
Presentation: Entity and Object Identifiers

Elements, components and characteristics of a decentralised network

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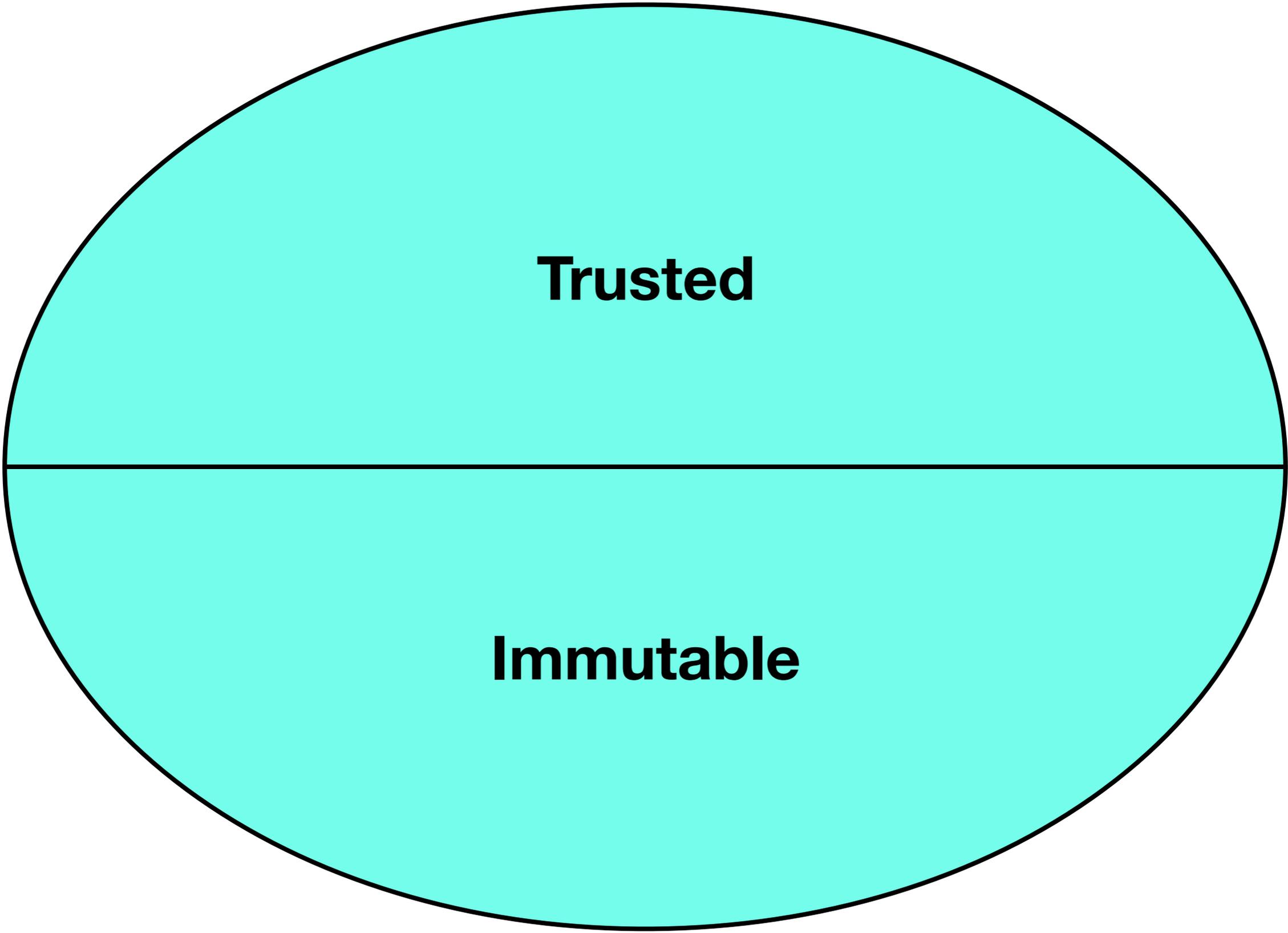
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Network





Trusted

Immutable



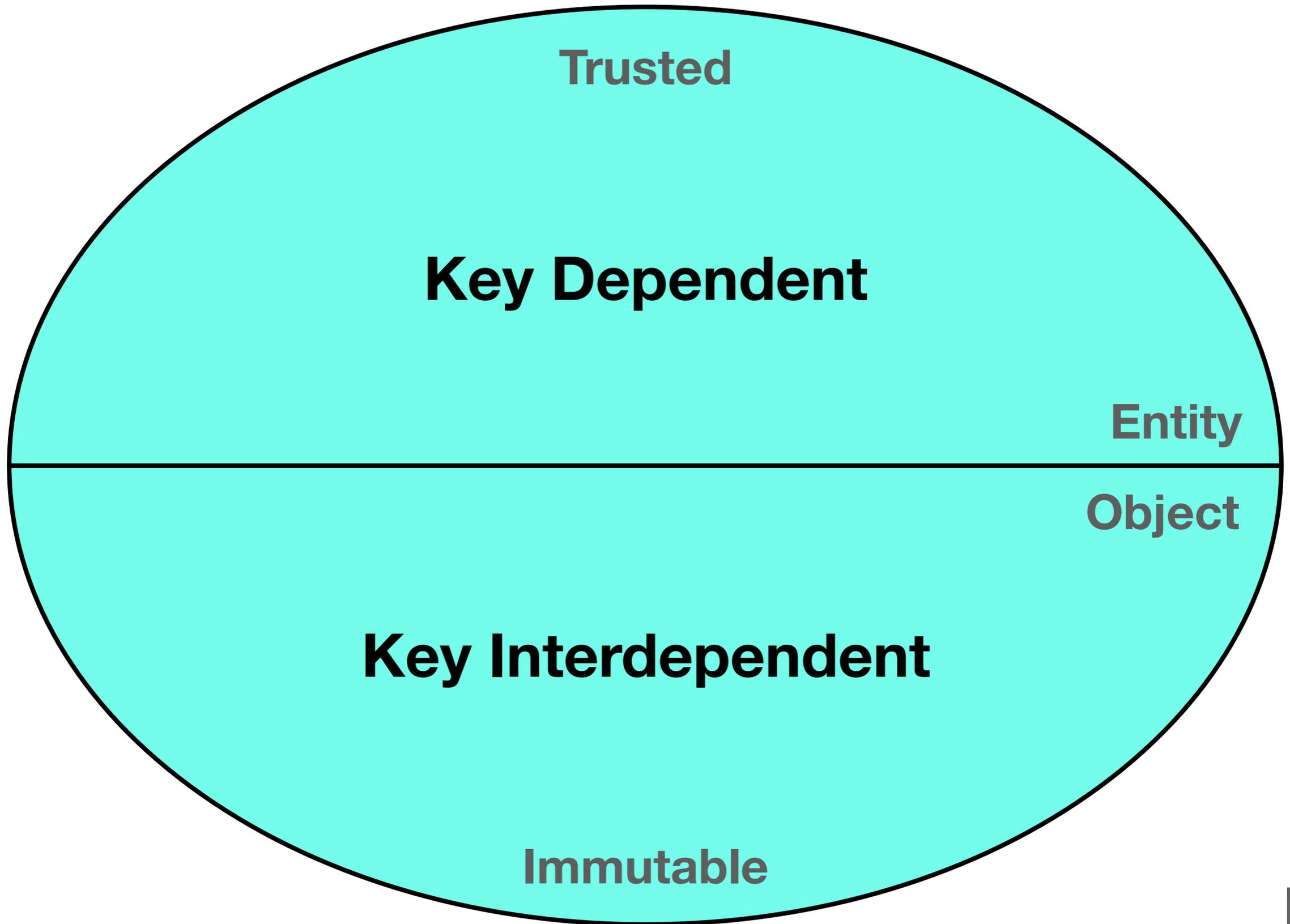
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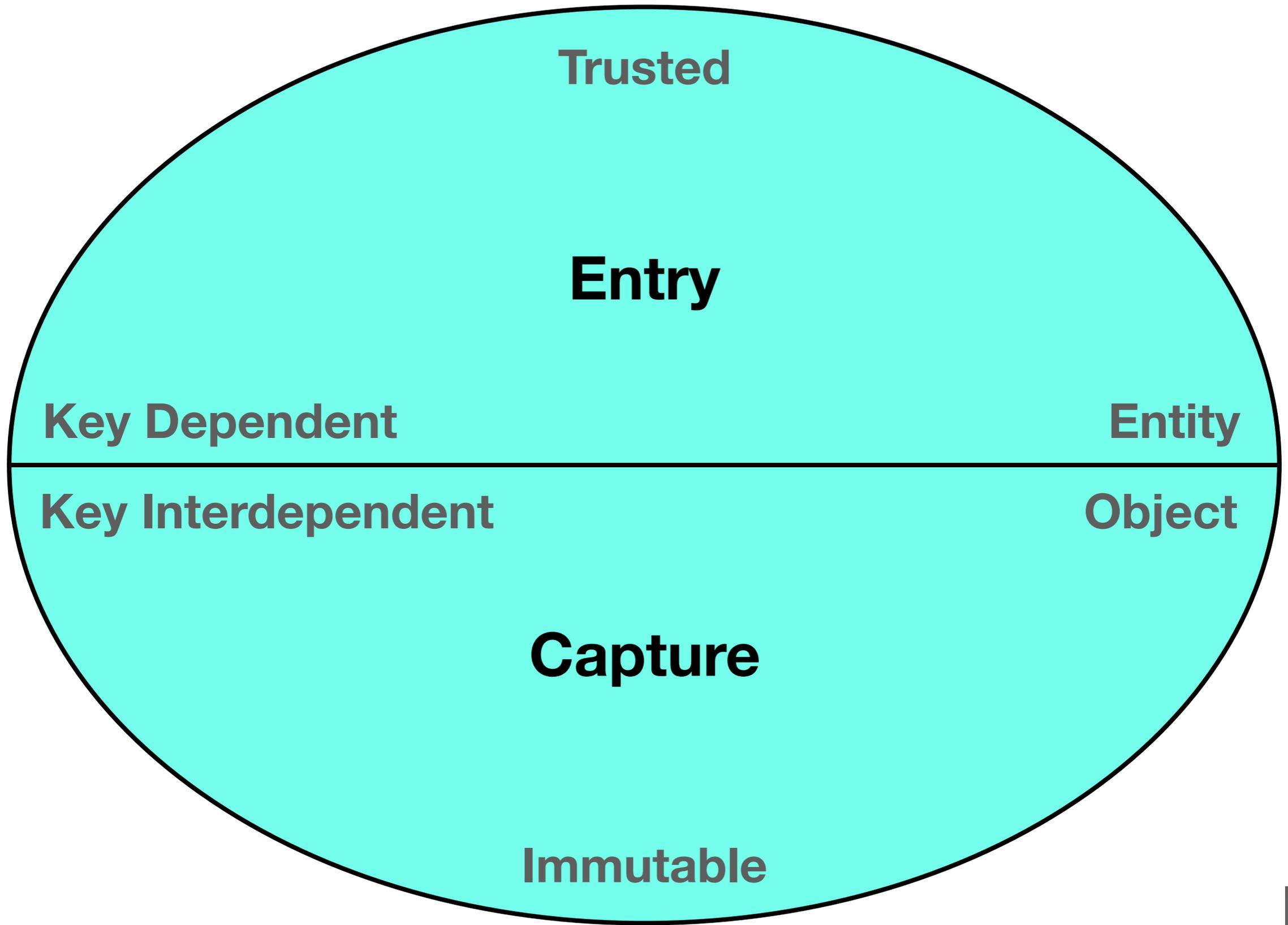
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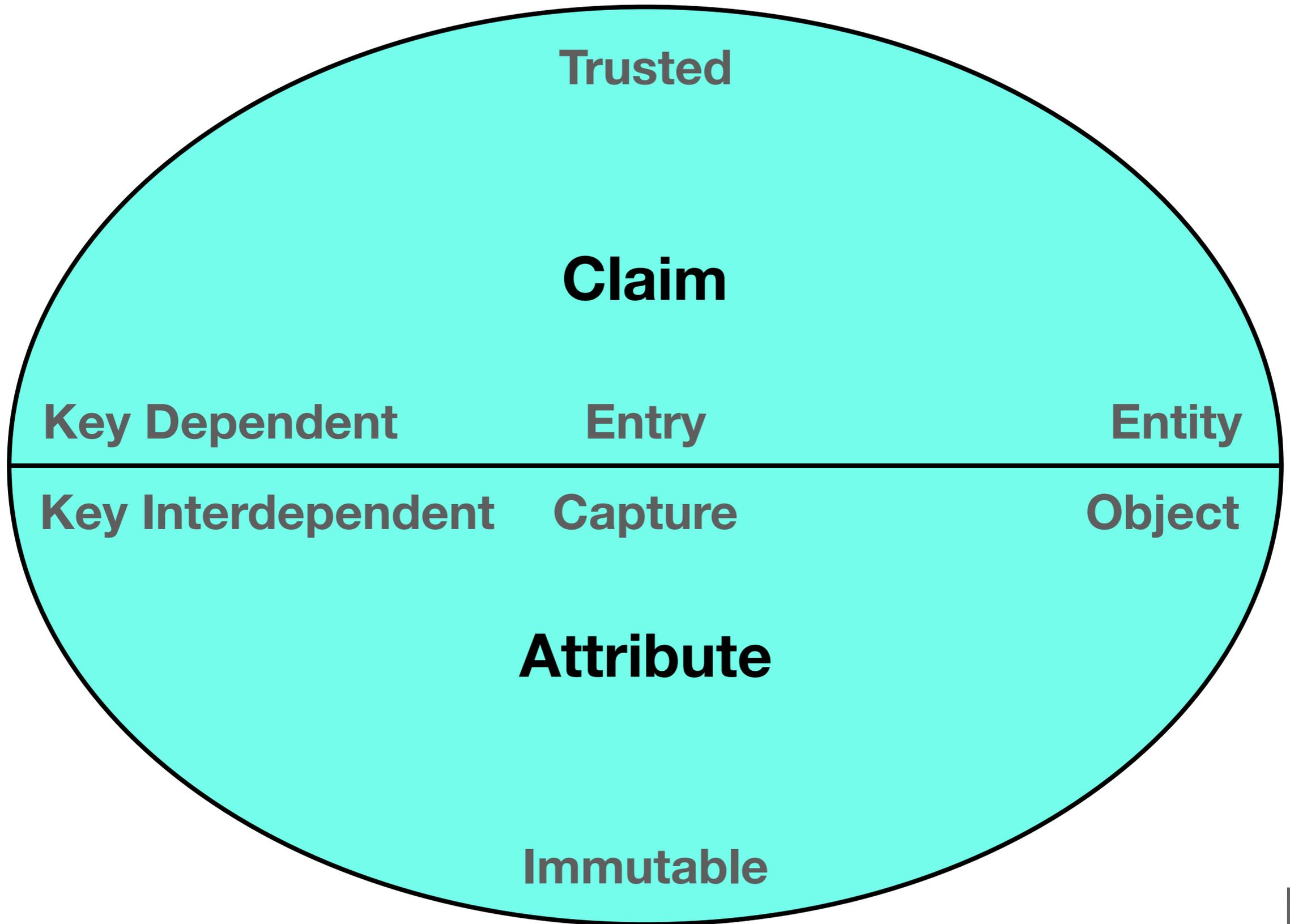
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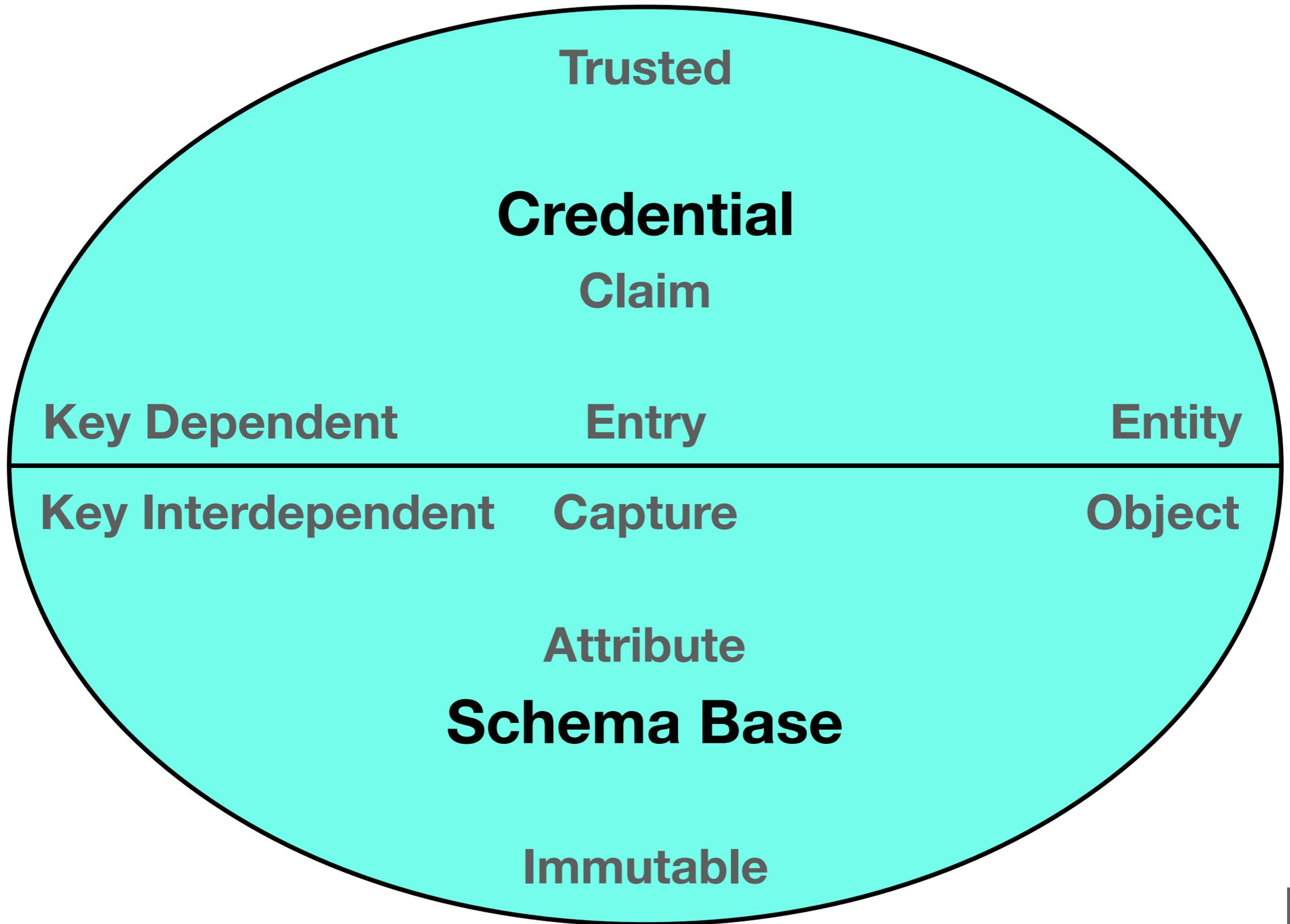
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A hash grid table describing the different identifier states:

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Key Dependent

The identifier is governed by an entity and therefore a signing key is required.

Key Interdependent

The identifier can either be governed by an entity (whereby a signing key is required) or not governed (no keys required).



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The identifier is governed by an entity and therefore a signing key is required to establish trust.

Immutable

The identifier contains a hash of the content of an object which cannot be changed. If an object identifier is governed, the controller of the signing key has control over the content contained within the associated DID-document and, as such, it can no longer be deemed immutable.



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Entity Identifier

An identifier that is governed by an entity who controls the signing key.

Object Identifier

An identifier that contains a hash of the content of an object.



Thanks !

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