure.repl/doc pop)
```

Prints doc string in REPL

```
(find-doc "pop")  
(clojure.repl/find-doc "pop")
```

Finds functions related to "pop"

# Comments

; a semi-colon starts a comment that goes to end of the line

#\_ when prepended to a form makes the entire form a comment

```
(defn foo  
  [n]  
  #_(if (> 5 n)  
    (println "in if")  
    (println "else"))  
  (+ 10 n))
```

Comment starts →

← Comment ends

# Explain This

```
(defn foo
  [n]
  "How does this work? Not a compile error."
  (if (> 5 n)
    (println "in if")
    (println "else"))
  "This is not a doc comment"
  (+ 10 n))
```

# And This?

```
(defn foo  
  [n]  
  (if (> 5 n)  
      "What happens now?"  
      (println "in if")  
      (println "else"))  
  "This is not a doc comment"  
  (+ 10 n))
```

# Recall

```
(defn function-name  
  "Doc string"  
  [arg1 arg2 ... argN]  
  (form1)  
  (form2)  
  ...  
  (formN))
```



# Anonymous Function - Lambda

Function not bound to symbol

```
(fn [args] (form1) (form2)...(formn))
```

```
(fn [a b] (< (first a) (first b)))
```

```
((fn [a b] (< (first a) (first b))) [2 3] [5])
```

```
((fn [a b]  
  (println a b)  
  (< (first a) (first b))) [2 3] [5])
```

# Short Syntax for Lambda

```
(fn [a b] (< (first a) (first b)))
```



```
#{< (first %1) (first %2)}
```

%n -> n'th argument

```
#{+ 2 %}
```

if only one argument can use %

# Passing Functions as Arguments

```
(sort < [3 1 2])
```

```
(sort > [3 1 2])
```

```
(sort (fn [a b] (< a b)) [3 1 2])
```

```
(sort #(< %1 %2) [3 1 2])
```

```
(sort (fn [a b] (compare (str a) (str b))) [4 3 16])
```

```
(sort #(compare (str %1) (str %2)) [4 3 16])
```

# Closure

function + reference to its environment

```
(defn adder  
  [n]  
  #(+ n %))
```

```
(def add-5 (adder 5))
```

```
(add-5 10)
```

Returns 15