OIDC Identity Federation in pictures

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According to Wikipedia

- A **federation** (information technology) is a group of computing or network providers agreeing upon standards of operation in a collective fashion.

- The term "**identity federation**" is by design a generic term, and is not bound to any one specific protocol, technology, implementation or company. One thing that is consistent, however, is the fact that "federation" describes methods of identity portability which are achieved in an open, often standards-based manner – meaning anyone adhering to the open specification or standard can achieve the full spectrum of use-cases and interoperability.

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CHAIN OF TRUST

- Trusted 3rd party
- Chain of verifiable claims
- Metadata construction

The players

The good, the bad and the ugly

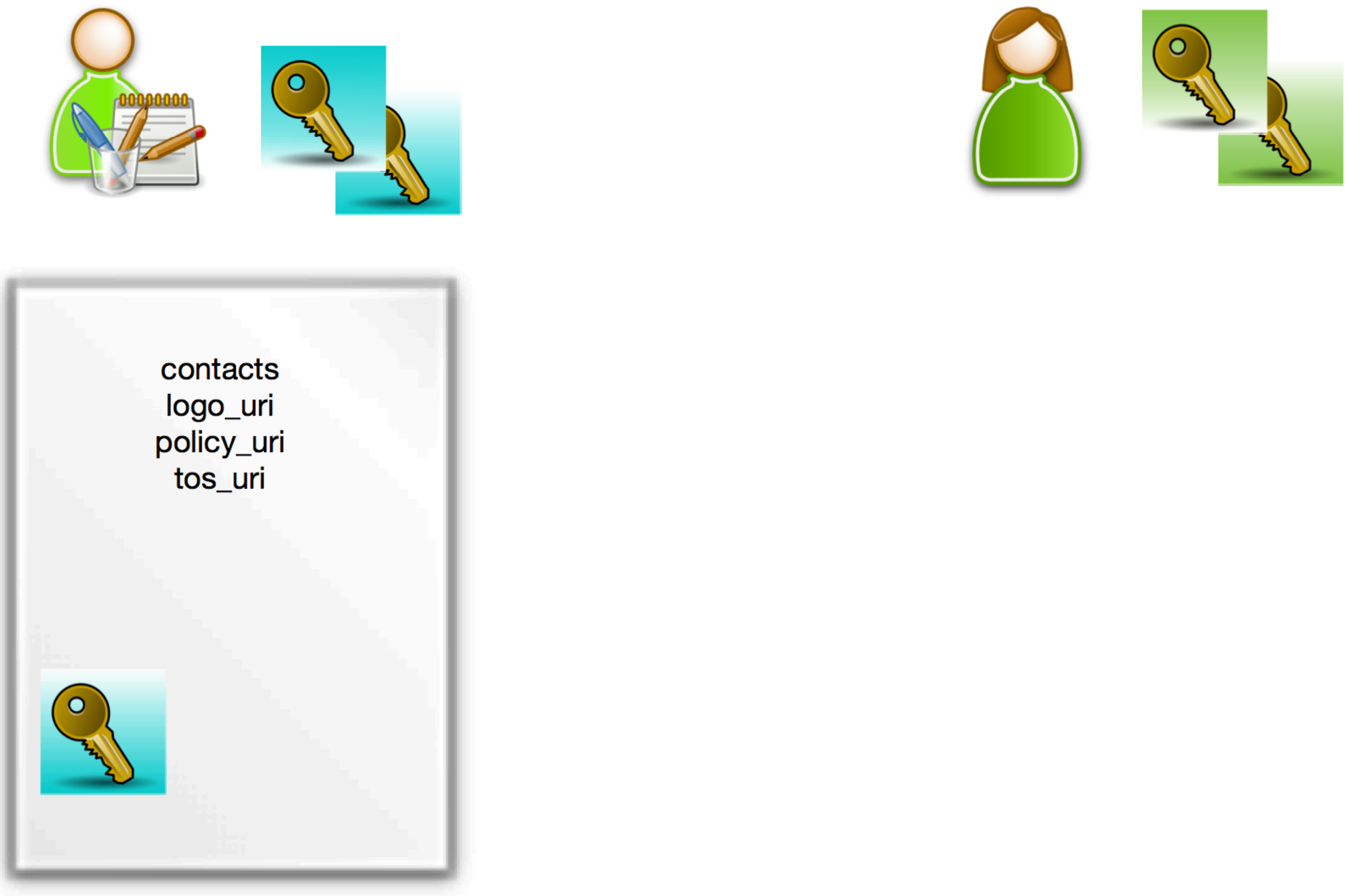
System adminstrator

IT Architect

Federation Operator

Organization and FO

Organization wide information



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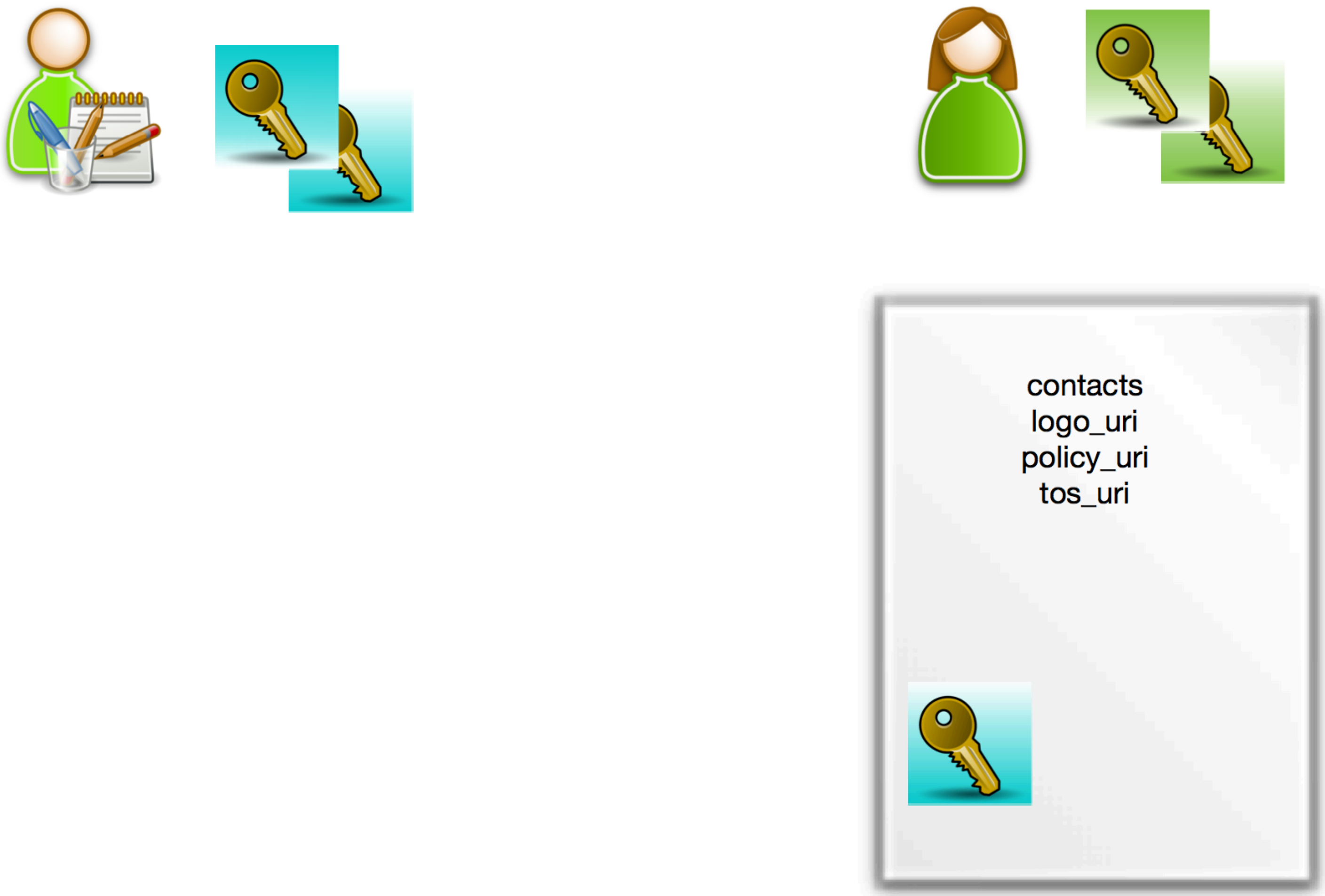

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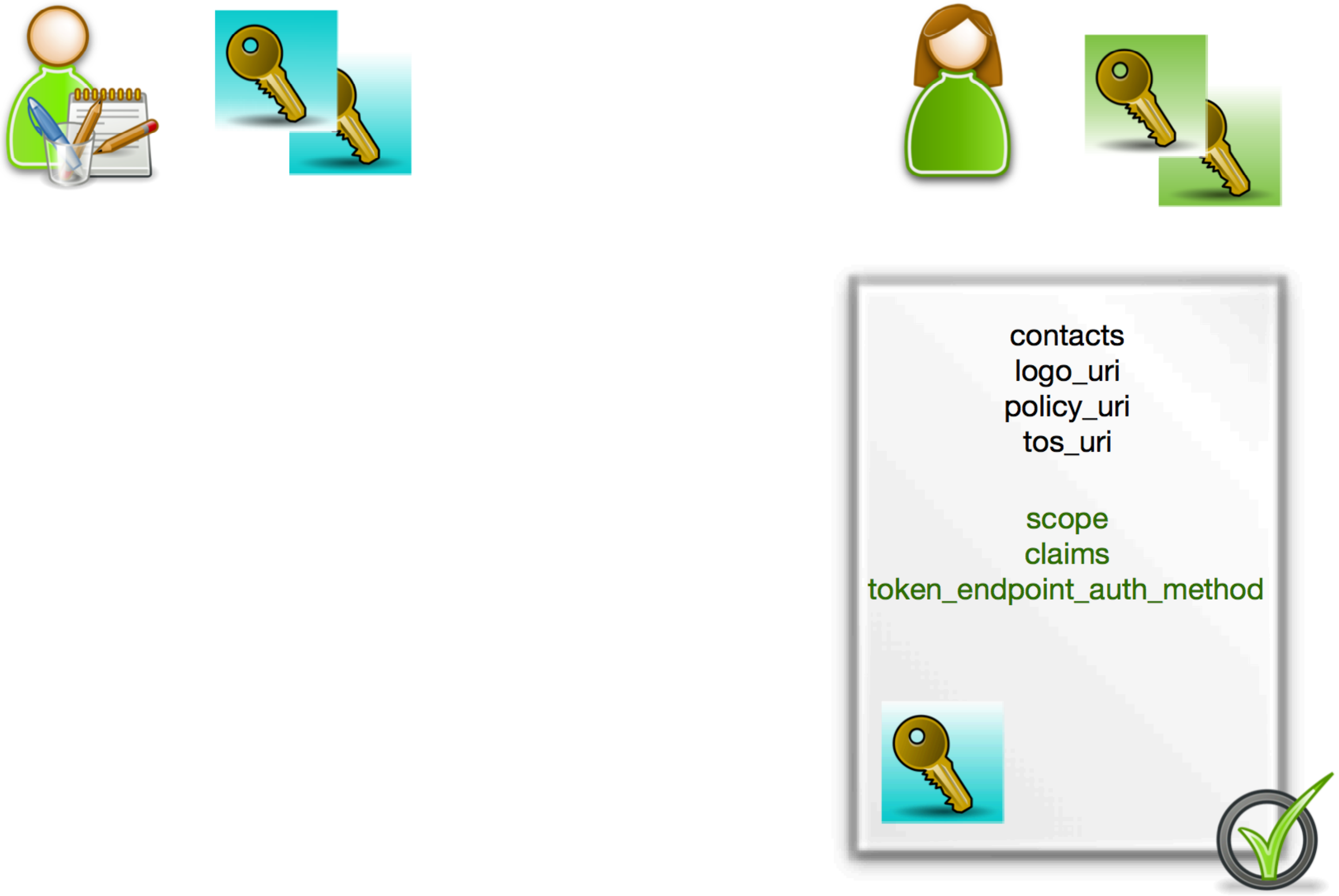
FO: verifies, modifies and signs



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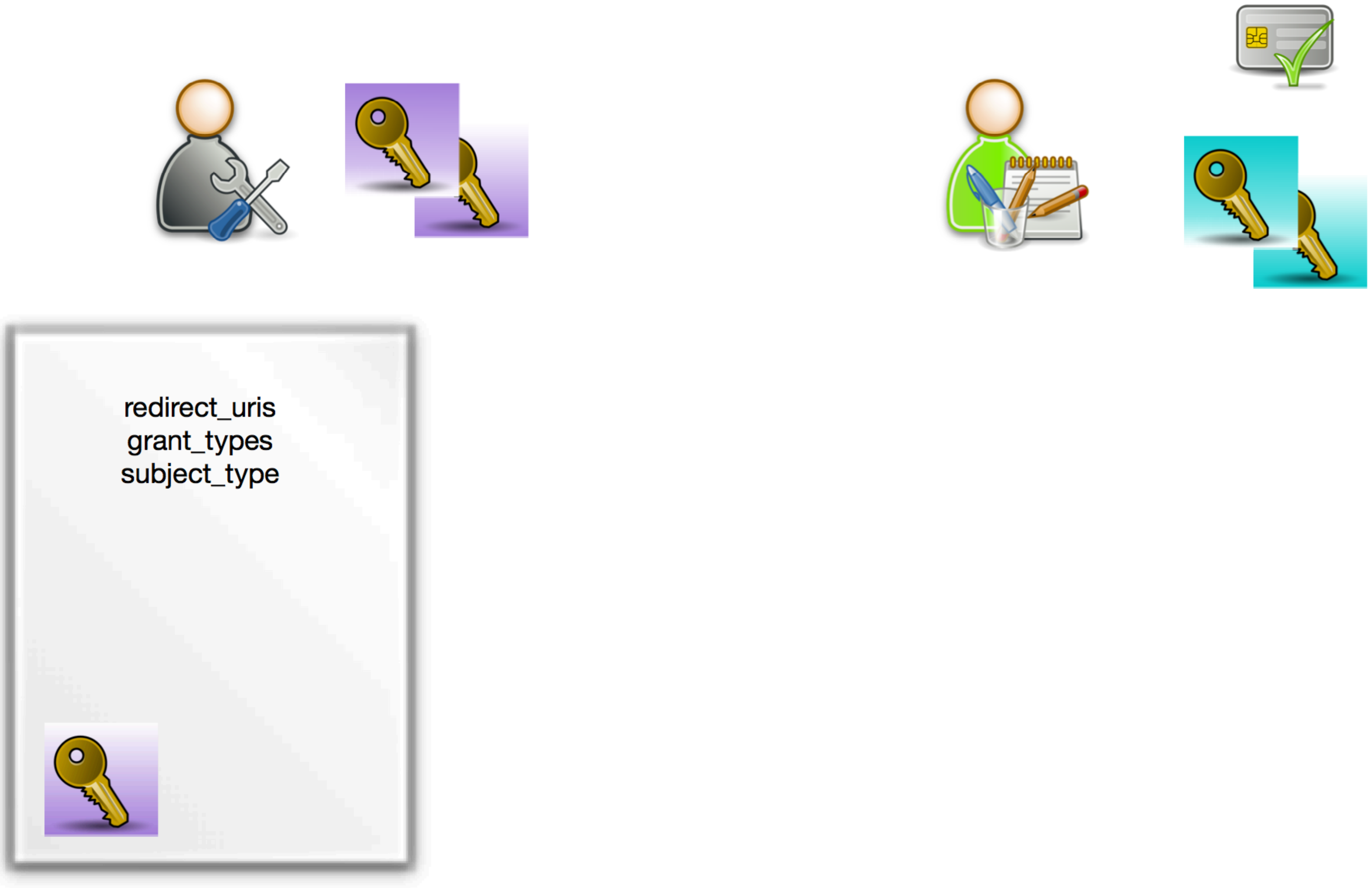
Within an organization

Entity specific information



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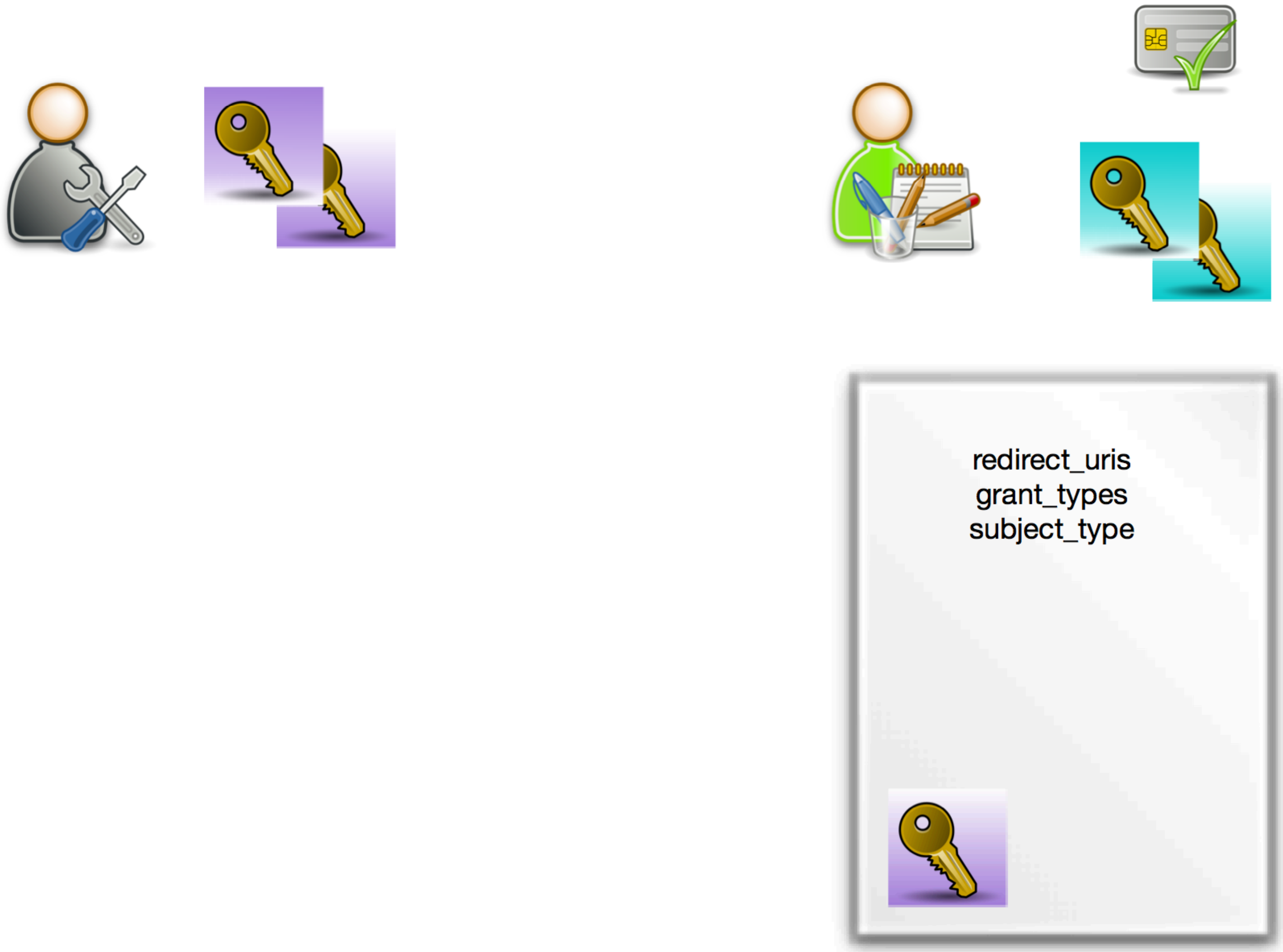
Transfer to Organization coordinator (OC)



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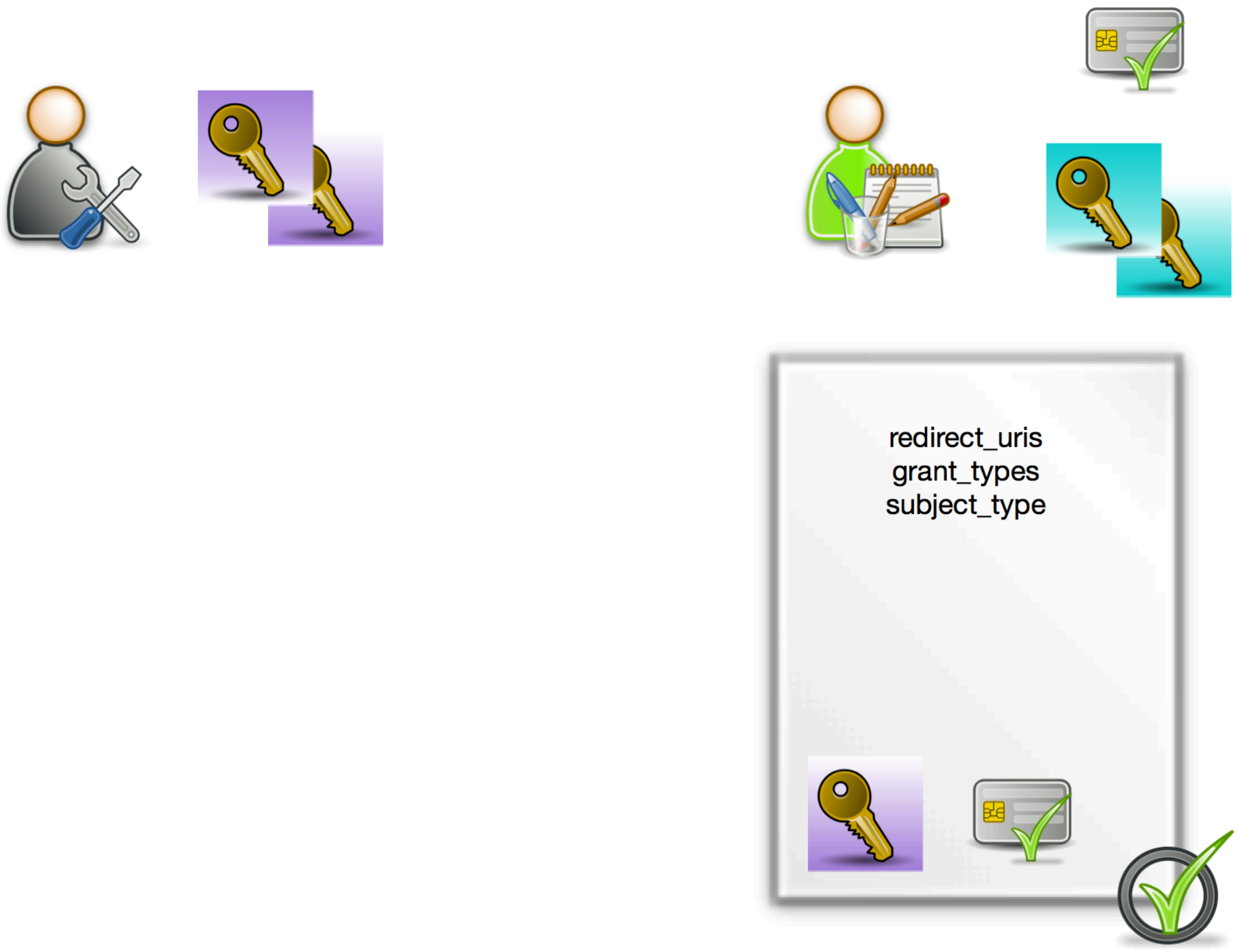

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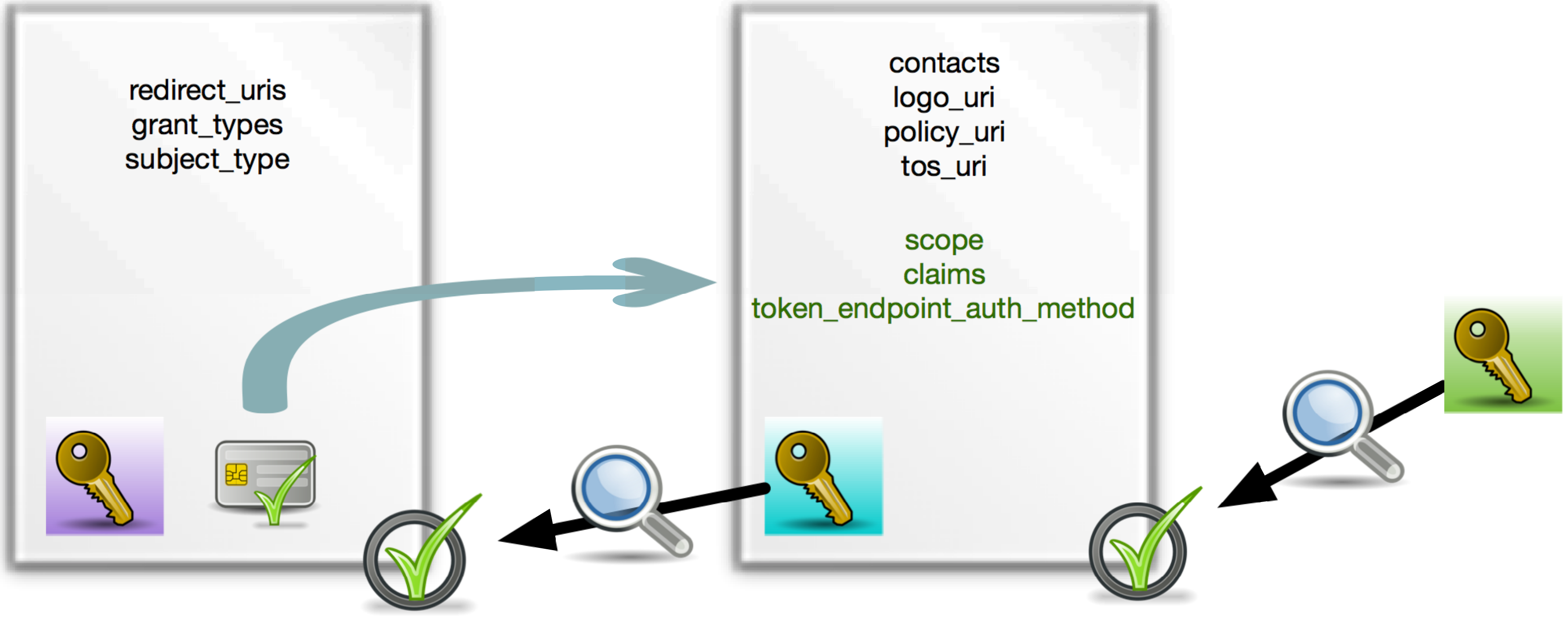
Unpacking a metadata statement



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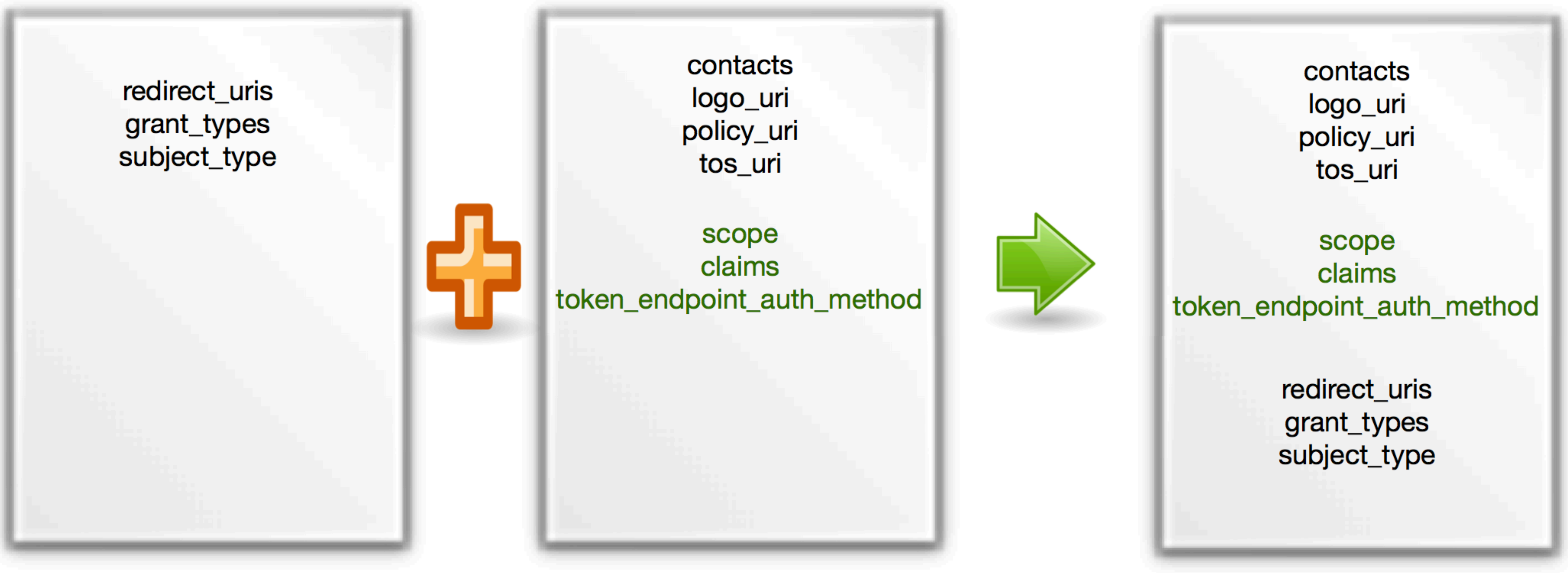

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