# Exploratory Programming for Formal Concept Analysis An Introduction to conexp-clj

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- GUI enthusiasts

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#### Main Features of conexp-clj (Overview)

- basic operations on formal contexts
- relational algebra with formal contexts
- transparent IO for formal and many-valued contexts
- scaling for many-valued contexts
- implicational theory and basic attribute exploration
- computing Luxenburger-bases and iceberg concept sets
- lattice layouts and lattice IO (some...)
- a bit of fuzzy-FCA
- interface for Java
- interface for sage

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- Run ./bin/conexp-clj --gui for a "convenient" (but mostly broken) graphical user interface

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#### Exercises!

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## Thank You!

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