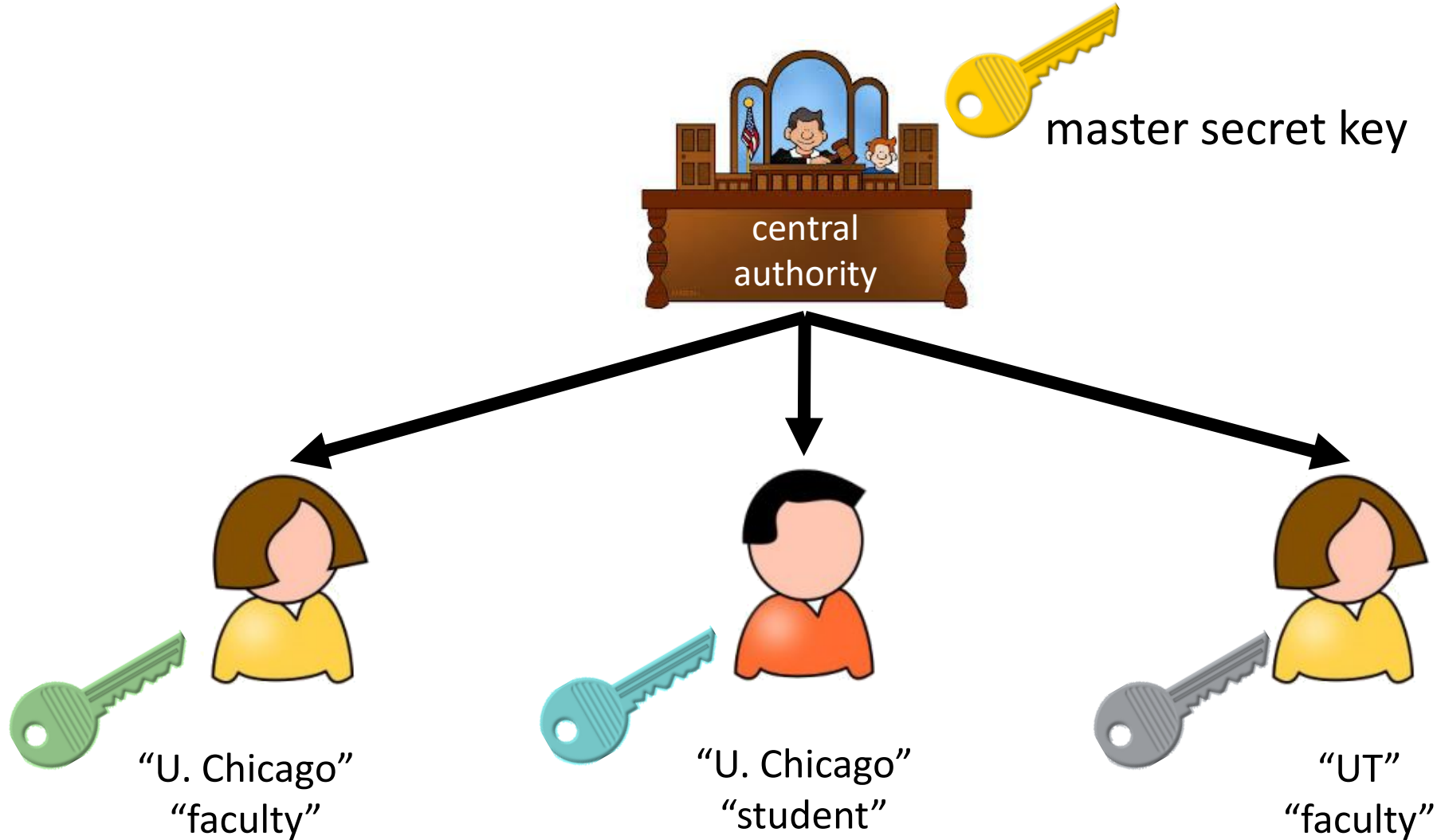


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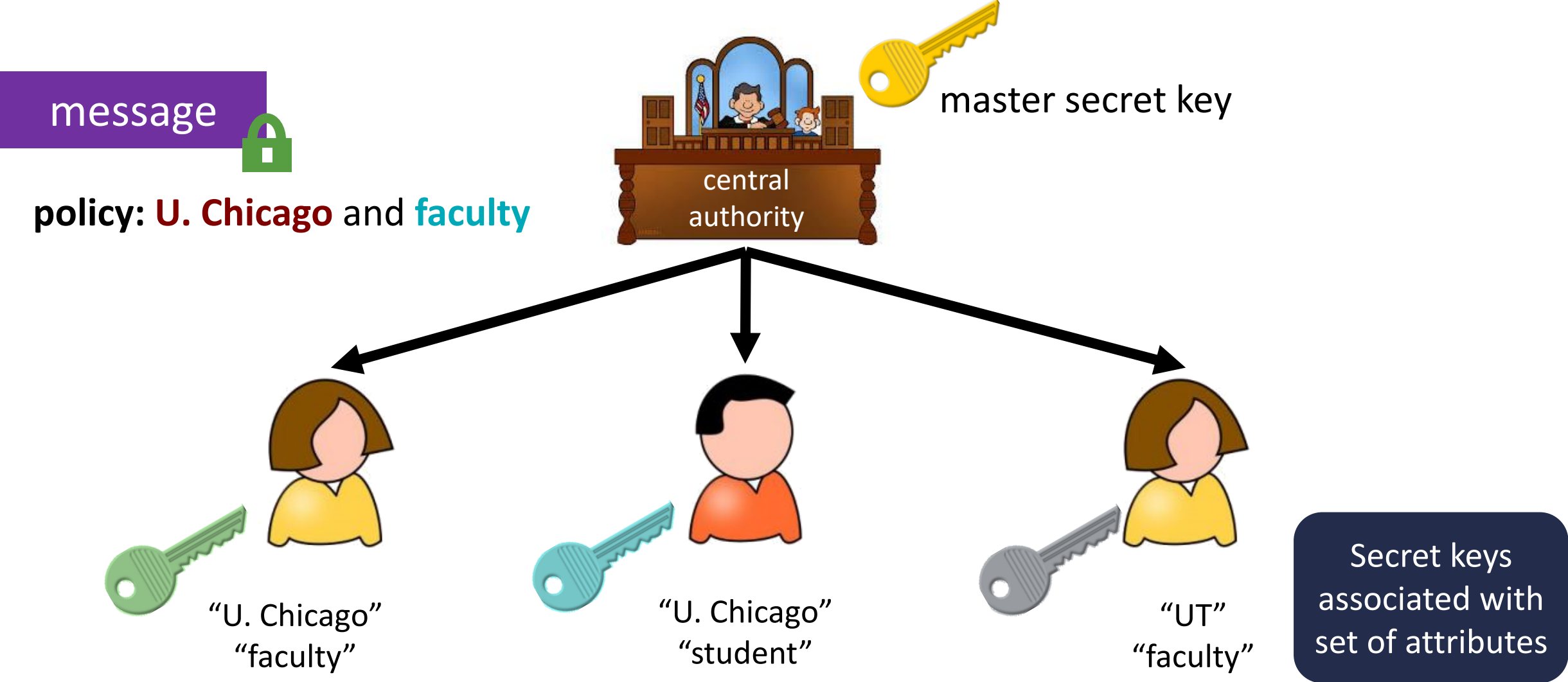
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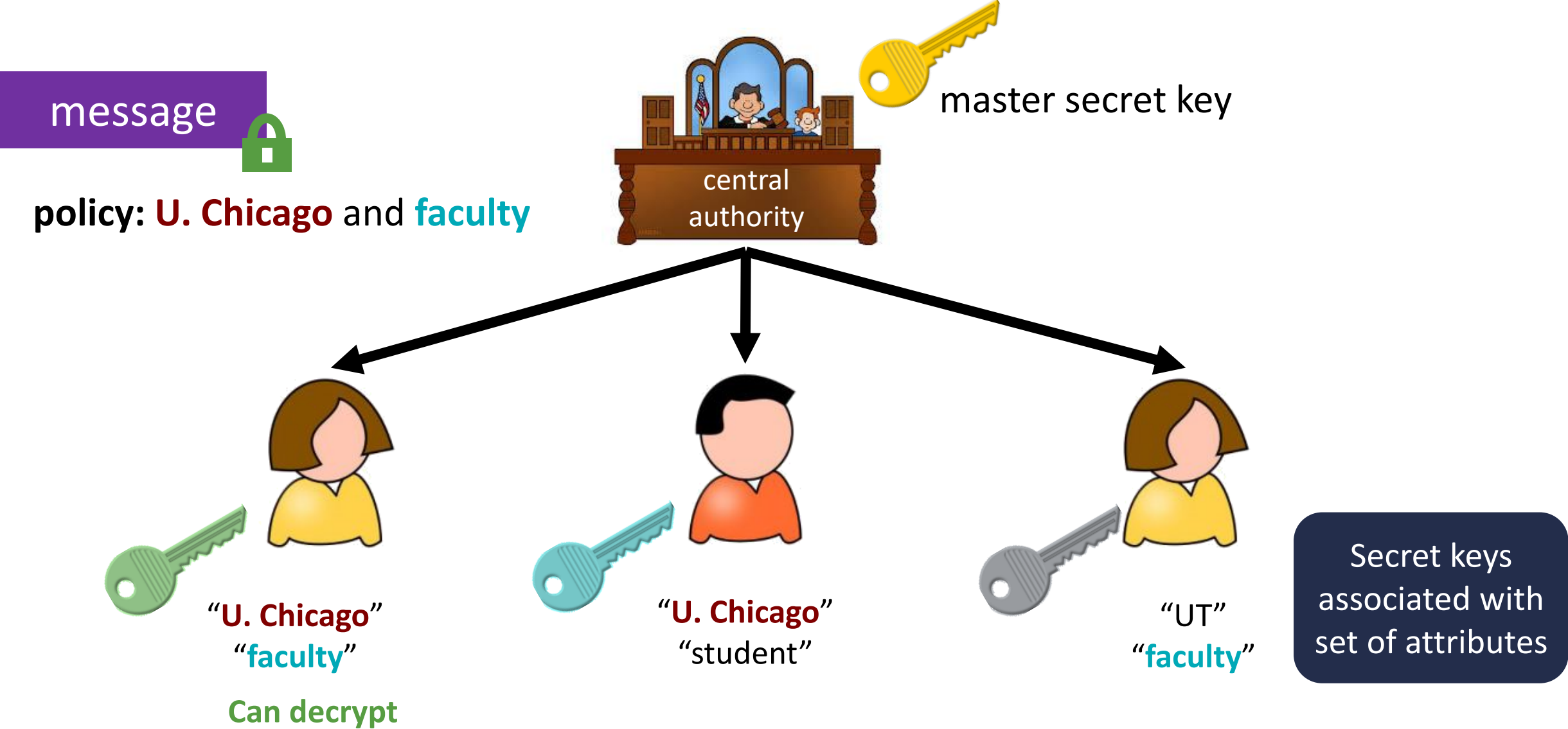
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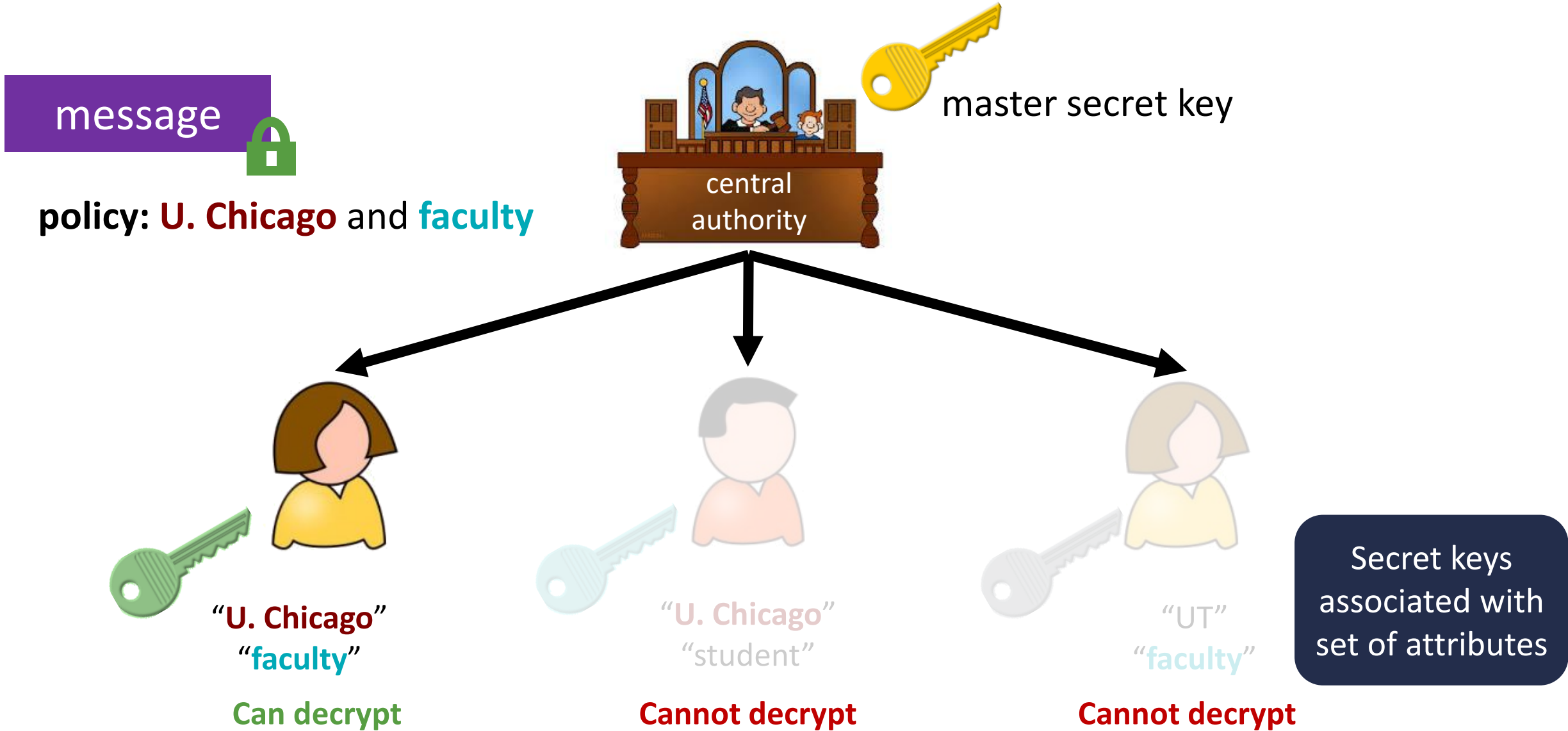
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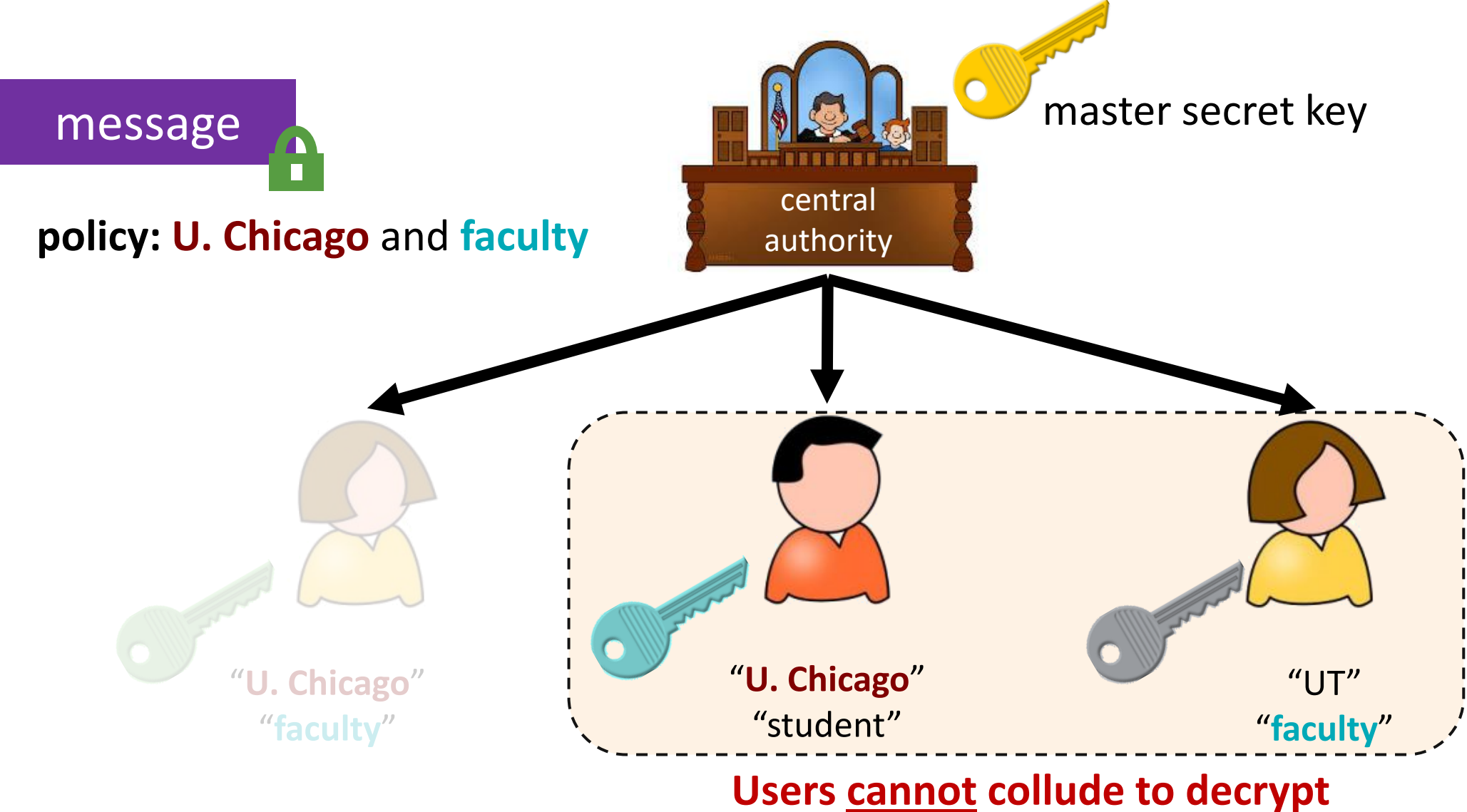
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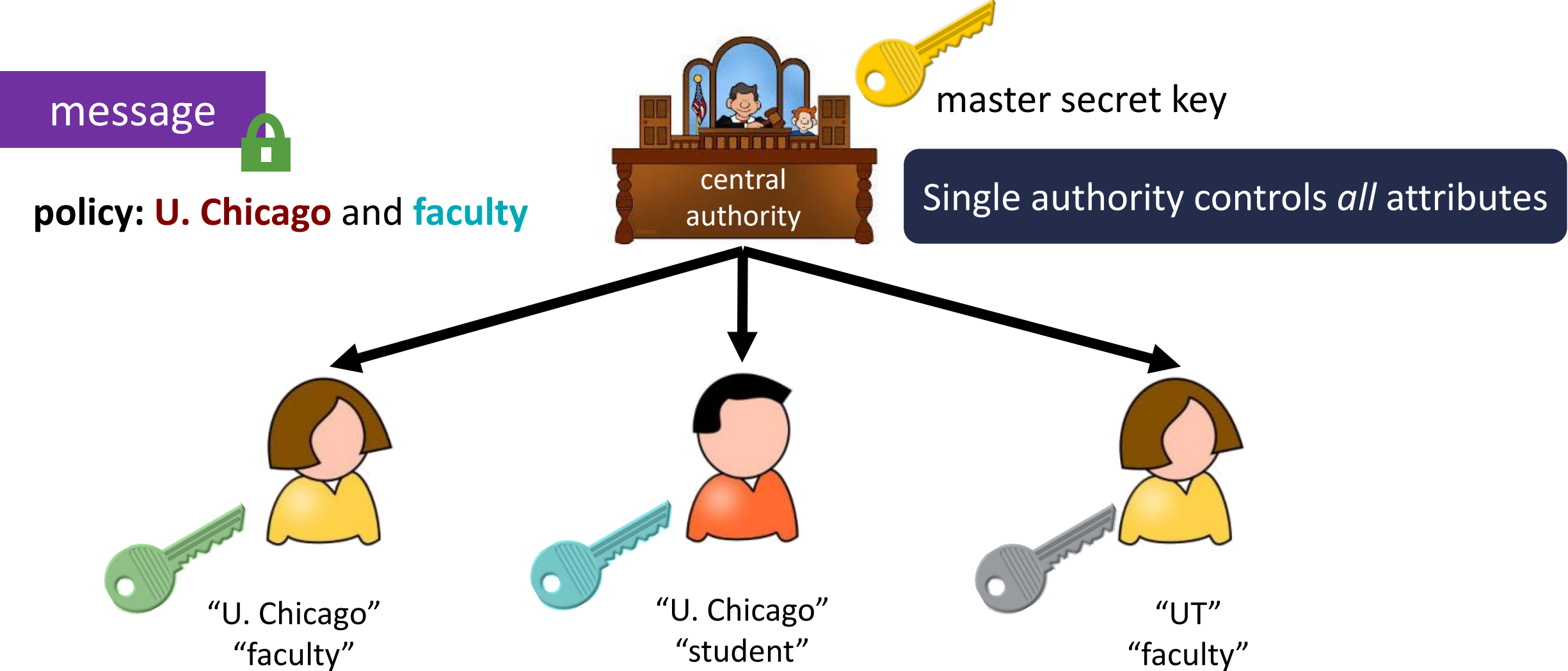
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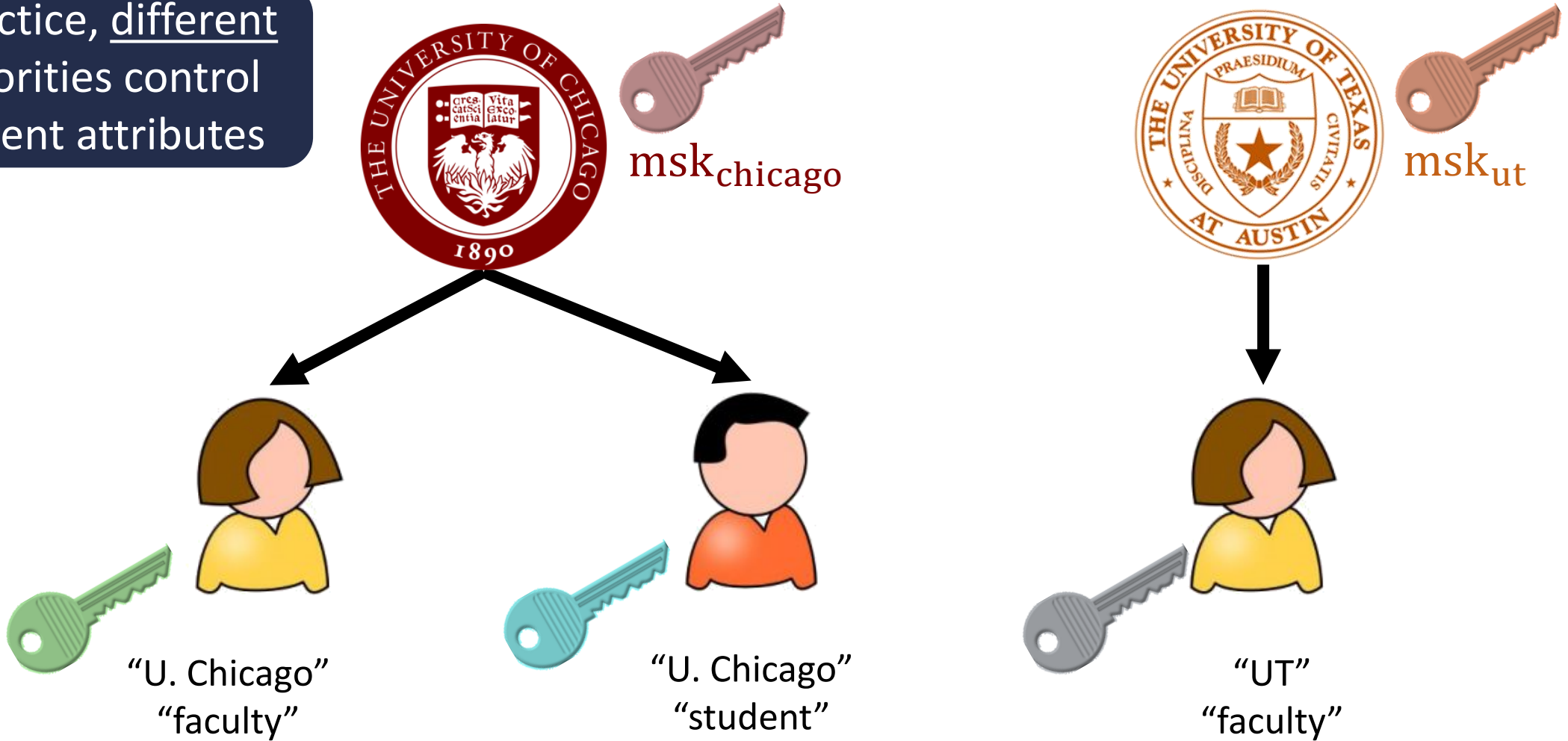
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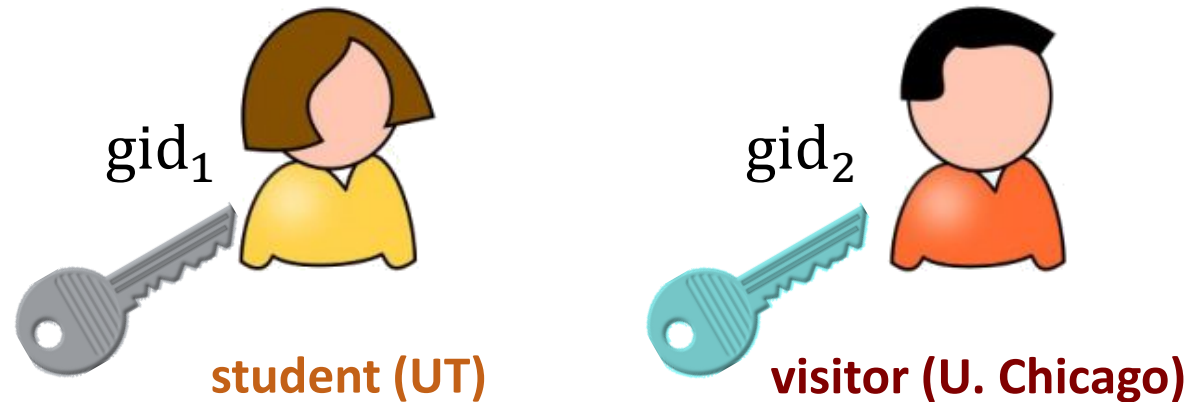
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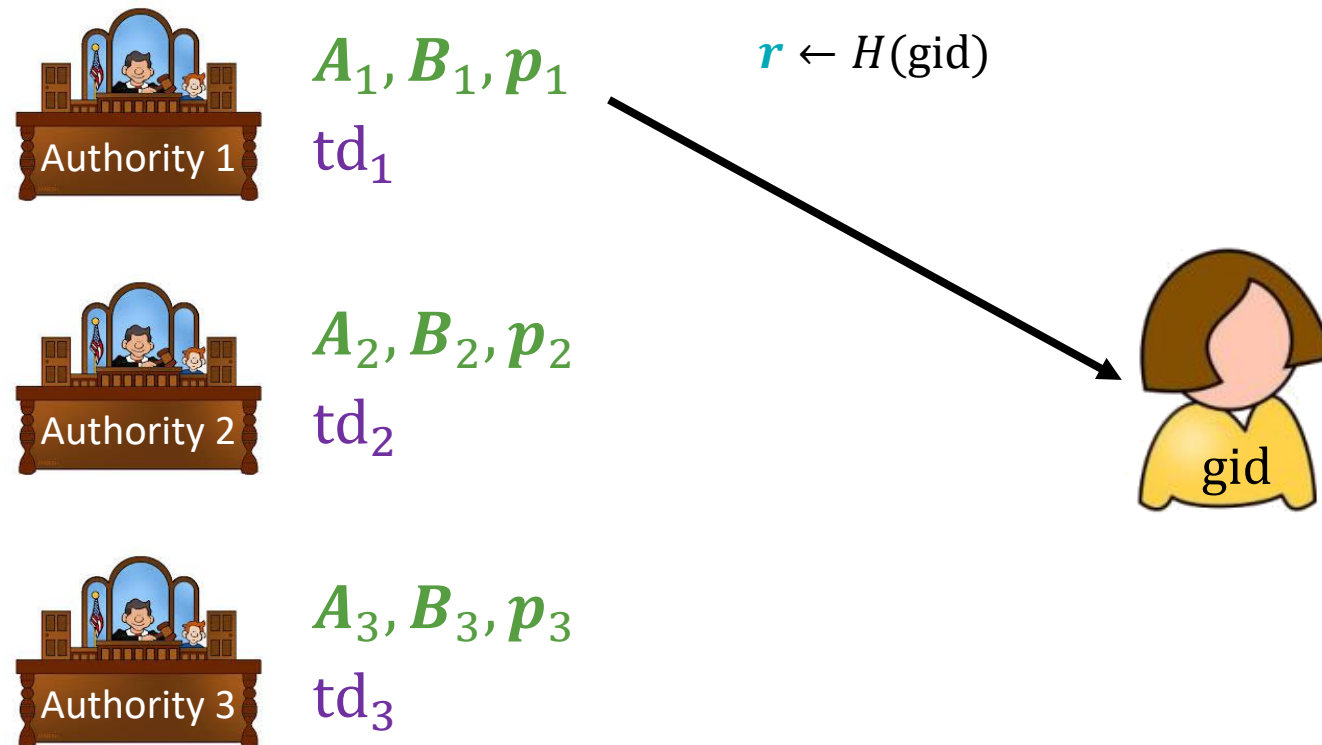
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We denote this by writing
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gid

r is the **common randomness** that ties the keys for a particular user together


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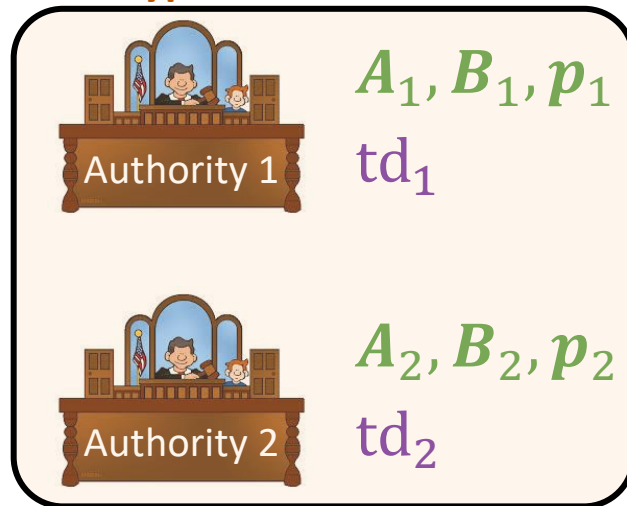
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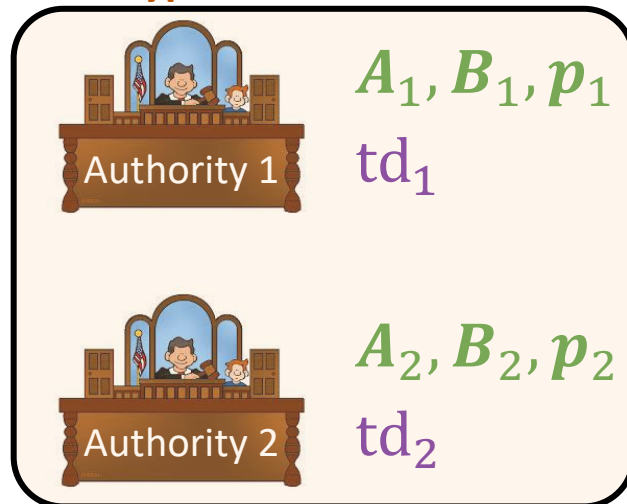
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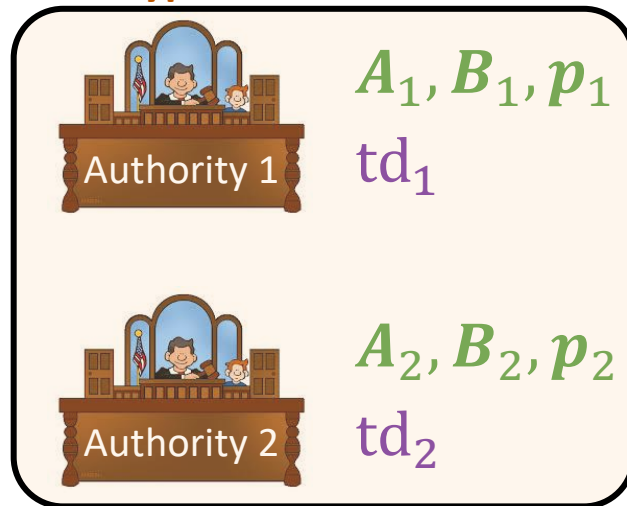
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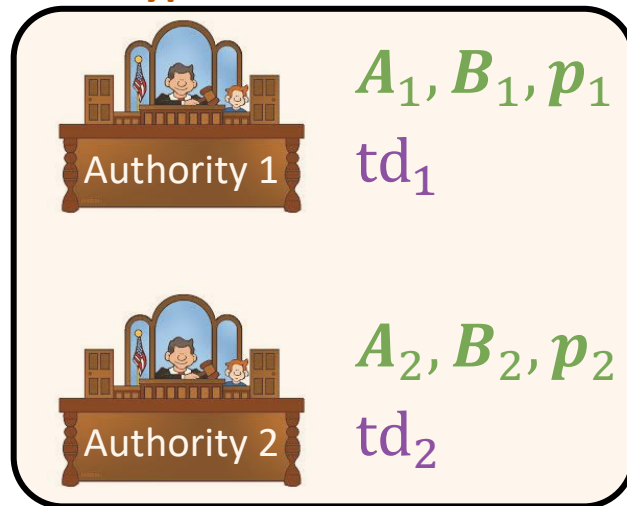
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Subtract to obtain
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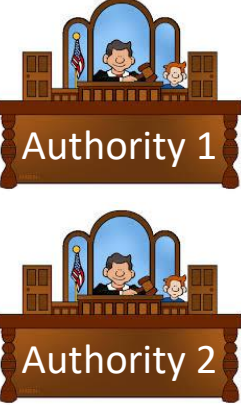
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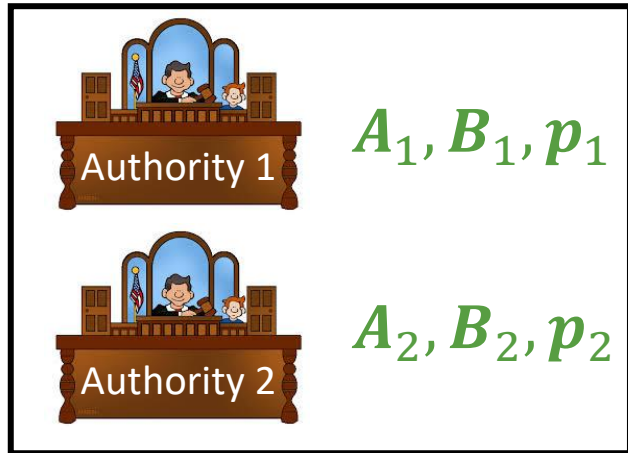
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- **This work:** We describe a modular approach that allows us to use LWE with a **polynomial** modulus-to-noise ratio (as opposed to a **sub-exponential** modulus-to-noise ratio)

[see paper for details]

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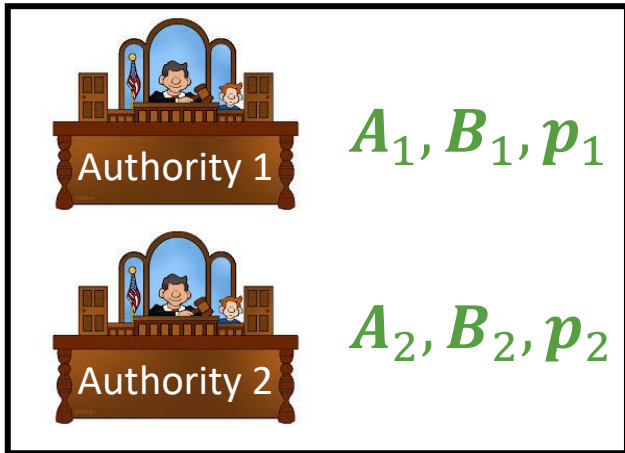
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see paper for full details

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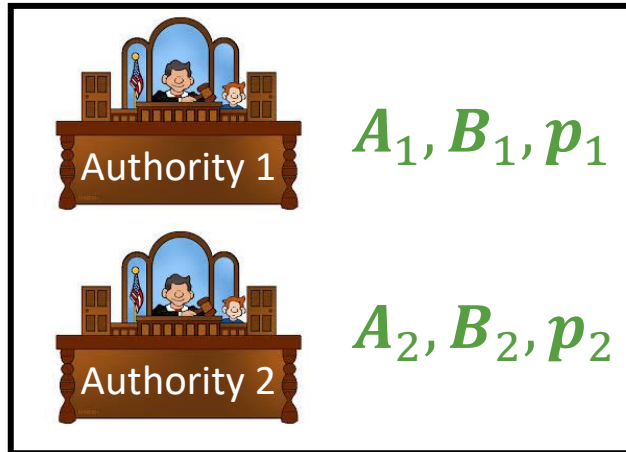
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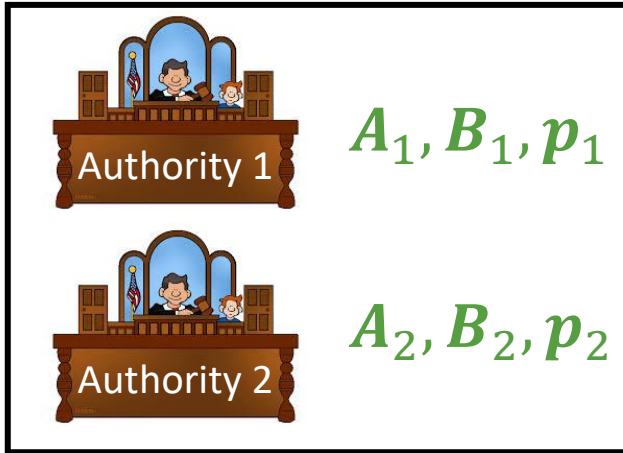
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