Pictorial Explanation of ACL/ACE based on Technet article

http://technet.microsoft.com/en-us/magazine/2008.02.powershell.aspx

Resource Object
(ex. File, Directory Object, Folder)

ACL object
Discretionary (DACL)
governs access

ACE object

ACE object

ACL object
Security (SACL)
For auditing

ACE object
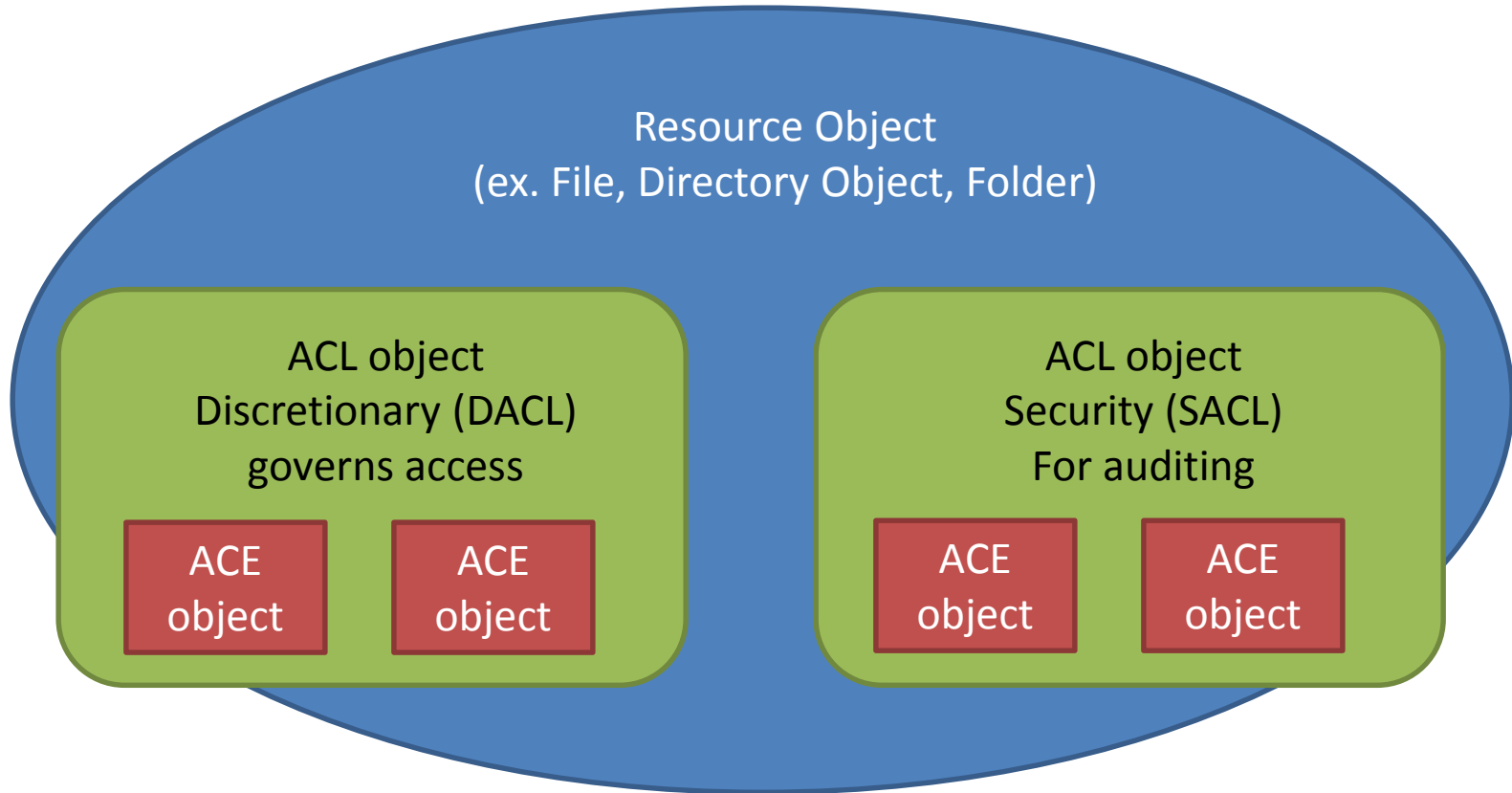
ACE object

ACE object =
security principal (user or group) and
permissions + Grant/Deny