Implementing General Contract Boundaries

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Contracts and Contract Boundaries

A contract is a specification and an agreement.

encrypt

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```

client

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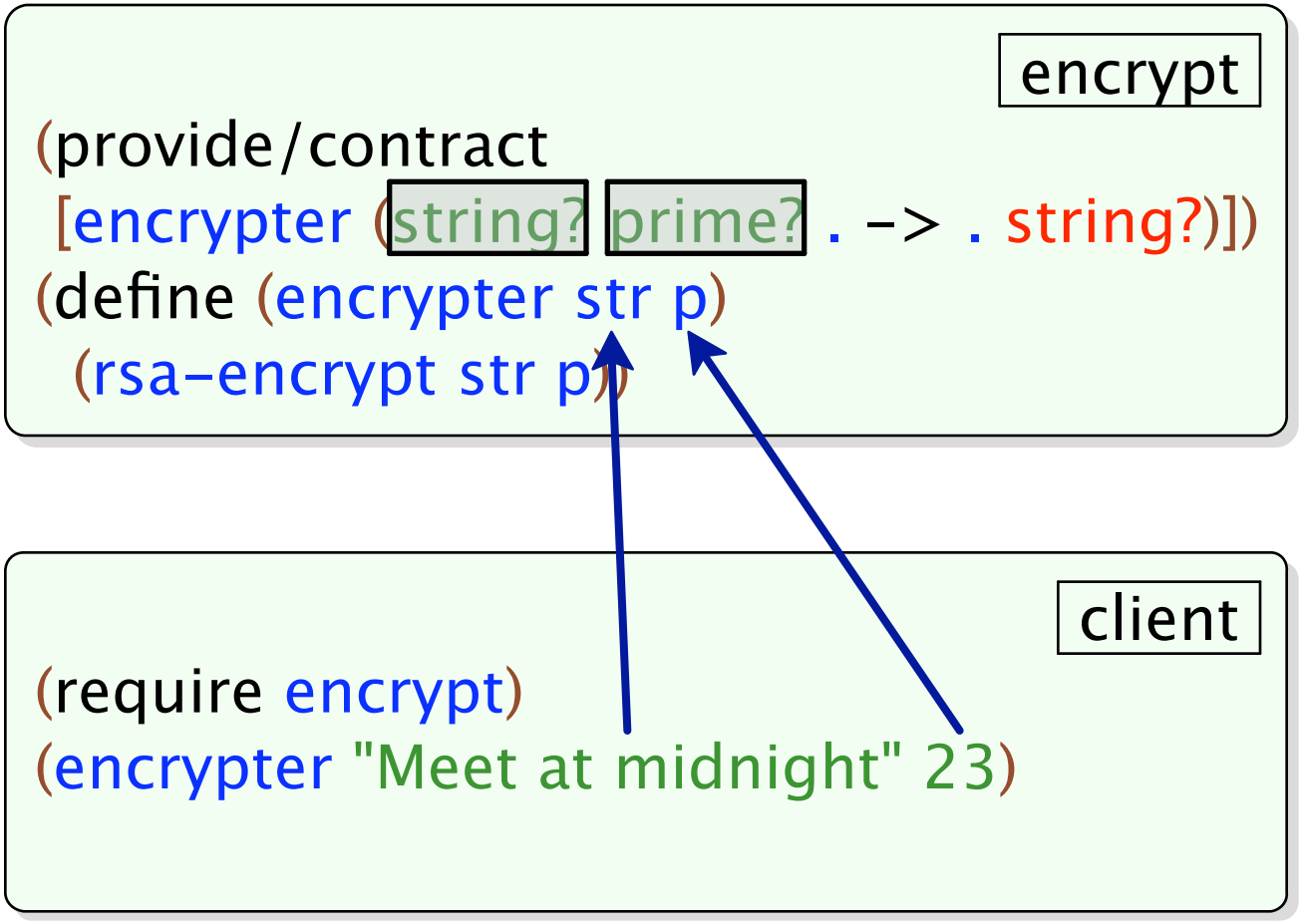
```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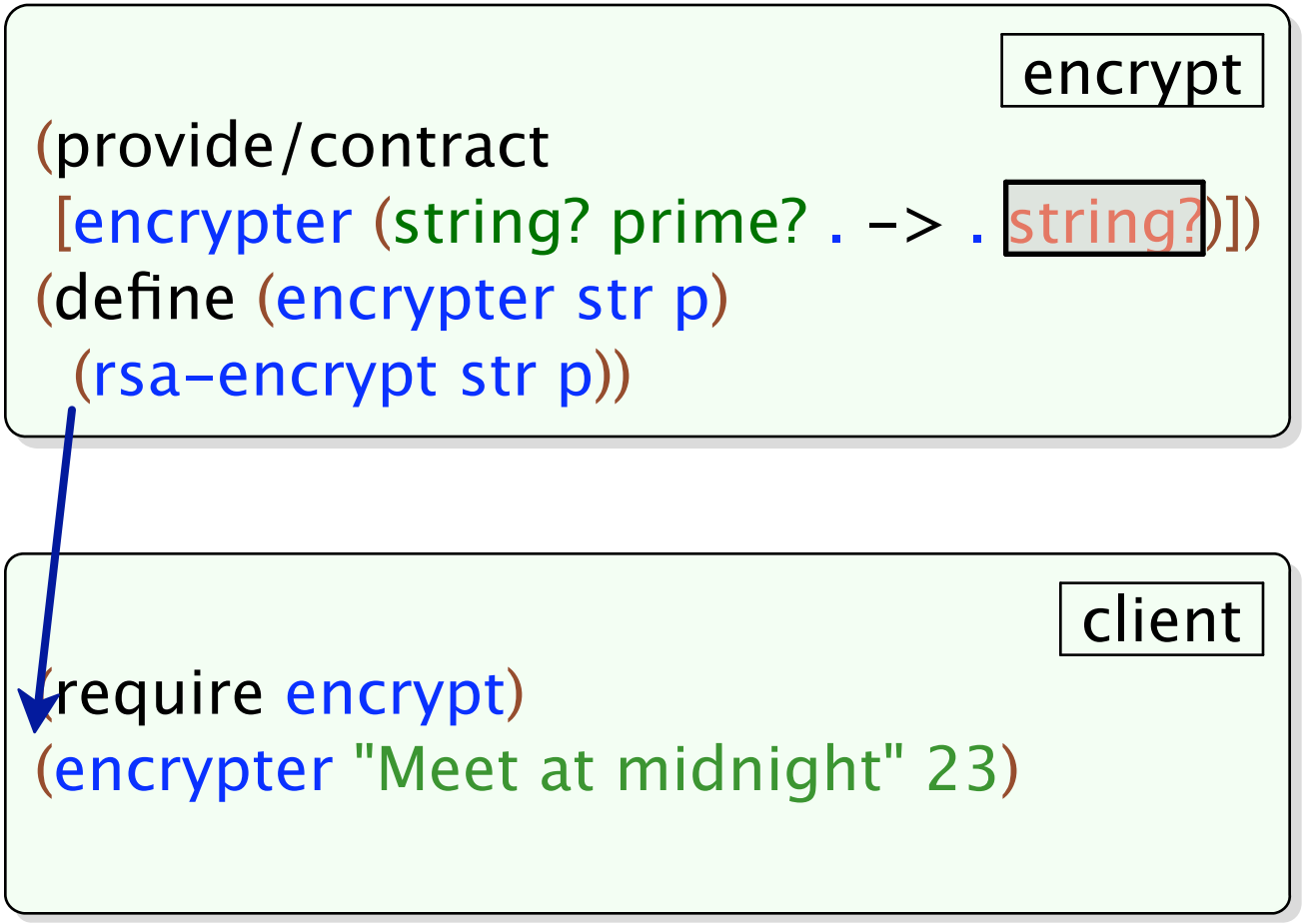
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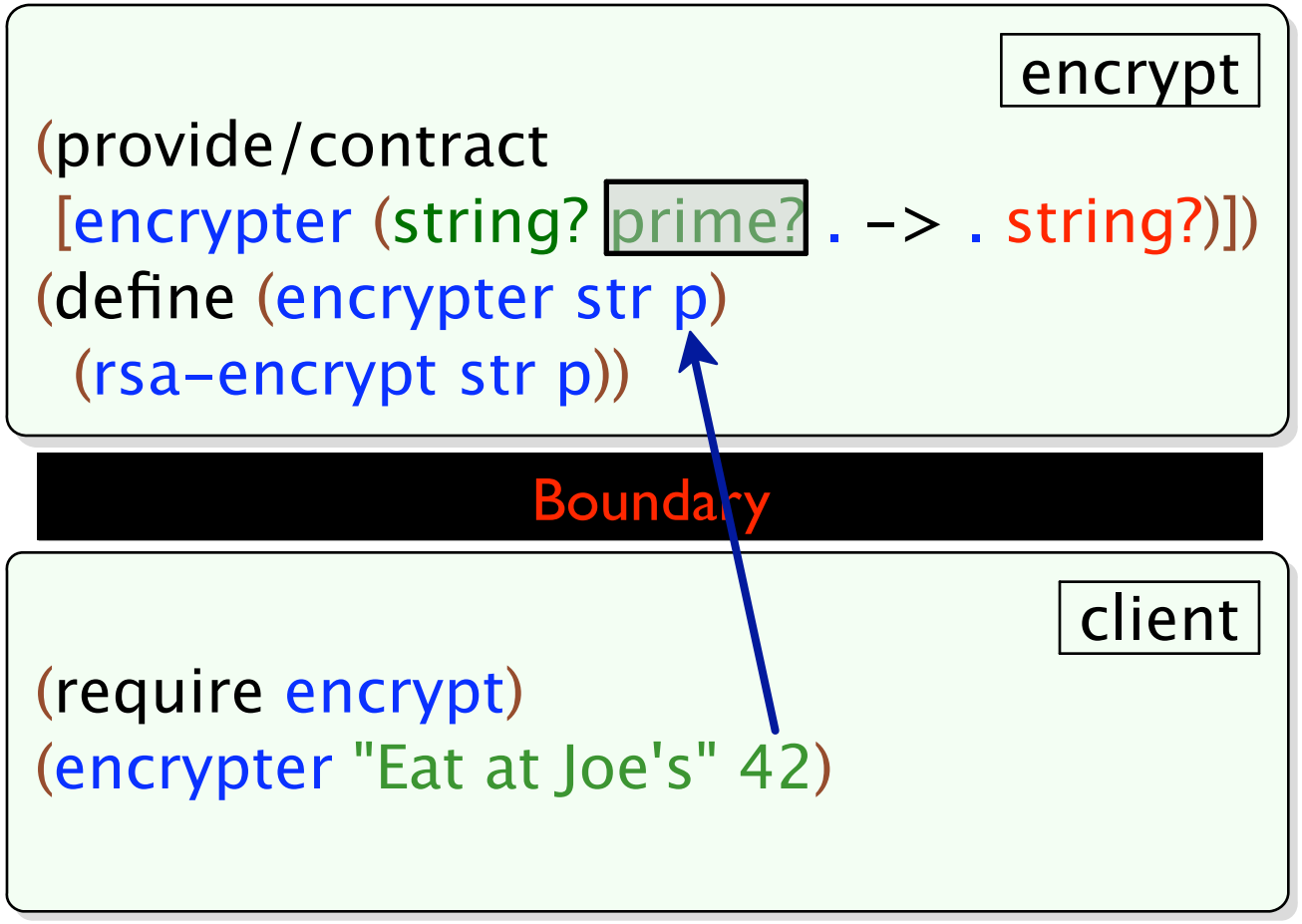

client broke the contract (string? prime? . -> . string?) on encrypter; expected <prime?>, given: 42

webserver

```
(provide/contract
 [webserver (valid-tcp-port? . -> . void?)])
(define (serve port)
  (let ([req (parse-http-request (tcp-accept port))])
    (handle-request req)
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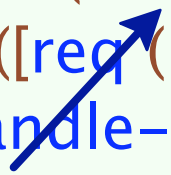

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Static vs. Dynamic

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The two parties agreeing to dynamic contract boundaries are only determined at run-time.

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```
(define-signature tcp-sig (accept listen close ...))

(define-signature web-sig (serve))

(define web-unit
  (unit (import tcp-sig) (export web-sig)
        (define (serve port) ...)))
```

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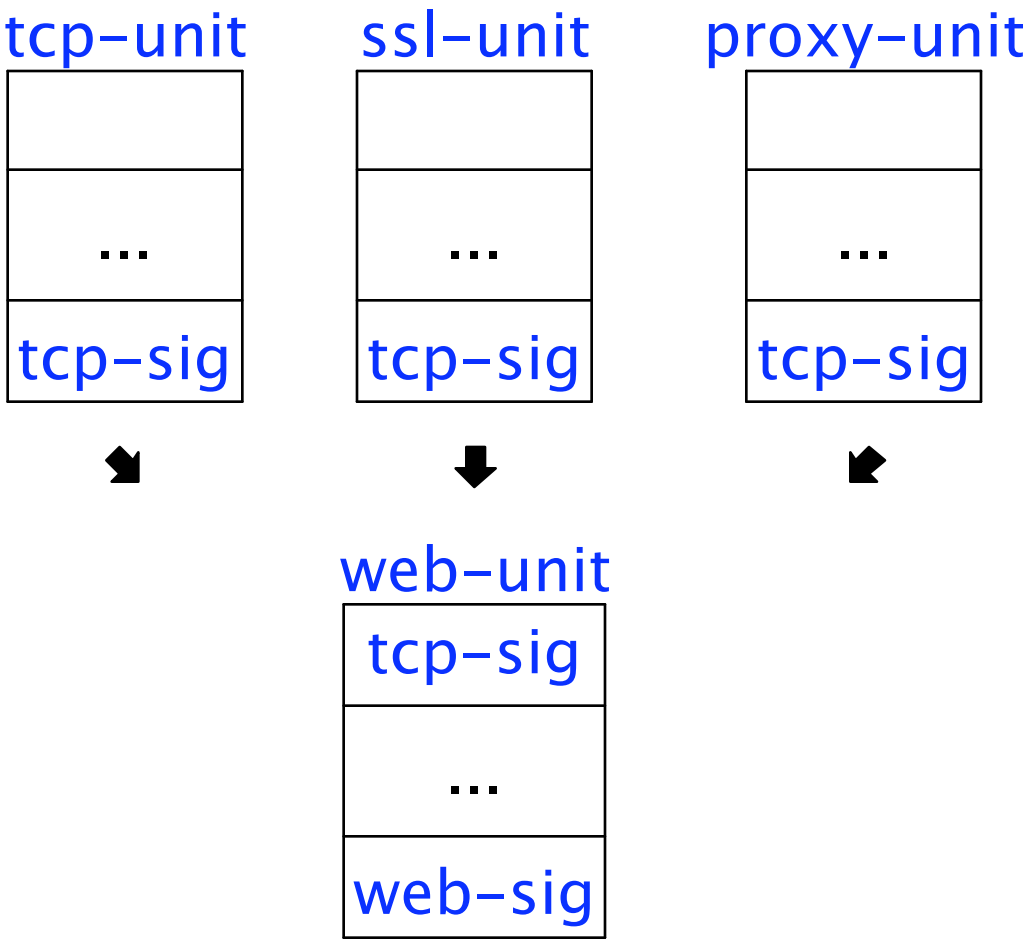
```
(define tcp-unit
  (unit (import) (export tcp-sig) ...))

(define web-unit
        (unit (import tcp-sig) (export web-sig)
              (define (serve port) ...)))

(compound-unit (import) (export web-sig)
                       (link tcp-unit web-unit))
```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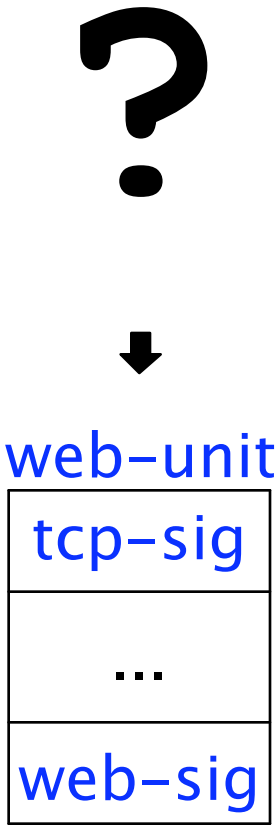
?
web-unit
tcp-sig
...
web-sig

Implementing Contracts for Units

Signatures contain contracts.

```
(define-signature web-sig
  ((contracted [serve (valid-tcp-port? . -> . void?)])))
```

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```
(define-signature http-request-sig
  ((contracted [parse-http-request
                (input-port? . -> . valid-http-req?)])
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handle-req
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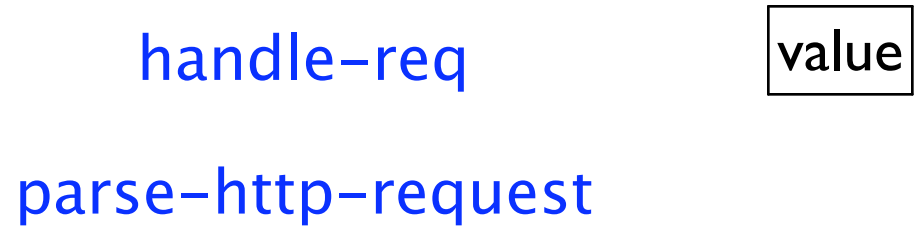

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Contract Regions

auth

```
(define (user-info user) ...)
(define (authenticate user passwd)
  ...
  (string=? passwd (hash-ref (user-info user) 'passwd))
  ...)
```

auth

```
(require user-info)
(define (authenticate user passwd)
  ...
  (string=? passwd (hash-ref (user-info user) 'passwd))
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```

user-info

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(define (user-info user) ...)
(provide/contract
 [user-info (-> string? (hash/c symbol? string?))])
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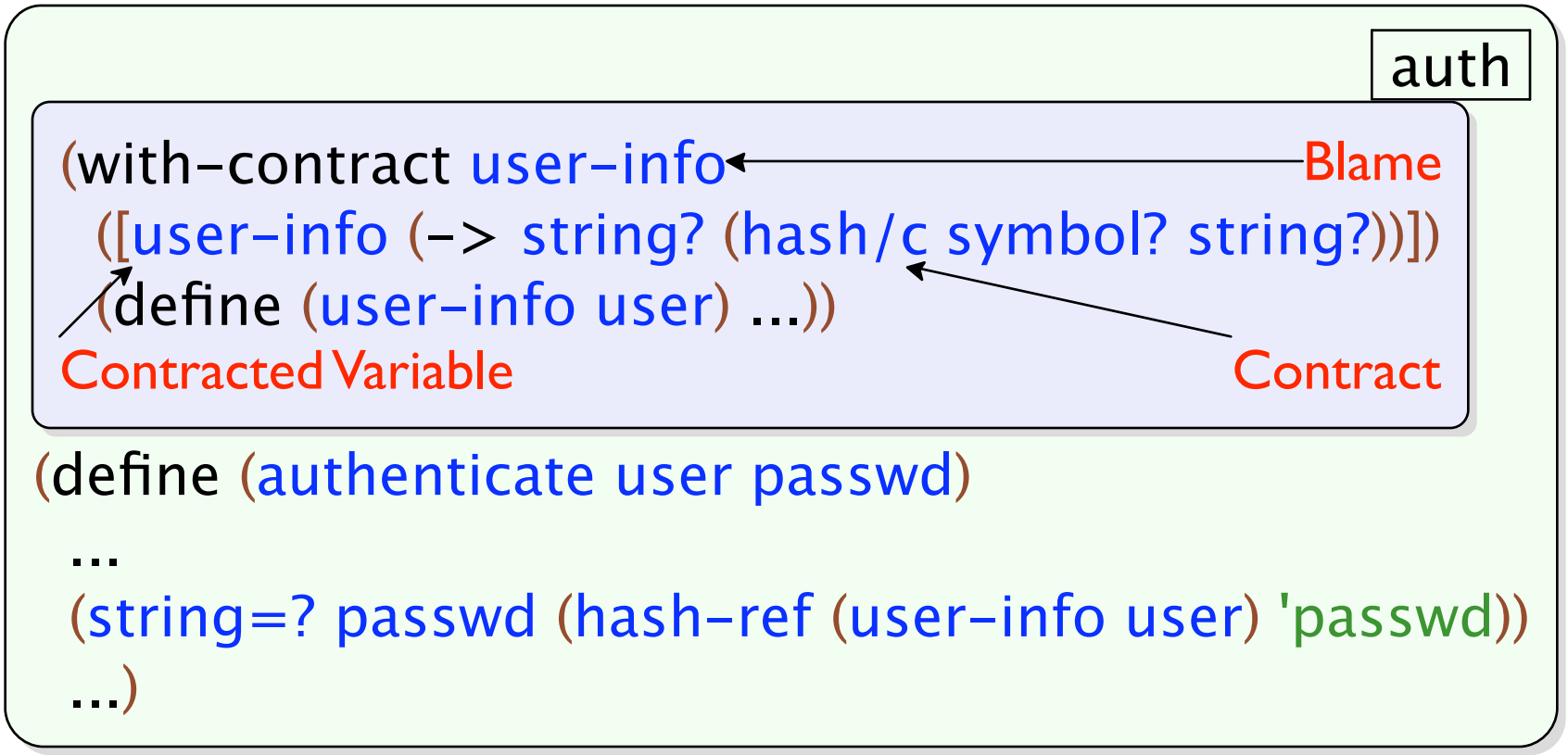
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Blame
Contracted Variable
Contract
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server

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(define (handle-request req) ...)
(define (add-choice s)
  (handle-request
   (make-special-request ...)))
```

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... (add-choice "Newark") ...
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Conclusion

General contract boundaries:

- static vs. dynamic
- unit contracts
- contract regions

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