

**NAME**

`SPI_cursor_open_with_args` - set up a cursor using a query and parameters

**SYNOPSIS**

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Portal SPI_cursor_open_with_args(const char *name,  
                                const char *command,  
                                int nargs, Oid *argtypes,  
                                Datum *values, const char *nulls,  
                                bool read_only, int cursorOptions)
```

**DESCRIPTION**

**`SPI_cursor_open_with_args`** sets up a cursor (internally, a portal) that will execute the specified query. Most of the parameters have the same meanings as the corresponding parameters to **`SPI_prepare_cursor`** and **`SPI_cursor_open`**.

For one-time query execution, this function should be preferred over **`SPI_prepare_cursor`** followed by **`SPI_cursor_open`**. If the same command is to be executed with many different parameters, either method might be faster, depending on the cost of re-planning versus the benefit of custom plans.

The passed-in parameter data will be copied into the cursor's portal, so it can be freed while the cursor still exists.

This function is now deprecated in favor of **`SPI_cursor_parse_open`**, which provides equivalent functionality using a more modern API for handling query parameters.

**ARGUMENTS**

const char \* *name*

name for portal, or NULL to let the system select a name

const char \* *command*

command string

int *nargs*

number of input parameters (\$1, \$2, etc.)

Oid \* *argtypes*

an array of length *nargs*, containing the OIDs of the data types of the parameters

Datum \* *values*

an array of length *nargs*, containing the actual parameter values

const char \* *nulls*

an array of length *nargs*, describing which parameters are null

If *nulls* is NULL then **SPI\_cursor\_open\_with\_args** assumes that no parameters are null.

Otherwise, each entry of the *nulls* array should be ' ' if the corresponding parameter value is non-null, or 'n' if the corresponding parameter value is null. (In the latter case, the actual value in the corresponding *values* entry doesn't matter.) Note that *nulls* is not a text string, just an array: it does not need a '\0' terminator.

bool *read\_only*

true for read-only execution

int *cursorOptions*

integer bit mask of cursor options; zero produces default behavior

## RETURN VALUE

Pointer to portal containing the cursor. Note there is no error return convention; any error will be reported via **elog**.