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Elixir and Phoenix

How to get help -

Official Github Repo – github.com/StephenGrider – click Repositories tab – ElixirCode

Branch – each branch is for each section

Setting up elixir

* Local computer is capable of compiling and running elixir code
* Need to install elixir
* Goto goole and type “install elixir”
* <https://elixir-lang.org/install.html>
* **Erlang/OTP 26.1.1**

Installation steps I did

1. went to this link https://elixir-lang.org/install.html#windows  
   2. went to <https://community.chocolatey.org/> and install chocolatey using powershell  
   3. in an elevated powershell shell, typed choco install elixir

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Best way to learn a new prog language is to write code as soon as possible

1. Create an array of playing cards
2. Shuffle an array of playing cards
3. Create a ‘hand’ of cards
4. Given a deck and a single card, figure out if the card is in the deck
5. Save a collection of cards to a file on the local machine
6. Load a collection of cards from the local machine

Object oriented vs functional programming

How to generate a new project?

1. When you download elixir, you get a command line command out of the box called mix, which you can use to create project, compile projects, manage dependencies etc

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If “mix ” is not found, then ensure that erlang is pointing to ver 26 of erlang

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In the Cards module, we create a method called hello

Now lets see how to run this code

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Immutability in Elixir! – a new list is returned

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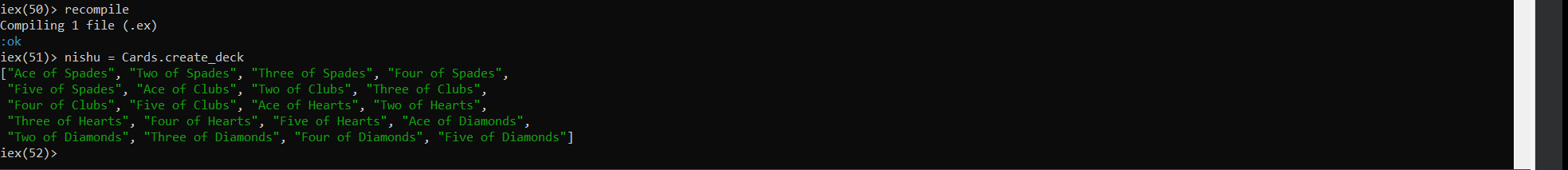
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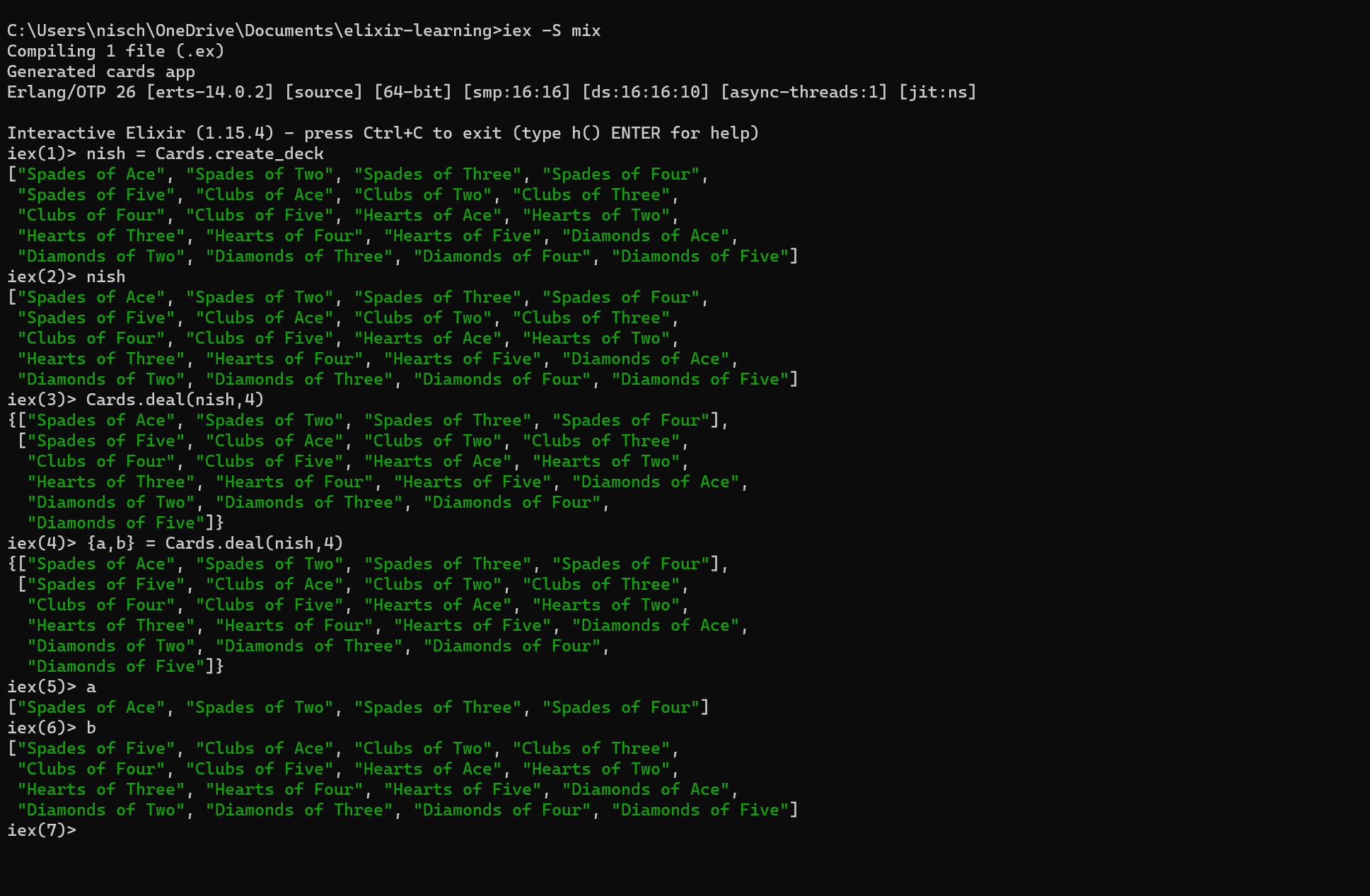
Curly branches is another data structure in elixir called a tuple

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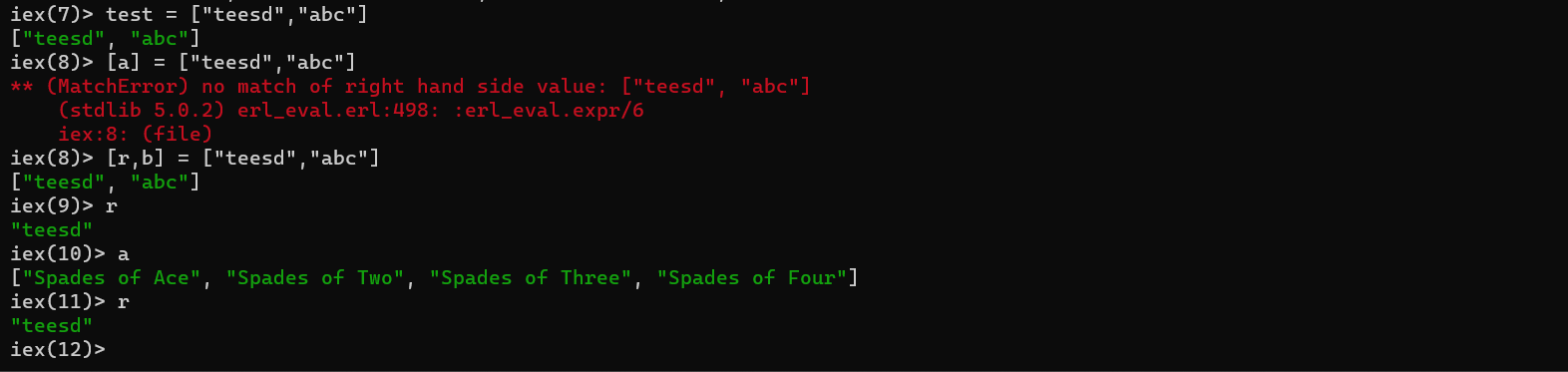
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[] array is also a data structure in elixir

How to access the values inside of a touple? – next section



Above is called pattern matching



Code we write 🡪 gets fed into 🡪 elixir runtime 🡪 transpiled into 🡪 erlang 🡪 compiled and executed 🡪 BEAM

Erlang language is the one that compiles and executes the code in BEAM

Erlang syntax is difficult to understand – elixir reasonably straight forward syntax – so elixir is a dialect of erlang – so we use elixir to get away from the annoying parts of erlang

Elixirs sole purpose is to give us a better interface to erlang

BEAM – abstract machine – virtual machine where erlang code gets executed

So the BEAM is like a jvm

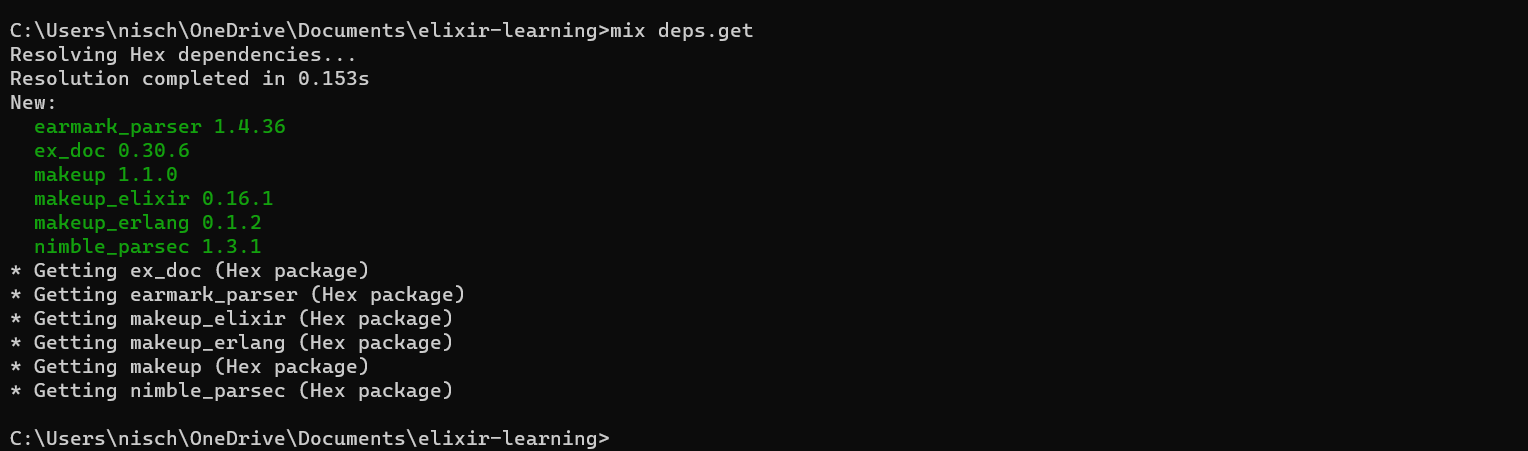
There are small bits of functionality that elixir cannot do – so we must call erlang

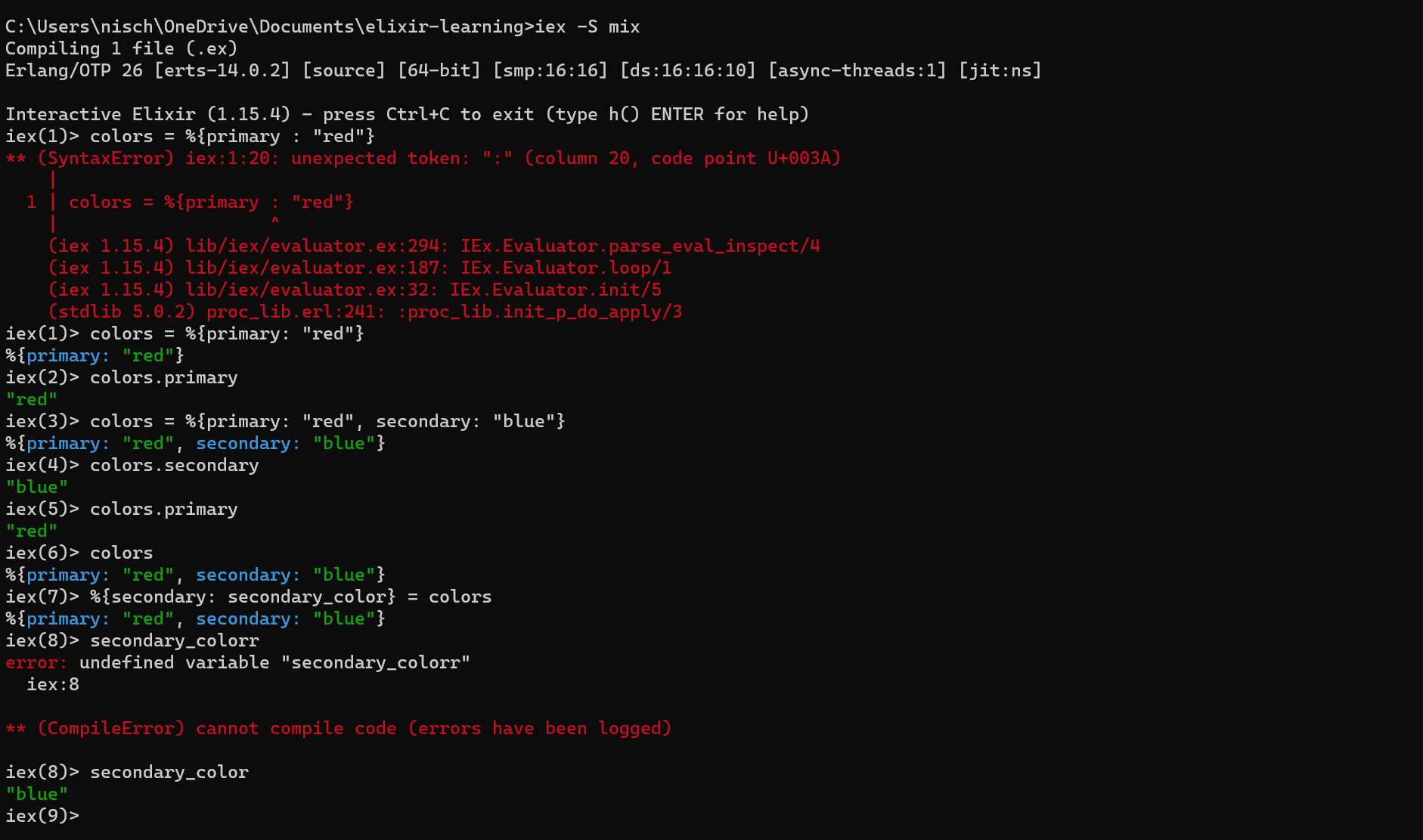
Eg. Filesystem

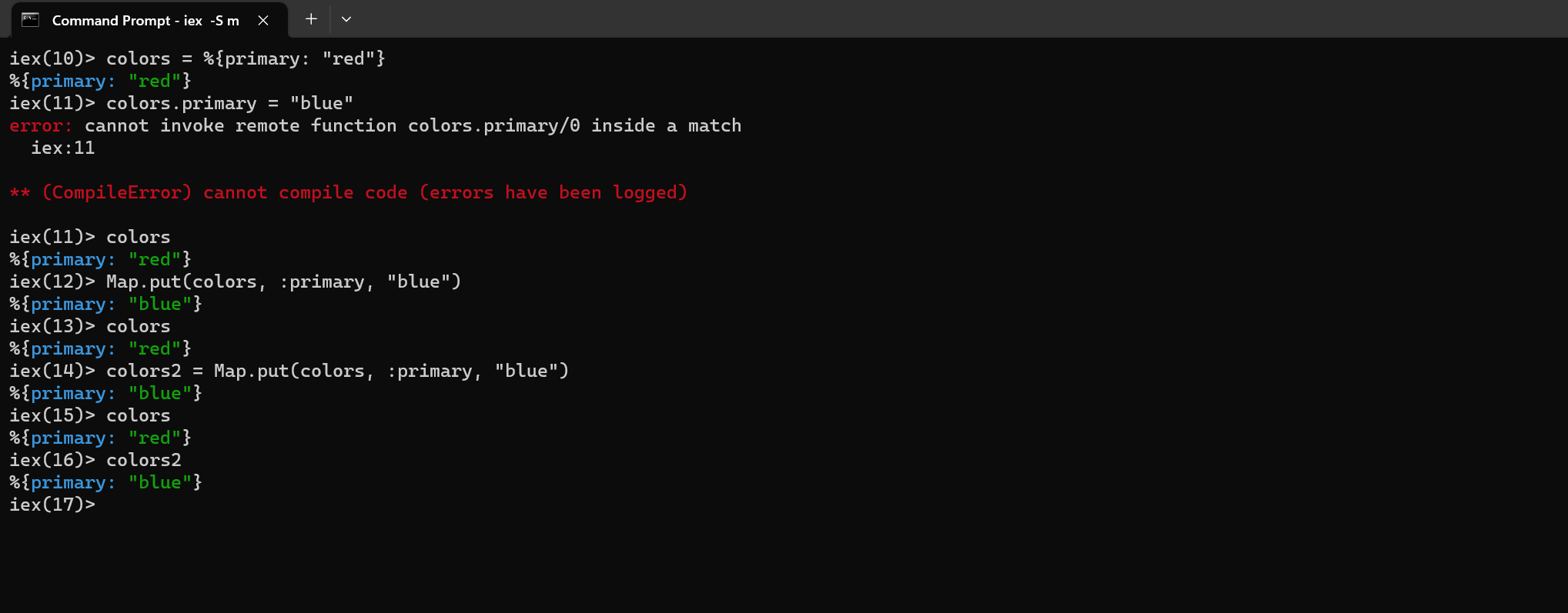
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If you want to tell the compiler that yes, I have a variable that I am not gonna use and I know it is gonna be unused, just add a underscore … i.e. \_reason , and there wont be warnings in the compiler anymore

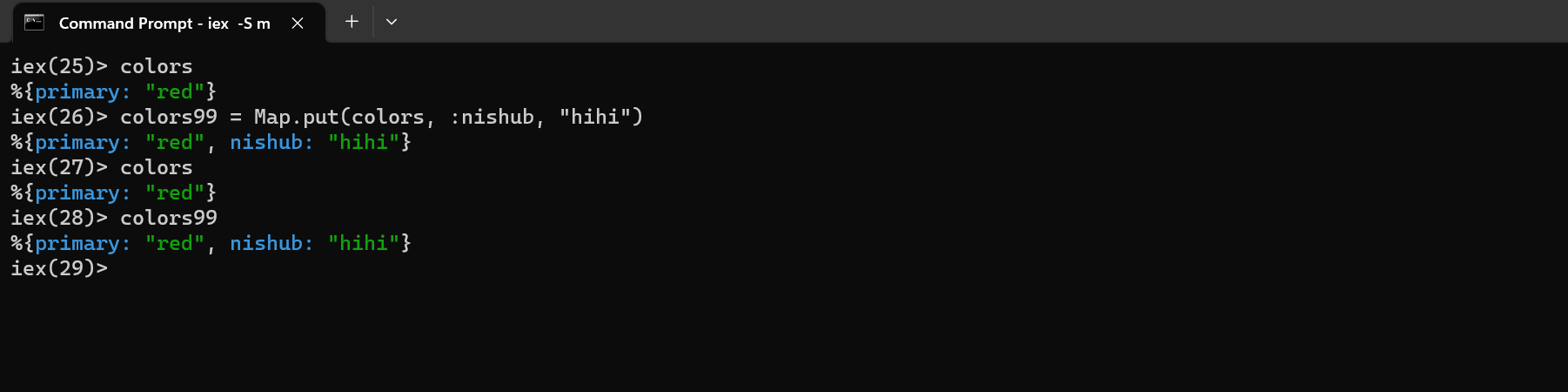


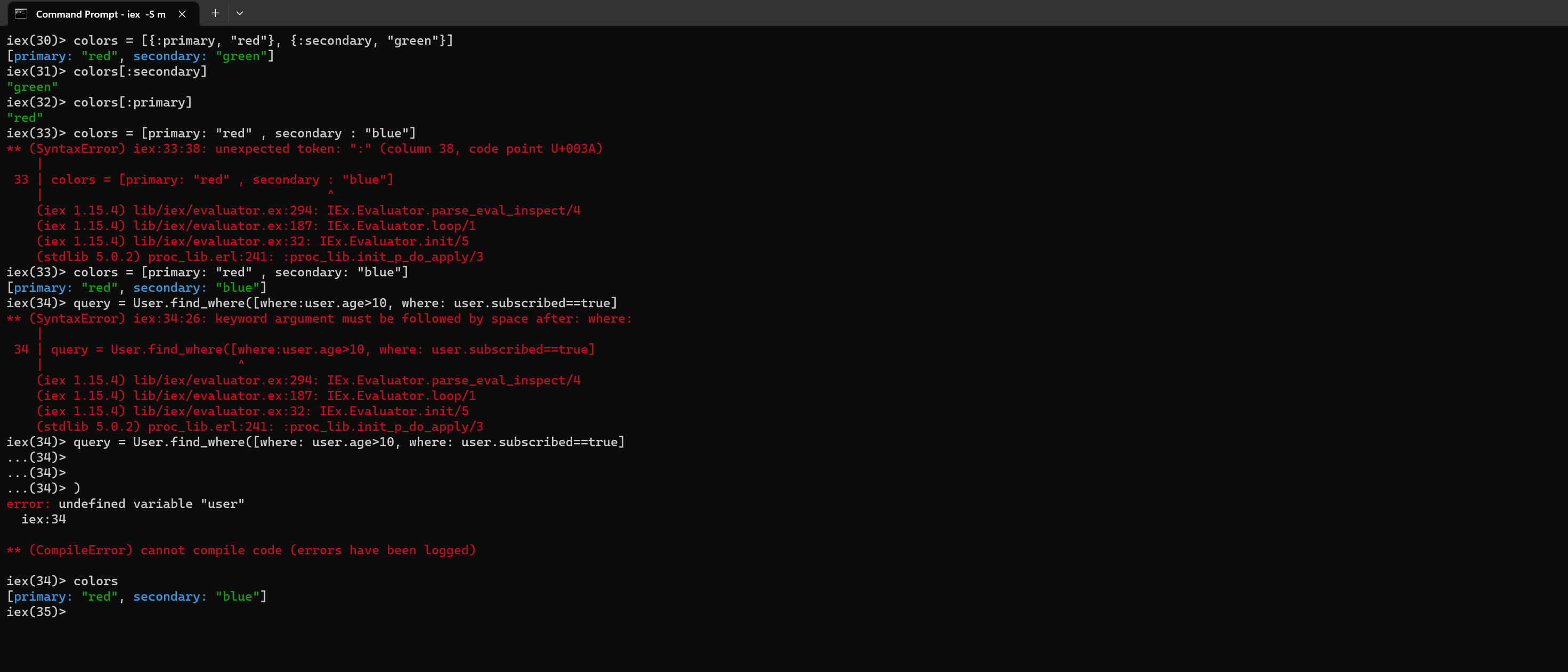




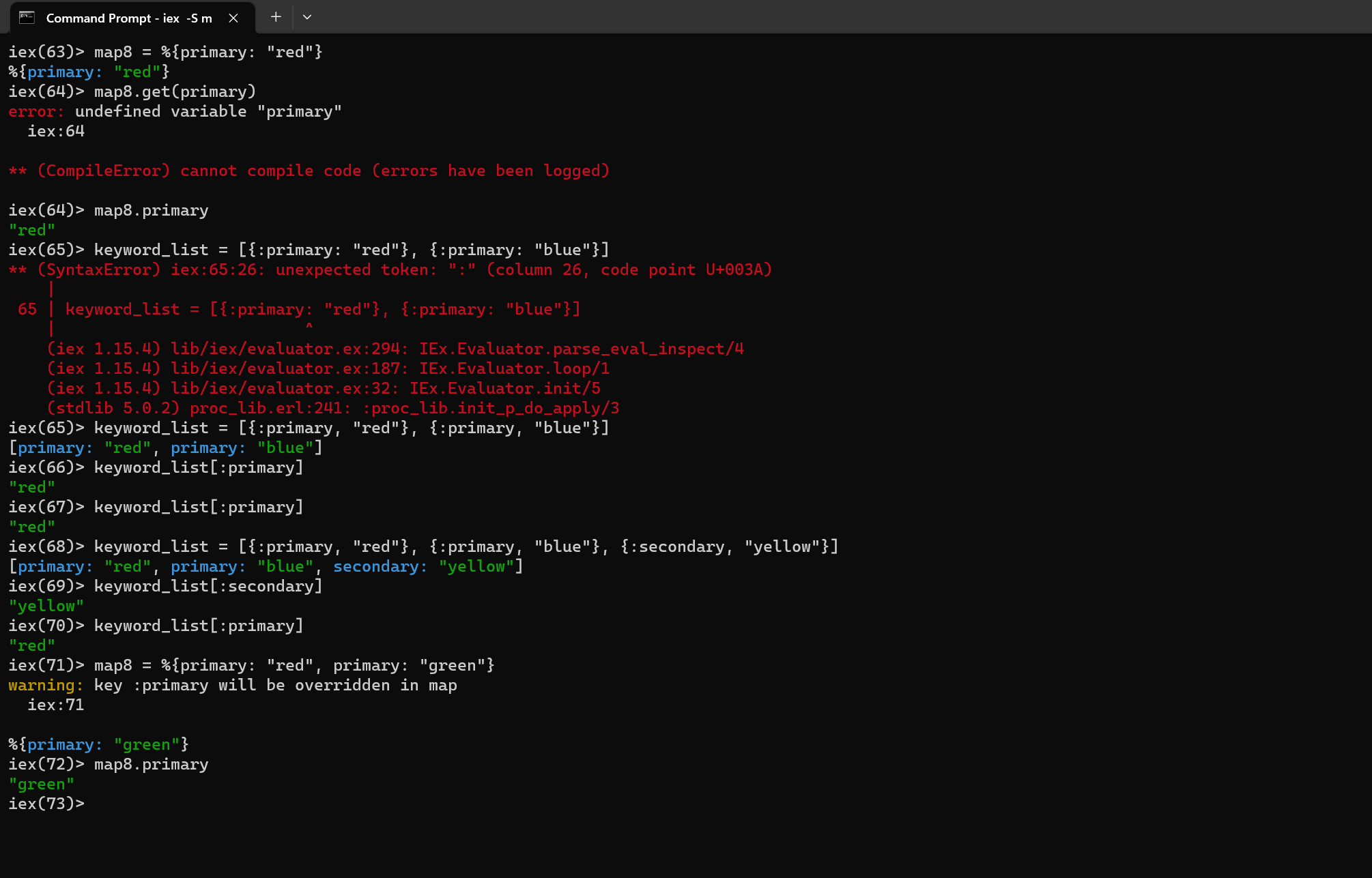
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Keyword list vs map



The next video shows how to install Phoenix and Postgres.  When installing phoenix, run this command in your terminal: **you want v1.2 of Phoenix.**  Yes, more up to date versions of phoenix are out, but v1.2 is **by far** the easiest version to get started with.  Jumping right to a later version is **a lot harder**to learn.

So run this command to install v1.2!

mix archive.install https://github.com/phoenixframework/archives/raw/master/phoenix\_new-1.2.5.ez