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# **mio Documentation**

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**About**

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## Minimal I/O Interpreter

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This is a minimal I/O Interpreter. This is a rewrite of:

- <https://bitbucket.org/prologic/mio-lang>

**Warning:** mio is a new programming language in early **Development**.  
DO NOT USE IN PRODUCTION!  
USE AT YOUR OWN RISK!

### 2.1 Prerequisites

It is recommended that you do all development using a Python Virtual Environment using `virtualenv` and/or using the nice `virtualenvwrapper`.

```
$ mkvirtualenv mio
```

You will need the `RPython` toolchain to build the interpreter. The easiest way to do this is to `My Fork of PyPy` which includes a convenient `setup-rpython.py` to make working with the `RPython` toolchain a bit easier.

```
$ hg clone https://bitbucket.org/prologic/pypy
$ cd pypy
$ python setup-pypy develop
$ python setup-rpython.py develop
```

### 2.2 Installation

Grab the source from <https://bitbucket.org/miolang/mio> and either run `python setup.py develop` or `pip install -r requirements.txt`

```
$ hg clone https://bitbucket.org/miolang/mio
$ cd mio
$ pip install -r requirements.txt
```

### 2.3 Building

To build the interpreter simply run `mio/main.py` against the `RPython` Compiler. There is a `Makefile` that has a default target for building and translating the interpreter.

```
$ make
```

As of 690c894 you can now build mio using Docker and fig.

```
$ fig build
```

## 2.4 Usage

You can either run the interpreter using Python itself or by running the compiled interpreter mio in ./bin/mio.

```
$ ./bin/mio examples/hello.mio
```

Untranslated running on top of Python (CPython):

```
$ miopy examples/hello.mio
```

As of 690c894 you can now run mio using Docker and fig.

```
$ fig run mio hello.mio
```

## 2.5 Grammar

The grammar of mio is currently as follows:

```
program = expressions
```

```
expressions = { expression }
```

```
expression = message | terminator
```

```
message = symbol | arguments | symbol arguments
```

```
arguments = T_LPAREN arguments_list T_RPAREN |  
            T_LBRACE arguments_list T_RBRACE |  
            T_LBRACKET arguments_list T_RBRACKET
```

```
arguments_list = expressions | expressions T_COMMA arguments_list
```

```
symbol = T_IDENTIFIER | T_OPERATOR | T_NUMBER | T_STRING
```

```
terminator = T_TERMINATOR
```

## 3.1 mio package

### 3.1.1 Subpackages

**`mio.objects` package**

**Submodules**

**`mio.objects.builtins` module**

**`mio.objects.cfunction` module**

**`mio.objects.message` module**

**`mio.objects.number` module**

**`mio.objects.object` module**

**`mio.objects.string` module**

## Module contents

### 3.1.2 Submodules

`mio.ast` module

`mio.bytecode` module

`mio.compiler` module

`mio.interpreter` module

`mio.lexer` module

`mio.main` module

`mio.objspace` module

`mio.parser` module

`mio.registry` module

```
class mio.registry.Registry
    Bases: object

    populate(obj, space)
    register(alias=None)
```

`mio.tokens` module

`mio.utils` module

```
mio.utils.unquote_string(s)
```

### 3.1.3 Module contents

## 3.2 Change Log

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## 3.3 Road Map

Here's a list of upcoming releases of mio in order of "next release first".

Each bullet point states a high level goal we're trying to achieve for the release whilst the "Issues List" (*linked to our Issue Tracker*) lists specific issues we've tagged with the respective milestone.

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**Note:** At this stage we don't have any good estimates for our milestones but we hope we can improve this with future releases and start adding estimates here.

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### 3.3.1 mio 0.1

- Methods, Exceptions
- Number, String, Object
- Documentation
- Test Suite

**See also:**

[mio 0.1 milestone](#)

## 3.4 TODO

Manually maintained ToDo List.

- Fix handling of constant/literal values being parsed, their bytecode and the way they are handled during runtime interpreter evaluation.
- Message tree rewriting.
  - `a = 1` -> `setattr("x", 1)`
  - `del a` -> `delattr("x")`
- Message tree operator shuffling
  - `1 + 2 * 3` -> `(1 + (2 * 3))`
- Implement all bytecode instructions.
- Implement the runtime environment and core objects.
- Test Suite
- Documentation
- Examples
- Debugger
- Code Formatter
- Package Manager



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