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## A Crash Course in LISP

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5. You can now write your lisp code in one window, and compile it with `<ctrl>-x`

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