

# Assignment Project Exam Help

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## Miranda / Amanda

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- Miranda will run on U
- For Windows, you can use Cygwin or you can use
- Amanda is a PC version of Miranda
- Amanda is almost (but not quite) the same as Miranda!
- Get it from the link on Moodle - although it hasn't been tested on the latest version

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## Miranda Installation on OS X

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- OS X's System Integrity Protection (SIP) feature (El Capitan +) prevents changes to `/usr` (but not `/usr/local`).
- Miranda installs in `/usr/local/bin`.
- Thus, to install Miranda on OS X:
  - ▶ (i) force install
  - ▶ (ii) disable SIP, install Miranda in the standard place, then re-enable SIP.
- The first way is better: it doesn't require rebooting OS X and there is no danger of re-enabling SIP. But the procedure is slightly ugly:
  - ▶ `tar xpf mira-2044-x86_64-Darwin.tar -C /usr/local`
  - ▶ `sudo ln -s /usr/local/usr/local/bin/mira /usr/local/bin/mira`

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## Miranda Demonstration

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- Interpretive envir
- Simple use as a calculator
- Simple definition (intermediate code that is interpreted)
- Main definition — the function called “main” is special in Miranda
- Define and use functions

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## Miranda Demonstration

- Similar to the Lambda Calculus

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- But (inside a program file) you can give names to expressions

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- Also give names to functions (no lambdas!)

*inc*  $x = x + 1$

*main* = *inc* 56

## Comments

- VERY important!
- Use them from the start
- Example :

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*|| a simple definition for some text*

*message = "hello mum"*

*|| here is a function which adds one to a n*

*inc x = x + 1 || another c*

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## Legal names

- BINDING :

- ▶ NAME = EXPRESSION

- ▶ funcname arg

- ★ Binds funcname

- ★ Binds arg

- ▶ Each binding is \_\_\_\_\_

- ★ Scope of argname is the function body (only)

- ★ Nested scopes (see later) permit nested bindings for the same name

$\lambda$ -calculus supports such name clashes, but there are generally no

- Names MUST start with an alphabetic character

- Names MUST NOT start with a capital letter

- ▶ and thereafter may contain uppercase and lowercase characters, numbers and underscores

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# Types

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- Data can be, for example
  - Numbers (`42`) is of type `Int`
  - Characters (`'a'`) is of type `Char`
  - Text ("`string`") is of type `String`
  - Truth values (`True`) is of type `Bool`
  - Functions are of type `argtype -> resulttype`. E.g. the function `double :: Int -> Int` has type `Int -> Int`
- Types help organize data and programs better
- Helps detect errors - the type system is a debugger

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## Type Checking and Type Inference

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- Performed at compile time
- Checks that operators are used correctly
- Checks that function arguments are correct
- On the command line you can ask “what type is this?”
- In a program you can specify “this is a Boolean value” etc
- If types are not given, Miranda will attempt to infer types from the way they are used

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## Tuples

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- A simple data structure
- `("Sheila Bloggs", 13)`
- `(34, True)` is of type `(num, bool)`
- `(34, True)` DOES NOT EQUAL `(True, 34)`
- `("increment", (-1), (no))` is of type `([char], num->num, num->num)`

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## Simple Functions

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```
inc :: num -> num
```

```
inc x = x + 1
```

```
-- the hello function
```

```
hello :: num -> [char]
```

```
hello x = "good morning" if (x < 10)  
         = "goodbye"   otherwise
```

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## Summary

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